

Top 100 Billboards

Imports

```
library(tidyverse)
library(tidyuesdayR)
library(scales)
library(ggplot2)
library(tidytext)
library(widyr)
library(ggraph)
library(lubridate)
theme_set(theme_light())
```

Reading and cleaning the data

```
billboard <- readr::read_csv('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/rfordatascience/tidyuesday/master/data/billboard/billboard.csv')

billboard <- billboard %>%
  mutate(
    week = mdy(week_id),
    year = as.integer(format(as.POSIXct(week_id, format="%m/%d/%Y"), format="%Y")),
    decade = 10 * (year %/% 10)) %>%
    filter(year < 2021)

audio_features <- readr::read_csv('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/rfordatascience/tidyuesday/master/data/audio_features/audio_features.csv')

### Merge the two datasets for later analysis
billboard_songs <- merge(billboard, audio_features)
```

Analysis

Top 10 songs of all time? (Song stayed position 1 the longest)

```
billboard %>%
  filter(week_position == 1) %>%
  count(performer, song, sort = TRUE) %>%
  head(10)
```

```
## # A tibble: 10 x 3
##   performer          song          n
##   <chr>              <chr>      <int>
## 1 Lil Nas X Featuring Billy Ray Cyrus Old Town Road      19
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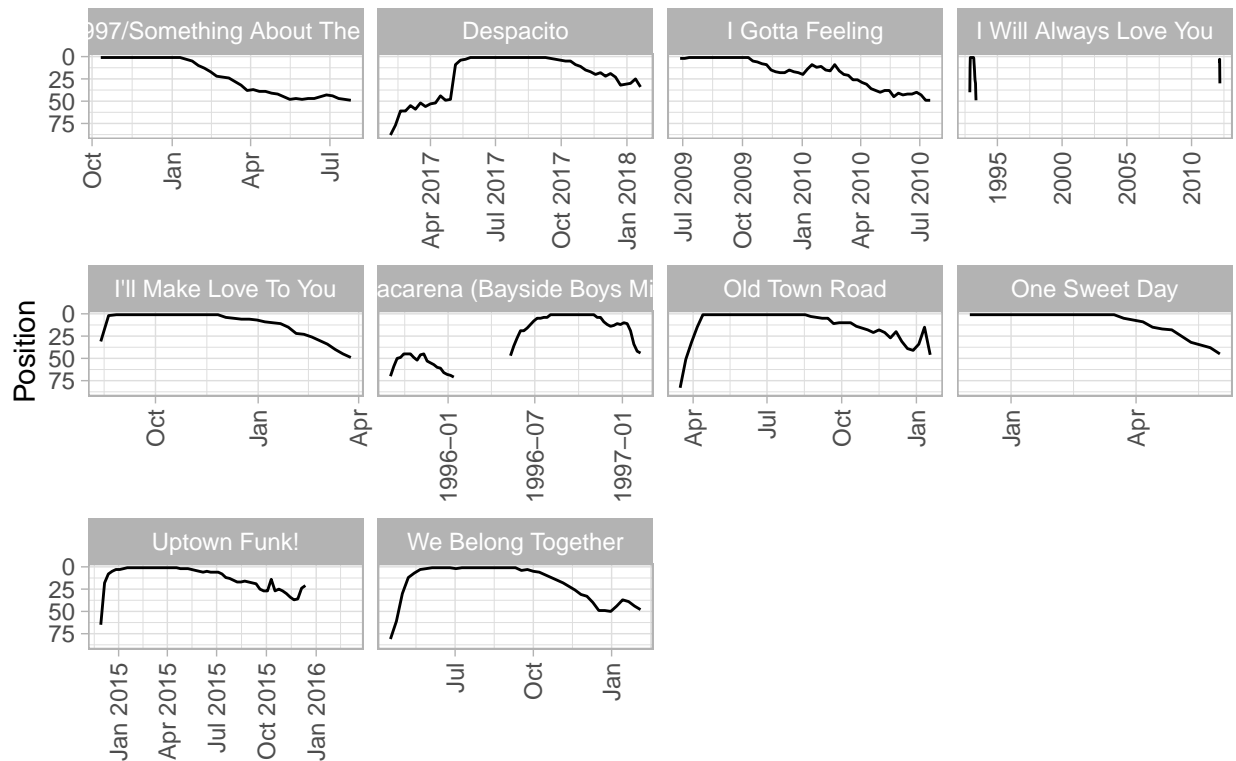
##	2	Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee Featuring Justin Bieber	Despacito	16
##	3	Mariah Carey & Boyz II Men	One Sweet Day	16
##	4	Boyz II Men	I'll Make Love To You	14
##	5	Elton John	Candle In The Wind 1~	14
##	6	Los Del Rio	Macarena (Bayside Bo~	14
##	7	Mariah Carey	We Belong Together	14
##	8	Mark Ronson Featuring Bruno Mars	Uptown Funk!	14
##	9	The Black Eyed Peas	I Gotta Feeling	14
##	10	Whitney Houston	I Will Always Love Y~	14

Trends of top 10 (Song stayed position 1 the longest) songs?

