Major and Minor Roman Numerals

Major: First memorize which triads are major ( I, IV, and V )

And that seven is diminished ( vii° )

the rest are minor, as long as it’s a major scale.

I ii iii IV V vi vii°

Minor: Once you know the major Roman numerals you can figure out the

minor Roman numerals simply by starting on the sixth, which is also the natural minor.

First, you take your major Roman numerals

I ii iii IV V vi vii°

This is the natural minor scale degree

Then you “make six the new one”

III iv v VI VII i ii°

From ii° you go to III just as you went from vii° to I

Finally, put them in the right order

i ii° III iv v VI VII

Then, you have the natural minor Roman numerals.