

Let's learn to play the Ukulele



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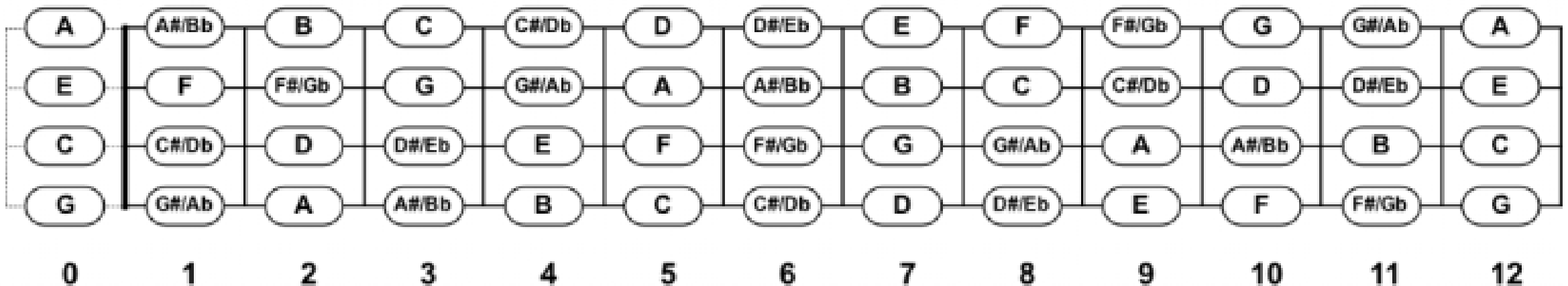
Tuning

- G C E A

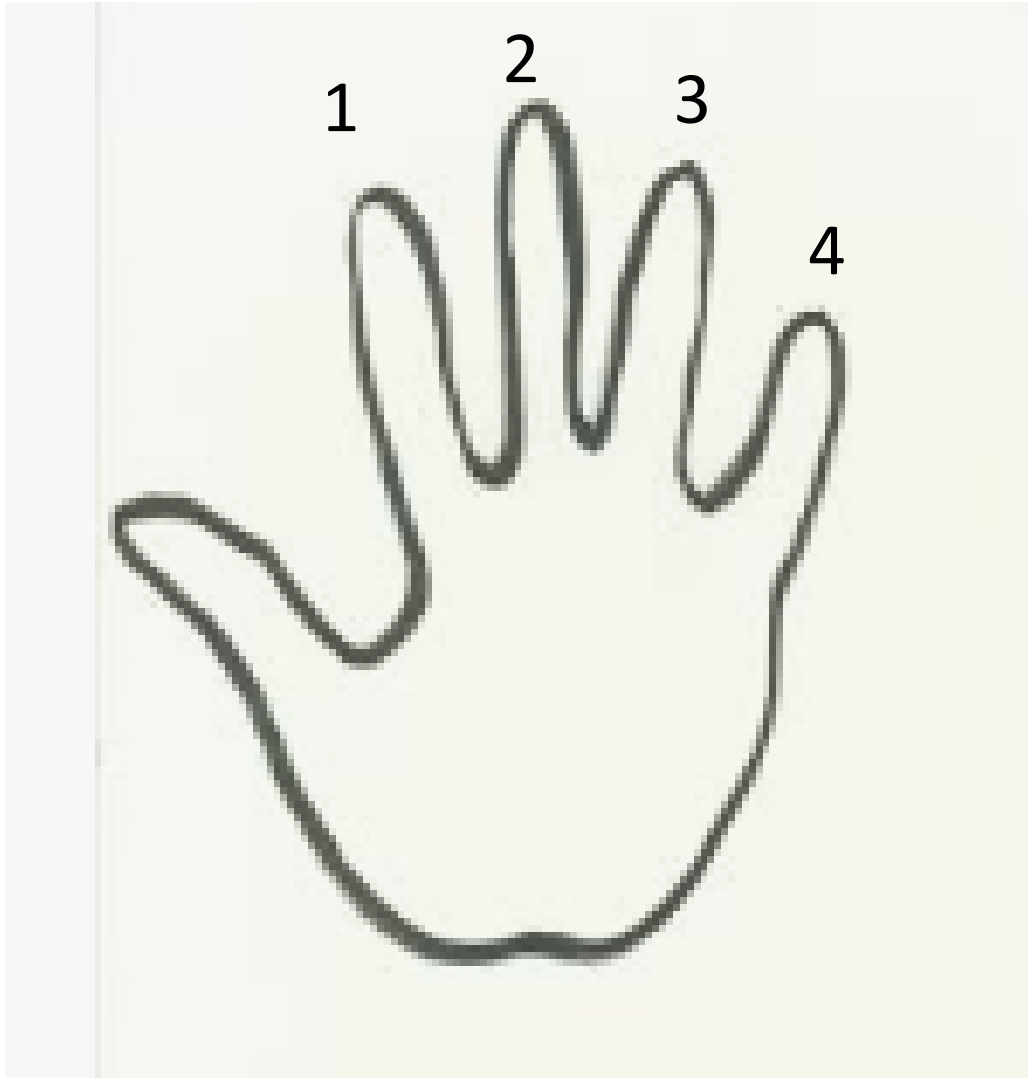
- Goats Can Eat Ananything

- Tune with an electronic tuner or an iphone, ipad App

- Guitartuna is a good App, select Ukulele soprano in C



Numbering your fingers



- Shows which finger to use for each chord
- Important to start correctly:
 - so that it's easier to get the more difficult chords

Frets



1st Fret

2nd Fret

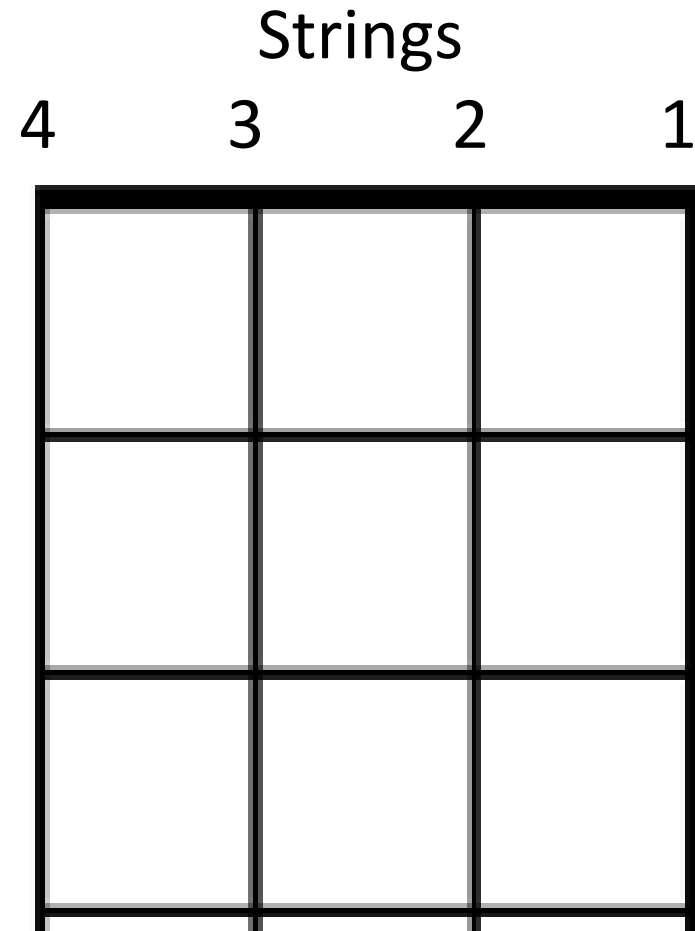
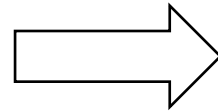
3rd Fret