```
top_10_all_times_songs <-
  billboard %>%
  filter(week_position == 1) %>%
  count(song_id, song, sort = TRUE) %>%
  head(10)

billboard %>%
  semi_join(top_10_all_times_songs, by = "song_id") %>%
  ggplot(aes(week, week_position, group = instance)) +
  geom_line() +
  facet_wrap(~ song, scales = "free_x") +
  labs(title=str_to_title("Top 10 billboard songs trends"),
       x = "",
       y = "Position") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, vjust = 0.5, hjust=1)) +
  scale_y_reverse()
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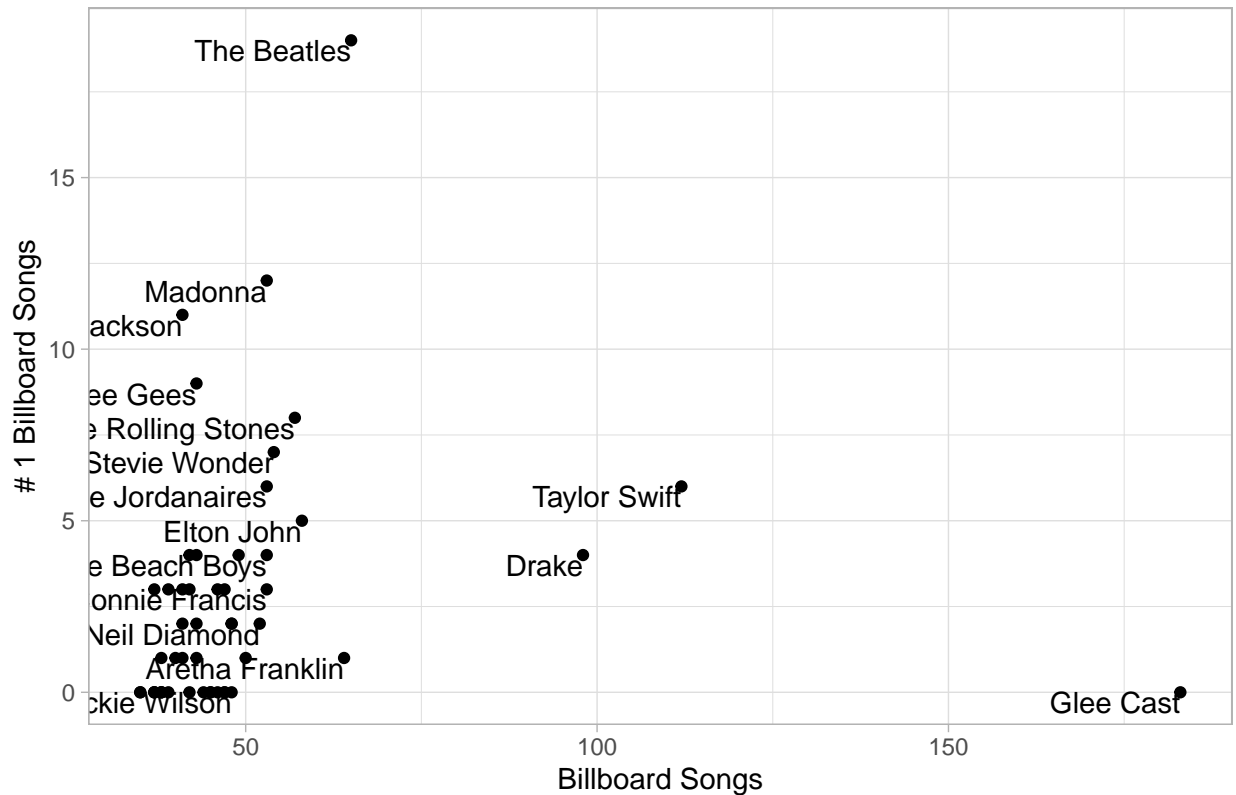
Top 10 Billboard Songs Trends



