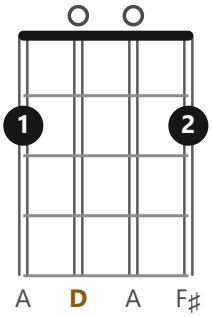
D major chords · mandolin

Scale D E F♯ G A B C♯ · **Drones** Open D and A ring in D major; G and E fit the key too.

G D A E, low course to high · the numbers are fingers (1 index … 4 little) · brass marks the root · x: don't play · o: open

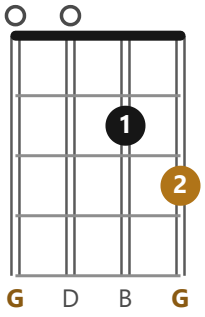
MAIN CHORDS

I D



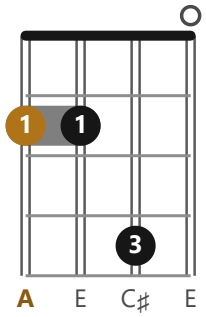
2 0 0 2

IV G



0 0 2 3

V A



2 2 4 0

COMMON PROGRESSIONS

I – IV – I – V

D – G – D – A

(a plain backing for many reels and jigs)

I – vi – IV – V

D – Bm – G – A

(a B part that wanders, or a song)

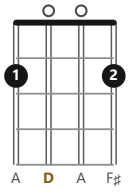
I – V – I

D – A – D

(polkas and simple tunes)

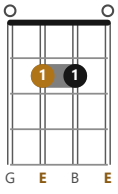
THE SEVEN CHORDS IN D MAJOR

I D



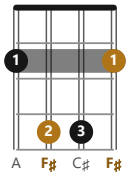
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ii Em



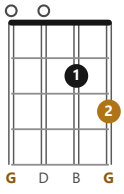
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iii F♯m



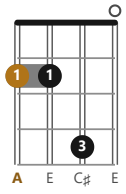
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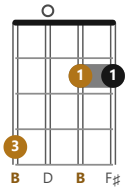
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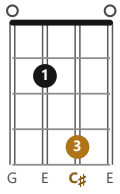
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vi Bm



4 0 2 2

vii° C♯dim

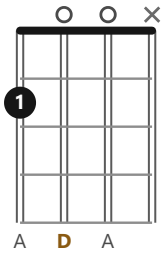


0 2 4 0

WITHOUT THE 3RD

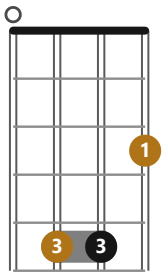
5 and sus chords leave the 3rd out, so they don't commit the tune to major or minor.

D5



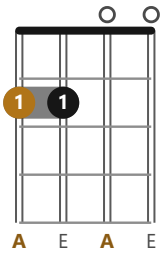
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G5



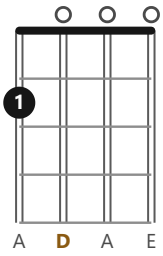
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A5



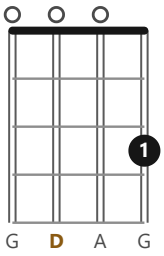
2 2 0 0

Dsus2



2 0 0 0

Dsus4



0 0 0 3