How chords are shown

- A group of notes that harmonise when played together

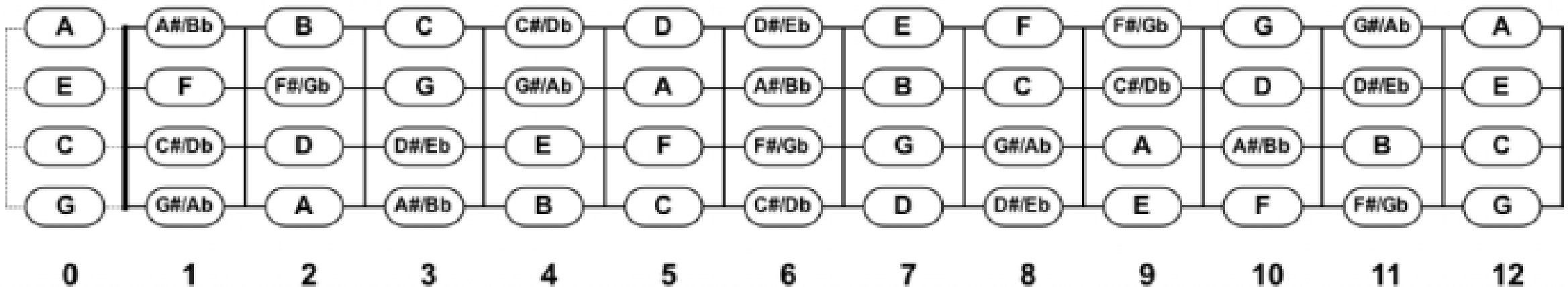
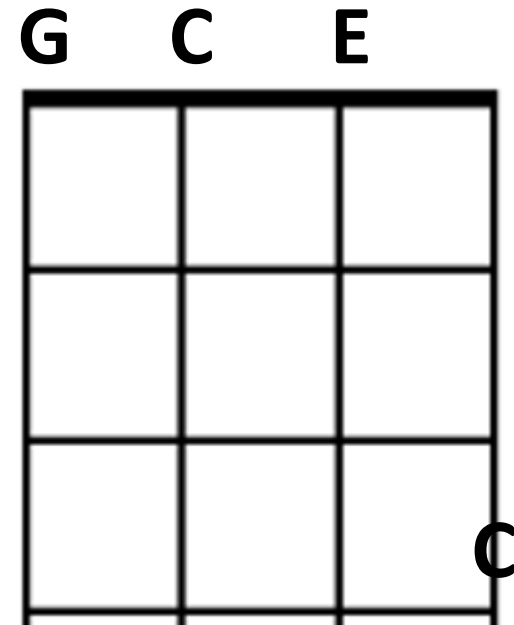


the first 3 frets

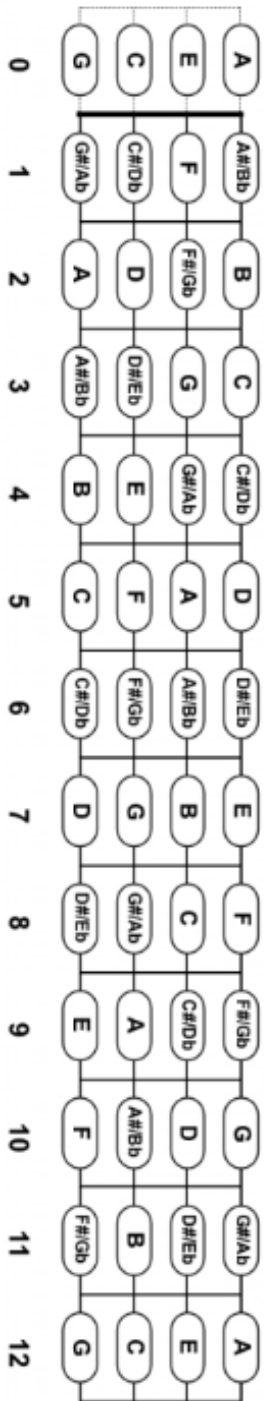


Chords

- A group of notes that harmonise when played together
- **Most** chords on the first 3 frets
- Formal basis for chord construction
 - CM 1st 3rd and 5th of C scale
 - C D E F G A B C
 - Dm 2nd, 4th and 5th of C scale
 - C D E F G A B



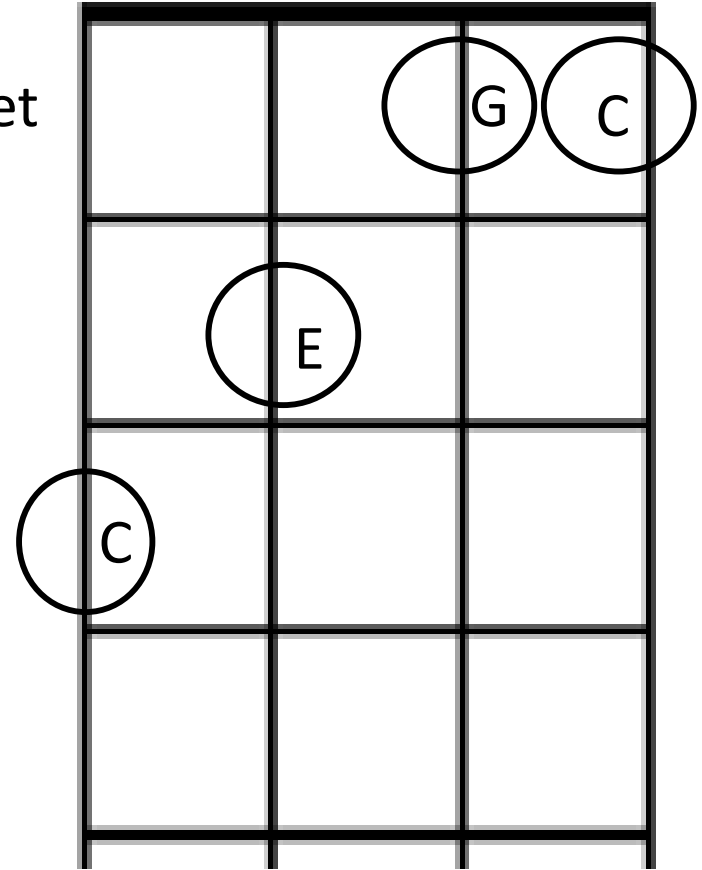
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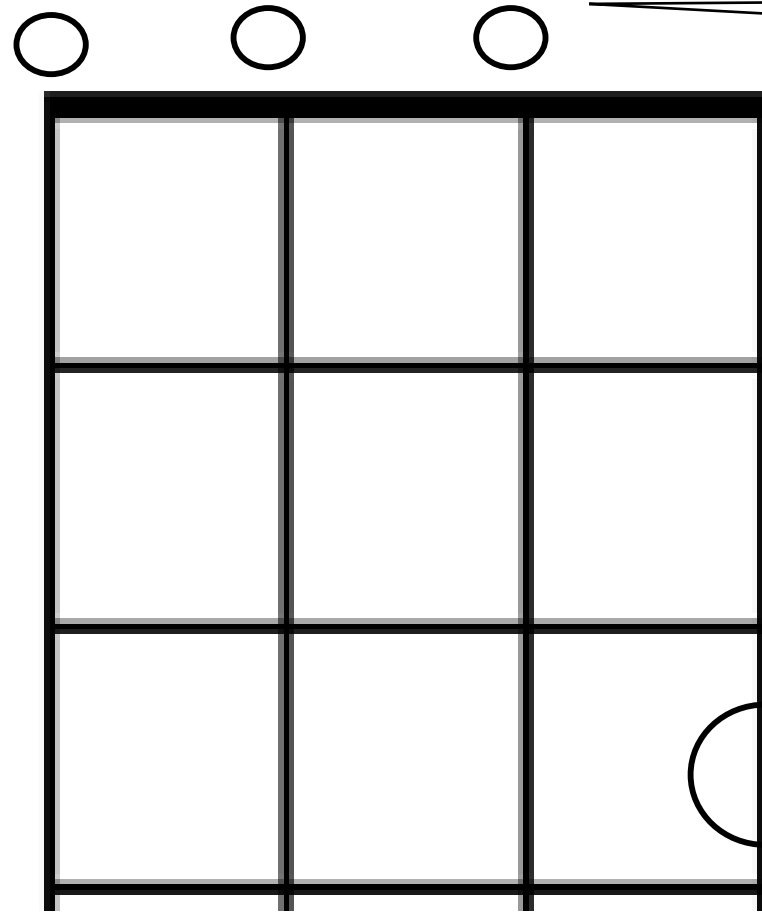
G C E A