Top 50 Billboard Performers Song Analysis (Billboard Reach vs Peek Position 1)

```
billboard %>%
  group_by(performer) %>%
  summarise(
    occurrence = n(),
    distinct_songs_in_board = n_distinct(song_id),
    distinct_songs_pos_1_in_board = n_distinct(song_id[week_position == 1]),
    total_week_number_1 = sum(week_position == 1)
  ) %>%
  arrange(desc(distinct_songs_in_board)) %>%
  head(50) %>%
  ggplot(aes(distinct_songs_in_board, distinct_songs_pos_1_in_board)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_text(aes(label = performer), check_overlap = TRUE, vjust = 1, hjust = 1) +
  labs(title=str_to_title("Top artists song trends (Billboard Reach vs Peek Position 1)",
    x = str_to_title("billboard songs"),
    y = str_to_title("# 1 billboard songs"))
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Top Artists Song Trends (Billboard Reach Vs Peak Position 1)

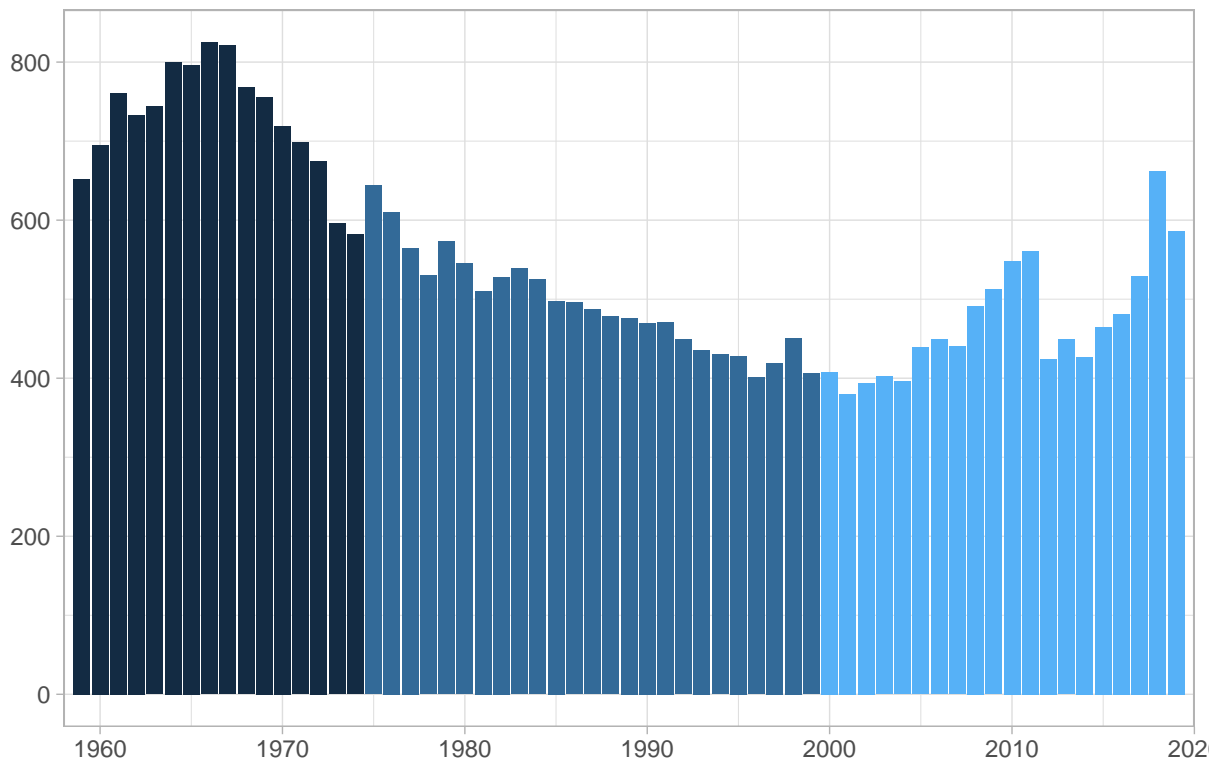


Conclusion: The Beatles for instance has few billboard songs but nearly half of them reached number 1 position. While on the other hand, Glee Cast have more than 150 songs but only 1 of them reached position 1 on the charts.

How many different songs make it to the board each year?

