Genre Classification with a Neural Network

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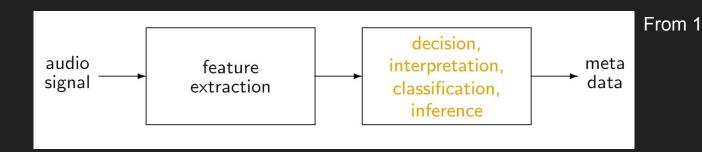
Key Terms

- Music Information Retrieval (MIR)
- Machine Listening
 - Recognition and understanding of music
- Computational Auditory Scene Analysis (CASA)
 - Human perception and cognition

- Timbral
 - Sound Quality
- Tonal
 - Pitch
- Temporal
 - Rhythm and Tempo
- Spectral
 - A color spectrum that is ordered by a characteristic like frequency

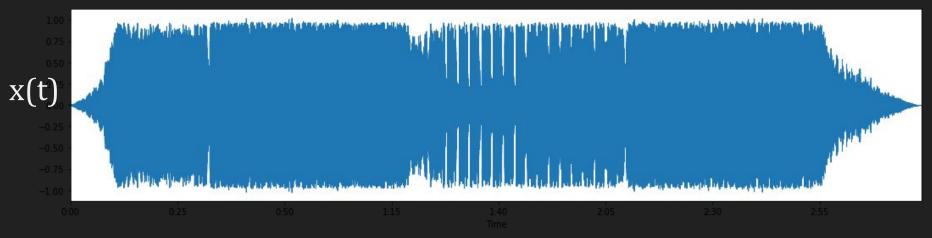
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Fundamentals



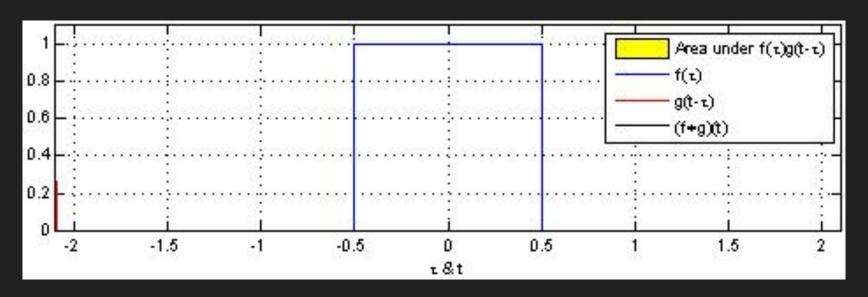
- The schematic of audio analysis.
- Features are completely dependent to the end goal.
- Can be "custom" features that are made for your specific purpose.

Fundamentals: Audio Time Series



Time [s]

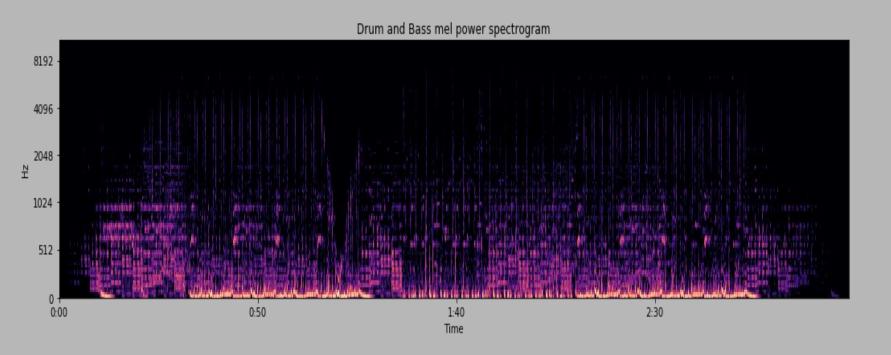
Fundamentals: Convolution



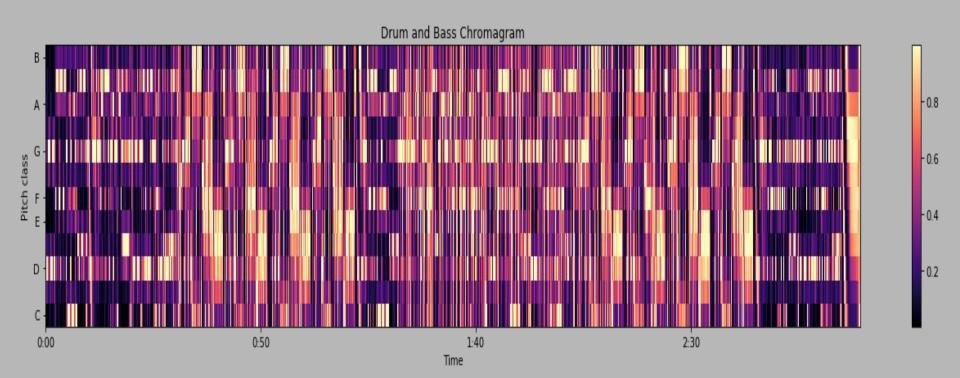
Fundamentals: Mel-frequency Cepstral Coefficients