Bb on 1st fret

3rd fret



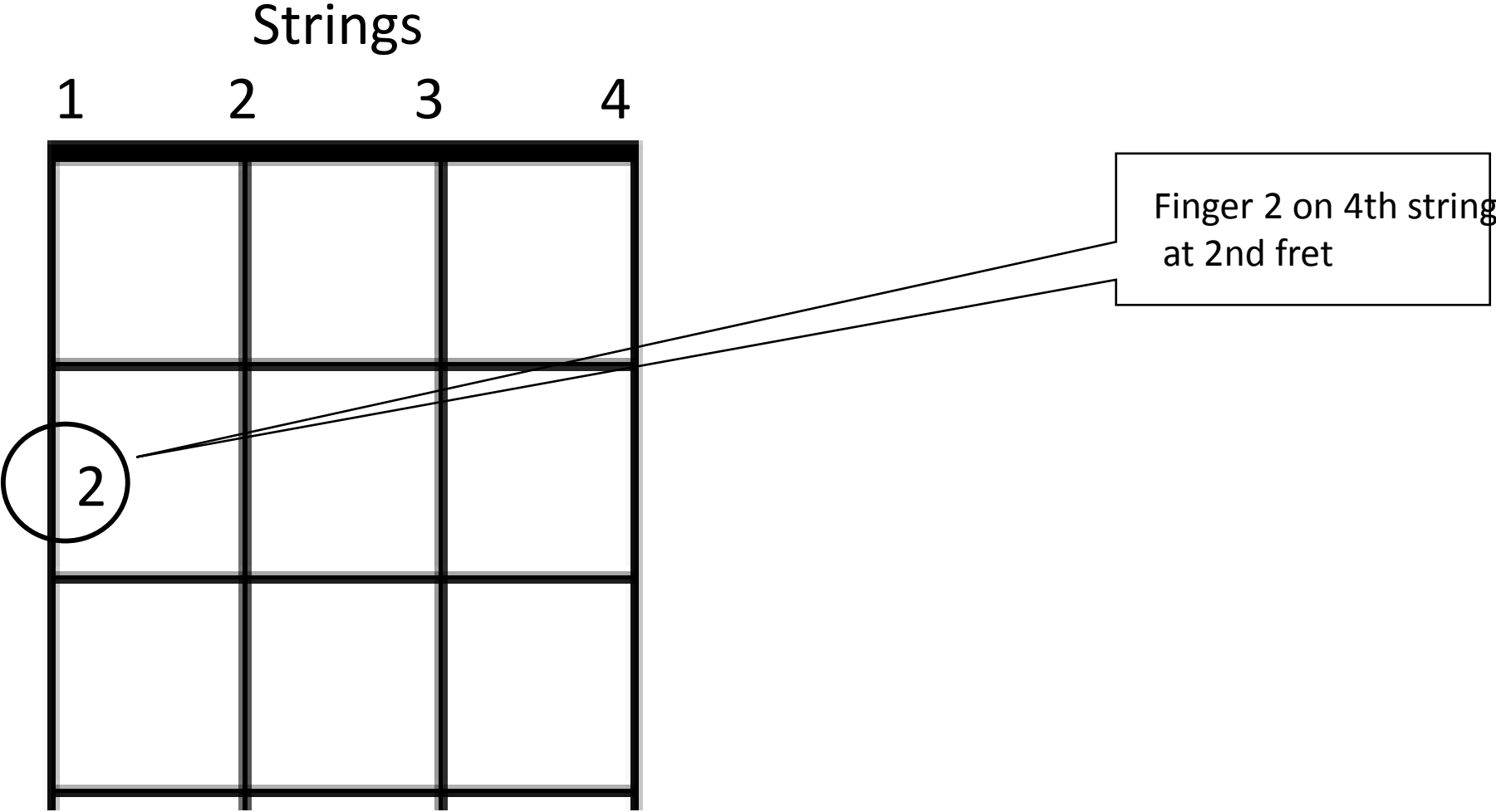
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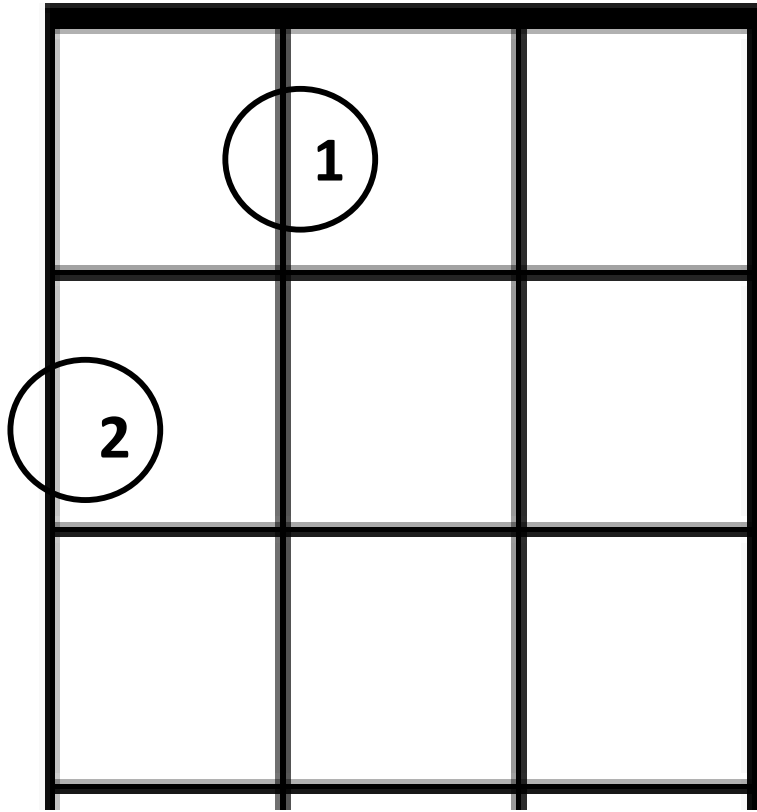
No finger here,
(leave string open)