```
billboard %>%
  mutate(thirty_year_shading = 25 * (year %% 25)) %>%
  filter(!is.na(year),
         instance == 1
        ) %>%
  distinct (year, thirty_year_shading, song_id) %>%
  count(year, thirty_year_shading) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=year, y=n, fill = thirty_year_shading)) +
  geom_col() +
  theme(legend.position = "none") +
  labs(title=str_to_title("How many different songs make it to the board each year?"),
        x = "",
        y = "") +
  scale_x_continuous(limits = c(min(billboard$year), max(billboard$year)), expand = c(0,0), n.breaks = 10)
```

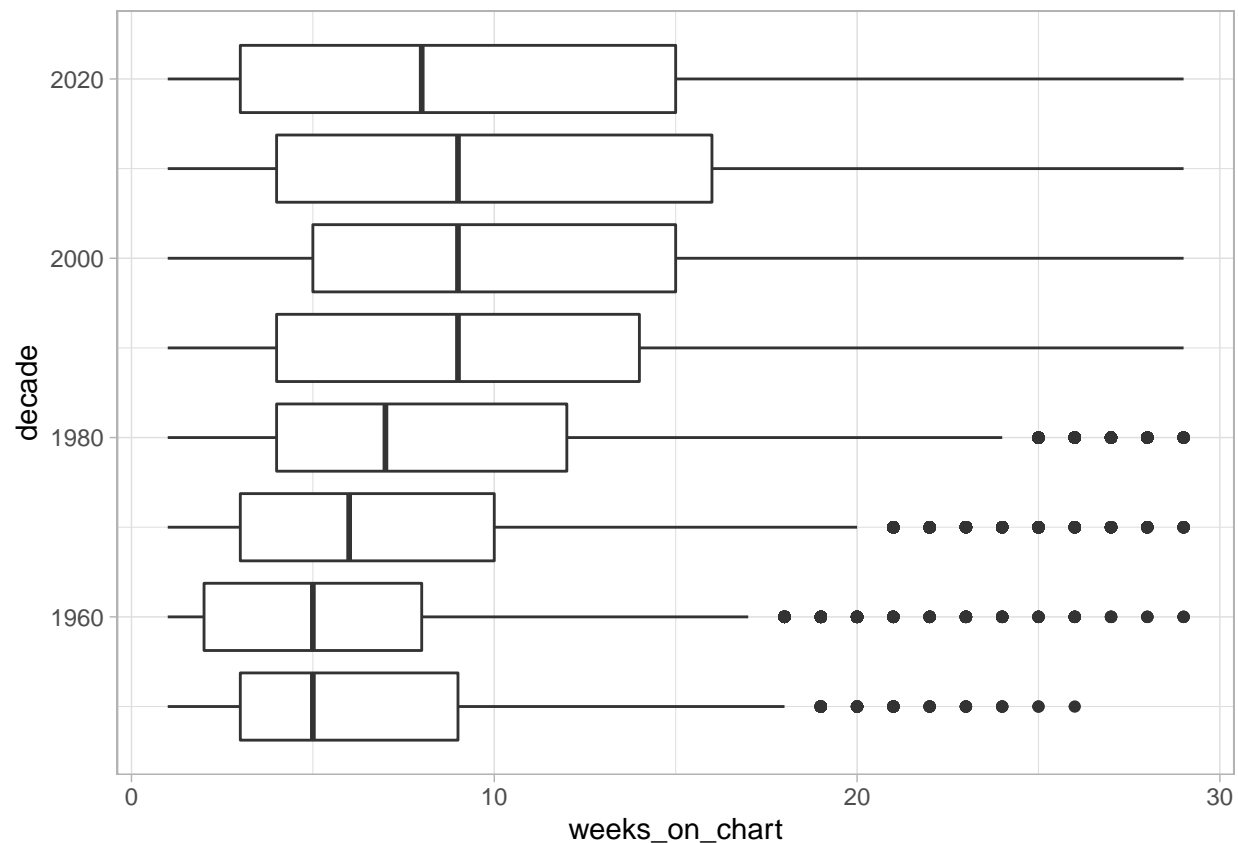
How Many Different Songs Make It To The Board Each Year?



Conclusion: Chart is dominated by less songs in later years.

How long a song stays on the chart through the years?

```
billboard %>%
  filter(weeks_on_chart < 30) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=decade, y=weeks_on_chart, group = decade)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  coord_flip()
```



Conclusion: Songs stays more on chart in later years.

