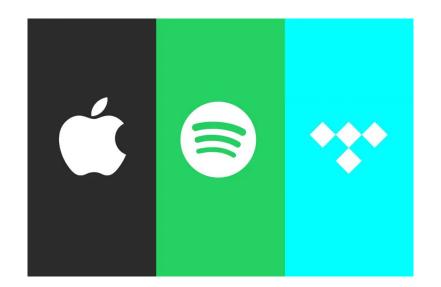
Music Streaming Wars: Predicting the Next Popular Songs

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Objectives & Data Analysis



- Objective: Provide 3 insights into what makes a song popular or not
- Goal: Increase the competitive advantage of Spotify
- Sample size of 232,725 tracks
- Data from 2019

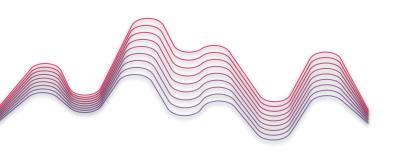
Popular = ?

- Popularity scores of songs on Spotify's Top 100 tracks playlist
- Minimum score was 58
- Popular = Top 100 worthy



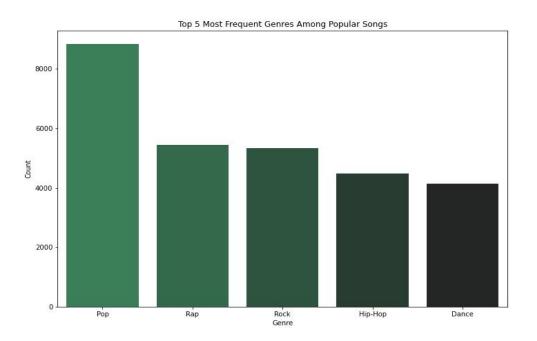


What were some of the most important attributes of a song?





Top 5 Genres within Popular Songs



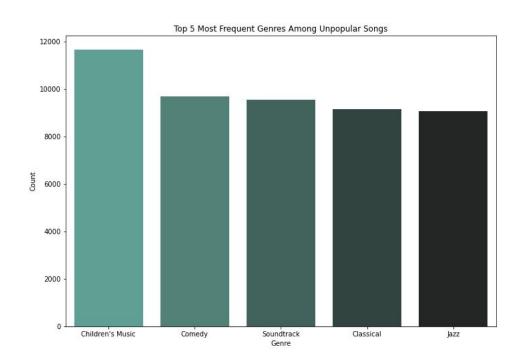








Top 5 Genres within Unpopular Songs





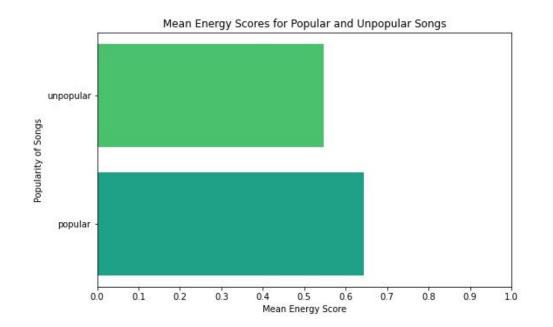






A perceptual measure of intensity and activity. Typically, energetic tracks feel fast, loud, and noisy.

Energy Scores of Songs by Popularity





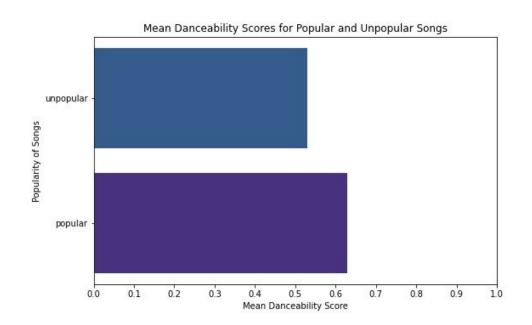


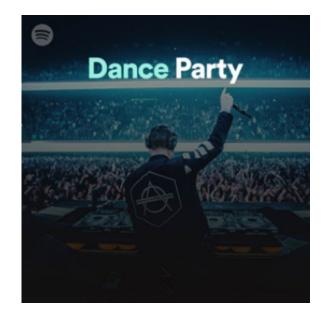




How suitable a track is for dancing based on a combination of musical elements including tempo, rhythm stability, beat strength, and overall regularity.

Danceability Scores of Songs by Popularity



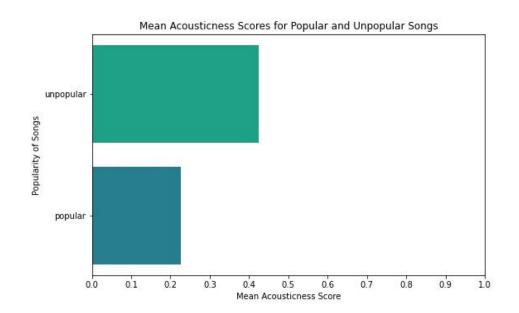


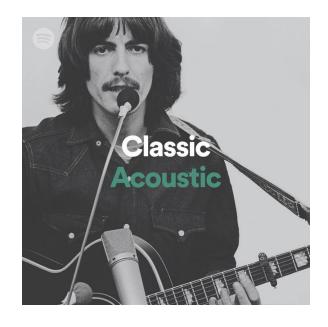




A measure of how much a song is electrically enhanced or modified.

Acousticness Scores of Songs by Popularity





Conclusions

- Popular songs tend to have Pop, Rap, Rock,
 Hip-Hop and Dance as their genres.
- More niche genres such as Children's Music,
 Comedy, Soundtracks, Classical and Jazz tend to be unpopular.
- Generally, popular songs are higher energy, danceable, and less acoustic.





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