Music Streaming Wars: Song Popularity Prediction

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INTRODUCTION

With Apple Music announcing on May 17th that they will be providing lossless audio along with spatial audio by Dolby Atmos for their subscribers and Tidal continuously providing exclusive content from artists, the competition among audio streaming platforms is heating up. Spotify would like to stay competitive by being able to predict which songs are going to be popular ahead of time so that they can curate even better playlists and sign deals with up-and-coming artists to have exclusivity on their content. This would not only help retain the current subscribers but also help market the platform to new subscribers as well.

For this project, we were hired by Spotify to train and test a machine learning model that can accurately predict whether a song is going to be popular or not. In order to achieve this, we will be testing out different machine learning models and will look at what attributes of a song are the most important for determining its popularity.

OBTAIN

We will be using a dataset from Kaggle (https://www.kaggle.com/zaheenhamidani/ultimate-spotify-tracks-db) that contains approximately 232,000 tracks and their attributes to train several machine learning models in order to find the common threads between popular songs.

```
In [1]: import pandas as pd
In [2]: #importing data into a dataframe
    df = pd.read_csv('./data/SpotifyFeatures.csv')
```

df.head()

Out[2]:		genre	artist_name	track_name		track_id	popularity	acousticne	ss danceability	du
	0	Movie	Henri Salvador	C'est beau de faire un Show	0BRjO6ga9RKCKji	fDqeFgWV	C	0.61	11 0.389	
	1	Movie	Martin & les fées	Perdu d'avance (par Gad Elmaleh)	0BjC1NfoEOOusry	rehmNudP	1	0.24	46 0.590	
	2	Movie	Joseph Williams	Don't Let Me Be Lonely Tonight	0CoSDzoNIKCRs ⁻	124s9uTVy	3	0.95	52 0.663	
	3	Movie	Henri Salvador	Dis-moi Monsieur Gordon Cooper	0Gc6TVm52BwZ	D07Ki6tlvf	C	0.70	0.240	
	4	Movie	Fabien Nataf	Ouverture	0luslXpMROHdE	PvSl1fTQK	4	0.95	0.331	
	4									•
In [3]:		looking f.desc		ats of diffe	erent columns					
Out[3]:			popularity	acousticness	danceability	duratio	n_ms	energy ir	nstrumentalness	
	со	ount 23	2725.000000	232725.000000	232725.000000	2.327250	e+05 2327	25.000000	232725.000000	23
	m	ean	41.127502	0.368560	0.554364	2.351223	e+05	0.570958	0.148301	
		std	18.189948	0.354768	0.185608	1.189359	e+05	0.263456	0.302768	
	ı	min	0.000000	0.000000	0.056900	1.538700	e+04	0.000020	0.000000	
	2	25%	29.000000	0.037600	0.435000	1.828570	e+05	0.385000	0.000000	
	5	50%	43.000000	0.232000	0.571000	2.204270	e+05	0.605000	0.000044	
	7	75%	55.000000	0.722000	0.692000	2.657680	e+05	0.787000	0.035800	
	r	nax	100.000000	0.996000	0.989000	5.552917	e+06	0.999000	0.999000	
	4									•
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	2	tra	ist_name ck_name	232725 r	non-null obje non-null obje	ct				
	3 4	рор	ck_id ularity	232725 r	non-null obje non-null int6	4				
	5	aco	usticness	232725 r	non-null floa	t64				

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danceability
                     232725 non-null float64
6
7
                     232725 non-null int64
    duration ms
8
                     232725 non-null float64
    energy
9
    instrumentalness 232725 non-null float64
10
    key
                     232725 non-null object
11 liveness
                     232725 non-null float64
12 loudness
                     232725 non-null float64
13 mode
                     232725 non-null object
14 speechiness
                     232725 non-null float64
15 tempo
                     232725 non-null float64
16 time_signature
                     232725 non-null object
17 valence
                     232725 non-null float64
dtypes: float64(9), int64(2), object(7)
memory usage: 32.0+ MB
```

We once again see that we have 232,725 tracks in the dataset with both categorical and numerical columns. In order to use the information from the categorical columns ('genre', 'artist_name', 'track_name', 'track_id', 'key', 'mode', 'time_signature') we will either need to represent them numerically by feature engineering or drop them to be able to train the models.

