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## Music Generation LSTM neural network using the music21 library and maestro dataset

I created a LSTM neural network to generate song segments from classical piano pieces. To process the songs, I downloaded the Maestro dataset (midi only) to extract the midi files into a dataframe. Midi files contain the information for properties of each note, such as pitch, duration, and volume. To process the midi information, I used the music21 library, which let me turn notes and chords into objects. This made processing midi files manageable, and made this project possible. After processing all the data, I used train\_test\_split to separate test and validation sets. I trained my RNN from this data, and from its output, I was able to extract the note information and generate a song. I started off with a small amount of data in order to make sure everything worked, then I scaled everything up accordingly.

```
In [1]: 1 #!pip install music21
```

```
In [28]: 1 #import libraries
2 import pandas as pd
3 import numpy as np
4 import os
5 from statistics import mode
6
7 #data visualization
8 import seaborn as sns
9 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
10 %matplotlib inline
11
12 #warnings
13 import warnings
14 warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
15
16 #audio display
17 import IPython
18 from IPython.display import Image, Audio
19
20 #http://web.mit.edu/music21/doc/index.html
21 #midi management library
22 import music21
23 from music21 import *
24
25 #tensorflow/keras
26 import tensorflow as tf
27 keras = tf.keras
28 from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
29 from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
30 from tensorflow.keras.layers import LSTM, Dense, Dropout
```

```
In [3]: 1 #constants
2 NUMBER_OF_SONGS = 150
3 WANTED_INSTRUMENT = 'Piano'
4 NUMBER_OF_ELEMENTS_PER_SONG = 300
```

## EDA

Loading dataframe, checking data, cleaning data

```
In [4]: 1 #connect to the dataset
2 maestro_df = pd.read_csv('maestro-v3.0.0/maestro-v3.0.0.csv')
```

In [5]: 1 maestro\_df.head()

Out[5]:

	canonical_composer	canonical_title	split	year	midi_filename
0	Alban Berg	Sonata Op. 1	train	2018	2018/MIDI-Unprocessed_Chamber3_MID-AUDIO_10_R..
1	Alban Berg	Sonata Op. 1	train	2008	2008/MIDI-Unprocessed_03_R2_2008_01-03_ORIG_MI..
2	Alban Berg	Sonata Op. 1	train	2017	2017/MIDI-Unprocessed_066_PIANO066_MID-AUDIO-..
3	Alexander Scriabin	24 Preludes Op. 11, No. 13-24	train	2004	2004/MIDI Unprocessed_XP_21_R1_2004_01_ORIG_MI..
4	Alexander Scriabin	3 Etudes, Op. 65	validation	2006	2006/MIDI-Unprocessed_17_R1_2006_01-06_ORIG_MI..

Remove unnecessary columns

In [6]: 1 *#drop 'audio\_filename', as i'm not using audio*  
 2 maestro\_df = maestro\_df.drop(columns = ['audio\_filename', 'split'], axis=1)  
 3 maestro\_df.head(3)

Out[6]:

	canonical_composer	canonical_title	year	midi_filename	duration
0	Alban Berg	Sonata Op. 1	2018	2018/MIDI-Unprocessed_Chamber3_MID-AUDIO_10_R...	698.661160
1	Alban Berg	Sonata Op. 1	2008	2008/MIDI-Unprocessed_03_R2_2008_01-03_ORIG_MI...	759.518471
2	Alban Berg	Sonata Op. 1	2017	2017/MIDI-Unprocessed_066_PIANO066_MID-AUDIO-...	464.649433

In [7]: 1 *#drop duplicate songs*  
 2 maestro\_df = maestro\_df.drop\_duplicates(subset=['canonical\_composer', 'can

```
In [8]: 1 #reset the index
        2 maestro_df = maestro_df.reset_index(drop=True)
        3 maestro_df.head()
```