Finger 3 on 1st string
at 3rd fret

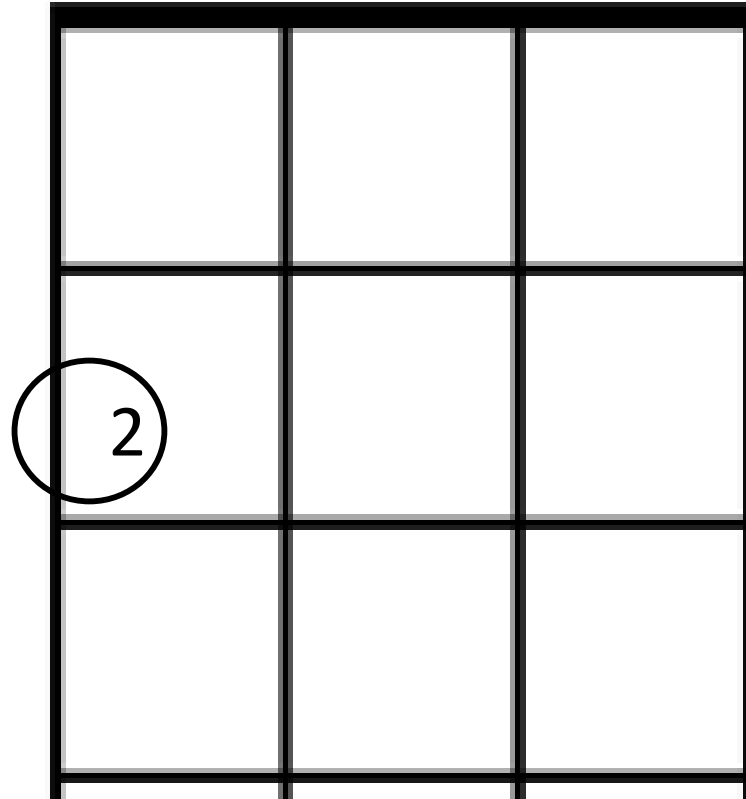
The “A minor” Chord, shown as Am



A (A major)



Am (A minor)



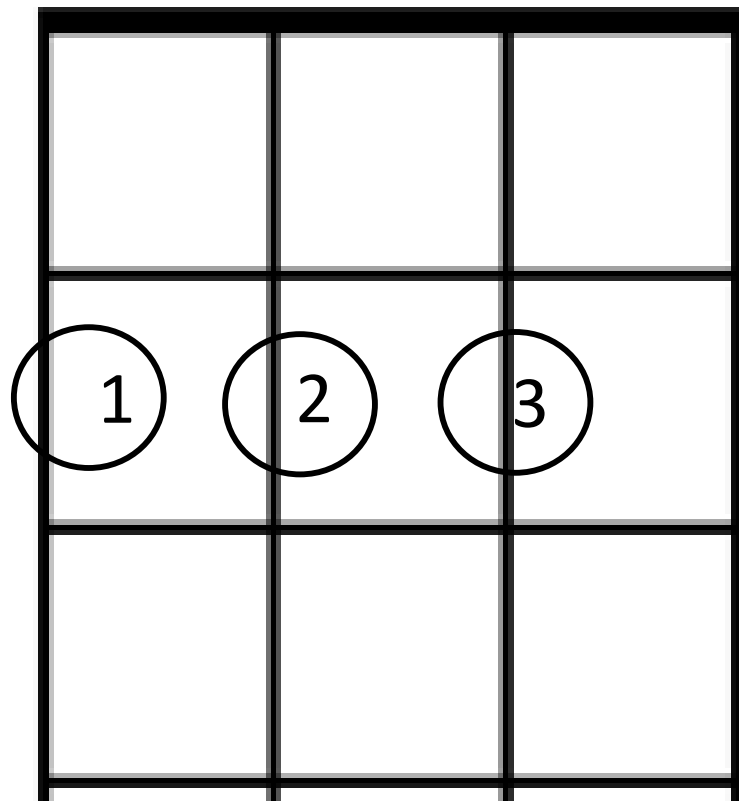
C (C major)

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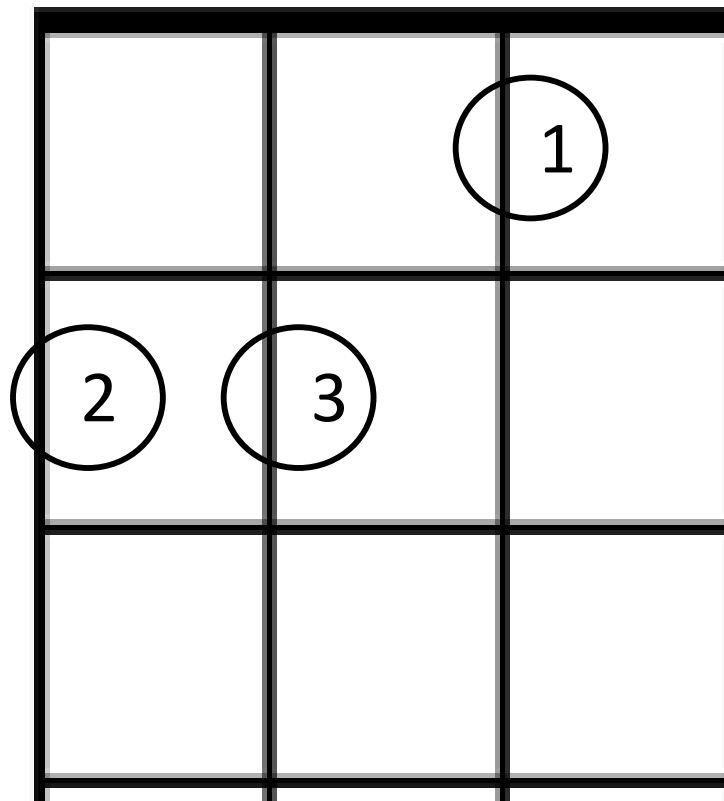
C7

