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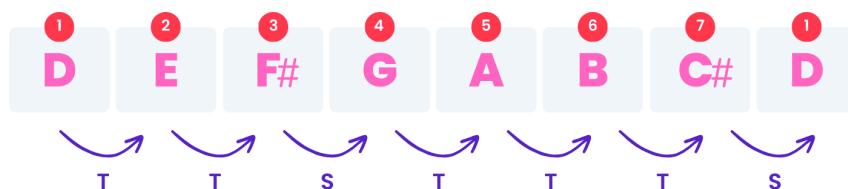
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## Sus Chords Part 1

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### What Are 'Sus' Chords?

“Sus” is a short for suspended and to understand sus chords, we need to understand a little bit of basic theory. To start with, we need to remember how major chords are built, so let's start by looking at the major scale, and we'll work with D major for now as Dsus4 will be our first chord in the next lesson:



Here you have a major scale, in this case, a D major scale. To build a D major chord, you take the 1st, 3rd and 5th note and put them together. So, in the case of D major, you get a D, F# and A. Suspended chords require you to **suspend the 3rd and replace it with something; either the 2nd, in the case of a sus2, or the 4th, in the case of a sus4**. Simple as that! Here is that visually:

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### Part 1

During this first part of the course we, will introduce you to some of the open suspended chord shapes and explain how you can use and apply them into your own songwriting and composition by learning a cool new song! Let's dive in!

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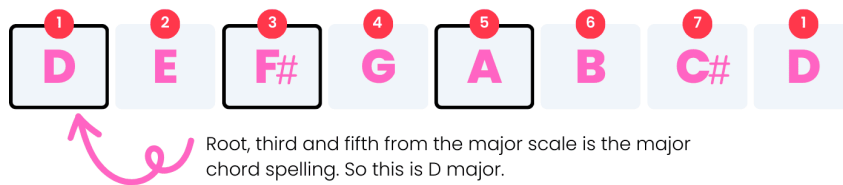
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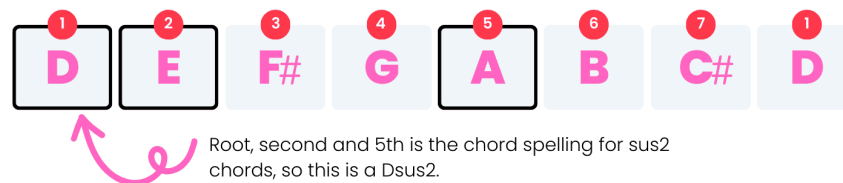


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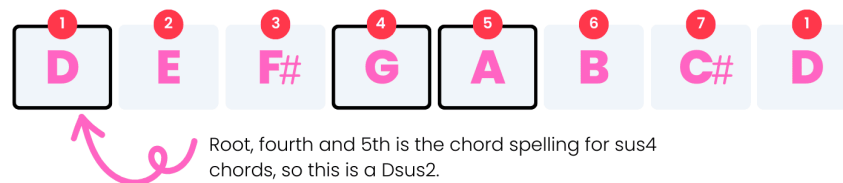
## D major



## Dsus2



## Dsus4



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Not too much practical in this first lesson, but I would recommend writing out the chord spelling for a range of different sus2 and sus4 chords. For example, could you tell me the Gsus2 chord? See

you in the  
next lesson!

Dan ”



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