```
In [5]: #looking at different values contained within columns
for col in df.columns:
    print(f"Column: {col}")
    print(df[col].value_counts())
    print("-----")
```

Column: genre Comedy 9681 Soundtrack 9646 Indie 9543 Jazz 9441 9386 Pop Electronic 9377 Children's Music 9353 9299 Folk 9295 Hip-Hop Rock 9272 Alternative 9263 Classical 9256 Rap 9232 World 9096 Soul 9089 Blues 9023 R&B 8992 Anime 8936 Reggaeton 8927 Ska 8874 Reggae 8771 Dance 8701 Country 8664 Opera 8280 Movie 7806 Children's Music 5403 A Capella 119 Name: genre, dtype: int64 Column: artist_name Giuseppe Verdi 1394 Giacomo Puccini 1137 Kimbo Children's Music 971 Nobuo Uematsu 825 804 Richard Wagner

```
Chrishan
                            1
Duke Garwood
                            1
Joe Tex
                            1
Alastair Greene
                            1
Jonathan Wilson
                            1
Name: artist_name, Length: 14564, dtype: int64
-----
Column: track_name
                                                                       100
Home
You
                                                                        71
Intro
                                                                        69
                                                                        63
Stay
Wake Up
                                                                        59
Planting the Seeds of Insecurity
                                                                         1
Feeling Blue
                                                                         1
Sola Bonita
                                                                         1
Bhaja Govindam
                                                                         1
Rigoletto, Act I, Scene 1: Partite? Crudele! (Duca/Contessa Ceprano)
                                                                         1
Name: track_name, Length: 148615, dtype: int64
------
Column: track id
6AIte2Iej1QKlaofpjCzW1
0UE0RhnRaEYsiYgXpyLoZc
                         8
3R73Y7X53MIQZWnKloWq5i
                         8
0wY9rA9fJkuESyYm9uzVK5
                         8
3uSSjnDMmoyERaAK9KvpJR
                         8
0hIB805Ha9x3rDjHtA7XLW
                         1
4G0uXPTWN9Tzep1MqwmOR7
                         1
3rnvrqjkkaKFu0rcFbKn6E
                         1
6BLTxuiS6APPYSz3XtNWsF
                         1
6TH2QNqd417TSerz5j9LpA
                         1
Name: track_id, Length: 176774, dtype: int64
Column: popularity
0
     6312
50
      5415
53
      5414
51
      5401
52
      5342
96
         8
94
         7
99
         4
98
         3
100
         2
Name: popularity, Length: 101, dtype: int64
-----
Column: acousticness
0.995000
           851
0.994000
           701
0.992000
           682
0.993000
           646
0.991000
           597
0.000005
             1
0.000007
             1
0.000098
             1
0.000083
             1
0.000009
             1
Name: acousticness, Length: 4734, dtype: int64
Column: danceability
0.5970
          558
```

```
0.5470
         544
0.6100
         542
0.5890
         542
0.6220
         540
0.0584
         1
0.0577
          1
0.0570
           1
0.0878
           1
0.0596
           1
Name: danceability, Length: 1295, dtype: int64
Column: duration_ms
240000
         138
180000
         120
192000
         115
216000
          99
200000
          85
        1
258851
238377
           1
164064
           1
244522
           1
262144
           1
Name: duration_ms, Length: 70749, dtype: int64
Column: energy
0.721000
         417
0.675000
           403
0.720000
           392
0.686000
           389
0.738000
           389
0.002230
0.000216
             1
0.006110
             1
0.009910
             1
0.007330
              1
Name: energy, Length: 2517, dtype: int64
_____
Column: instrumentalness
0.00000
        79236
0.91200
            235
0.91000
            230
0.91800
            222
0.92300
            222
0.00966
              1
0.99900
              1
0.00667
              1
0.99800
              1
0.00888
              1
Name: instrumentalness, Length: 5400, dtype: int64
Column: key
C
     27583
G
      26390
D
      24077
C#
      23201
Α
      22671
F
      20279
В
      17661
Ε
      17390
A#
      15526
F#
      15222
```

```
G#
     15159
D#
      7566
Name: key, dtype: int64
Column: liveness
0.1110
         2860
0.1100
         2702
0.1080
         2608
0.1090
         2537
0.1070
         2451
         1
1
0.0240
0.0185
0.0200
          1
0.0177
           1
0.0143
Name: liveness, Length: 1732, dtype: int64
Column: loudness
       57
-5.318
-5.460
          52
-5.131
         51
-5.428 51
-6.611
        50
-31.696
          1
-38.267
          1
-45.192
          1
-28.588
         1
-1.494
          1
Name: loudness, Length: 27923, dtype: int64
-----
Column: mode
Major 151744
Minor
        80981
Name: mode, dtype: int64
-----
Column: speechiness
0.0374
       663
0.0332
         654
0.0337
         652
0.0363
        650
0.0343 642
0.6070 1
0.6880 1
0.6620
         1
0.6750
           1
       1
0.6670
Name: speechiness, Length: 1641, dtype: int64
-----
Column: tempo
120.016
100.003
100.014
         60
120.008
         59
         59
120.003
82.571 1
94.596 1
62.067
         1
91.555
          1
110.206
          1
Name: tempo, Length: 78512, dtype: int64
```

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```
Column: time_signature
4/4
       200760
3/4
        24111
5/4
         5238
1/4
         2608
0/4
            8
Name: time_signature, dtype: int64
Column: valence
         479
0.9610
0.9620
          403
0.9630
          368
0.3700
          363
0.3580
          363
0.0232
0.0209
            1
0.9950
            1
0.0227
0.0180
            1
Name: valence, Length: 1692, dtype: int64
```

There are a couple things that stand out in the value counts of the columns. First one is that we have the "Children's Music" genre showing up twice and we have duplicated values in the track_id column.