Out[8]:

	canonical_composer	canonical_title	year	midi_filename	duration
0	Alban Berg	Sonata Op. 1	2017	2017/MIDI-Unprocessed_066_PIANO066_MID-AUDIO-...	464.6494
1	Alexander Scriabin	24 Preludes Op. 11, No. 13-24	2004	2004/MIDI-Unprocessed_XP_21_R1_2004_01_ORIG_MI...	872.6405
2	Alexander Scriabin	3 Etudes, Op. 65	2006	2006/MIDI-Unprocessed_17_R1_2006_01-06_ORIG_MI...	397.8575
3	Alexander Scriabin	5 Preludes, Op.15	2009	2009/MIDI-Unprocessed_07_R1_2009_04-05_ORIG_MI...	400.5578
4	Alexander Scriabin	Entragete, Op.63	2009	2009/MIDI-Unprocessed_11_R1_2009_06-09_ORIG_MI...	163.7458

```
In [9]: 1 maestro_df.info()
        2 #no null values
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 856 entries, 0 to 855
Data columns (total 5 columns):
#   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   canonical_composer    856 non-null   object
1   canonical_title       856 non-null   object
2   year                  856 non-null   int64
3   midi_filename         856 non-null   object
4   duration               856 non-null   float64
dtypes: float64(1), int64(1), object(3)
memory usage: 33.6+ KB
```

```
In [10]: 1 maestro_df.describe()
```

Out[10]:

	year	duration
count	856.000000	856.000000
mean	2011.411215	555.441272
std	4.239228	455.692141
min	2004.000000	45.155208
25%	2008.000000	252.855650
50%	2011.000000	397.454197
75%	2015.000000	687.451215
max	2018.000000	2624.663508

### Convert midi files to music21 objects

```
In [11]: 1 #get the midi file and convert it to the 'song' object from music21
2 def get_midi_file(path):
3     path = 'maestro-v3.0.0/' + path
4     song = converter.parse(path)
5     return song
```

### Restrict database to number of songs

```
In [12]: 1 maestro_df = maestro_df.iloc[:NUMBER_OF_SONGS:2]
```

Create a list of song objects from midi files (takes awhile)

```
In [13]: 1 #create list of songs
2 song_list = []
3 maestro_df['midi_filename'].apply(lambda x: song_list.append(get_midi_file
4 print(song_list[0:10]))
```

```
[<music21.stream.Score 0x2d2dc0797d0>, <music21.stream.Score 0x2d2dc079790>,
<music21.stream.Score 0x2d2dc16e790>, <music21.stream.Score 0x2d2dc2ea850>, <
music21.stream.Score 0x2d2dc593f50>, <music21.stream.Score 0x2d2dd590cd0>, <m
usic21.stream.Score 0x2d2dc2cfed0>, <music21.stream.Score 0x2d2dfa7a150>, <mu
sic21.stream.Score 0x2d2de089b10>, <music21.stream.Score 0x2d2e05645d0>]
```

```
In [14]: 1 #add new column to dataframe
2 maestro_df['songs'] = song_list
```

```
In [15]: 1 maestro_df['songs'][0]
```

```
Out[15]: <music21.stream.Score 0x2d2dc0797d0>
```

### Get the name of the instruments in each song

We only want songs with piano, so this method gets the instruments of each song so we can add it to the database and remove records without piano

```
In [16]: 1 #get instruments from song to delete any without piano
2 def get_instrument_names(song):
3     instrument_names = []
4     instruments = instrument.partitionByInstrument(song)
5     for i in instruments:
6         instrument_names.append(i.partName)
7     return instrument_names
```

```
In [17]: 1 maestro_df['instruments'] = maestro_df['songs'].apply(lambda x: get_instru
```

In [18]: 1 maestro\_df.head()

Out[18]:

	canonical_composer	canonical_title	year		midi_filename	duration	
0	Alban Berg	Sonata Op. 1	2017	Unprocessed_066_PIANO066_MID-	2017/MIDI- -AUDIO-...	464.649433	[<mus
2	Alexander Scriabin	3 Etudes, Op. 65	2006	Unprocessed_17_R1_2006_01-	2006/MIDI- 06_ORIG_ML...	397.857508	[<mus
4	Alexander Scriabin	Entragete, Op.63	2009	Unprocessed_11_R1_2009_06-	2009/MIDI- 09_ORIG_ML...	163.745830	[<mus
6	Alexander Scriabin	Etude Op. 42, Nos. 4 & 5	2009	Unprocessed_02_R1_2009_03-	2009/MIDI- 06_ORIG_ML...	136.315302	[<mus
8	Alexander Scriabin	Etude in D-flat Major, Op. 8 No. 10	2011	Unprocessed_15_R1_2011_MID-	2011/MIDI- AUDIO_R1...	102.007110	[<mus

