

# Audio Classification

CSI-4650 Parallel and Distributed  
Computing



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# Project Goal

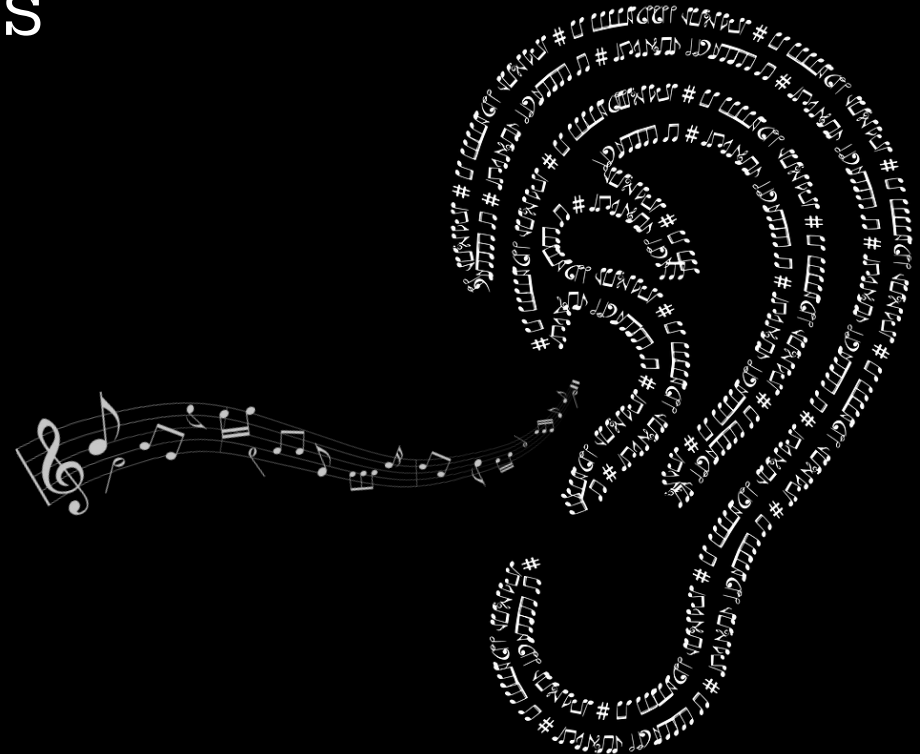
- Given an audio sample of a chord, determine the chord type and root note of the chord.
- Two different kinds of classification:
  - Chord Type Classes
    - Major
    - Minor
    - Diminished
    - Augmented
  - Chord Root Classes
    - Ab, A, Bb, B, C, Db, D, Eb, E, F, Gb, G



# Project Applications

## Tool For Music Transcription

- Assists with learning and music theory
  - Great for new learners of music and useful during practice when a teacher is not around.
- Helps to analyze songs
  - Identify common chord progressions, keys, etc.
  - Could be useful for music arrangement and creating remixes of songs.



