# Data Mining Project: Recommendation system

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# Song Recommendation System



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### Music Recommended System

Introduction:

As with most Music Recommendation Platforms

- User will type an input song and its respective artists
- A playlist of Songs close to the user preference will be produced

First Limitation:

The unique music taste of people.

# Unique Music Taste: Playlist instead of a single song

Since every individual person has a unique music taste, proposing a single song is very tricky. A common problem:

- Fil and Chara like a particular song
- Model proposes a song "close" to their preference
- Fil likes the song, Chara does not.

As a result, model will propose a playlist of 20songs:

- 1. User can choose which one he likes, or listen the whole playlist
- "Force" the user to pick more and more songs out of the proposed playlists, so more data about his preferences can be gathered.

### Model Approach: Hybrid

An approach that would combine the advantages of both content based and collaborative filtering:

- "Hide" limitations of both approaches -> popularity + counting music similarity based on metadata
- 2. Propose songs based on both similar metadata, such as music attributes and music genres, in addition to songs that got streamed a lot, by people with similar music taste.

Eventually, the results from the two approaches will be combined and the "closest" songs will be proposed.

### **Datasets Used: Content Based**

Artists Dataset.

- 10.000 unique Artists
- 4 tags for every Artist

Similarity between Artists is counted

based on their tags.

Dataset was scrapped from LastFm

Rap,Rnb,HipHop	Kanye West	0
Indie,Electronica,Pop	Billie Eilish	1
Rap, Trap, CloudRap, HipHop	Post Malone	2
Pop,Rnb,FemaleVocalists	Ariana Grande	3
Alternative, Rock, Pop, Uk	Coldplay	4
77	772	
lassical,Instrumental,Contemporary	Kronos Quartet	13995
assical,Contemporary,Minimal,Piano	Wim Mertens	13996
60S,Rock,Psychedelic,Garage	The Seeds	13997
Indie,Rock,Emo,PostRock	The Appleseed Cast	13998
Underground, Rap, HipHop	Brand Nubian	13999

#### **Artists Dataset:**

When the Dataset was scrapped it contained over 2100 unique tags.

print(len(vect.get feature names()),'\n')

#### Problems:

- 1. Sparsity
- 2. Insignificant tags
- 3. Few similar tags within artists

#### Results:

Bad and slow recommendations.

```
print(vect.get feature names() )
2107
 ['00S', '070', '112', '1970SSoul', '19ThCentury', '2010S', '2019', '20ThCenturyClassical', '24Kgoldn', '2Ne1', '2Step',
S', '40S', '4Ad', '50S', '5Stars', '60', '60S', '60SGirls', '60SPsychedelic', '70S', '80', '80S', '8Bit', '90S', '98Degr
 'ABoogieWitDaHoodie', 'ACapella', 'ACappella', 'ACappellaMetal', 'AHa', 'Aanheid', 'Absofacto', 'Abstract', 'AbstractHip
 'Acapella', 'Accoustic', 'Ace', 'Acid', 'AcidHouse', 'AcidJazz', 'Acousic', 'Acousmatic', 'Acoustic', 'AcousticPop', 'Ac
cPunk', 'AcousticRock', 'AcrossTheUniverse', 'Actor', 'Actors', 'Actress', 'AdamLevine', 'AdultContemporary', 'Africa',
cainFrancais', 'African', 'Afrikaans', 'AfroDisco', 'AfroHouse', 'AfroTrap', 'Afrobeat', 'Afrobeats', 'Afroswing', 'Afte
l', 'Aggressive', 'Aggrotech', 'Aiesec', 'Alabama', 'AlanJackson', 'Alberta', 'Algerian', 'Algorithm', 'Alkopoligamia',
 l', 'AllThingsAnnoyingInTheWorldPutTogetherIntoOneStupidBitch', 'AltCountry', 'Alternative', 'AlternativeCountry', 'Alte
 veDance', 'AlternativeHipHop', 'AlternativeIndie', 'AlternativeMetal', 'AlternativePop', 'AlternativeRap', 'AlternativeR
 'AlternativeRock', 'Alternativo', 'Amazing', 'Ambidjent', 'Ambient', 'AmbientBlackMetal', 'AmbientPop', 'AmbientTechno',
rica', 'American', 'AmericanIdol', 'Americana', 'Amsterdam', 'AnaGabriel', 'AnadoluRock', 'AnarchistBlackMetal', 'Anarch
k', 'AnatolianRock', 'AndesStep', 'AndreRieu', 'AndreaBocelli', 'AngeschwolleneEier', 'Anime', 'Anjunabeats', 'Anjunadee
 'AntennaMusic', 'AnthonyGreen', 'AntiFolk', 'Antifa', 'AntiguaAndBarbuda', 'Aor', 'ApocalypticFolk', 'Arabic', 'Aracy',
ngel', 'Argentina', 'Argentinian', 'ArianaGrande', 'Arijit', 'Arizona', 'Arkansas', 'Armenian', 'Arrocha', 'ArtPop', 'Ar
k', 'ArtRap', 'ArtRock', 'AsfaltRecords', 'AshleyTisdale', 'Asian', 'AternativeRock', 'Atlanta', 'Atmospheric', 'Atmosph
lackMetal', 'AtmosphericDeathMetal', 'AussieHipHop', 'Austin', 'AustinMahone', 'Australia', 'Australian', 'Austrian', 'A
pop', 'Autotune', 'AvantFolk', 'AvantGarde', 'AvantGardeBlackMetal', 'AvantGardeJazz', 'AvantGardeMetal', 'AvantProg', '
  ' 'Δγρ' 'Δνο' 'ΔνοΔηdΤρο' 'Δγργλαίαρι' 'RACS' 'R3St' 'Rachata' 'Rackground' 'RackstreptRovs' 'Rahia' 'Raile
```