### Removing any song without piano from database

In [19]: 1 maestro\_df = maestro\_df.reset\_index(drop=True)

In [20]: 1 for i, value in enumerate(maestro\_df['instruments']):  
2 if 'Piano' not in value:  
3 maestro\_df = maestro\_df.drop(i,inplace = False)  
4  
5 maestro\_df = maestro\_df.reset\_index(drop=True)

In [21]: 1 maestro\_df.head(5)

Out[21]:

	canonical_composer	canonical_title	year		midi_filename	duration	
0	Alban Berg	Sonata Op. 1	2017	Unprocessed_066_PIANO066_MID-	2017/MIDI- -AUDIO-...	464.649433	[<mus
1	Alexander Scriabin	3 Etudes, Op. 65	2006	Unprocessed_17_R1_2006_01-	2006/MIDI- 06_ORIG_ML...	397.857508	[<mus
2	Alexander Scriabin	Entragete, Op.63	2009	Unprocessed_11_R1_2009_06-	2009/MIDI- 09_ORIG_ML...	163.745830	[<mus
3	Alexander Scriabin	Etude Op. 42, Nos. 4 & 5	2009	Unprocessed_02_R1_2009_03-	2009/MIDI- 06_ORIG_ML...	136.315302	[<mus
4	Alexander Scriabin	Etude in D-flat Major, Op. 8 No. 10	2011	Unprocessed_15_R1_2011_MID-	2011/MIDI- AUDIO_R1...	102.007110	[<mus

```
In [22]: 1 #recreate song_list with new values (from dataframe)
          2 song_list = []
          3 maestro_df['midi_filename'].apply(lambda x: song_list.append(get_midi_file
```

```
Out[22]: 0      None
          1      None
          2      None
          3      None
          4      None
          5      None
          6      None
          7      None
          8      None
          9      None
         10      None
         11      None
         12      None
         13      None
         14      None
         15      None
         16      None
         17      None
         18      None
         19      None
         20      None
         21      None
         22      None
         23      None
         24      None
         25      None
         26      None
         27      None
         28      None
         29      None
         30      None
         31      None
         32      None
         33      None
         34      None
         35      None
         36      None
         37      None
         38      None
         39      None
         40      None
Name: midi_filename, dtype: object
```

**Create a list of notes for each song**

```

In [29]: 1 def create_note_column(song_list, wanted_instrument):
2         songs = []
3         pick = ''
4         for song in song_list:
5             #notes is a list full of dictionaries
6             #each note has many elements, including pitch, and duration (in qu
7             #i'll be storing that information in the dictionary called 'attrib
8             #notes that are played at the same time are called "chords"
9             #these notes will be listed in the same index
10        notes = []
11        count = 0
12
13        #get list of instruments in the song
14        instruments = instrument.partitionByInstrument(song)
15        #placeholder
16        relevant_instrument_obj = ''
17        #checks for wanted instrument
18        for i in instruments:
19            if i.partName == wanted_instrument:
20                relevant_instrument_obj = i
21        #attributes dictionary contains all note information
22        pick = relevant_instrument_obj.recurse()
23        for element in pick:
24            attributes = {}
25            if count > NUMBER_OF_ELEMENTS_PER_SONG:
26                break
27            ##FOR NOTES
28            if isinstance(element, note.Note):
29                attributes['pitch'] = str(element.pitch)
30                attributes['duration'] = str(element.duration.quarterLength)
31                notes.append(attributes)
32
33            ##FOR CHORDS
34            elif isinstance(element, chord.Chord):
35                attributes['pitch'] = ''
36                attributes['duration'] = ''
37                #iterate through each note in the chord
38                for i in range(len(element.notes)):
39                    attributes['pitch'] += str(element[i].pitch) + ' '
40                    attributes['duration'] += str(element[i].duration.quarterLength) + ' '
41                attributes['pitch'], attributes['duration'] = attributes['pitch'].strip(), attributes['duration'].strip()
42                notes.append(attributes)
43            count += 1
44        #if none
45        if not notes:
46            songs.append(None)
47        else:
48            songs.append(notes)
49        return songs