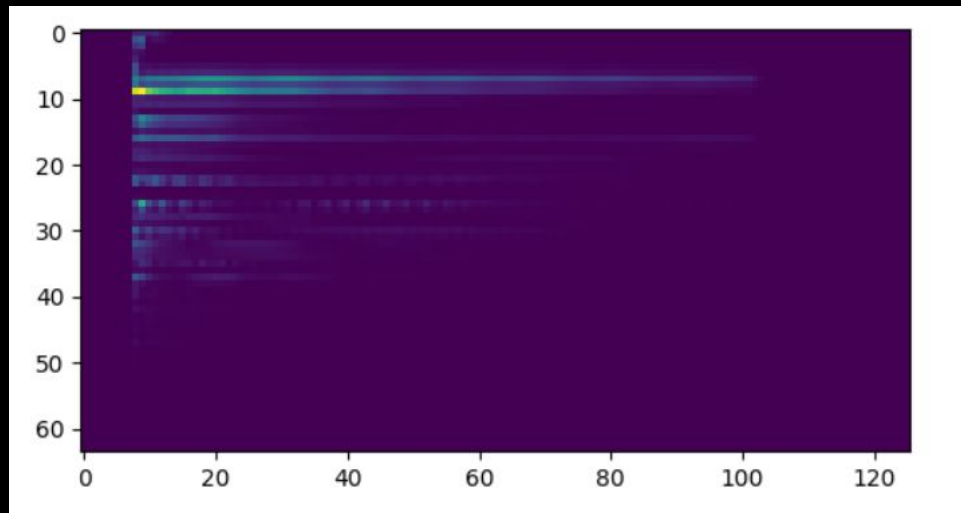
# Data Collection and Preprocessing

- Audio Piano Triads Dataset
  - By Agustín Macaya Valladares
    - Obtained from Zenodo.org
  - 43,200 Audio Samples
    - .WAV format
    - 4 seconds long
- Additional Data Creation
  - 43,200 additional samples created by modifying each .wav sample from the original dataset
    - Marvel Crunch Amplifier in Mixcraft 9 Recording Studio
- Audio Preprocessing Pipeline
  - Audio resampled to a uniform sample rate
    - 16,000 Hz
  - Audio mixed down to mono by averaging
  - Audio adjusted to a fixed length
    - Trimming
    - Padding
  - Audio transformed into a Mel Spectrogram using TorchAudio
    - (Image representation of audio by plotting frequency over time)



# Mel Spectrogram

- Can be thought of as a grayscale image.
  - 64 x 126 for our audio samples
- Parameters:
  - Size of Fast Fourier Transform (FFT): 1024
  - Hop Length: 512
  - Number of Mel-Filterbanks: 64



# Model Used

- Simple Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
  - Optimizer: Adam
  - Loss Function: Cross Entropy
  - Network Architecture from Valerio's Velardo's Audio Classifier
    - Described as "a simple VGG-ish architecture"
      - (VGG is a model built by Google for Image Classification)
    - 4 Convolutional Blocks, Flatten Layer, Dense (Linear) Layer, Softmax Layer
    - Each Convolutional Block consists of 3 parts:
      - 2D Convolutional Layer (nn.Conv2d)
        - Kernel Size = 3
        - Stride = 1
        - Padding = 2
        - Out Channels increase with each block accordingly
          - 16, 32, 64, 128
      - Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) Layer
      - 2D Max Pooling Layer
        - Kernel Size = 2

# Model Expectations

- The model was expected to return high accuracy results for *chord type* predictions (85-90%) which can be classified into 4 categories.
- Lower expected accuracy (75%) expected for *root note* predictions, which can be classified into 12 classes or categories.
- Training the model on a GPU was expected to be roughly 5 times faster compared to a CPU.

# Parallelization Context

- Neural network training is inherently parallelizable, as neural network layers often incorporate frequent SIMD operations over a large batch of data (i.e. matrix multiplication, activation functions, updating weights for individual nodes during backpropagation, etc).
- The individual neurons in each layer of the NN operate on data independently, and there are no dependencies between nodes in the same layer.



# Hardware Details

## System Specs:

ASUS ROG Zephyrus M15

- 16 GB RAM
- 1 TB SSD

## CPU:

Intel Core i7-10750H

- 2.60 GHz (2592 Mhz)
- 6 Cores (12 Logical Processors)

## GPU:

NVIDIA GeForce RTX 2070 with  
Max-Q Design

- 8 GB VRAM
- 885 MHz Base Clock
- 1185 MHz Boost Clock
- 2304 Cores

# Benchmarking Methodology

- 70/30 Train-Test Split (good for larger batches of data)
- Run the “training loop” for 5 epochs.
  - For each epoch:
    - Determine the time spent training the 70% of the data subset
    - Determine the time spent testing the 30% of the data subset
  - At the end, average the training time and the testing time over the epoch and log the results for each iteration.
- Repeat this “training loop” for a few iterations.
  - Run a total of 6 iterations, but drop the first iteration.
    - First of the six iterations acts as a “warm-up” because it was found that sometimes the hardware needs to “warm up”, so this is done to prevent outliers.
  - Calculate the average epoch time across all iterations and plot this in a graph
    - Overall average epoch time rather than average of average epoch times
- Compare 2 configurations:
  - Minimal Parallelism
    - CPU
  - Optimized for Parallelism
    - GPU

# Benchmarking Methodology

## Experiment 1

Use a subset of the data with 8192 samples.

- Experiment with various batch sizes:
  - [32, 64, 128, 256]
- Train both the Chord Root CNN and the Chord Type CNN

## Experiment 2

Use a fixed batch size of 32 samples.