SCRUB/EXPLORE

Addressing "Children's Music" Character Discrepancy

```
df['genre'].value_counts()
In [6]:
Out[6]: Comedy
                              9681
         Soundtrack
                              9646
         Indie
                              9543
                              9441
         Jazz
                              9386
         Pop
         Electronic
                              9377
         Children's Music
                              9353
         Folk
                              9299
         Hip-Hop
                              9295
         Rock
                              9272
         Alternative
                              9263
         Classical
                              9256
         Rap
                              9232
         World
                              9096
         Soul
                              9089
         Blues
                              9023
         R&B
                              8992
         Anime
                              8936
         Reggaeton
                              8927
                              8874
         Ska
         Reggae
                              8771
         Dance
                              8701
                              8664
         Country
         Opera
                              8280
         Movie
                              7806
         Children's Music
                              5403
                               119
         A Capella
         Name: genre, dtype: int64
```

There are 2 types of "Children's Music" values in the genres due to the character used for apostrophe. Since both of these values are meant to show the same thing we need to merge them and achieve consistency.

```
df.loc[df['genre']=="Children's Music", 'genre']="Children's Music"
In [7]:
         #verifying that the issue has been resolved
In [8]:
         df['genre'].value_counts()
Out[8]: Children's Music
                             14756
                              9681
        Comedy
        Soundtrack
                              9646
        Indie
                              9543
        Jazz
                              9441
        Pop
                              9386
        Electronic
                              9377
                              9299
        Folk
        Hip-Hop
                              9295
        Rock
                              9272
        Alternative
                              9263
        Classical
                              9256
        Rap
                              9232
        World
                              9096
        Soul
                              9089
        Blues
                              9023
        R&B
                              8992
        Anime
                              8936
        Reggaeton
                              8927
        Ska
                              8874
                              8771
        Reggae
                              8701
        Dance
        Country
                              8664
        Opera
                              8280
                              7806
        Movie
                               119
        A Capella
        Name: genre, dtype: int64
```

Missing Values

```
#checking for missing values
In [9]:
         df.isna().sum()
                              0
Out[9]: genre
        artist_name
                              0
        track_name
                              0
        track_id
                              0
                              0
        popularity
                              0
        acousticness
                              0
        danceability
                              0
        duration_ms
                              0
        energy
         instrumentalness
                              0
                              0
        key
                              0
         liveness
                              0
         loudness
                              0
        mode
                              0
         speechiness
                              0
         tempo
        time signature
                              0
         valence
        dtype: int64
```

We don't have any missing values in our columns so we will move onto check for duplicated rows.

Addressing Duplicated Tracks

We need to take a look and find all duplicated tracks by using their unique id numbers.

		genre	artist_name	track_name	track_id	popularity	acousticness	dance
13	348	Alternative	Doja Cat	Go To Town	6iOvnACn4ChlAw4lWUU4dd	64	0.07160	
13	885	Alternative	Frank Ocean	Seigfried	1BViPjTT585XAhkUUrkts0	61	0.97500	
14	152	Alternative	Frank Ocean	Bad Religion	2pMPWE7PJH1PizfgGRMnR9	56	0.77900	
15	554	Alternative	Steve Lacy	Some	4riDfclV7kPDT9D58FpmHd	58	0.00548	
16	534	Alternative	tobi lou	Buff Baby	1F1Qml8TMHir9SUFrooq5F	59	0.19000	
	•••							
2327	715	Soul	Emily King	Down	5cA0vB8c9FMOVDWyJHgf26	42	0.55000	
2327	718	Soul	Muddy Waters	I Just Want To Make Love To You - Electric Mud	2HFczeynfKGiM9KF2z2K7K	43	0.01360	
2327	720	Soul	Slave	Son Of Slide	2XGLdVl7lGeq8ksM6Al7jT	39	0.00384	
2327	722	Soul	Muddy Waters	(I'm Your) Hoochie Coochie Man	2ziWXUmQLrXTiYjCg2fZ2t	47	0.90100	
2327	723	Soul	R.LUM.R	With My Words	6EFsue2YbIG4Qkq8Zr9Rir	44	0.26200	

We have 55,951 duplicated rows that we need to address. Before we can address these duplications though we need to see what the cause of the duplicates are.