```

```

In [30]: 1 maestro_df['notes'] = create_note_column(song_list, WANTED_INSTRUMENT)

```



In [31]: 1 maestro\_df.head()

Out[31]:

	canonical_composer	canonical_title	year		midi_filename	duration	
0	Alban Berg	Sonata Op. 1	2017	Unprocessed_066_PIANO066_MID-	2017/MIDI- -AUDIO-...	464.649433	[<mus
1	Alexander Scriabin	3 Etudes, Op. 65	2006	Unprocessed_17_R1_2006_01-	2006/MIDI- 06_ORIG_ML...	397.857508	[<mus
2	Alexander Scriabin	Entragete, Op.63	2009	Unprocessed_11_R1_2009_06-	2009/MIDI- 09_ORIG_ML...	163.745830	[<mus
3	Alexander Scriabin	Etude Op. 42, Nos. 4 & 5	2009	Unprocessed_02_R1_2009_03-	2009/MIDI- 06_ORIG_ML...	136.315302	[<mus
4	Alexander Scriabin	Etude in D-flat Major, Op. 8 No. 10	2011	Unprocessed_15_R1_2011_MID--	2011/MIDI- AUDIO_R1...	102.007110	[<mus

Now I have a dataframe where i have the notes paired with the song title, composer, instruments, and midi object.

## Preprocessing

### Create corpus of notes for our model

I will be putting pitches first, then durations after. This works out pretty easily since to retrieve and separate them later, all I have to do is split the string elements in half and assign them to their appropriate locations.

```
In [32]: 1 Corpus = []
2 for i in maestro_df['notes']:
3     for note in i:
4         cor = ''
5         cor += note['pitch'] + ' '
6         cor += note['duration']
7         Corpus.append(cor)
```

In [33]: 1 Corpus

Out[33]: ['G4 5/3',  
'C5 0.75',  
'F#5 B4 1.0 1.0',  
'C#4 1.5',  
'G4 4/3',  
'F#5 B4 1.0 1.0',  
'C#4 2.75',  
'G4 13/6',  
'G5 1.0',  
'G5 G4 1.0 1.0',  
'C4 4/3',  
'B-4 G4 1.0 1.0',  
'E-5 0.5',  
'E-5 B3 A4 1.0 1.0 1.0',  
'C4 1/3',  
'G4 0.75',  
'B4 1/3',  
'D5 B-3 E4 1.0 1.0 1.0',  
'G#4 1.0',  
'C4 4/3']

### Remove some of most common elements

In [34]: 1 *#removing some of the most % of the most common elements to increase diver.*  
2 **for** i **in** range(len(Corpus)//8):  
3     element = mode(Corpus)  
4     Corpus.remove(element)

In [35]: 1 mode(Corpus)

Out[35]: 'B3 0.25'

### MAPPING OUR CORPUS TO RETRIEVE NOTE DATA AFTER LSTM PROCESSES THE INFORMATION

Since the output will be decimal between 0 and 1, we need a way to retrieve note information from our model. The model will work with the index of a chord or note, and that index will be translated later back to the note information. To retrieve it back, we simply get the appropriate index after the model is finished.

```
In [36]: 1 symb = (list(set(Corpus)))
2
3 L_corpus = len(Corpus) #length of corpus
4 L_symb = len(symb) #length of total unique characters
5
6 #Building dictionary to access the vocabulary from indices and vice versa
7 mapping = dict((c, i) for i, c in enumerate(symb))
8 reverse_mapping = dict((i, c) for i, c in enumerate(symb))
9
10 print("Total number of characters:", L_corpus)
11 print("Number of unique characters:", L_symb)
```