```
billboard %>%
  filter(year == 1960) %>%
  group_by(year, performer, song) %>%
  summarise(max_week_on_chart = max(weeks_on_chart)) %>%
  arrange(desc(max_week_on_chart)) %>%
  head(10)
```

```
## # A tibble: 10 x 4
## # Groups:   year, performer [9]
##   year performer          song          max_week_on_cha~
##   <int> <chr>             <chr>             <dbl>
## 1 1960 Johnny Preston    Running Bear        27
## 2 1960 Bobby Darin      Mack The Knife      26
## 3 1960 Hank Ballard And The Midnighters Finger Poppin' Time 26
## 4 1960 Brenda Lee       Sweet Nothin's      24
## 5 1960 Connie Stevens   Sixteen Reasons     24
## 6 1960 Brenda Lee       I'm Sorry           23
## 7 1960 Jim Reeves       He'll Have To Go    23
## 8 1960 Hank Locklin     Please Help Me, I'm Falling 22
## 9 1960 Marty Robbins     El Paso             22
## 10 1960 Marv Johnson     You Got What It Takes 22
```

```
billboard %>%
  filter(year == 2015) %>%
```

```
group_by(year, performer, song) %>%
  summarise(max_week_on_chart = max(weeks_on_chart)) %>%
  arrange(desc(max_week_on_chart)) %>%
  head(10)
```

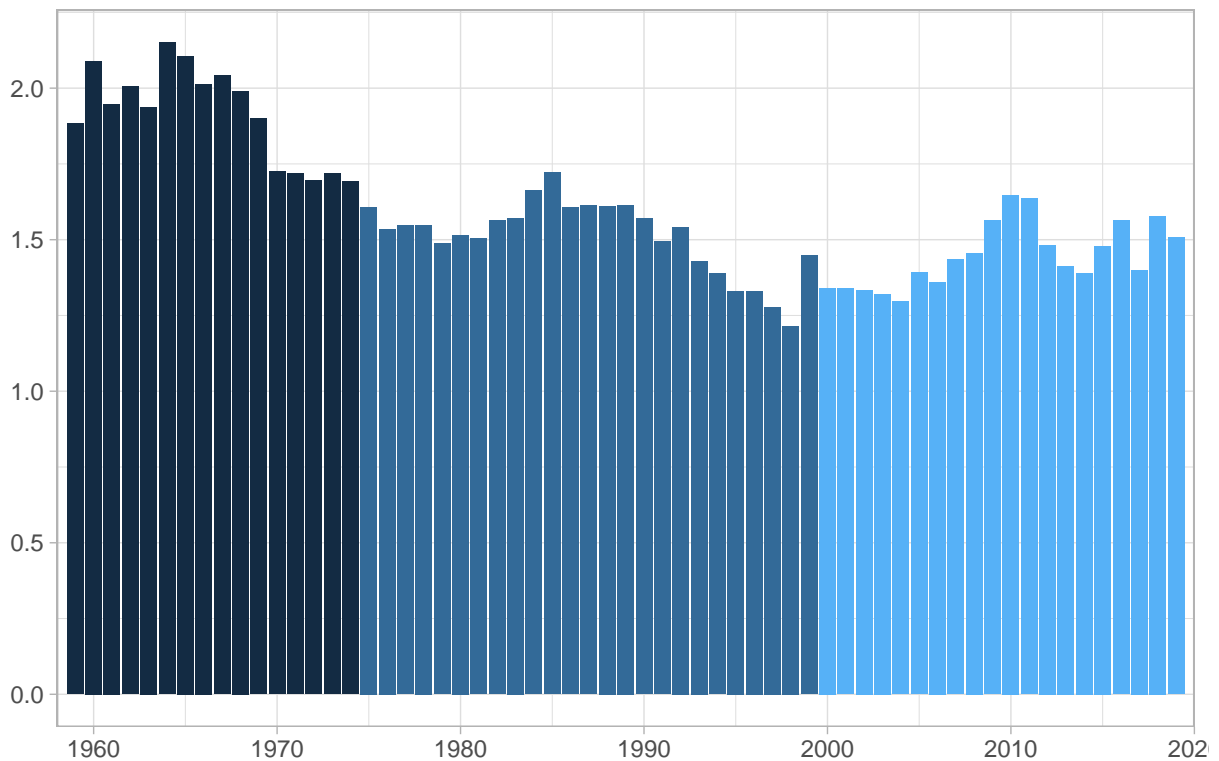
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## # A tibble: 10 x 4
## # Groups:   year, performer [10]
##   year performer          song          max_week_on_cha~
##   <int> <chr>          <chr>          <dbl>
## 1  2015 Ed Sheeran    Thinking Out Loud      58
## 2  2015 Mark Ronson Featuring Bruno Mars Uptown Funk!          55
## 3  2015 Sam Smith     Stay With Me           54
## 4  2015 WALK THE MOON Shut Up And Dance       53
## 5  2015 Taylor Swift  Shake It Off            50
## 6  2015 Fetty Wap     Trap Queen             47
## 7  2015 Meghan Trainor All About That Bass      47
## 8  2015 Sia           Chandelier              46
## 9  2015 Vance Joy     Riptide                 44
## 10 2015 The Weeknd    Earned It (Fifty Shades Of Grey) 43
```