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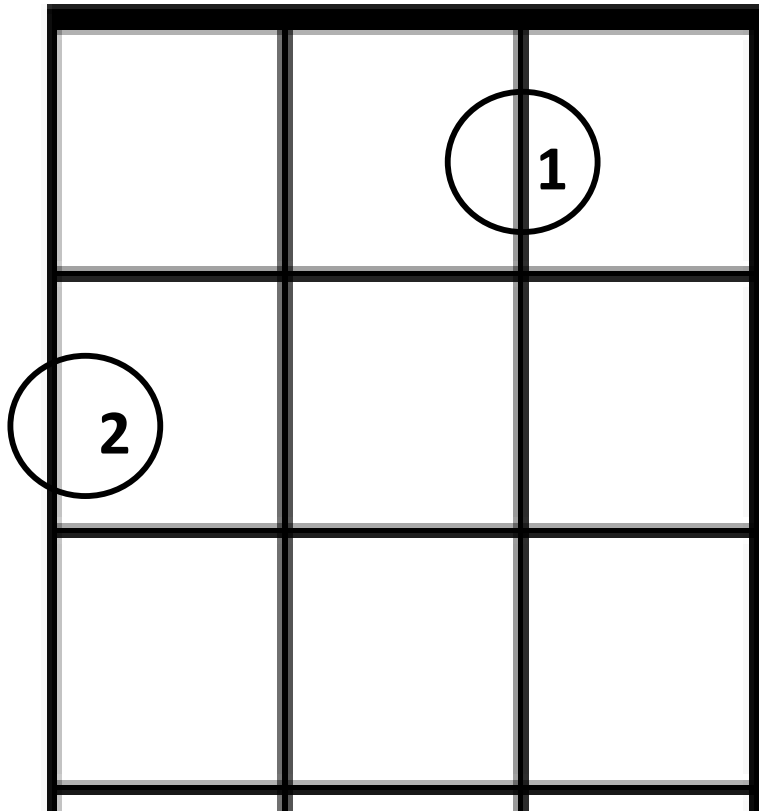
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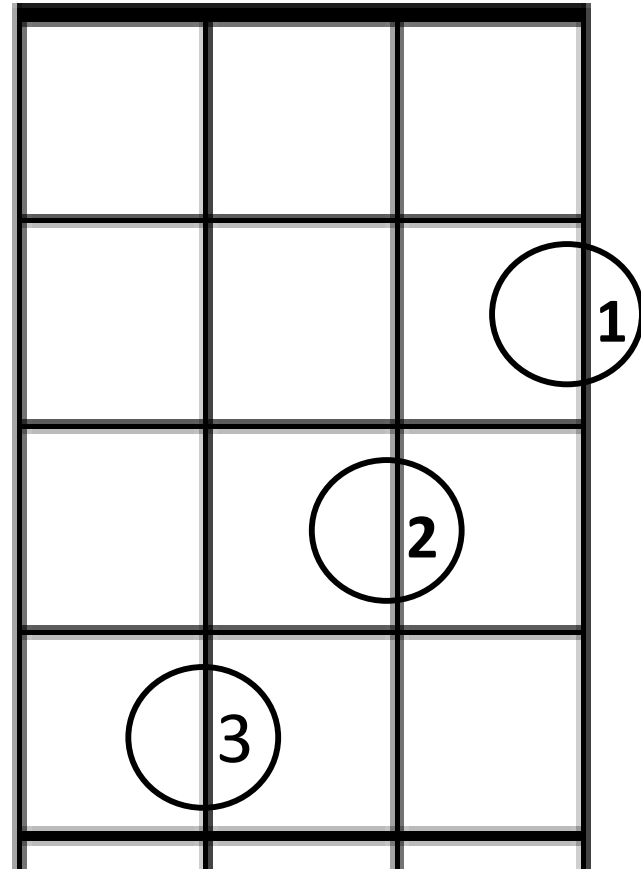
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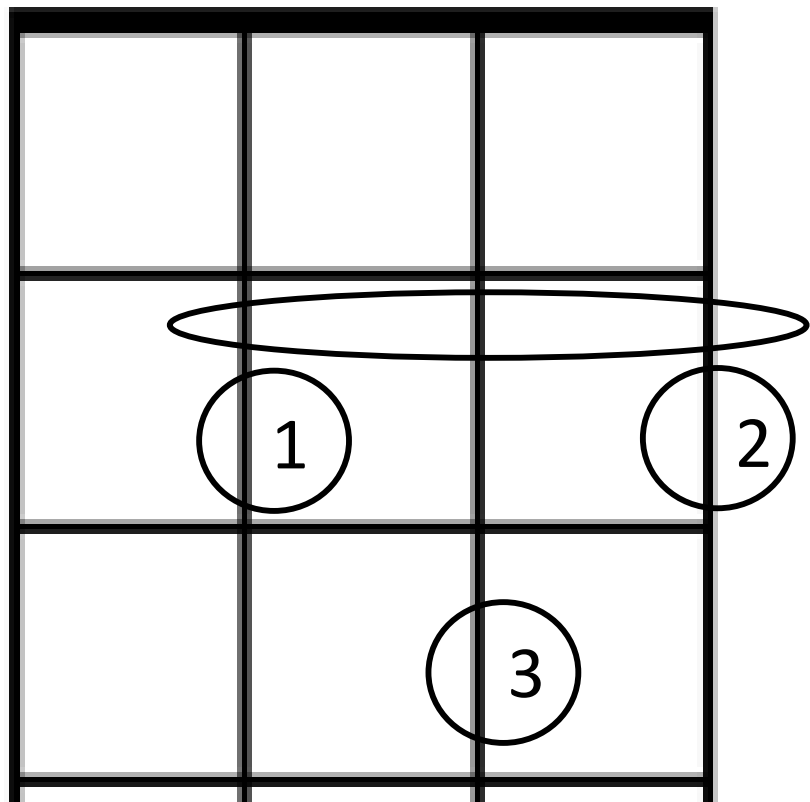
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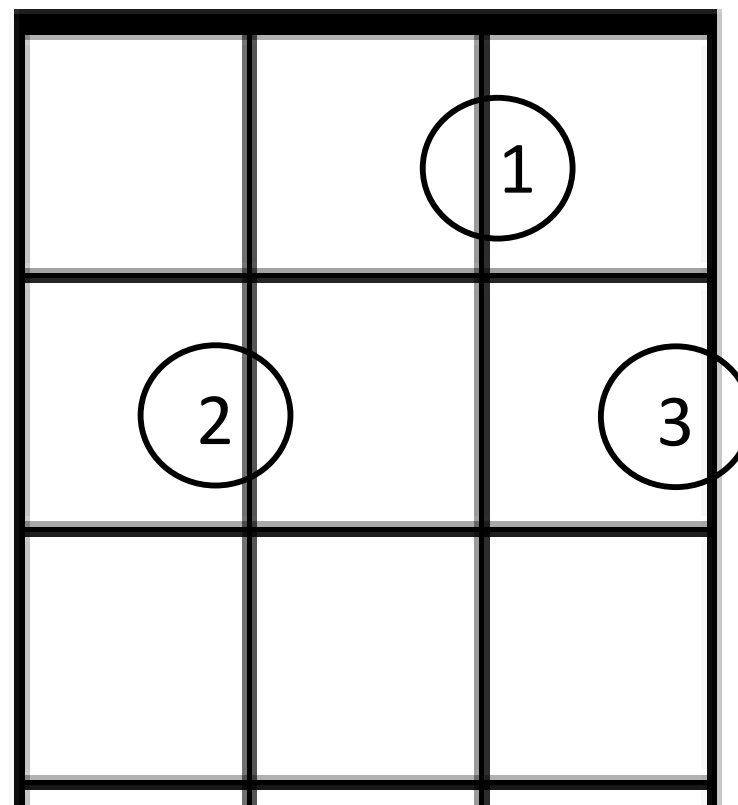
Em (E minor)



G (G major)