- Experiment with various data subset sizes:
  - [4096, 8192, 16384]
- Only train the Chord Type CNN



# Benchmarking Results (Experiment 1)

Batch Size 32 Average Epoch Times								
Trial / Device	Chord Root Classifier				Chord Type Classifier			
	GPU Train (s)	CPU Train (s)	GPU Test (s)	CPU Test (s)	GPU Train (s)	CPU Train (s)	GPU Test (s)	CPU Test (s)
1	9.4113	19.3856	3.9830	5.0596	9.6702	19.0727	3.6116	5.0492
2	9.6397	19.3812	3.7232	4.9899	9.7752	19.0617	3.6040	5.0205
3	9.5039	19.3554	3.9851	4.9959	9.5483	19.3656	3.9571	5.0353
4	9.5741	19.4911	3.9658	4.9846	9.6773	19.2806	3.6440	5.1045
5	9.6378	19.5899	3.7473	5.0367	9.7574	19.4048	3.7029	5.0899

Batch Size 64 Average Epoch Times								
Trial / Device	Chord Root Classifier				Chord Type Classifier			
	GPU Train (s)	CPU Train (s)	GPU Test (s)	CPU Test (s)	GPU Train (s)	CPU Train (s)	GPU Test (s)	CPU Test (s)
1	9.3426	19.2622	3.9820	5.0799	9.3873	19.3707	4.0227	5.0211
2	9.4652	19.4598	3.8735	5.1335	9.4453	19.2382	4.0010	5.0659
3	9.4808	19.2686	4.0016	5.1122	9.3609	19.3606	3.9400	5.0377
4	9.4135	19.2974	3.8686	5.1410	9.2924	19.4411	3.9619	5.0512
5	9.3954	19.3615	3.9561	5.0386	9.3227	19.2523	4.0031	5.0265

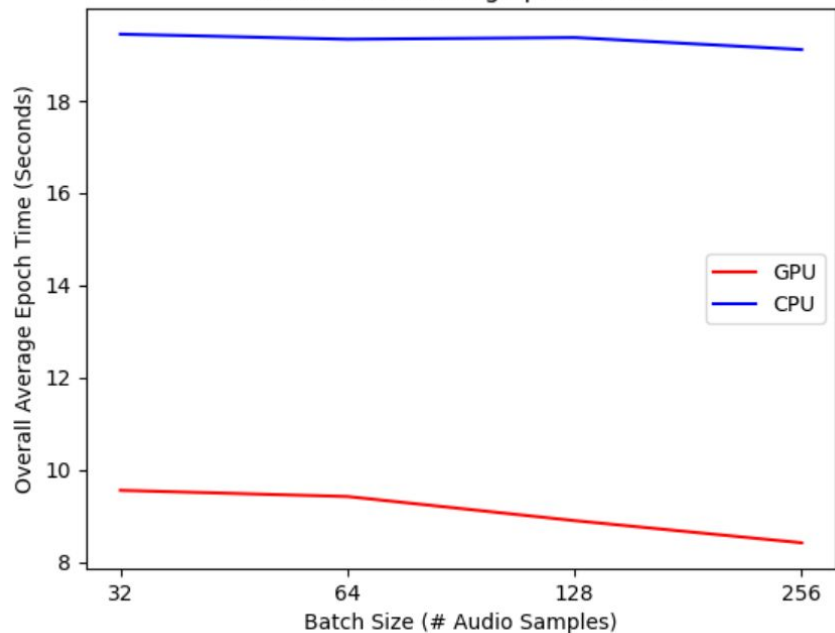
# Benchmarking Results (Experiment 1)

Batch Size 128 Average Epoch Times								
Trial / Device	Chord Root Classifier				Chord Type Classifier			
	GPU Train (s)	CPU Train (s)	GPU Test (s)	CPU Test (s)	GPU Train (s)	CPU Train (s)	GPU Test (s)	CPU Test (s)
1	8.8637	19.3567	3.6741	5.1241	8.9303	19.2980	3.7188	5.1140
2	9.0130	19.3337	3.5284	5.1311	8.8706	19.3066	3.6195	5.1418
3	8.8835	19.4181	3.6180	5.1340	8.8877	19.3027	3.6815	5.0855
4	8.8126	19.3741	3.6497	5.0851	8.8785	19.2405	3.6815	5.0949
5	8.9125	19.3540	3.7119	5.0992	8.8966	19.3457	3.6770	5.1063