Conclusion: Songs stays DOUBLE number of weeks in later days

How many songs does a hot 100 Artist have each year?

```
billboard %>%
  distinct(year, performer, song_id) %>%
  mutate(thirty_year_shading = 25 * (year %/% 25)) %>%
  filter(!is.na(year)) %>%
  count(year, thirty_year_shading, performer) %>%
  group_by(year, thirty_year_shading) %>%
  summarise(
    average_songs_per_artist = mean(n)
  ) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=year, y=average_songs_per_artist, fill = thirty_year_shading)) +
  geom_col() +
  theme(legend.position = "none") +
  labs(title=str_to_title("How many songs (On average) does a hot 100 Artist have each year on the chart"),
       x = "",
       y = "") +
  scale_x_continuous(limits = c(min(billboard$year), max(billboard$year)), expand = c(0,0), n.breaks = 10)
```

How Many Songs (On Average) Does A Hot 100 Artist Have Each Year On



Conclusion: Artist had more variety of songs to dominate the chart in earlier days

Now we'll tackle the `audio_features` dataset to attain more insights

With the added info, we'll try to figure out the reasons of some music trends each year.

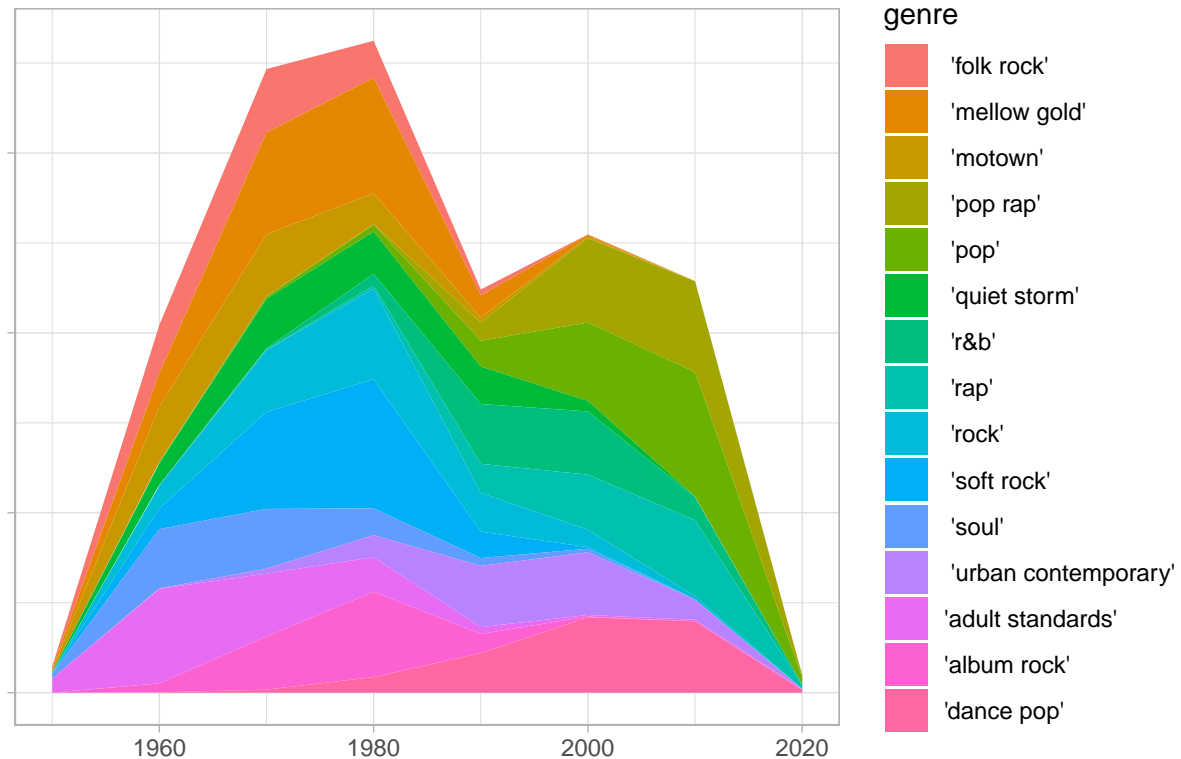
Top genres trends

```
billboard_songs %>%
  # Remove empty and NULL genres
  filter(!is.na(spotify_genre), spotify_genre != "[]") %>%
  # Remove brackets
  mutate(spotify_genre = substr(spotify_genre, 2, nchar(spotify_genre) - 1)) %>%
  # Separate genres
  unnest_tokens(output = "genre", input = spotify_genre, token = 'regex', pattern = ",") %>%
  # Get top 10 genres
  mutate(genre = fct_lump(genre, 15)) %>%
  # Remove others
  filter(genre != "Other") %>%
  # We want only to trace the top 20
  count(decade, genre, sort = TRUE) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = decade, y = n, fill = genre)) +
  geom_area() +
  # facet_wrap(~genre) +
```



```
theme(axis.text.y = element_blank()) +
labs(title=str_to_title("Top chart genres decade progression"),
      x = "",
      y = "")
```

