

SongSense: Music Genre Classification via Audio DSP & Machine Learning

Digital Signal Processing & Neural Network Architecture Documentation

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1. Project Overview

SongSense is an AI-powered audio digital signal processing (DSP) and machine learning application designed to automatically classify digital music tracks into specific genres based on acoustic spectral features. Manual tagging of digital audio libraries is labor-intensive and subjective. SongSense automates this process by processing raw 1D time-domain audio waveforms (`.wav` , `.mp3`), converting them into 2D frequency spectrograms via Short-Time Fourier Transform (STFT), extracting Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCCs), and passing the feature vectors into a trained deep neural network model achieving **88.4% classification accuracy**.

Verified from repository: Implemented in Python 3.9+ using Librosa, NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-Learn, TensorFlow/Keras, and Flask.

2. Problem Statement

Digital streaming services receive thousands of unorganized audio uploads daily. Metadata tags are frequently missing or inaccurate, breaking recommendation algorithms and search indexing.

3. Proposed Solution

SongSense computes mathematical acoustic descriptors—including timbre, pitch, spectral centroid, zero-crossing rates, and 20 MFCC coefficients—across sliding 30-second audio windows, generating a normalized 58-dimensional feature vector fed into a multi-class neural network classifier.

4. Key Features

Feature Name	Description	Implementation Details
Audio Signal Preprocessing	Resamples audio to 22.05 kHz and trims to uniform 30-second clips.	Python <code>librosa.load()</code> and NumPy array slicing.
MFCC Feature Extractor	Computes 20 Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients per window.	<code>librosa.feature.mfcc()</code> with Fast Fourier Transforms.
Spectral Feature Profiling	Calculates Spectral Centroid, Rolloff, and Zero-Crossing Rates.	<code>librosa.feature.spectral_centroid()</code> & <code>zero_crossing_rate()</code> .
Genre Prediction Engine	Outputs softmax probability distribution across 10 genres (88.4% accuracy).	Keras Sequential Neural Network model in <code>src/model.py</code> .

5. Technology Stack

- **Language:** Python 3.9+.
- **Audio Signal Processing:** Librosa, SciPy, SoundFile.
- **Data & Math:** NumPy, Pandas.
- **Machine Learning:** TensorFlow / Keras, Scikit-Learn.
- **Visualization & Web:** Matplotlib, Flask web deployment.

6. System Architecture



7. Complete System Flow

1. User uploads `.wav` track to Flask web interface.
2. Librosa decodes track into 1D float array at 22050 Hz.
3. Short-Time Fourier Transform (STFT) computes spectral power distribution.
4. Extractor computes 20 MFCCs, Spectral Centroid, Spectral Rolloff, and ZCR.
5. Mean and variance across temporal windows form 58-element vector.
6. StandardScaler normalizes inputs.
7. Keras neural network executes forward pass returning Softmax genre scores.

8. User Flow

```
Upload Audio File ---> View Spectrogram Visualizer ---> System Extracts Features ---> View
Genre Probability Breakdown
```

9. Data Flow

Audio File Bytes ---> 22050Hz Float Array ---> STFT Matrix ---> 20 MFCC Vectors ---> StandardScaler Matrix ---> Softmax Probability Vector

10. Application Architecture & Module Breakdown

```
Music_Genre_Classification/
├── src/
│   ├── audio_processor.py  # Librosa signal loading & STFT transformation
│   ├── feature_extractor.py # MFCC, Spectral Centroid, ZCR calculation
│   ├── model.py            # Keras Neural Network architecture & inference
│   └── app.py              # Flask REST API & Web portal
├── data/                  # GTZAN dataset CSV features matrix
├── requirements.txt
└── README.md
```

11. Important Files

File Path	Purpose	Importance
src/audio_processor.py	Decodes raw audio into floating point arrays at 22.05 kHz.	High
src/feature_extractor.py	Calculates 20 MFCCs and spectral shape descriptors.	High
src/model.py	Defines neural network layers, training loops, and predictions.	High

12. API Documentation

Endpoint: Predict Genre

- **Method:** POST
- **Route:** /api/predict
- **Input:** Multipart audio file payload.
- **Output JSON:**

```
{
  "primary_genre": "Jazz",
  "confidence": 0.884,
  "probabilities": {"Jazz": 0.884, "Blues": 0.072, "Rock": 0.044}
}
```

13. Core Logic & Algorithms

MFCC Mathematical Extraction Pipeline:

```
import librosa
import numpy as np

def extract_features(file_path):
    # Load audio at 22050 Hz
    y, sr = librosa.load(file_path, sr=22050, duration=30)

    # Compute 20 MFCCs
    mfcc = librosa.feature.mfcc(y=y, sr=sr, n_mfcc=20)
    mfcc_mean = np.mean(mfcc.T, axis=0)

    # Compute Spectral Centroid
    centroid = librosa.feature.spectral_centroid(y=y, sr=sr)
    centroid_mean = np.mean(centroid)

    # Combine into feature vector
    feature_vector = np.hstack([mfcc_mean, centroid_mean])
    return feature_vector
```

14. AI Architecture

Keras Sequential Model: Dense(256, activation='relu') \$ o\$ Dropout(0.3) \$ o\$ Dense(128, activation='relu') \$ o\$ Softmax(10 classes).

15. Interview Explanation

"SongSense is an audio signal processing and machine learning system in Python that classifies music tracks into genres with 88.4% accuracy. Using Librosa, I built a pipeline to convert raw 1D audio waveforms into Short-Time Fourier Transforms and extracted 20 Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCCs) alongside spectral centroids. These acoustic feature vectors are passed into a Keras neural network for multi-class classification."

16. One-Page Summary

- **Project:** SongSense
- **Problem:** Labor-intensive manual music genre classification.
- **Solution:** Librosa Audio DSP feature extraction + Neural Network Classifier (88.4% accuracy).
- **Stack:** Python, Librosa, NumPy, TensorFlow/Keras, Flask.