Total number of characters: 6670

Number of unique characters: 3024

```
In [37]: 1 #number of notes per feature, taken from the whole corpus
2 #number of notes will be same as the number of elements in a song, so each
3 #every song has more than 50 elements
4 length = int(NUMBER_OF_ELEMENTS_PER_SONG // 3)
5 ftrs = []
6 targets = []
7 for i in range(0, L_corpus - length, 1):
8     feature = Corpus[i:i + length]
9     target = Corpus[i + length]
10    ftrs.append([mapping[j] for j in feature])
11    targets.append(mapping[target])
12
13
14 L_datapoints = len(targets)
```

```
In [38]: 1 X = (np.reshape(ftrs, (L_datapoints, length, 1))) / float(L_symb)
2 # one hot encode the output variable
3 y = tf.keras.utils.to_categorical(targets)
```

```
In [39]: 1 X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, r
```

## LSTM Deep learning model

My input layer is a LSTM layer. I dropped out 20% to try and avoid overfitting. This followed by another LSTM layer in my hidden layer. I also have a dense layer with a leaky relu activation to try and avoid the dead neuron problem, as I was getting repetitive results. My output layer is a 1 dimensional softmax dense layer. (my y.shape[1] is 1)

```
In [40]: 1 model = Sequential()
2 model.add(LSTM(128, input_shape=(X.shape[1], X.shape[2]), return_sequences=True))
3 model.add(Dropout(0.2))
4 model.add(LSTM(64))
5 #Using leakyrelu to try and solve the 'dead neuron' problem
6 model.add(Dense(64, activation=keras.layers.LeakyReLU(alpha=0.03)))
7 model.add(Dropout(0.2))
8 model.add(Dense(y.shape[1], activation='softmax'))
9 #compiling the model
10 model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy', optimizer='adam')
```

```
In [41]: 1 model.summary()
```

Model: "sequential"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
=====		
lstm (LSTM)	(None, 100, 128)	66560
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 100, 128)	0
lstm_1 (LSTM)	(None, 64)	49408
dense (Dense)	(None, 64)	4160
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None, 64)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 3024)	196560
=====		
Total params: 316688 (1.21 MB)		
Trainable params: 316688 (1.21 MB)		
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 Byte)		

### Fit the model

```
In [42]: 1 history = model.fit(X_train, y_train, batch_size=32, epochs=70)

Epoch 61/70
165/165 [=====] - 9s 52ms/step - loss: 7.5778
Epoch 62/70
165/165 [=====] - 8s 51ms/step - loss: 7.5807
Epoch 63/70
165/165 [=====] - 9s 52ms/step - loss: 7.5783
Epoch 64/70
165/165 [=====] - 8s 51ms/step - loss: 7.5803
Epoch 65/70
165/165 [=====] - 9s 52ms/step - loss: 7.5740
Epoch 66/70
165/165 [=====] - 8s 51ms/step - loss: 7.5529
Epoch 67/70
165/165 [=====] - 9s 52ms/step - loss: 7.4907
Epoch 68/70
165/165 [=====] - 8s 51ms/step - loss: 7.4294
Epoch 69/70
165/165 [=====] - 8s 51ms/step - loss: 7.3692
Epoch 70/70
165/165 [=====] - 9s 52ms/step - loss: 7.3345
```

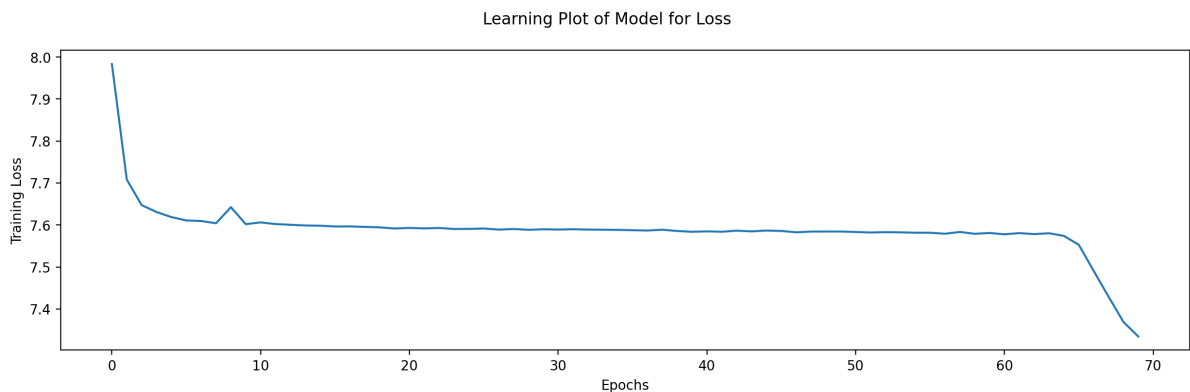
```
In [43]: 1 model.save('model8')

INFO:tensorflow:Assets written to: model8\assets

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```