First Approach: Noise Removal.

Over 1370 tags appeared less than 4 times.

In a dataset of 10.000 observations it would be unlikeable to find these tags many

times and take advantage of them.

They were treated as noise and removed.

Mean value of Sums: 25.51922164214523

Max: 2516

Min: 1

Values that appear once: 693

Values that appear once or twice: 1217

Values that appear less than 4 times:

Second Approach: Similar names.

Many tags had the same name but a character being different(whitespace, special characters or typing errors)

- -> Hip Hop and HipHop
- -> PostRock and Post Rock
- ->French and France

Finding and merging this kind of tags was necessary.

A distance matrix between the tags was calculated using Levenshtein distance.

Threshold value was 3.

Tags below the threshold were examined.

Similar tags were merged.

80	40S	50S	60	60S	70S	80	808	8Bit	908	ACappella		١
40\$	0.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	9.0		
50S	1.0	0.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	9.0		
60	2.0	2.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	9.0		
60 S	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	9.0	02.	
70S	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	9.0		
		***										
WuTang	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	9.0	***	
XFactor	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	7.0	8.0		
Youngstar	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	(225	
Youtube	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	7.0	9.0	222	
nan	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	8.0		

Third Approach: Apriori

Different approaches with different minsup and minconf thresholds was used.

Some of the most important insights:

- {Kpop,Korean} -> {Pop} (Compound words)
- General trend: {"subclasses"} -> {"Superclass"}

(ig {IndustrialRock,Industrial} -> {Rock}

- 1. Many tags contained their language and/or their music genre in a compound word. These tags were Splitted (ig KPop -> Korean + Pop)
- Some tags were the consequent in many association rules. These classes
  were considered SuperClasses and the antecedents of the rules were
  considered Subclasses.

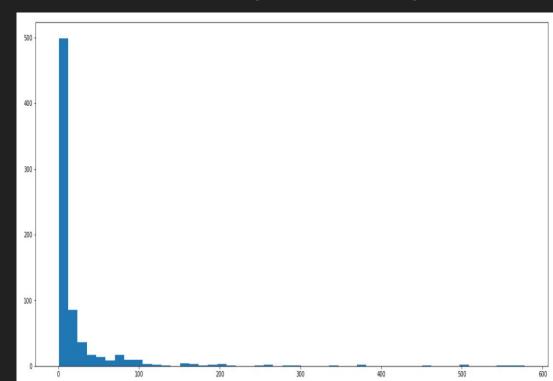
To validate this subclass-superclass assumption tf-idf was used on the tags.

