1st Inversion Triads

A root position triad is inverted by moving the **root** to the **top.**

Letter names are the same, but:

- the root is on the top
- the 3rd is on the **bottom**

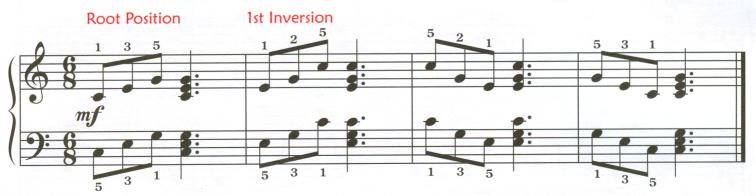
This is called the 1st inversion.



In the 1st inversion, the interval between the **top** two notes is a 4th.

The **root** is the **top note** of the interval of a **4th**.

Play the following exercise hands separately.



• Transpose to C minor, D major and Eb major.

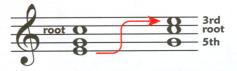
2nd Inversion Triads

A 1st inversion triad is inverted by moving the **3rd** to the **top.**

Letter names are the same, but:

- the root is in the middle
- the 5th is on the bottom

This is called the 2nd inversion.

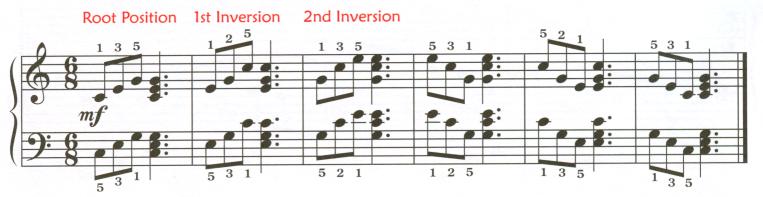


EGC becomes GCE

In the 2nd inversion, the interval between the **bottom** two notes is a 4th.

The **root** is the **top note** of the interval of a **4th**.

Play the following exercise hands separately.



• Transpose to C minor, A major and Db major.