```
In [44]: 1 history_df = pd.DataFrame(history.history)
2 fig = plt.figure(figsize=(15,4))
3 fig.suptitle("Learning Plot of Model for Loss")
4 pl=sns.lineplot(data=history_df["loss"])
5 pl.set(ylabel = "Training Loss")
6 pl.set(xlabel = "Epochs")
```

```
Out[44]: [Text(0.5, 0, 'Epochs')]
```



```
In [45]: 1 predictions = model.predict(X_test)

42/42 [=====] - 1s 18ms/step
```

```
In [46]: 1 max_val = max(list(reverse_mapping.keys()))
          2 max_val
```

Out[46]: 3023

```
In [47]: 1 def generate_song(Note_Count,seed):
          2     music = []
          3     Notes_Generated=[]
          4     prediction = predictions[seed]
          5     max_pred = max(prediction)
          6     for i in range(Note_Count):
          7         predicted_value = prediction[i]
          8         #converting small numbers into a range for our mapping index
          9         index = ((predicted_value / max_pred) * max_val)//1 #floor divisib
         10         index = int(index)
         11         music.append(index)
         12
         13         #convert index into values
         14         note_list = []
         15         for i in music:
         16             for key,value in reverse_mapping.items():
         17                 if i == key:
         18                     note_list.append(value)
         19         return note_list
```

```
In [48]: 1 music_notes = generate_song(40,2)
```

In [49]:

```
1 #check notes
2 music_notes[:50]
```

Out[49]:

```
['D3 A4 1.0 1.0',
 'F#3 1/6',
 'C#4 2/3',
 'E5 G#5 G4 F#4 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'G#2 F4 1.0 1.0',
 'D6 C5 E-6 C#5 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'G#2 F4 1.0 1.0',
 'G4 C3 1.0 1.0',
 'D4 C#4 1.0 1.0',
 'G#4 C5 1.0 1.0',
 'A4 F#3 E5 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'E-3 B5 B3 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'B-6 B-5 1.0 1.0',
 'D4 F#5 E4 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'E4 C4 1.0 1.0',
 'B2 E5 E3 A5 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'E5 E6 E-6 E-5 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'D5 D4 1.0 1.0',
 'G#2 F4 1.0 1.0',
 'A6 C#7 F#7 E-7 G#7 F7 E7 G7 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'B-3 0.5',
 'E-5 C#5 1.0 1.0',
 'G#2 F4 1.0 1.0',
 'B-4 G4 1.0 1.0',
 'E-6 1.75',
 'F#4 F#3 D4 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'G#2 0.75',
 'E-6 C#5 E6 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'G2 0.75',
 'B-3 F#4 B-5 E-5 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'E4 B3 G3 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'B-4 F#4 D4 B3 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'F#5 23/12',
 'G4 C3 1.0 1.0',
 'E-4 C5 A3 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'B2 0.5',
 'E-3 5/3',
 'F#5 G5 A5 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'B-4 G4 E5 1.0 1.0 1.0',
 'G#4 F#5 1.0 1.0']
```

## Now I need to split the notes back into pitch/duration and convert it back to music21 format

To do this i will split each element into a list. It will sort the values into the pitch category until it reaches the halfway point, then it will sort them into the duration category. After they're separated, i'll connect them by index into a note object. After I have all the notes and chords, i'll convert that into a midi file, then wav file.

### SPLIT MUSIC\_NOTES INTO A LIST OF PROPERTIES

```
In [50]: 1 def split_music_properties(music):
2         music_list = []
3         for i in music:
4             pitch = []
5             duration = []
6             items = i.split(' ')
7             length = len(items)
8             for index, value in enumerate(items):
9                 if index < length/2:
10                    pitch.append(value)
11                else:
12                    duration.append(value)
13            attributes = {'pitch':pitch, 'duration':duration}
14            music_list.append(attributes)
15
16        return(music_list)
```

