

ANALYZING CADENCES

Phrase - each phrase contains exactly **one** functional cadence located at or near the end.

Form - **weaker** cadences define divisions **within** sections, **stronger** cadences define divisions **between** sections.

Key - the difference between **tonicization** and **modulation** is:

If a passage cadences in another key it is **modulating** to that key.

If a passage visits another key but does not cadence, it is **tonicizing** that key.

Therefore, the difference between **THC** and a **PAC/IAC of V** is:

If a passage ends on V but only **briefly** tonicizes V (1 or 2 chords), it did not modulate. Therefore the cadence is a **THC**.

If a passage ends on V and is in V for a **longer** period (several bars involving PD/V chords or V/V), it has **modulated to V**. Therefore the cadence is a **PAC/IAC of V**.

BASIC PHRASE TYPES

PHRASE PERIOD (8-bar)

| Antecedent | | | Consequent | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| basic idea (b.i.) | contrasting idea (c.i.) | <i>weak cadence</i> | basic idea (b.i.) | contrasting idea (c.i.) | <i>strong cadence</i> |

PHRASE SENTENCE (8-bar)

| Presentation | | Continuation | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| basic idea (b.i.) | basic idea (b.i.) | (optional) fragmentation (frag.) | cadential idea (cad.) | <i>cadence</i> |

COMPOUND PERIOD (16-bar)

| Antecedent | | | | Consequent | | | |
|----------------|------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 8-bar sentence | | | <i>weak cadence</i> | 8-bar sentence | | | <i>strong cadence</i> |
| presentation | | continuation | | presentation | | continuation | |
| b.i. | b.i. | cont. (frag.) | cad. | b.i. | b.i. | cont. (frag.) | cad. |

COMPOUND SENTENCE (16-bar)

| Presentation | | | | Continuation | | | | |
|------------------------------|------|------------------------------|------|--|--|-----------|--|-----------------------|
| 8-bar period (no cadences) | | | | | | | | |
| compound basic idea (c.b.i.) | | compound basic idea (c.b.i.) | | continuation | | cadential | | <i>strong cadence</i> |
| b.i. | c.i. | b.i. | c.i. | <i>fragmentation, sequences, cadential motion, other</i> | | | | |

There are many more variations on these four basic phrase structures - for comprehensive study refer to:

William E. Caplin. *Classical Form: A Theory of Formal Functions for the Instrumental Music of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven* (Oxford University Press, 1998).