df[df['track_id']=='6i0vnACn4ChlAw4lWUU4dd'] In [11]: Out[11]: artist_name track_name track_id popularity acousticness dance genre 257 R&B Doja Cat 6iOvnACn4ChlAw4lWUU4dd 64 0.0716 Go To Town 1348 Alternative Doja Cat Go To Town 6iOvnACn4ChlAw4lWUU4dd 64 0.0716 Children's 77710 Doja Cat Go To Town 6iOvnACn4ChlAw4lWUU4dd 0.0716 Music 93651 Indie 6iOvnACn4ChlAw4lWUU4dd 64 0.0716 Doja Cat Go To Town

		gen	re artist_na	me track_na	ime tra	ack_id popເ	larity acoust	icness dance
	113770	Po	p Doja	Cat Go To To	own 6iOvnACn4ChIAw4IWU	JU4dd	64 (0.0716
	4							•
In [12]:	df[df['track_i	id']=='2XG	LdV171Geq8k	sM6Al7jT']			
Out[12]:		genre a	artist_name	track_name	track_id	popularity	acousticness	danceability
	179212	Jazz	Slave	Son Of Slide	2XGLdVI7IGeq8ksM6AI7jT	39	0.00384	0.687
	232720	Soul	Slave	Son Of Slide	2XGLdVl7lGeq8ksM6Al7jT	39	0.00384	0.687
	4							•
In [13]:	df[df['track_i	id']=='2HF	czeynfKGiM9	KF2z2K7K']			
Out[13]:		genre a	artist_name	track_name	track_id	popularity	acousticness	danceability
	48555	Blues	Muddy Waters	I Just Want To Make Love To You - Electric Mud	2HFczeynfKGiM9KF2z2K7K	35	0.0136	0.294
	232718	Soul	Muddy Waters	I Just Want To Make Love To You - Electric Mud	2HFczeynfKGiM9KF2z2K7K	43	0.0136	0.294
	4							>

We see that most of the attributes of the duplicated songs are the same except for 'popularity' and 'genre'. The 'popularity' column can be aggregated since it is a numerical column but the categorical column of 'genre' is a little bit trickier. What makes the most sense in this case would be to create different columns with the genre names and display with binary values whether a song belongs to that genre or not.

```
In [14]: #generating a list with the genre names
    genre_list = list(df['genre'].unique())

In [15]: #creating the genre columns using the genre list
    for genre in genre_list:
        df[genre] = (df['genre']==genre).astype('int')

In [16]: #grouping by track_id number to get rid of duplicates and keeping the maximum values in df=df.groupby(['track_id']).max()
```

Above, we created the genre columns and merged the duplicated values keeping the maximum value in each column. This makes sense since the track that is being listened to is the same one. If a track's best popularity score was 42 for example, we are keeping the best value by taking the max.

```
In [17]: #removing redundant genre column
df.drop('genre', axis=1, inplace=True)
```

df.head()

		artist_name	track_name	popularity	acousticness	danceability	duration_ms
	tra	ck_id					
	00021Wy6AyMbLP2tc	rij86e Capcom Sound Team	Zangief's Theme	13	0.234	0.617	169173
	000CzNKC8PEt1yC3L86	dqwV Henri Salvador	Coeur Brisé à Prendre - Remastered	5	0.249	0.518	130653
	000DfZJww8KiixTKul	k9usJ Mike Love	Earthlings	30	0.366	0.631	357573
	000EWWBkYaREzsBpl\	/jUag Don Philippe	Fewerdolr	39	0.815	0.768	104924
	000xQL6tZNLJzIrtl	gxqSI ZAYN	Still Got Time	70	0.131	0.748	188491
	5 rows × 42 columns						
	4						•
In [18]:	<pre>#verifying that d df[df.index =='6i</pre>			ted			
Out[18]:			track_name	popularity	acousticness	danceability	duration_m
	tr	ack_id					
	1 rows × 42 columns	JU4dd Doja Cat	Go To Town	64	0.0716	0.71	21781:
	1 rows × 42 columns We successfully addre						>
In [19]:	1 rows × 42 columns We successfully addre	essed the duplicate	es of each trac				>

```
int32
16 Movie
                     176774 non-null
    R&B
                     176774 non-null int32
17
18 A Capella
                     176774 non-null
                                     int32
19
    Alternative
                     176774 non-null int32
20 Country
                     176774 non-null int32
21 Dance
                     176774 non-null int32
22 Electronic
                     176774 non-null int32
23 Anime
                     176774 non-null int32
24 Folk
                     176774 non-null int32
25 Blues
                     176774 non-null int32
                     176774 non-null int32
26 Opera
    Hip-Hop
                     176774 non-null int32
27
28 Children's Music 176774 non-null int32
29 Rap
                     176774 non-null int32
30 Indie
                     176774 non-null int32
31 Classical
                     176774 non-null int32
                     176774 non-null int32
32
    Pop
                     176774 non-null int32
33
    Reggae
    Reggaeton
                     176774 non-null int32
34
35
                     176774 non-null int32
    Jazz
36 Rock
                     176774 non-null int32
                     176774 non-null int32
37 Ska
38 Comedy
                     176774 non-null int32
39
    Soul
                     176774 non-null int32
40 Soundtrack
                     176774 non-null int32
41 World
                     176774 non-null int32
dtypes: float64(9), int32(26), int64(2), object(5)
memory usage: 40.5+ MB
```

We now have 176,774 unique tracks in our dataset (down from 232,725).