Top Chart Genres Decade Progression

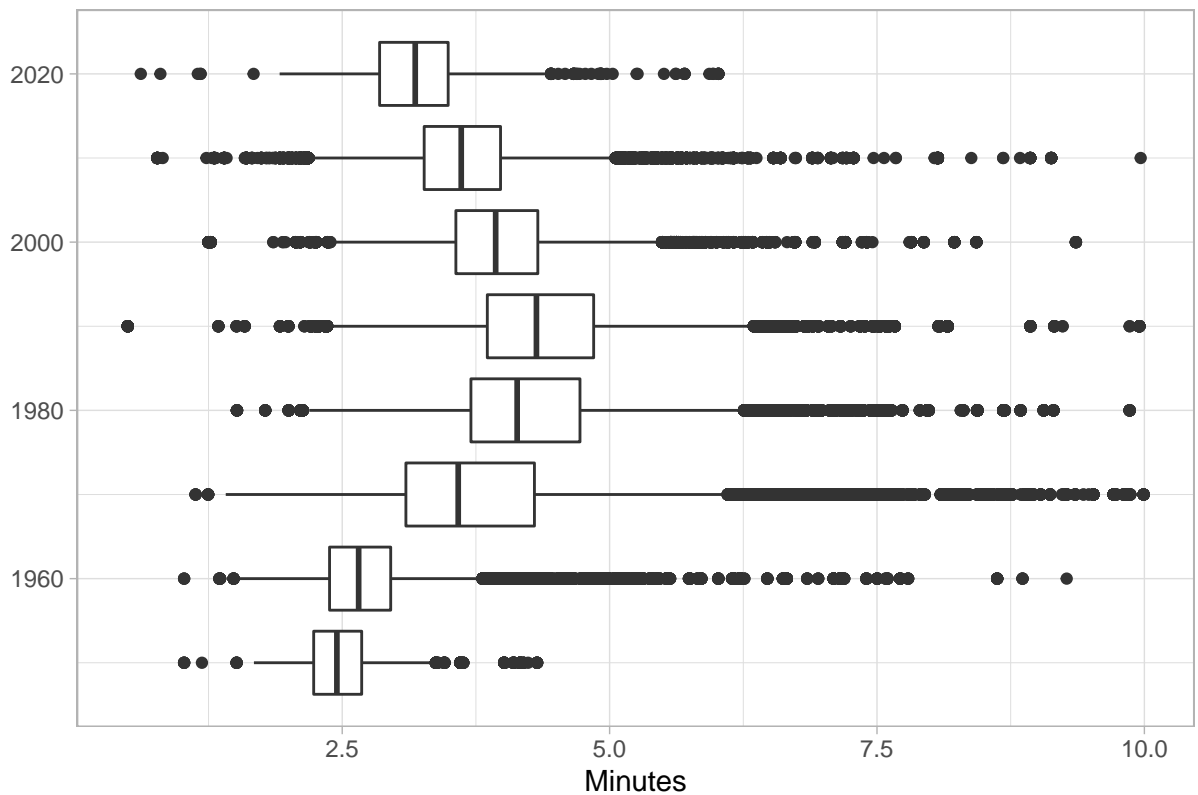


The progression of spotify's top (10) genres throughout the years.