```
In [51]: 1 generated_music = split_music_properties(music_notes)
```

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In [52]: 1 #check values
2         generated_music[:10]
```

```
Out[52]: [{ 'pitch': ['D3', 'A4'], 'duration': ['1.0', '1.0']},
{ 'pitch': ['F#3'], 'duration': ['1/6']},
{ 'pitch': ['C#4'], 'duration': ['2/3']},
{ 'pitch': ['E5', 'G#5', 'G4', 'F#4'],
'duration': ['1.0', '1.0', '1.0', '1.0']},
{ 'pitch': ['G#2', 'F4'], 'duration': ['1.0', '1.0']},
{ 'pitch': ['D6', 'C5', 'E-6', 'C#5'],
'duration': ['1.0', '1.0', '1.0', '1.0']},
{ 'pitch': ['G#2', 'F4'], 'duration': ['1.0', '1.0']},
{ 'pitch': ['G4', 'C3'], 'duration': ['1.0', '1.0']},
{ 'pitch': ['D4', 'C#4'], 'duration': ['1.0', '1.0']},
{ 'pitch': ['G#4', 'C5'], 'duration': ['1.0', '1.0']}]
```

## CONSTRUCTING NOTE OBJECTS



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In [53]: 1 note = music21.note
          2 def create_note(pitch, duration):
          3     a = note.Note(pitch)
          4     a.quarterLength = float(duration)
          5     return a
          6
          7 def create_chord(pitches, durations):
          8     currentchord = chord.Chord(pitches)
          9     #match duration of note with same index of our durations list
         10     for index,a_note in enumerate(currentchord.notes):
         11         a_note.quarterLength = float(durations[index])
         12     return currentchord
         13
         14 def construct_notes(music):
         15     note_list = []
         16     for i in music:
         17         pitches = [item for item in i['pitch'] if not item.isdigit()]
         18         durations = i['duration']
         19         #remove fractional durations
         20         for index, value in enumerate(durations):
         21             if type(value) == str:
         22                 if '/' in value:
         23                     durations[index] = '1.0'
         24                 #remove any Long duration
         25                 elif float(value) > 20:
         26                     durations[index] = '1.0'
         27         # FOR SINGLE NOTES
         28         if len(pitches) == 1:
         29             note_list.append(create_note(pitches[0], durations[0]))
         30         #FOR CHORDS
         31         elif len(pitches) >= 1:
         32             note_list.append(create_chord(pitches,durations))
         33
         34     return note_list
         35

```

```

In [54]: 1 note_list = construct_notes(generated_music)

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In [55]: 1 note_list[:5]

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Out[55]: [<music21.chord.Chord D3 A4>,
          <music21.note.Note F#>,
          <music21.note.Note C#>,
          <music21.chord.Chord E5 G#5 G4 F#4>,
          <music21.chord.Chord G#2 F4>]

```

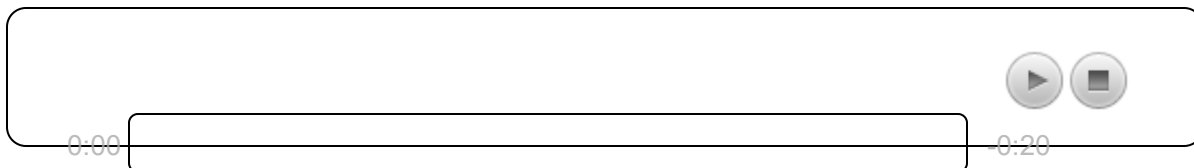
### CONVERT to MIDI

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In [56]: 1 song_stream = stream.Stream()
          2 for i in note_list:
          3     song_stream.append(i)

```

In [57]: 1 song\_stream.show('midi')