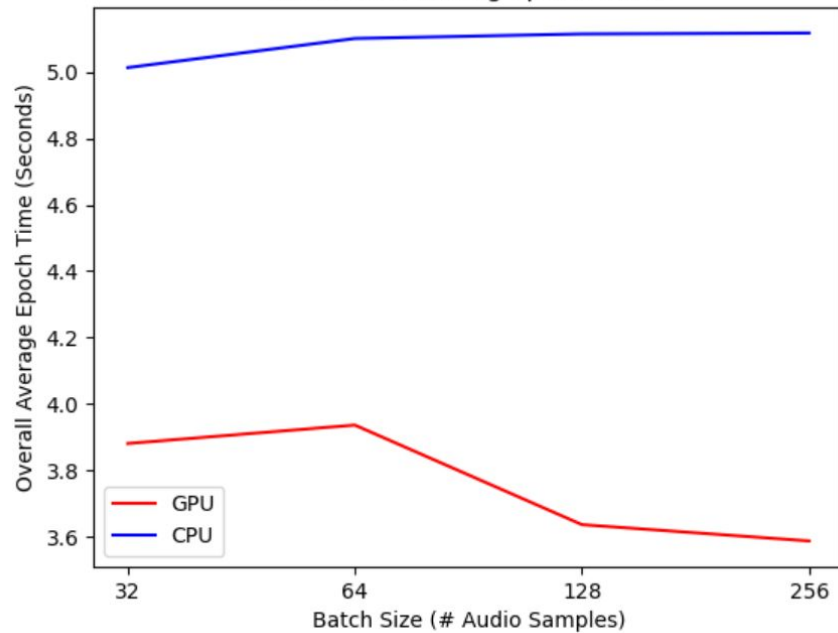
Batch Size 256 Average Epoch Times								
Trial / Device	Chord Root Classifier				Chord Type Classifier			
	GPU Train (s)	CPU Train (s)	GPU Test (s)	CPU Test (s)	GPU Train (s)	CPU Train (s)	GPU Test (s)	CPU Test (s)
1	8.4495	19.1556	3.5272	5.0889	8.5357	19.1858	3.5041	5.0630
2	8.4329	19.1454	3.5928	5.1609	8.5007	19.2503	3.4781	5.1120
3	8.3995	19.1334	3.6318	5.1417	8.5692	19.1820	3.4669	5.1077
4	8.4292	19.1246	3.5890	5.0729	8.4420	19.1983	3.5639	5.1607
5	8.3708	18.9724	3.5958	5.1233	8.4472	19.2372	3.4365	5.1247

