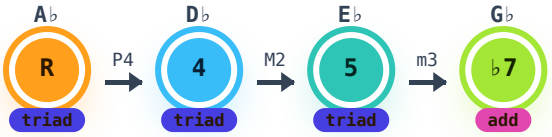
A♭7sus4 Guitar Chord Chart

A♭ dominant 7th suspended 4th · notes A♭ D♭ E♭ G♭ · formula 1 4 5 ♭7 · 14 voicings

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The formula



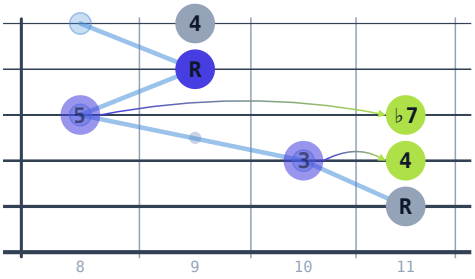
Character: 🎈 **floating tension**

Triad note root, 3rd or 5th, played in its place **Substitute** an extension on a triad note's string
Added an extension on a string of its own **Anchored root** the root on the string below
Bass a slash chord's bass note **Doubling** the same note an octave away

14 ways to play A♭7sus4

C shape · 1st inversion

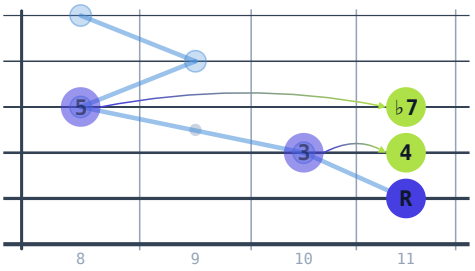
A♭7sus4/D♭



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C shape · Root position

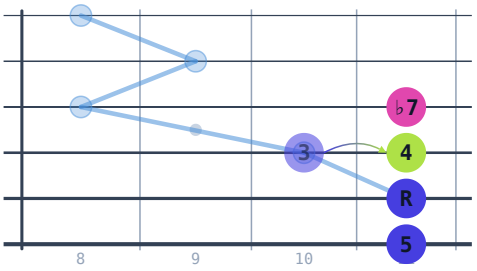
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C shape · 2nd inversion

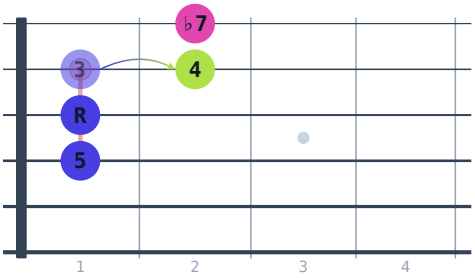
A♭7sus4/E♭



11 11 11 11 x x
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A shape · 2nd inversion

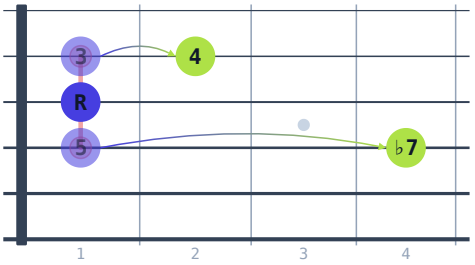
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A shape · 3rd inversion

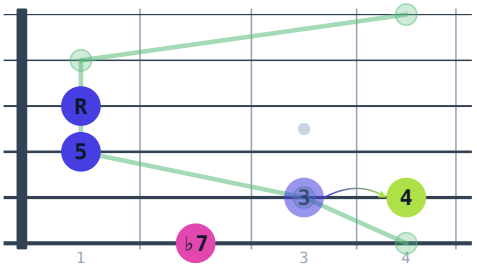
A♭7sus4/G♭



x x 4 1 2 x
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G shape · 3rd inversion

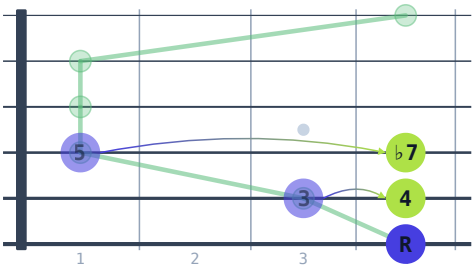
A♭7sus4/G♭



2 4 1 1 x x
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G shape · Root position

A♭7sus4

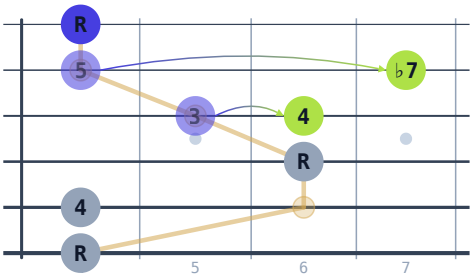


4 4 4 x x x

1 4 ♭7 (A♭ D♭ G♭) The 4th takes the 3rd's string. The ♭7th takes the 5th's string.