-20 dB

--30 dB

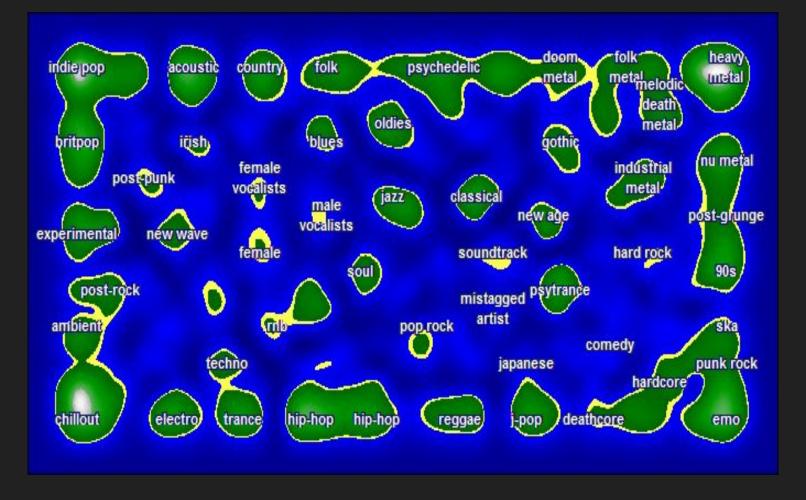


Fundamentals: Pitch Chroma



Classification!

- Machine Learning!
 - k-Nearest Neighbors
 - Gaussian Mixture Models
 - Neural Networks
 - Self-organizing Map
 - k-Means Clustering
- Musical Similarity
- Genre Classification
- Mood
- Audio Fingerprinting

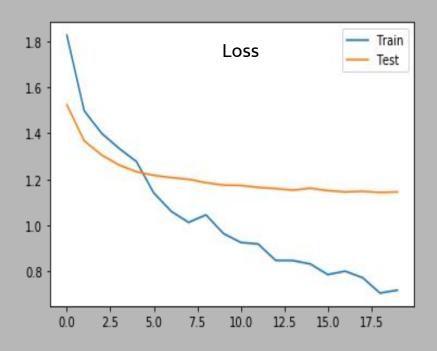




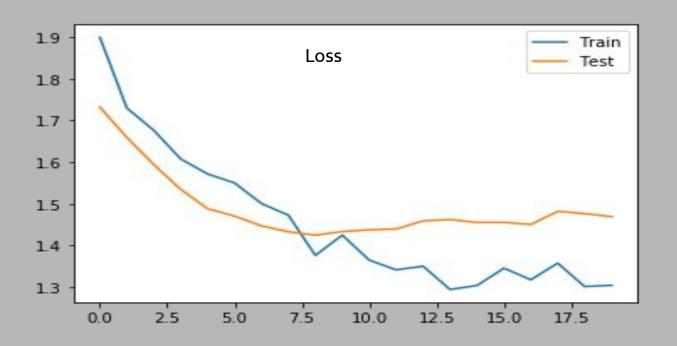
- 1376 final count of songs (~13 GB)
- Trained on 240 songs using only the MFCCs and chromas separately
- Baseline Accuracy ~17%
- Improving accuracy is the goal