G7



D7

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A7

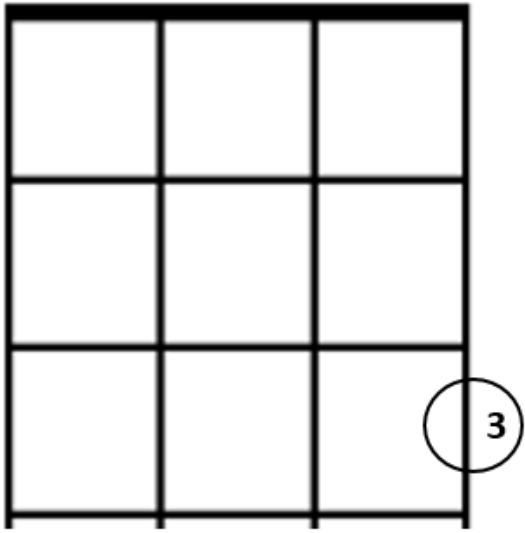
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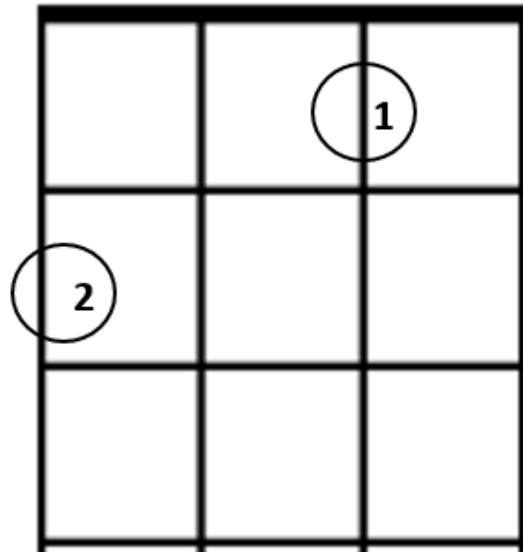
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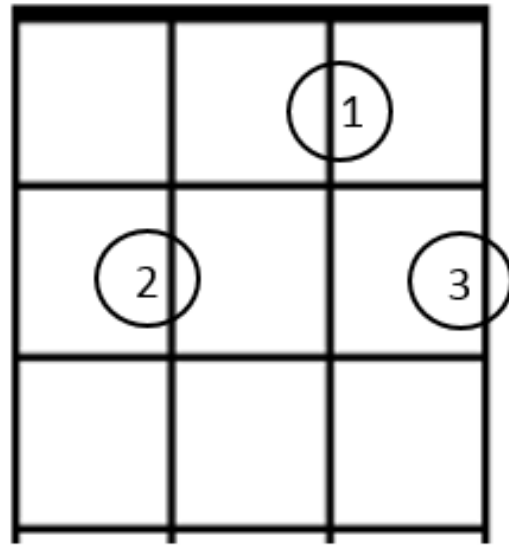
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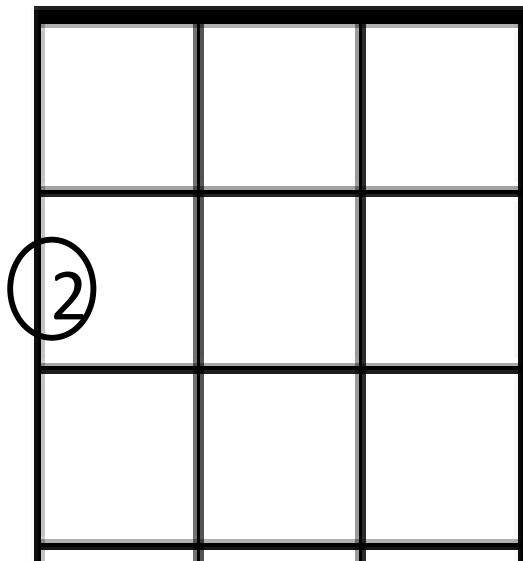
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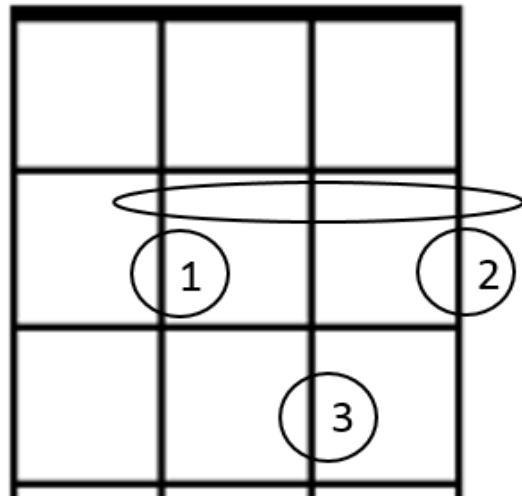
G7



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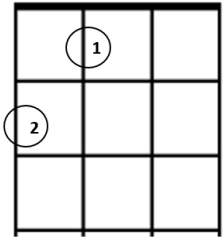


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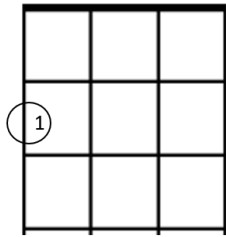


Selective Chords summary

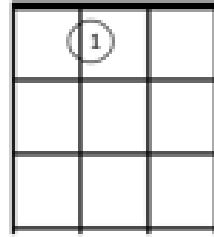
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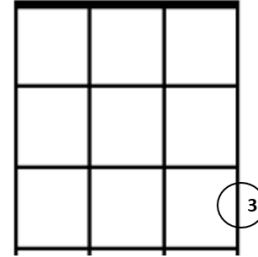
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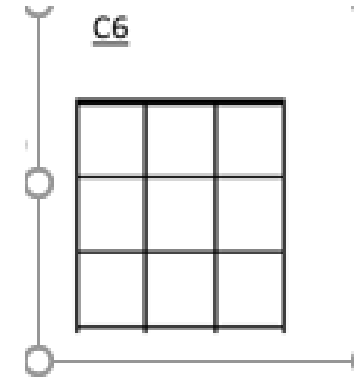
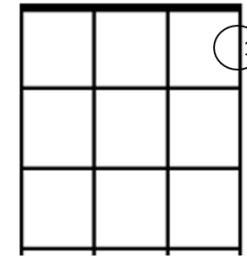
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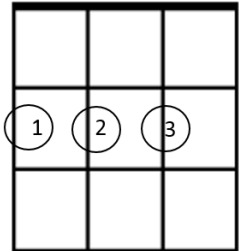
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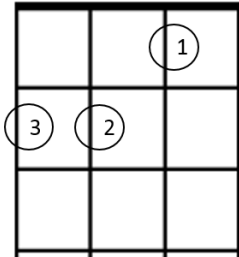
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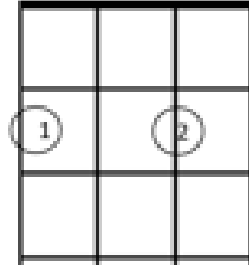
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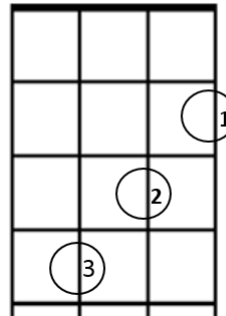
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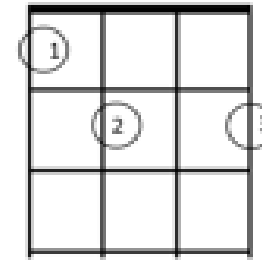
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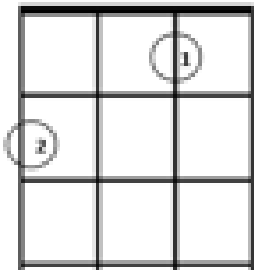
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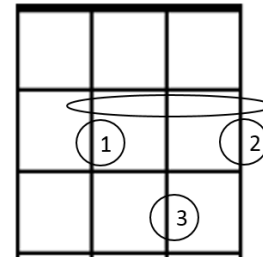
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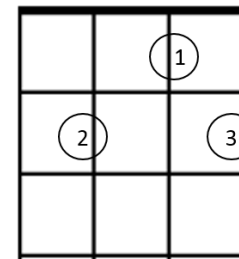
F (F major)