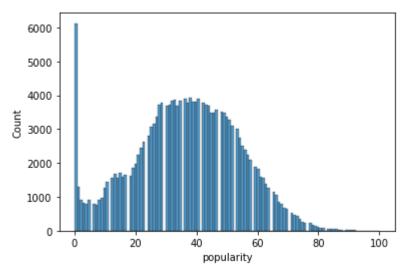
Feature Engineering - is_popular

Since our goal is to be able to identify which tracks will be popular, we need to feature engineer a new column by binarizing the popularity column. To be able to do this, we need to decide on a cut-off point of popularity score which if a song stays above this cut-off point it will be considered "popular" and if it stays below it will be considered "not popular". We can start off by taking a look at the distribution of the popularity score distribution.

```
In [20]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

In [21]: #creating a histogram to see distribution of popularity scores in the dataset.
sns.histplot(df['popularity'], bins='auto')

Out[21]: <AxesSubplot:xlabel='popularity', ylabel='Count'>
```



From the above histogram we see that we have a bimodal distribution. One of the peaks is at 0, and the other one seems to be around 40. In order to better decide what's popular, we can take a look at the Top 50 songs' popularity scores (this data is also from 2019 similar to our main dataset)

Top 50 Songs - 2019

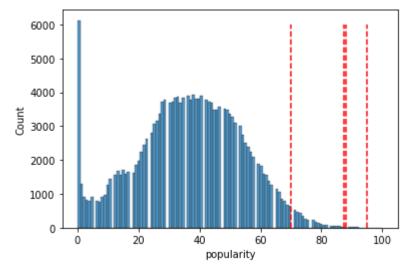
```
#data from https://www.kaggle.com/leonardopena/top50spotify2019
In [22]:
           df 50 = pd.read csv('data/top50.csv', encoding='latin1', index col=0)
            df_50.head()
In [23]:
Out[23]:
              Track.Name
                          Artist.Name
                                           Genre
                                                  Beats.Per.Minute
                                                                   Energy
                                                                            Danceability
                                                                                         Loudness..dB..
                                Shawn
                                         canadian
           1
                                                                                     76
                                                                                                               8
                  Señorita
                                                               117
                                                                        55
                                                                                                     -6
                               Mendes
                                             pop
                                        reggaeton
           2
                    China
                              Anuel AA
                                                               105
                                                                        81
                                                                                     79
                                                                                                     -4
                                                                                                               8
                                             flow
                boyfriend
                                Ariana
                                           dance
               (with Social
                                                               190
                                                                        80
                                                                                     40
                                                                                                              16
           3
                                                                                                     -4
                                Grande
                                             pop
                   House)
                 Beautiful
              People (feat.
                            Ed Sheeran
                                             pop
                                                                93
                                                                        65
                                                                                     64
                                                                                                    -8
                                                                                                               8
                   Khalid)
                Goodbyes
              (Feat. Young
                           Post Malone
                                          dfw rap
                                                               150
                                                                        65
                                                                                     58
                                                                                                     -4
                                                                                                              11
                    Thug)
           #displaying stats information of Top 50 songs
In [24]:
            df 50['Popularity'].describe()
          count
                     50.000000
Out[24]:
           mean
                     87.500000
           std
                      4.491489
           min
                     70.000000
           25%
                     86.000000
           50%
                     88.000000
           75%
                     90.750000
```

max 95.000000

Name: Popularity, dtype: float64

Going back to our histogram we can draw vertical lines to see where these values fall into.

```
In [25]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    sns.histplot(df['popularity'], bins='auto', ax=ax)
    stats=['mean', '50%', 'min', 'max']
    for stat in stats:
        ax.vlines(x=df_50['Popularity'].describe()[stat], ymin=0, ymax=6000, linestyles='da
```



We can see that there was a range of popularity scores in the Top 50 songs between 70 and 95. Which means that any song that is above a 70 theoretically could be a popular song. It doesn't make sense to use median or mean scores for our cutoff point in this case since then we would be disregarding all the songs that had lower values than 87.5 or 88 as unpopular which is untrue. However, before we can establish the cutoff point we need to acknowledge that we are basing it off of only 50 datapoints which is not a lot. It may be good to take a look at Top 100 songs instead of 50 to get a better sample size of popular songs.