Three observations on the histogram of the "sum of the weights of each tags."

- 1. Superclass: weight>450
- 2. First subclass: [50,450]
- 3. Second subclass : [0,50]

First subclass will be the most important class, so raising their

occurrence number was major



Consider tags such as PostRock and Alternative Electronic.

- These two tags contain a superclass -> Rock and Electronic
- They also contain a first-subclass tag: Post, Alternative

Splitted all tags that follow this pattern.

Added the superclass of every artist, on every tag (after considering apriori)

Last Approach: My Experience.

- After examining the remaining tags I removed the insignificant ones and replaced some tags that had the same meaning.
- Used tf-idf again on the tags. Removed tags with summed weight below a threshold value

The final number of total tags was reduced to 430.

### Second Dataset:

Song Metrics:

Metadata for every song.

popularity acousticness danceability duration\_ms energy instrumentalness key liveness loudness mode speechir Artist Sona c'est beau de 0.61100 0.389 0.910 0.000000 -1.828 Major SAL VADOR faire un show perdu MARTIN & d'avance 0.24600 0.590 0.737 LES FÉES (par gad elmaleh) don't let **JOSEPH** me be 0.95200 0.663 170267 0.131 WILLIAMS Ionely tonight dis-moi HENRI monsieur 0.240 -12.178 Major 0.70300 152427 0.326 SALVADOR gordon cooper **FABIEN** 0.95000 0.331 0.225 -21.150 Major son of

#### Taken from:

https://www.kaggle.com/zaheenhamidani/ultimate-spotify-tracks-db

### Exploring the DataSet:

Correlation between features:

Interesting correlations:

- Loudness-Energy
- Valence-Danceability
- Speachness-loudness
- Energy-instrumentalness
- Valence-instrumentalness



-0.9

-0.3

-0.0

### Analysis:

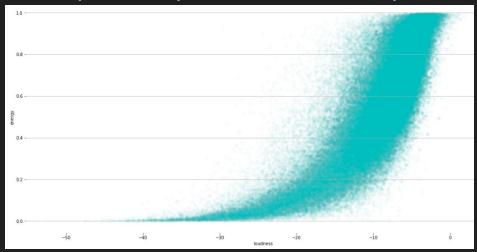
Highest correlation: Loudness + Energy -> 0.82

At first these values were merged into a single features due to their high correlations. Because they regard a different song feature and after considering the results with and without merging them, I kept them splitted. Moreover, despite

getting the trend, MSE was high.

#### Low correlation features:

- 1. key
- 2. major
- 3. time\_stamp
- 4. duration



### Feature Selection:

Totally irrelevant tags such as key,major,time\_stamp and duration were removed.

#### Final Form:

Out[88]:		Artist	Song	Genre	popularity	acousticness	danceability	energy	instrumentalness	liveness	loudness	speechiness	tempo	valence
,	36510	!!!	Get That Rhythm Right	Electronic	39	0.03820	0.832	0.798	0.10400	0.0980	-0.7418	0.0475	0.120022	0.961
	36675	III	Except Death	Electronic	37	0.00996	0.812	0.776	0.07060	0.0737	-0.7223	0.0386	0.118021	0.912
	99191	III	Even When The Water'S Cold	Children's Music	61	0.10800	0.709	0.831	0.00128	0.1590	-0.6847	0.0391	0.104971	0.866
	23712	III	Lucy Mongoosey	Electronic	48	0.01940	0.872	0.584	0.00085	0.1130	-0.7412	0.0788	0.109987	0.212
	36523	III	Funk	Electronic	35	0.01620	0.932	0.546	0.49400	0.0891	-0.8462	0.1750	0.116016	0.440

