Music Genre Classification

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Motivation & Objective

- Growing music libraries require automatic categorization.
- Manual tagging is time-consuming and inconsistent.
- Objective: Develop a machine learning system to classify songs into genres automatically.



Dataset Overview

| Attribute | Details | |
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| Dataset | GTZAN | |
| Number of Tracks | 1000 (30 seconds each) | |
| Genres | 10 (e.g., Blues, Jazz, Rock, Metal, etc.) | |
| Features Extracted | MFCC, Chroma, Spectral Contrast, Zero Crossing Rate, Tempo | |

No. of Tracks



















Audio Feature Explanation

| Feature | Description | Visual Hint |
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| MFCC | Captures the shape of the sound spectrum | Soundwave icon |
| Chroma | Identifies prominent pitch classes (notes) | Musical notes |
| Spectral Contrast | Measures difference between peaks and valleys in frequencies | Bar chart with peaks |
| Zero Crossing Rate | Counts how often signal changes sign, indicating noisiness/rhythm | Wave crossing zero line |
| Tempo | Overall speed of the song (beats per minute) | Metronome |



Methodology Workflow

- 1. Data preprocessing and feature extraction
- 2. Split data into training and testing sets
- Train models: Random Forest, XGBoost, and CatBoost
- Optimize model hyperparameters with grid/random search
- Evaluate model accuracy, precision, recall, and F1scores
- 6. Deploy model in Streamlit app for real-time genre prediction

Data Preprocessing and Feature Extraction (Gear)

Split Data into Training and Testing Sets (Scissors)

Train Models: Random Forest, XGBoost, and CatBoost (Brain)

Optimize Model Hyperparameters with Grid/Random Search (Tuning knob)

Evaluate Model Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-Scores (Checklist)

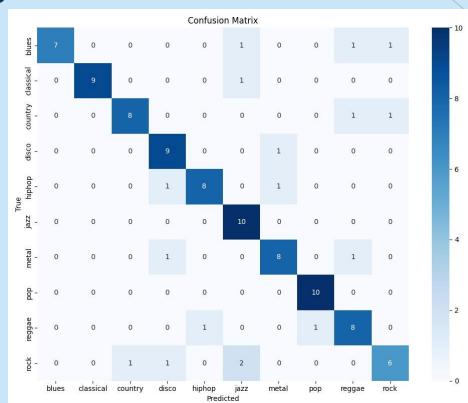
Deploy Model in Streamlit App for Real-Time Genre Prediction (Cloud)

Model Comparison Table

| Model | Accuracy | Advantages | Limitations |
|---------------|----------|---|---|
| Random Forest | ~66% | Easy to interpret, robust with noisy data | High-dimensional features cause overfitting |
| XGBoost | ~79% | High accuracy, efficient | Sensitive to hyperparameters |
| CatBoost | ~83% | Handles categorical features, reduces overfitting | Requires more compute, tuning effort |

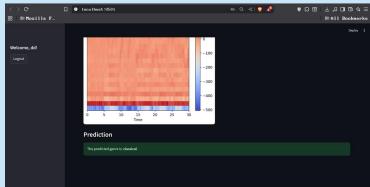
Performance Insights

- Accuracy: 83% with CatBoost on test set
- Confusion Matrix: High precision in classical and jazz genres; more confusion among closely related genres like rock, metal, and reggae
- Feature Importance: Top 30 features (from MFCCs, chroma, tempo) drive final model predictions



Final Application - Streamlit Demo

- Upload audio (.mp3 or .wav)
- App visualizes waveform, spectrogram,
 MFCC heatmap
- Real-time prediction of song's genre with probability score





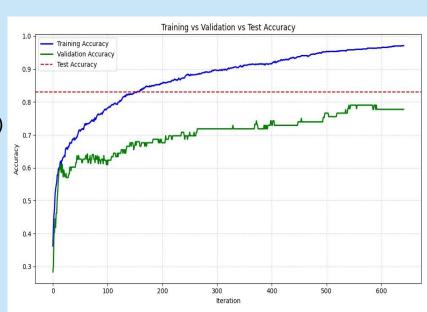
Limitations & Future Work

Limitations:

- Difficulty distinguishing similar genres (e.g., rock vs metal)
- Model relies on handcrafted audio features—may miss deep musical nuances
- Small dataset size limits generalizability

Future Directions:

- Expand dataset with more diverse music
- Explore deep learning models (CNNs for audio)
- Optimize app for mobile/web deployment



Summary & Takeaways

- Music genre classification helps organize massive audio databases
- Combined audio features and boosted tree models offer high accuracy
- CatBoost outperforms traditional classifiers by handling imbalanced classes and overfitting better
- Streamlined pipeline from audio processing to interactive web app showcase applied ML

Summary Bullet Points

- Data Preprocessing and Feature Extraction: Processed 1000 GTZAN tracks, extracted MFCC,

 Chroma, Spectral Contrast, Zero Crossing Rate, and Tempo.
- Jata Split: Divided data into training and testing sets for model evaluation.
- \(\text{ Model Training: Trained Random Forest, XGBoost, and CatBoost models on the dataset.} \)
- Hyperparameter Optimization: Fine-tuned models using grid/random search for improved performance.
- \(\text{ Model Evaluation:} \) Assessed accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-scores on test data.
- J Deployment: Integrated the best model into a Streamlit app for real-time genre prediction.