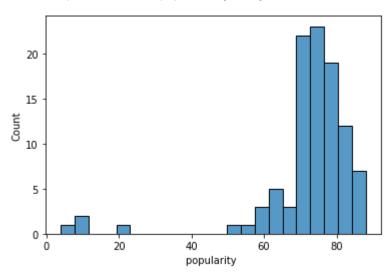
Top 100 Songs - 2019

```
#data from https://www.kaggle.com/reach2ashish/top-100-spotify-songs-2019
In [26]:
          df 100 = pd.read csv('data/spotify top 100 2019.csv')
          df_100['popularity '].describe()
In [27]:
Out[27]:
         count
                   100.000000
          mean
                    72.020000
          std
                    14.088451
          min
                     4.000000
          25%
                    70.000000
          50%
                    74.500000
                    79.000000
          75%
                    88.000000
         max
         Name: popularity , dtype: float64
```

The minimum value of 4 for the popularity score on the Top 100 Songs chart seems like an outlier. Next, we'll visualize the spread of this column to confirm.

```
In [28]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
sns.histplot(df_100['popularity '], bins='auto', ax=ax)
```

Out[28]: <AxesSubplot:xlabel='popularity ', ylabel='Count'>



As we imagined the scores within the range 0-25 seem like outliers. We can remove outliers from this dataset with the IQR method to get a better perspective on the data.

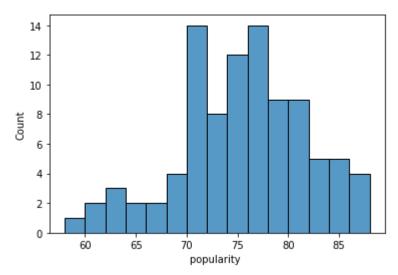
```
In [29]:
          #Outlier Removal with the IQR method
          def find_outliers_IQR(data):
              """Use Tukey's Method of outlier removal AKA InterQuartile-Range Rule
              and return boolean series where True indicates it is an outlier.
              - Calculates the range between the 75% and 25% quartiles
              - Outliers fall outside upper and lower limits, using a treshold of 1.5*IQR the 75
              IQR Range Calculation:
                  res = df.describe()
                  IQR = res['75\%'] - res['25\%']
                  lower_limit = res['25%'] - 1.5*IQR
                  upper_limit = res['75%'] + 1.5*IQR
              Args:
                  data (Series, or ndarray): data to test for outliers.
              Returns:
                   [boolean Series]: A True/False for each row use to slice outliers.
              EXAMPLE USE:
              >> idx outs = find outliers df(df['AdjustedCompensation'])
              >> good_data = df[~idx_outs].copy()
              function snippet from Flatiron School Phase #2 Py Files.
              URL = https://github.com/flatiron-school/Online-DS-FT-022221-Cohort-Notes/blob/mast
              df b=data
              res= df_b.describe()
              IOR = res['75\%'] - res['25\%']
              lower limit = res['25%'] - 1.5*IQR
              upper_limit = res['75%'] + 1.5*IQR
              idx_outs = (df_b>upper_limit) | (df_b<lower_limit)</pre>
              return idx outs
```

```
In [30]: #removing outliers from the popularity column
    df_100 = df_100[find_outliers_IQR(df_100['popularity '])==False]
    #displaying minimum & maxium values in popularity column
    print("Minimum:", df_100['popularity '].min())
    print("Maximum:", df_100['popularity '].max())

Minimum: 58
Maximum: 88
```

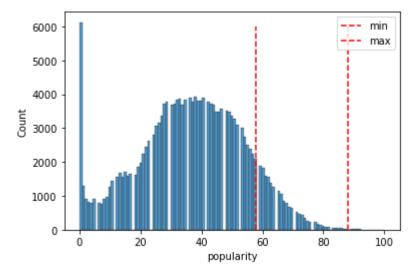
```
In [31]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
sns.histplot(df_100['popularity '], bins=15, ax=ax)
```

Out[31]: <AxesSubplot:xlabel='popularity ', ylabel='Count'>



```
In [32]: #visualizing the min and max popularity scores on the overall dataset histogram
    fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    sns.histplot(df['popularity'], bins='auto', ax=ax)
    ax.vlines(x=df_100['popularity '].min(), ymin=0, ymax=6000, linestyles='dashed', colors
    ax.vlines(x=df_100['popularity '].max(), ymin=0, ymax=6000, linestyles='dashed', colors
    plt.legend()
```