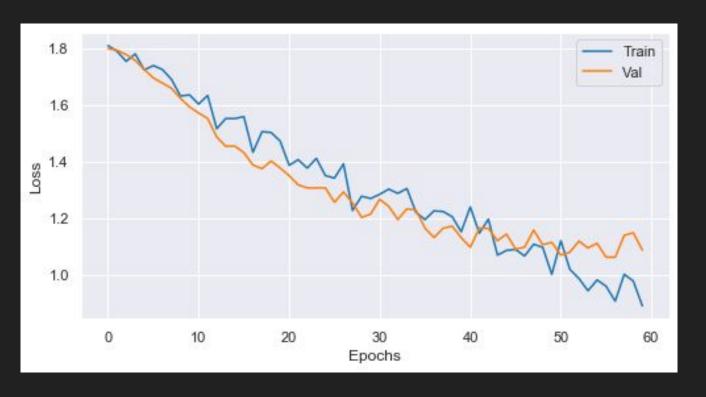
The Data



Pitch Chroma Model

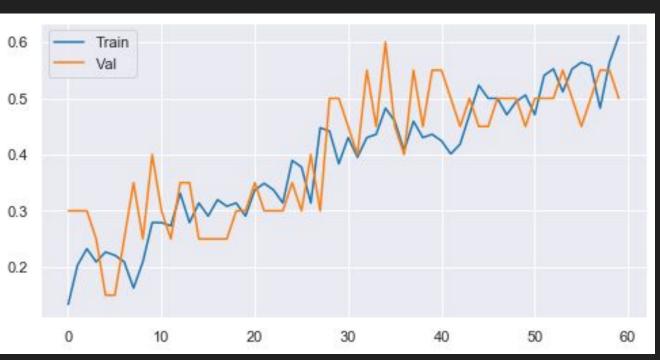


First Model

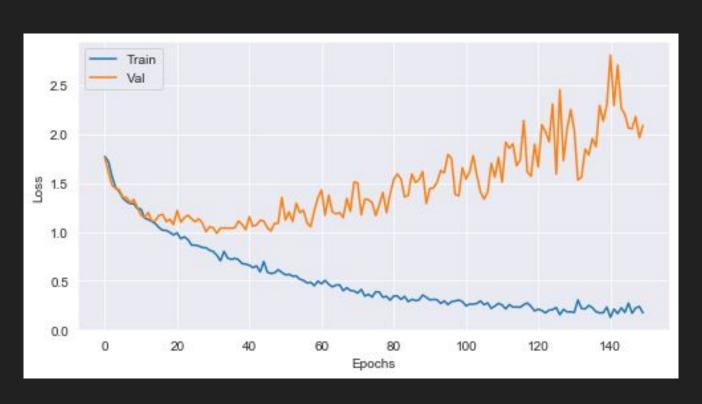


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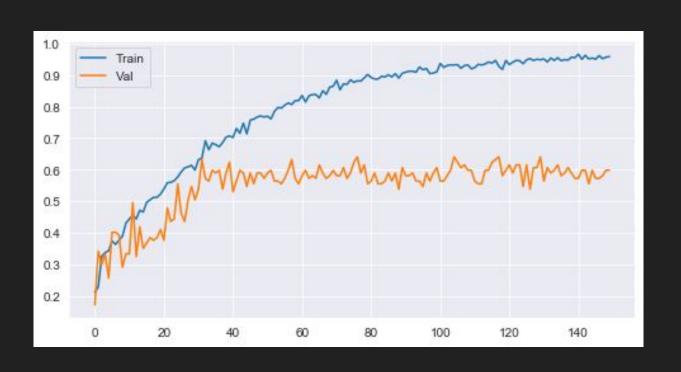
Accuracy



Final Model



Final Model



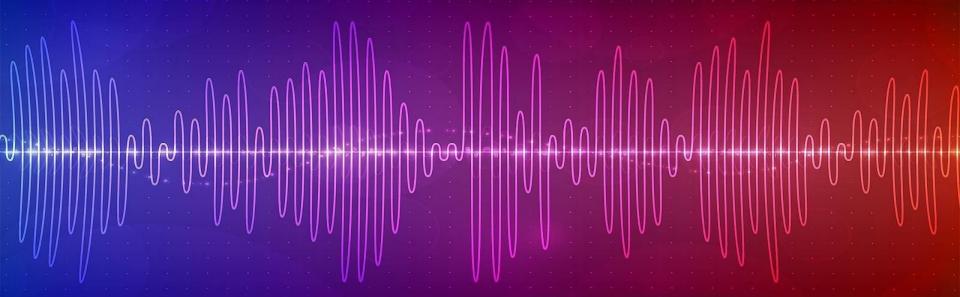
Results and Conclusions

Audio Content Analysis is hard. So are Artificial Neural Networks. My initial goal was to build a classifier that could be further broken down into subgenres and eventually a recommender.

 There are a lot of aspects to consider and multiple approaches, both 1- and 2-D features, are necessary to properly classify genres.

 There was a lot of subject and arbitrary choices that introduced bias.

Thank you!



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