# Third Dataset Collaborative Filtering:

	Song	Artist	user	play_count	song_id
0	Anyone Else But You	Michael Cera & Ellen Page	d6589314c0a9bcbca4fee0c93b14bc402363afea	6	SOSZNRJ12A8AE46E38
1	Anyone Else But You	Michael Cera & Ellen Page	484b69dd013df1ec0cfd504886d4f647cb32b08f	1	SOSZNRJ12A8AE46E38
2	Anyone Else But You	Michael Cera & Ellen Page	3f9ed694a79835c921ef6d94acd28f876c1d901e	4	SOSZNRJ12A8AE46E38
3	Anyone Else But You	Michael Cera & Ellen Page	b882a5b0dbd1a80533e40745be976f19d1fad5b0	1	SOSZNRJ12A8AE46E38
4	Anyone Else But You	Michael Cera & Ellen Page	2bcef2a30bd8913405971761a0e6c292d771c086	1	SOSZNRJ12A8AE46E38
	(55)	775	1000	200	***
2086941	The Outer Banks	The Album Leaf	37781fff15682ccd92aface63f66d3f525e2f88f	1	SOBPQCK12AF72A2FD5
2086942	The Outer Banks	The Album Leaf	49e66adb87d5d39781add88c202aa9802010e848	3	SOBPQCK12AF72A2FD5
2086943	The Outer Banks	The Album Leaf	9d659bb73b93384297f240a4adadccf4d81bd681	1	SOBPQCK12AF72A2FD5
2086944	The Outer Banks	The Album Leaf	c65a346ab8f41fb56926b503ece810f358b0d241	1	SOBPQCK12AF72A2FD5
2086945	The Outer Banks	The Album Leaf	84e72d86fab784be544a8e2fe2826c73530165fd	1	SOBPQCK12AF72A2FD5
2054534 r	ows × 5 columns				

Taken from: https://www.kaggle.com/anuragbanerjee/million-song-data-set-subset

#### Third dataset:

#### Dataset contains:

- Over 76.000 unique user IDs
- Over 10.000 different songs
- Stream count of users
- Song title and artist

#### Limitation:

- Different songs in comparison with the previous dataset for same artists
- Artists and songs names spelled differently

# Model Approach: Hybrid

Model combines the features from the three datasets and takes advantage of both collaborative filtering and content based methods.

A hybrid approach

To build the hybrid method many approaches were taken:

- 1. Average similarity distance to user's input
- 2. Hierarchical Approach with different hierarchies

After considering that most people prefer to stick to the specific music genre they choose at specific times:

First step would be to find the Artists closer to the input Artist.

A person who loves metal music wouldn't want to get a HipHop song that was voted highly from other metal lovers or share similar music attributes.

As a result, the first hierarchical step would be to collect the artists closer to the initial choice. Artists with the most similar tags(similar music genres) will be picked.

Songs of the selected Artists will be gathered.

A limitation mentioned before was the small number of common artists and songs in the two datasets, with regards to their total individual size.

This limitation was a result of:

- 1. Misspelled names
- 2. Different songs for same artists

### Merged Dataframe's size

To try and fix this limitation:

- Capitilized the letters on Artists names
- Removed Special Characters and whitespaces
- Removed text from parenthesis
- Calculated Levenshtein distance between Artists names

The size of the merged dataframe was raised.

The selected songs of the chosen Artists were gathered.

The second step on the hierarchical approach was to filter out the totally irrelevant songs.

#### Music Features:

- Chara chooses an acoustic sad song from a Rock Artist.
- She probably is sad and wants to relax
- She wants acoustic sad songs.

Metrics content based Dataset can identify these song's features.

Out of all the songs selected in the first step:

Model will choose those that have similar music features.

Filtering out the irrelevant songs was fundamental in making accurate predictions

Lastly, model's recommended playlist would be produced based on Item-Based collaborative filtering.

- Similarity between songs(item based),based on user reviews,will be counted and the closest 20 songs will be produced.
- Another reason for choosing this method as my last step, was to avoid the big calculation time based on the high sparsity of this last dataset.

Slow recommendations are considered bad recommendations.

# Model's Algorithm

- After user entered a song and its artists, a search on all three datasets would take place. If the entered Artists is matched, then the song would be searched.
- In case the Artist is not found, recommendation wont take place. If the specific song is not found, all existing songs of the entered Artists would be proposed.

```
recommandation('hardwire','metallica')

Artist Match
Oops
Song Not Found
Try Again If you like one of the following songs by: METALLICA
['One' 'Fight Fire With Fire' 'Enter Sandman' 'Fade To Black'
'Eye Of The Beholder' 'Of Wolf And Man' 'Welcome Home'
'The Thing That Should Not Be' 'Until It Sleeps'
'The Day That Never Comes' 'Master Of Puppets' 'The Four Horsemen']
```

# Model's Algorithm:

First hierarchical approach used K-NN with pearson correlation to find the 100 closest artists.