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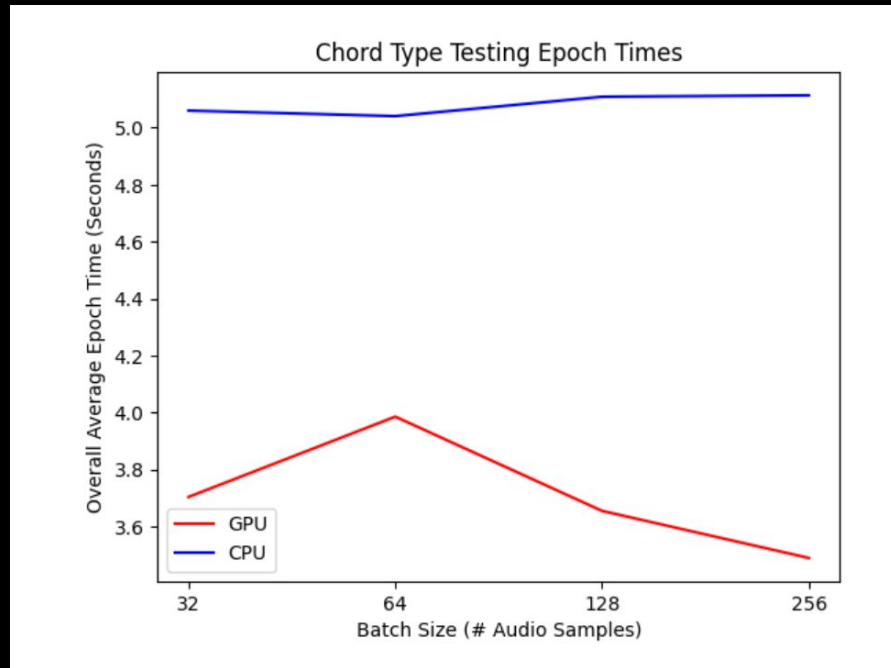
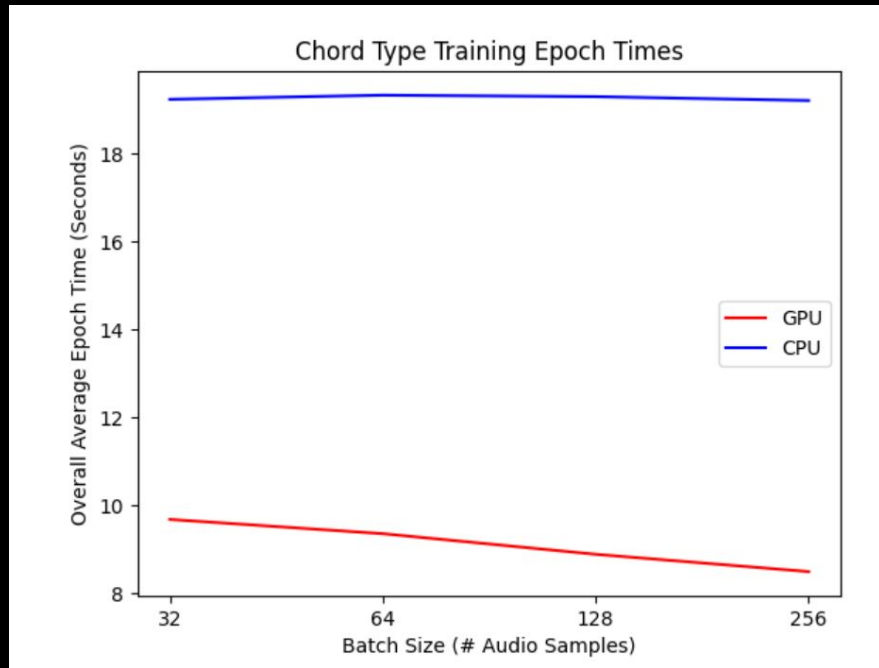
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Chord Root Testing Epoch Times