G (G major)



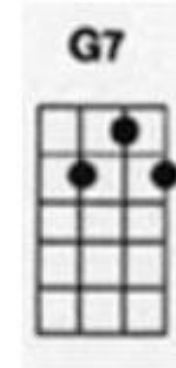
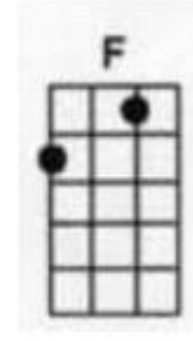
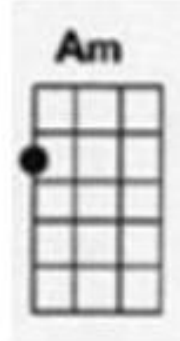
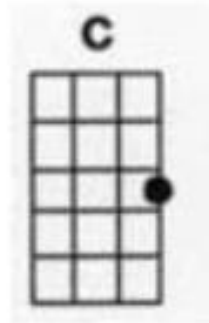
G7



A example Ukulele club song sheet

Octopus's Garden by Ringo Star

(C)I'd like to be (Am)under the sea
In (F)an octopus' garden in the (G7)shade
(C)He'd let us in, (Am)knows where we've been
In (F)his octopus' garden in the (G7)shade.



(Am)I'd ask my friends to come and see
(F)An octopus' (G7)garden with me
(C)I'd like to be (Am)under the sea
In (F)an octopus' (G7)garden in the (C)shade.

A example Ukulele club song sheet

Sloop John B

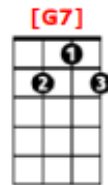
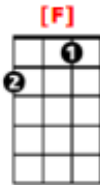
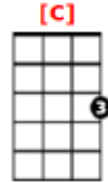
We [C] come on the sloop John B
My grandfather and me
Around Nassau town, we did [G7] roam
Drinking all [C] night, got into a [F] fight
Well, I [C] feel so broke up, [G7] I wanna go [C] home

Chorus [C] So hoist up the John B's sail, see how the mainsail sets
Call for the Captain ashore and let me go [G7] home,
I wanna go [C] home, I wanna go [F] home, yeah yeah
Well, I [C] feel so broke up, [G7] I wanna go [C] home

The [C] first mate he got drunk
And broke in the Captain's trunk
The constable had to come and take him a[G7]way
Oh, Sheriff John [C] Stone, Why don't you leave me a[F]lone, yeah yeah
Well, I [C] feel so broke up, [G7] I wanna go [C] home

Chorus [C] So hoist up the John B's sail, see how the mainsail sets
Call for the Captain ashore and let me go [G7] home,
I wanna go [C] home, I wanna go [F] home, yeah yeah
Well, I [C] feel so broke up, [G7] I wanna go [C] home

The poor [C] cook he caught the fits, threw away all my grits
And then he took and he ate up all of my [G7] corn
Let me go [C], Why don't they let me go [F] home?
This [C] is the worst trip [G7] I've ever been [C] on



Strumming patterns

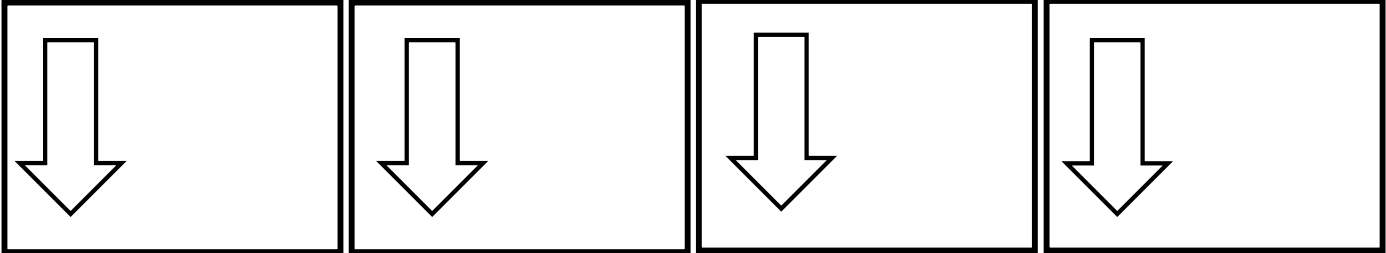
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2

3

4

1



1

and

2

and

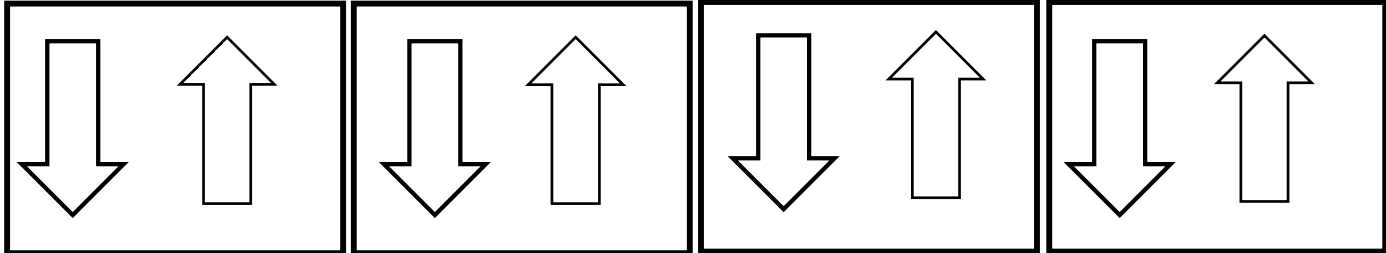
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and

4

and

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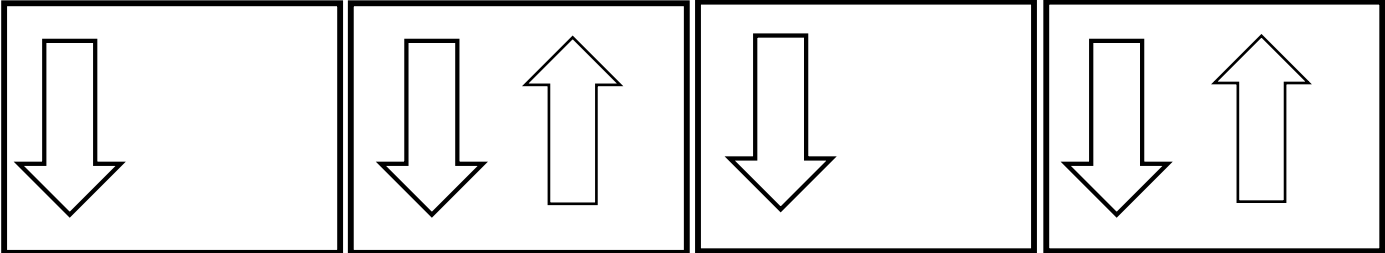