Out[32]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x2e820827310>



As we can expect to see, the top 100 songs have a wider range and therefore a lower popularity score threshold compared to the top 50 songs. We will be defining a song being popular as being Top 100 worthy and therefore will establish our cutoff point at 58.

```
#creating is popular column with our cutoff point
In [33]:
            df['is_popular']=(df['popularity']>=58).astype('int')
            df.head()
Out[33]:
                                      artist_name track_name popularity acousticness danceability duration_ms
                             track id
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                                        Mike Love
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                                                                                 0.131
                                                                                              0.748
                                                                                                          188491
                                                         Time
          5 rows × 43 columns
In [34]:
            #dropping popularity score column since we will not be using it
            df.drop(['popularity', 'artist name', 'track name'], axis=1, inplace=True)
            df.head()
Out[34]:
                                      acousticness danceability duration_ms energy instrumentalness
                             track_id
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          5 rows × 40 columns
```

We dropped popularity scores since we already binarized that column, but additionally we are dropping 'artist_name' and 'track_name' since we are looking at the anatomy of a song and not who sings it or what it's called. The goal is to identify songs that will become popular without being affected by the artist's name since we would also like to find songs from up-and-coming artists.

One Hot Encoding the Categorical Columns

We still have categorical columns that need one hot encoding. Namely, these columns are 'key', 'mode', 'time_signature'.

In [35]:

```
df.nunique()
Out[35]: acousticness
                               4734
         danceability
                               1295
         duration_ms
                              70749
                               2517
          energy
          instrumentalness
                               5400
         key
                                 12
          liveness
                               1732
          loudness
                              27923
         mode
          speechiness
                               1641
                              78509
          tempo
          time signature
                                  5
          valence
                               1692
         Movie
                                  2
         R&B
                                  2
                                  2
         A Capella
         Alternative
                                  2
         Country
                                  2
         Dance
                                  2
         Electronic
                                  2
         Anime
                                  2
         Folk
                                  2
         Blues
                                  2
         Opera
         Hip-Hop
                                  2
         Children's Music
         Rap
          Indie
         Classical
         Pop
                                  2
                                  2
          Reggae
          Reggaeton
         Jazz
                                  2
         Rock
                                  2
                                  2
          Ska
         Comedy
                                  2
         Soul
                                  2
         Soundtrack
                                  2
         World
                                  2
          is popular
                                  2
         dtype: int64
         We will be creating 2 (mode) + 5 (time_signature) + key (12) - 3 (drop_first) = 16 columns.
In [36]:
          #define categorical columns
          cat_cols = ['key', 'mode', 'time_signature']
In [37]:
          #One hot encoding the dataframe
          from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
          encoder=OneHotEncoder(sparse=False, drop='first')
          data_ohe = encoder.fit_transform(df[cat_cols])
          df ohe = pd.DataFrame(data ohe, columns=encoder.get feature names(cat cols), index=df.i
          pd.set_option("display.max_columns", None)
In [38]:
           df ohe
                                    key_A# key_B key_C key_C# key_D key_D# key_E key_F key_F# key_
Out[38]:
```

#Check to see how many more columns we will be creating by OHE the cat cols.

track_id										
00021Wy6AyMbLP2tqij86e	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
000CzNKC8PEt1yC3L8dqwV	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	C
000DfZJww8KiixTKuk9usJ	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	C
000EWWBkYaREzsBplYjUag	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	C
000xQL6tZNLJzIrtlgxqSl	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
7zz7MbCb9G7KJc1NVl9bL0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	C
7zzFNNxVD0h0ctAT08H0pa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	C
7zzTeltz93IYI52hlcipm5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
7zzZmpw8L66ZPjH1M6qmOs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	C
7zzbfi8fvHe6hm342GcNYI	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(

track_id key_A# key_B key_C key_C# key_D key_D# key_E key_F key_F# key_

176774 rows × 16 columns

```
In [39]: df_ohe = pd.concat([df.drop(cat_cols, axis=1), df_ohe], axis=1)
    df_ohe.head()
```

Out[39]:

track_id						
00021Wy6AyMbLP2tqij86e	0.234	0.617	169173	0.862	0.976000	0.1410
000CzNKC8PEt1yC3L8dqwV	0.249	0.518	130653	0.805	0.000000	0.3330
000DfZJww8KiixTKuk9usJ	0.366	0.631	357573	0.513	0.000004	0.1090
000EWWBkYaREzsBplYjUag	0.815	0.768	104924	0.137	0.922000	0.1130
000xQL6tZNLJzIrtIgxqSI	0.131	0.748	188491	0.627	0.000000	0.0852
4						>

acousticness danceability duration_ms energy instrumentalness liveness

With the dataframe scrubbed and one hot encoded we can move onto the modelling process.

MODEL

train_test_split

```
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.30, random_state=
```

The first model we will be generating is a dummy classifier. We will be comparing our models' success to each other but also to this baseline model.