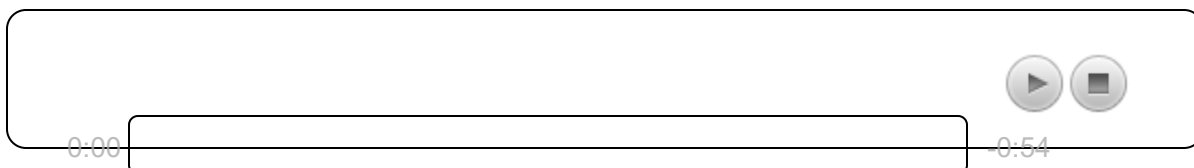


## Samples (Putting everything together)

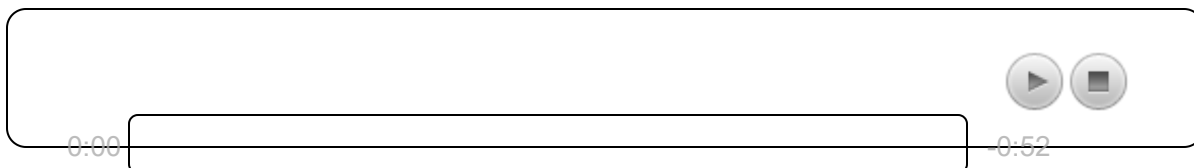
In [58]:

```
1 def create_music(seed, number_of_notes):
2
3     music = generate_song(number_of_notes, seed)
4     music = split_music_properties(music)
5     music = construct_notes(music)
6     s = stream.Stream()
7     for i in music:
8         s.append(i)
9     s.show('midi')
10    return s
```

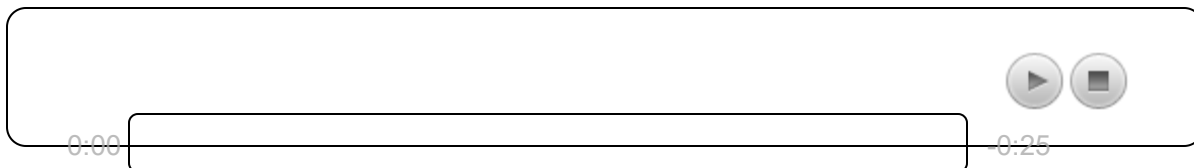
In [59]: 1 s = create\_music(5,100)



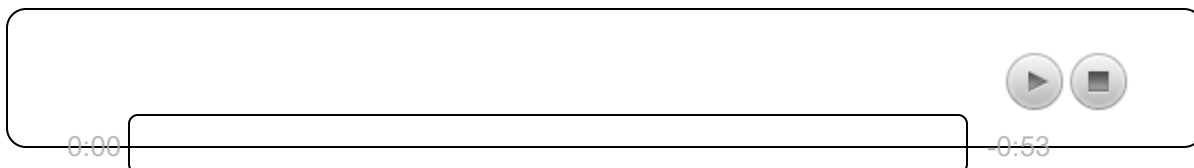
In [60]: 1 s2 = create\_music(0,100)



In [61]: 1 s3 = create\_music(2,50)



In [62]: 1 s4 = create\_music(13,100)



## Challenges

The main challenge with this project was properly extracting the notes and their information. All examples I was looking at seemed to do this step improperly, as they made the length of all notes the same. I wanted to incorporate more nuances in music in my project, but the limitations of music21 made me scale back my ideas. I was able to figure out how to incorporate duration information and extract it, but it took a lot of time to figure out how music21 works. Music21's documentation isn't the easiest to follow but after much trial and error I figured it out. Another big issue I had with this project was having enough memory on my machine to get the results I wanted. Since I had data for the pitch and length of each note, I had a fairly large dataset to process. Because of this, I had to scale down the amount of songs I used, and also the amount of notes in each song. I think this stunted the development of my model and which is why it could be improved. I also had an issue with overfitting, as after fitting my model, I would notice sometimes that a bunch of the same note or chord would be played in a row, or some songs would sound very similar. I tried to fix this by increasing the amount of dropout I used, scaling down the amount of nodes I had for some layers, and increasing the volume and variety of data.

## Conclusion

Overall, I had a lot of fun with this project. Music is a big passion of mine and creating a neural network capable of generating a simple piece was very satisfying. I learned a lot about midi, data preparation, overfitting, and scaling a project. I think this model can be greatly improved upon with a much larger dataset, and more care with dealing with the overfitting problem. I also in the future want to try and implement more musical nuance to the model, as I think that's an area that is lacking in a lot of music generation models.