# Benchmarking Results (Experiment 1)



# Benchmarking Results (Experiment 2)

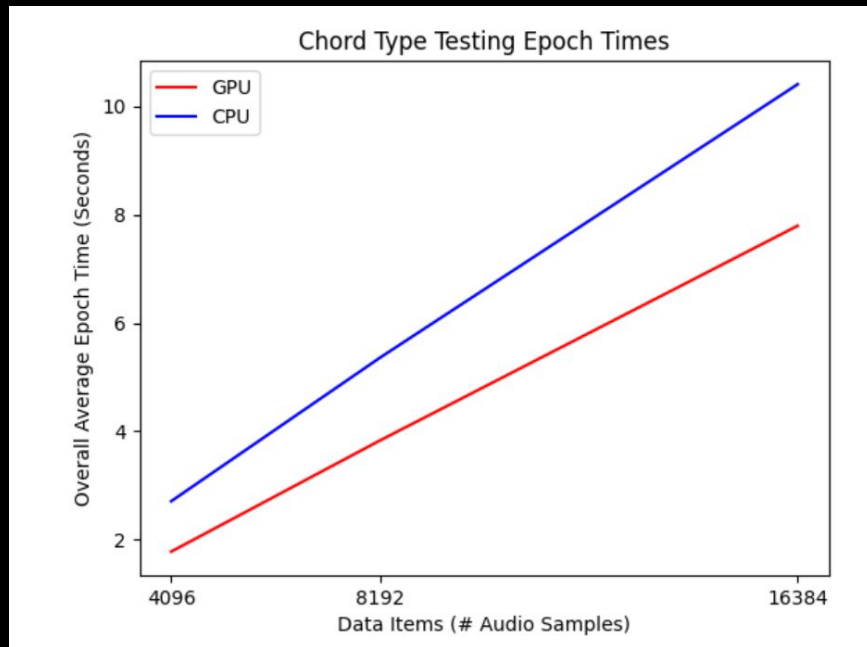
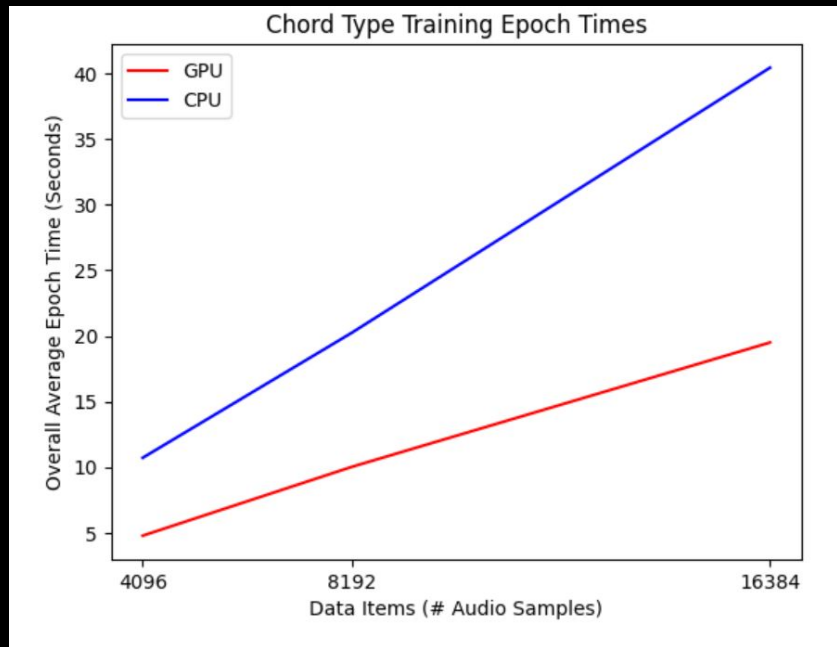
4096 Data Items Average Epoch Times				
	Chord Type Classifier			
Trial / Device	GPU Train (s)	CPU Train (s)	GPU Test (s)	CPU Test (s)
1	4.7119	10.4518	1.7478	2.6436
2	4.7665	10.6183	1.7800	2.7240
3	4.7991	11.2149	1.7798	2.7781
4	4.7946	10.9964	1.7931	2.8069
5	4.8317	10.3049	1.7938	2.5917

8192 Data Items Average Epoch Times				
	Chord Type Classifier			
Trial / Device	GPU Train (s)	CPU Train (s)	GPU Test (s)	CPU Test (s)
1	9.7752	19.6253	3.6991	5.2198
2	9.9045	20.2630	3.5383	5.4081
3	10.0638	20.5733	3.8818	5.4014
4	10.1760	20.6922	4.1350	5.4339
5	10.2084	20.0712	3.8994	5.3302

16384 Data Items Average Epoch Times				
	Chord Type Classifier			
Trial / Device	GPU Train (s)	CPU Train (s)	GPU Test (s)	CPU Test (s)
1	19.5169	40.4109	7.7995	10.4037
2	19.4677	40.3710	7.9375	10.5222
3	19.4545	40.5494	7.7952	10.3976
4	19.5734	40.3926	7.7440	10.3600
5	19.4931	40.4989	7.6865	10.3430



# Benchmarking Results (Experiment 2)



# Conclusions From Experiments

## Experiment 1

- Training and testing time trends appear consistent between Chord Root and Chord Type models.
- CPU training and testing times stay pretty much the same when the batch size changes.
- GPU training time decreases slightly but noticeably with an increase in batch size.
  - Testing time decreases as well after a slight spike with a batch size of 64.
- CPU average training time remains approximately twice that of GPU average training time.
- CPU average testing time is approximately 1.25-1.45 times that of GPU average testing time depending on batch size.