E shape · 1st inversion

A♭7sus4/D♭

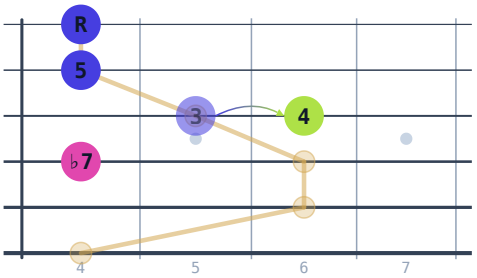


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E shape · 3rd inversion

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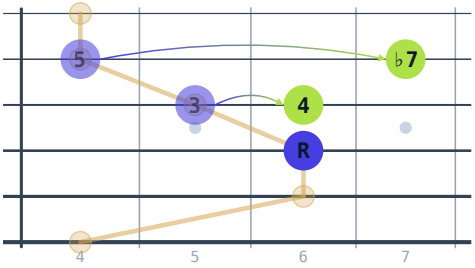


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E shape · Root position

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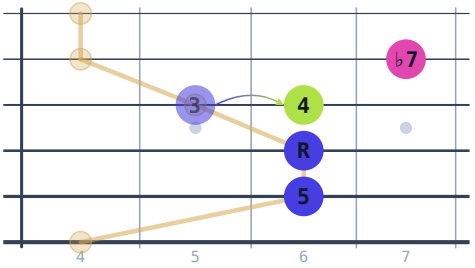


x x 6 6 7 x

1 4 ♭7 (A♭ D♭ G♭) The 4th takes the 3rd's string. The ♭7th takes the 5th's string.

E shape · 2nd inversion

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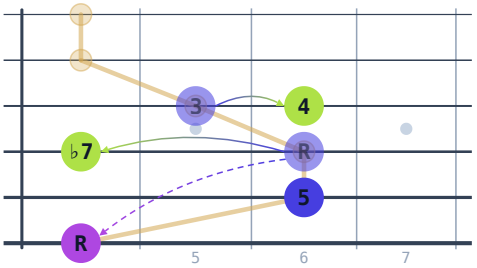


x 6 6 6 7 x

5 1 4 ♭7 (E♭ A♭ D♭ G♭) The 4th takes the 3rd's string. The ♭7th gets a string of its own.

E shape · 2nd inversion · Anchored

A♭7sus4

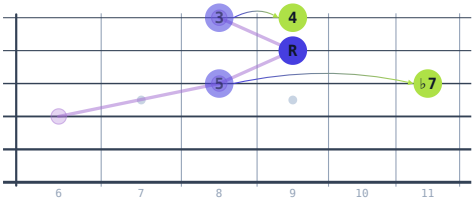


4 6 4 6 x x

1 5 ♭7 4 (A♭ E♭ G♭ D♭) The root drops to the string below the triad. The 4th takes the 3rd's string. The ♭7th takes the root's string.

D shape · 3rd inversion

A♭7sus4/G♭

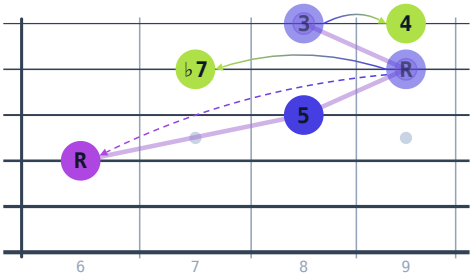


x x x 11 9 9

♭7 1 4 (G♭ A♭ D♭) The 4th takes the 3rd's string. The ♭7th takes the 5th's string.

D shape · 2nd inversion · Anchored

A♭7sus4



x x 6 8 7 9

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Construction rules

Start from a triad. Root, 3rd and 5th, stacked in thirds. The 3rd makes it major or minor; the 5th makes it diminished or augmented when it moves.

A third on top makes a 7th chord. A major 7th over a major triad is maj7, a ♭7 is a dominant 7. Over minor you get m7 or m(maj7); over diminished, m7♭5 or the °7, whose 7th is lowered twice.

Sus chords replace the 3rd. A 2nd or a 4th takes the 3rd's place, so the chord is neither major nor minor and wants to resolve. 7sus4 keeps the ♭7 for a dominant without its 3rd.

On guitar, something has to give. Each extension takes the string of a triad note that matters less, usually the 5th, or gets a string of its own. The root and 3rd stay: they say what the chord is.

The root can move down. When an extension needs the root’s string, the root can drop to the string below the triad: an anchored voicing keeps the bass and frees a string on top.