Number 100 was chosen:

- It is a balanced number considering the total length of 10.000 Artists
- Will create many songs for the other two models

### Model's Algorithm:

Approximately, 500-600 songs were generated from the first dataset.

#### Out of these songs:

- 200 songs would filtered out
- K-NN will be used with pearson correlation again.
- 300 closest songs will be kept for the final step.

In the final Step, out of 300 songs a playlist of top 20 would be selected.

Despite having a few songs, the big number of artists (features) resulted in good recommendations. Moreover, A list of the closest artists would also be produced, by using the first Artists dataset

# Results: Pop Music

```
recommandation('Take A Bow', 'rihanna')
Artist Match
Song Matched
 Preparing Recommandations for:
Take A Bow , by , RIHANNA
All My Life by K-CI & JOJO
Halo by BEYONCÉ
U Smile by JUSTIN BIEBER
We Belong Together by MARIAH CAREY
Stuck In The Moment by JUSTIN BIEBER
The Climb by MILEY CYRUS
There Goes My Baby by USHER
Ride For You by DANITY KANE
Nice & Slow by USHER
How It Feels To Fly by ALICIA KEYS
Through The Rain by MARIAH CAREY
Ego by BEYONCÉ
That Should Be Me by JUSTIN BIEBER
Naughty Girl by BEYONCÉ
Recommended Artists:
['RIHANNA', 'BEYONCÉ', 'MILEY CYRUS', 'BRITNEY SPEARS', 'JUSTIN BIEBER', 'JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE', 'USHER', 'LADY GAGA', 'FERGIE',
'ASHANTI']
```

### Results: Pop Music

```
recommandation('Boys Boys Boys', 'LADY GAGA')
Artist Match
Song Matched
Preparing Recommandations for:
Boys Boys , by , LADY GAGA
Toxic by BRITNEY SPEARS
Wind It Up by GWEN STEFANI
We Ride by RIHANNA
Party In The U.S.A. by MILEY CYRUS
Take A Bow by RIHANNA
Bulletproof by LA ROUX
Rehab by RIHANNA
Good Girl Gone Bad by RIHANNA
Ray Of Light by MADONNA
Fuck The Pain Away by PEACHES
Breakin' Dishes by RIHANNA
2 Become 1 by SPICE GIRLS
Hoedown Throwdown by MILEY CYRUS
See You Again by MILEY CYRUS
Hollaback Girl by GWEN STEFANI
Luxurious by GWEN STEFANI
Te Amo by RIHANNA
East Northumberland High by MILEY CYRUS
Unwritten by NATASHA BEDINGFIELD
Recommended Artists:
['LADY GAGA', 'CARRIE UNDERWOOD', 'LA ROUX', 'RIHANNA', 'DAFT PUNK', 'MILEY CYRUS', 'BRITNEY SPEARS', 'M.I.A.', 'THE PUSSYCAT D
OLLS', 'LILY ALLEN']
```

# Results: HipHop Music

```
recommandation('Roses', 'KANYE WEST')
Artist Match
Song Matched
Preparing Recommandations for:
Roses , by , KANYE WEST
Cooler Than Me by MIKE POSNER
Breathe by FABOLOUS
As The World Turns by EMINEM
Locked Up by AKON
Money On My Mind by LIL WAYNE
'97 Bonnie & Clyde by EMINEM
Deception by BLACKALICIOUS
Criminal by EMINEM
Rollout by LUDACRIS
Ice Box by OMARION
Cyclone by BABY BASH
Ms. Fat Booty by MOS DEF
My Name Is by EMINEM
If I Had by EMINEM
Cum On Everybody by EMINEM
Money Folder by MADVILLAIN
Mass Appeal by GANG STARR
Runnin' by THE PHARCYDE
Method Man by WU-TANG CLAN
Recommended Artists:
['KANYE WEST', 'EMINEM', 'DJ KHALED', 'LUPE FIASCO', 'COMMON', 'GANG STARR', 'MADVILLAIN', '50 CENT', 'MIKE POSNER', 'OUTKAST']
```