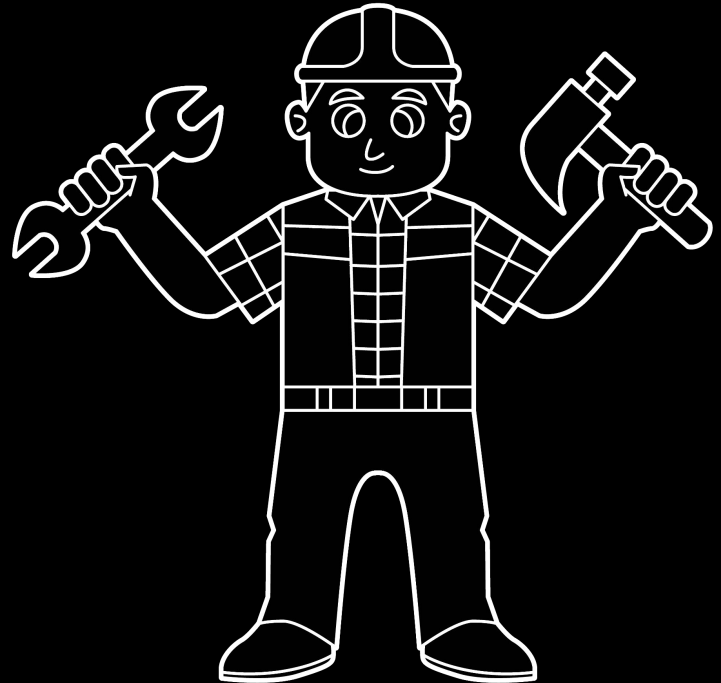
## Experiment 2

- When the size of the dataset doubles:
  - CPU training and testing time approximately doubles
  - GPU training and testing time approximately doubles
- CPU average training time remains approximately twice that of GPU average training time.
- CPU average testing time is approximately 1.3-1.5 times that of GPU average testing time.

# Building The Final Model

From our experiments, we discovered that using a GPU brought worthwhile execution time improvements to the training time for our classifier models.

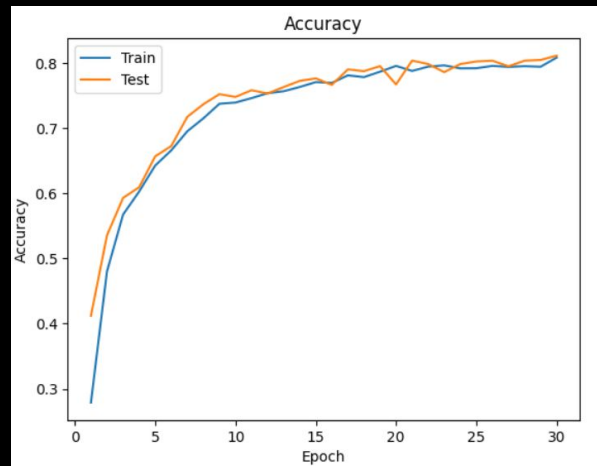
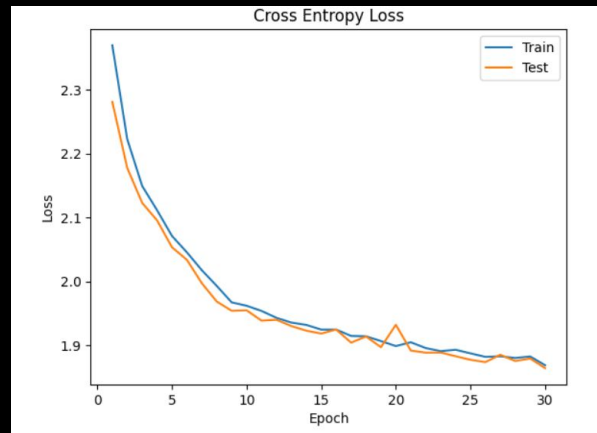
- GPU is better able to exploit the ability for tensor operations to be parallelized.
  - Appear to make up a significant portion of the training time.
- Final Model:
  - Built on GPU
  - Full Dataset
  - 30 Epochs
  - 32 Batch Size