Duration throughout the years (Mean)

```
billboard_songs %>%
  filter(!is.na(spotify_track_duration_ms)) %>%
  mutate(duration_minutes = ((spotify_track_duration_ms/1000)/60)) %>%
  filter(duration_minutes<= 10) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=decade, y=duration_minutes, group = decade)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  coord_flip() +
  labs(title=str_to_title("Song duration through the years"),
       x = "",
       y = str_to_title("Minutes"))
```

Song Duration Through The Years

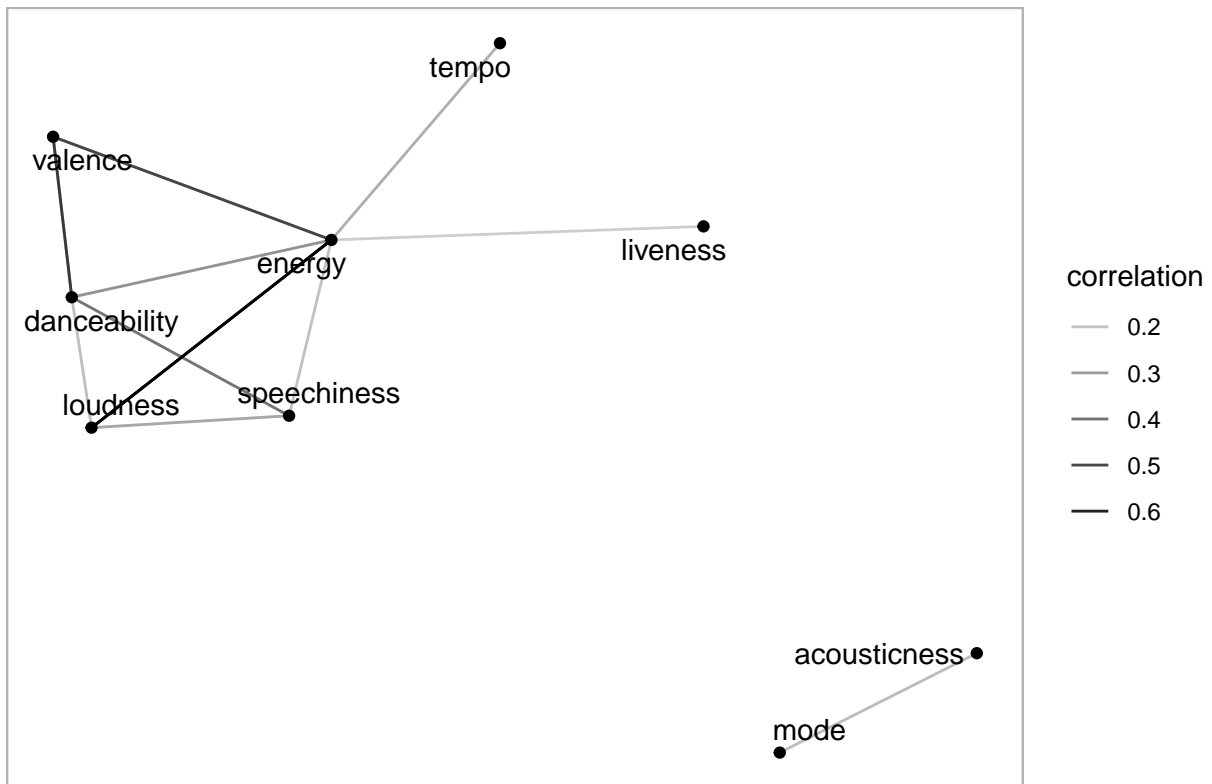


Conclusion: Songs reached peak duration in the early 90s then started to decline going through the 2000s.

Song aspects correlation

```
audio_features %>%
  pivot_longer(danceability:tempo, names_to = "metric", values_to = "value") %>%
  filter(!is.na(value)) %>%
  pairwise_cor(metric, song_id, value, sort = TRUE) %>%
  filter(correlation >= 0.1) %>%
  igraph::graph_from_data_frame() %>%
  ggraph(layout = "fr") +
  geom_edge_link(aes(alpha = correlation)) +
  geom_node_point() +
  geom_node_text(aes(label=name), repel = TRUE) +
  labs(title=str_to_title("How strong song aspects are related"),
       x = "",
       y = "")
```

How Strong Song Aspects Are Related



Conclusion: Energy dictates other aspects of the song. Strong correlation between energy and loudness and valence.