### Results: PunkRock

```
recommandation('Bob', 'nofx')
Artist Match
Song Matched
 Preparing Recommandations for:
Bob , by , NOFX
...........
Time Bomb by RANCID
Online Songs by BLINK-182
Going Away To College by BLINK-182
Move Along by THE ALL-AMERICAN REJECTS
Pepper by BUTTHOLE SURFERS
Dysentery Gary by BLINK-182
Every Time I Look For You by BLINK-182
Savior by RISE AGAINST
My Own Worst Enemy by LIT
Ruby Soho by RANCID
Gonna Find You by OPERATION IVY
Feeling This by BLINK-182
Having A Blast by GREEN DAY
Bouncing Off The Walls by SUGARCULT
Kabuki Girl by DESCENDENTS
Want You Bad by THE OFFSPRING
Mutt by BLINK-182
Audience Of One by RISE AGAINST
Recommended Artists:
['NOFX', 'DEAD KENNEDYS', 'RANCID', 'STREETLIGHT MANIFESTO', 'OPERATION IVY', 'BILLY TALENT', 'THE CLASH', 'RISE AGAINST', 'PAN
```

### Results: Metal

```
recommandation('Before I Forget', 'slipknot')
Artist Match
Song Matched
Preparing Recommandations for:
Before I Forget , by , SLIPKNOT
One by METALLICA
I-E-A-I-A-I-O by SYSTEM OF A DOWN
Bleed It Out by LINKIN PARK
Beautiful by 10 YEARS
Awake by GODSMACK
Crawling by LINKIN PARK
Du Hast by RAMMSTEIN
Lotion by DEFTONES
Just Stop by DISTURBED
Caught In A Mosh by ANTHRAX
The Day That Never Comes by METALLICA
Land Of Confusion by DISTURBED
Radio/Video by SYSTEM OF A DOWN
Too Many Puppies by PRIMUS
Bark At The Moon by OZZY OSBOURNE
Decadence by DISTURBED
Rollin' by LIMP BIZKIT
The Fight Song by MARILYN MANSON
Recommended Artists:
['SLIPKNOT', 'LINKIN PARK', 'IN FLAMES', 'DISTURBED', 'DEFTONES', 'RAMMSTEIN', 'SYSTEM OF A DOWN', 'METALLICA', 'PANTERA', 'SEP
ULTURA']
```

### Results: Classic Rock

```
recommandation('Under Pressure', 'QUEEN')
Artist Match
Song Matched
Preparing Recommandations for:
Under Pressure , by , QUEEN
Eye Of The Tiger by SURVIVOR
Wind Of Change by SCORPIONS
Love Walks In by VAN HALEN
Breakdown by TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS
These Dreams by HEART
The Joker by STEVE MILLER BAND
St. Elmos Fire by JOHN PARR
Dreams by VAN HALEN
Yer So Bad by TOM PETTY
Magic Man by HEART
Missing You by JOHN WAITE
Crazy On You by HEART
Square One by TOM PETTY
Dream On by AEROSMITH
Magic Carpet Ride by STEPPENWOLF
Radar Love by GOLDEN EARRING
You Got Lucky by TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS
We Belong by PAT BENATAR
Recommended Artists:
['QUEEN', 'DIO', 'RAM JAM', 'TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS', 'BRYAN ADAMS', 'AEROSMITH', 'FREE', 'PAT BENATAR', 'MÖTLEY CRÜ
E', 'CHEAP TRICK']
```

### Results Analysis:

Different input songs and different people were asked to give feedback to the model.

Algorithm excelled on Pop and HipHop music Genre.

As far as rock music is concerned, same major limitations were spotted

### Limitations

Because of the many subgenres of Rock music and its big collection:

- The small number of common artists and songs on specific music genres gave general and not specialized suggestions
- Having a small number of artists with many songs,rather than many artists,resulted in recommendations being the same for many rock genres

Despite the approaches to raise the number of common Artists and Songs, some recommendations were still questionable.

In some future work, the same model will be used with data being collected from the same source so names would be identical.