# Final Model Results

## Chord Root Model

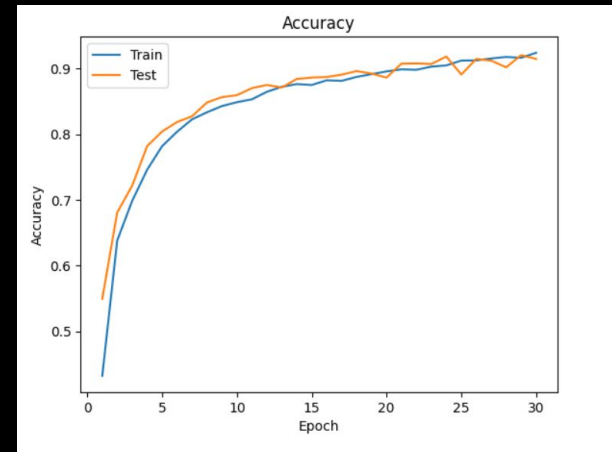
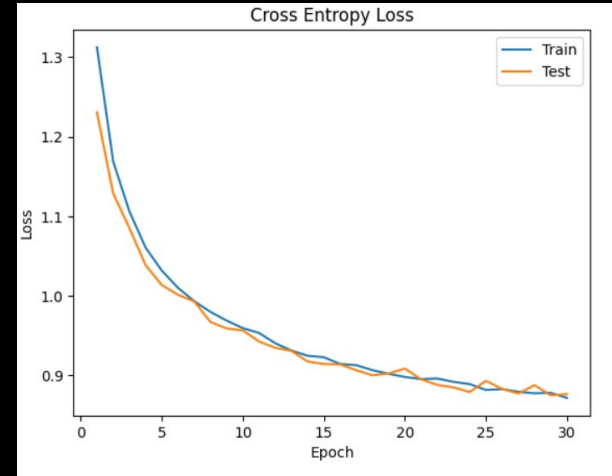
- Final Accuracy: ~81%
- Final Loss: ~1.87
- Total Training Time 7965.27 seconds
  - ~ 2.2 hours
- Average Epoch Time: 265.91 seconds
  - ~ 4.4 minutes



# Final Model Results

## Chord Type Model

- Final Accuracy: ~91%
- Final Loss: ~0.88
- Total Training Time: 8691.54 seconds
  - ~ 2.4 hours
- Average Epoch Time: 289.72 seconds
  - ~ 4.8 minutes



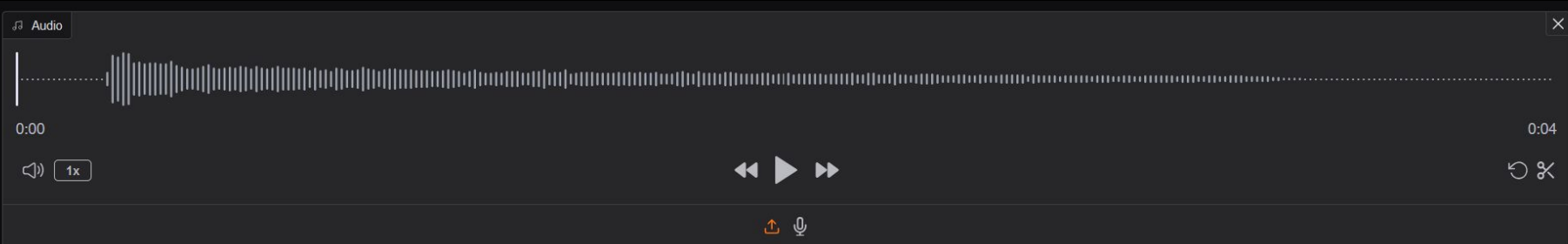
# Expectations vs Actual Results

- Accuracy is close to what we expected.
- GPU speedup from CPU was not as large as we expected.
  - ~ 2X speedup instead of 5X
- There are a few possible explanations for why we did not experience the speedup we were anticipating.

## Possible Reasons

- Trained on laptop GPU, not as powerful.
- Potential overhead from transferring data to GPU memory.
- Background applications taking away GPU processing power.
- Thermal limitations leading to performance throttling.

# Final Gradio Application

An audio player interface with a dark theme. At the top left is a tab labeled "Audio" with a close button. Below it is a waveform visualization. The time display shows "0:00" on the left and "0:04" on the right. In the center are playback controls: a volume icon, a "1x" speed selector, and buttons for previous, play/pause, and next. On the far right are buttons for repeat and shuffle. At the bottom center are icons for uploading a file and using the microphone.

Predict Chord

Chord Type

Augmented

Chord Root

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# References

- Slide 4
  - <https://zenodo.org/records/4740877>
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  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S01ilKs190Q>
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## **Pytorch Tutorials Consulted:**

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- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V\\_xro1bcAuA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_xro1bcAuA)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOG-HxpbMSw>



# Resources (Images)

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