Steady beat

Strumming patterns

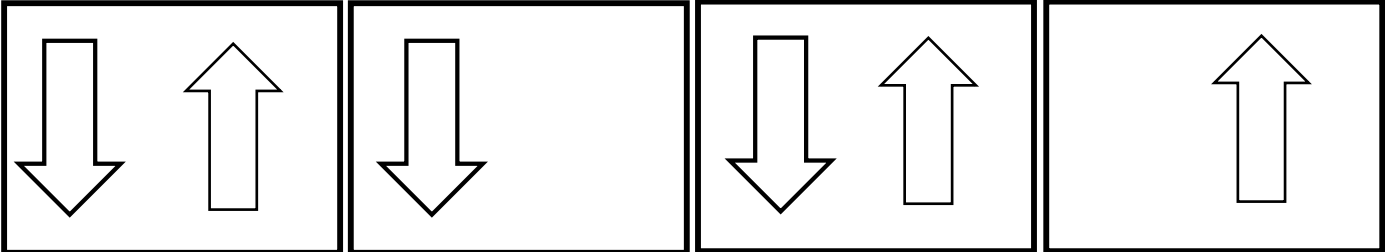
1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and

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1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and

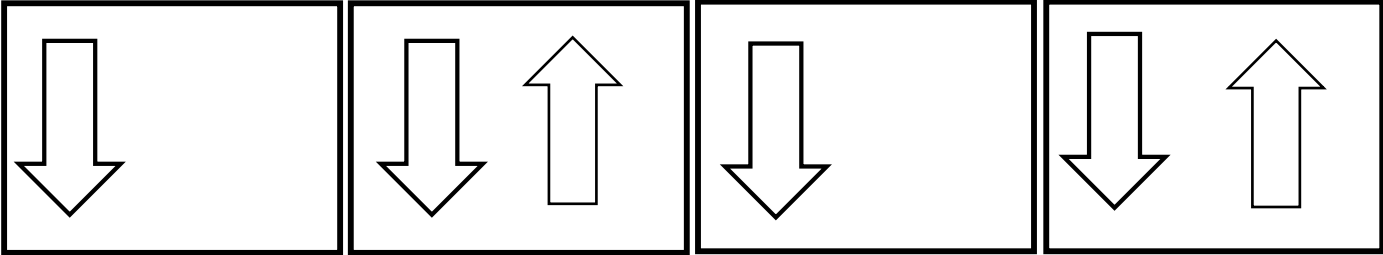
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Strumming patterns

1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and

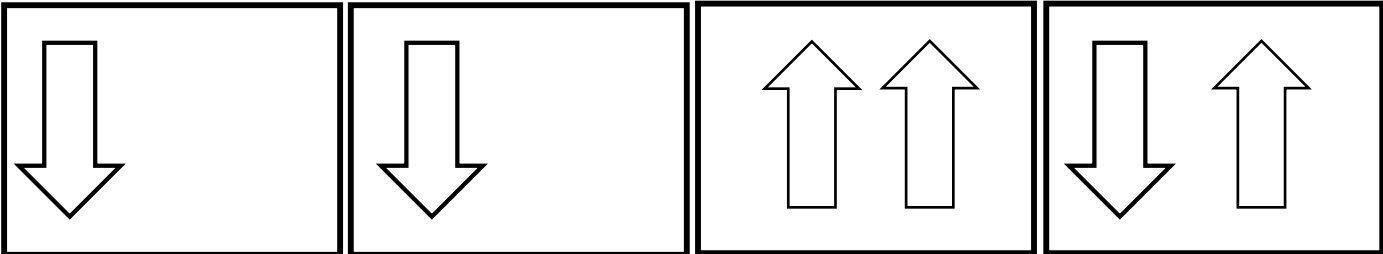
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Calypso

1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and

6



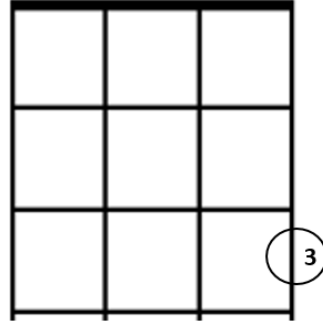
Exercises

- Repeat each line , keeping an even 1,2,3,4 beat
- Move to the next line when you can move between the different chords without too much delay
 - This is not easy and will take lots of practice
- It will sound better if the Ukulele is in tune, but the exercise will still work if the Ukulele is out of tune
- Tuning:
 - GuitarTuna is a free ipad app that will help tuning
 - Select Soprano in C
 - Best use the manual setting , and tune 1 string at a time

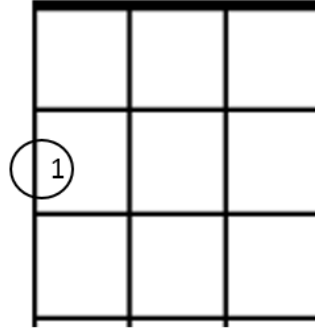
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C. Am, F and G7 chords

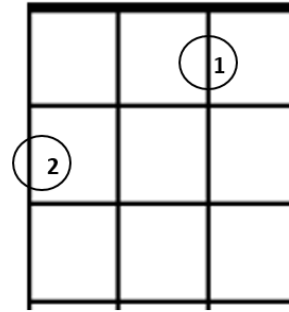
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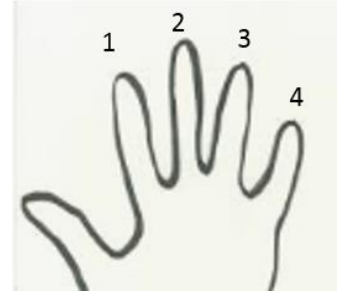
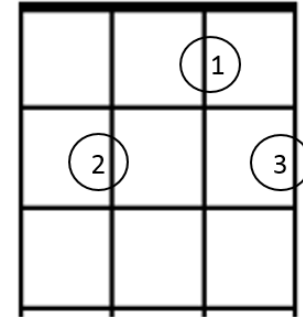
Am (A minor)



F (F major)



G7

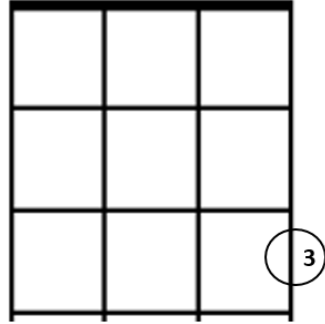


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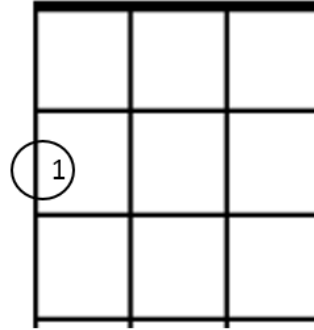
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C. Am, F and G chords

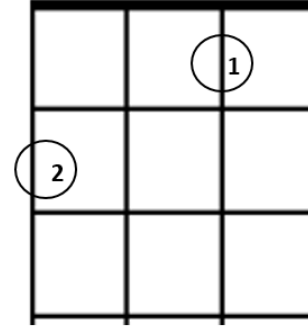
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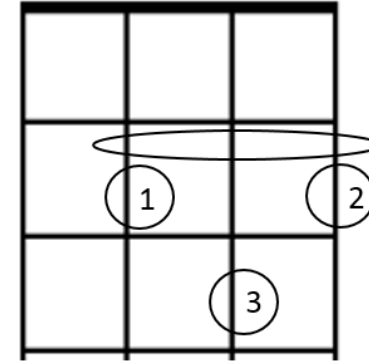
Am (A minor)



F (F major)



G (G major)



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