Model #1 - Baseline - Dummy Classifier

C:\Users\berke\anaconda3\envs\learn-env\lib\site-packages\sklearn\dummy.py:131: FutureWa
rning: The default value of strategy will change from stratified to prior in 0.24.
 warnings.warn("The default value of strategy will change from "

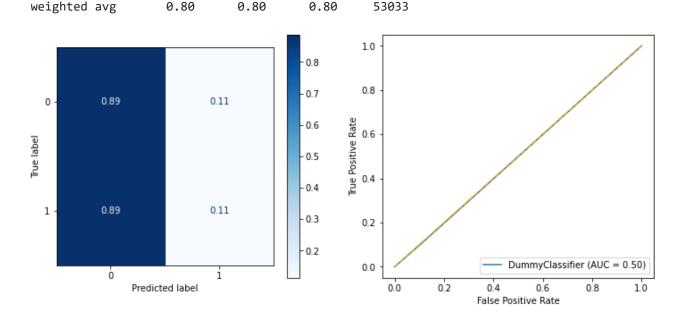
We need a function that will show us the classification report, the confusion matrix as well as the ROC curve to be able to evaluate our models.

```
In [42]:
          from sklearn.metrics import classification report, plot confusion matrix, plot roc curv
          def classification(y_true, y_pred, X, clf):
              """This function shows the classification report,
              the confusion matrix as well as the ROC curve for evaluation of model quality.
              y_true: Correct y values, typically y_test that comes from the train_test_split per
              y pred: Predicted y values by the model.
              clf: classifier model that was fit to training data.
              X: X_test values"""
              #Classification report
              print("CLASSIFICATION REPORT")
              print("----")
              print(classification report(y true=y true, y pred=y pred))
              #Creating a figure/axes for confusion matrix and ROC curve
              fig, ax = plt.subplots(ncols=2, figsize=(12, 5))
              #Plotting the normalized confusion matrix
              plot confusion matrix(estimator=clf, X=X, y true=y true, cmap='Blues', normalize='t
              #Plotting the ROC curve
              plot_roc_curve(estimator=clf, X=X, y=y_true, ax=ax[1])
              #Plotting the 50-50 guessing plot for reference
              ax[1].plot([0,1], [0,1], ls='--', color='orange')
```

```
In [43]: classification(y_test, y_pred, X_test, clf_dummy)
```

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

```
precision recall f1-score
                                          support
               0.89
                         0.89
                                   0.89
                                            47002
               0.11
                         0.11
                                   0.11
                                             6031
accuracy
                                   0.80
                                            53033
               0.50
                         0.50
                                   0.50
macro avg
                                            53033
```



```
In [44]: #class imbalance percentages
y_train.value_counts(normalize=True)
```

Out[44]: 0 0.885503 1 0.114497

Name: is popular, dtype: float64

Our dummy classifier correctly predicted 98% of the unpopular songs as unpopular; however, it correctly predicted only 12% of the popular songs as popular and instead classified 88% of them as unpopular as well. We clearly have a class imbalance problem where approximately 98% of our data is not popular and only about 2% of it is. To address this we can SMOTE the training data and see if training a model with this method would improve our results.

Addressing Class Imbalance with SMOTENC

```
'key_E', 'key_F', 'key_F#', 'key_G', 'key_G#', 'mode_Minor',
'time_signature_1/4', 'time_signature_3/4', 'time_signature_4/4',
'time_signature_5/4'],
dtype='object')
```

In [47]: from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE, SMOTENC

sm = SMOTENC(categorical_features=cat_cols)

X_train_sm, y_train_sm = sm.fit_resample(X_train, y_train)
y_train_sm.value_counts(normalize=True)

Out[47]: 1 0.5 0 0.5

Name: is_popular, dtype: float64

Model #2 - Random Forest Classifier

Initial Model

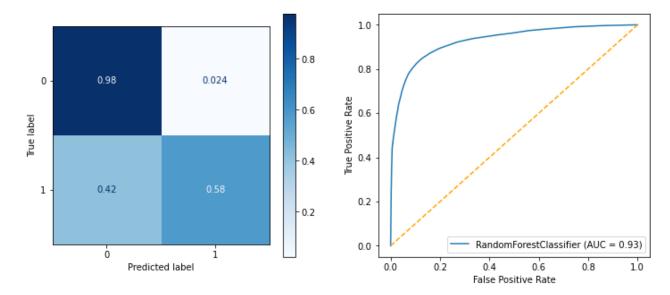
```
In [48]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
    from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

clf_rf = RandomForestClassifier()
    clf_rf.fit(X_train_sm, y_train_sm)

y_pred = clf_rf.predict(X_test)
    classification(y_test, y_pred, X_test, clf_rf)
```

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

```
precision
                            recall f1-score
                                                support
           0
                    0.95
                              0.98
                                         0.96
                                                  47002
                    0.76
                              0.58
                                         0.66
                                                   6031
    accuracy
                                         0.93
                                                  53033
   macro avg
                   0.85
                              0.78
                                         0.81
                                                  53033
weighted avg
                   0.93
                              0.93
                                         0.93
                                                  53033
```



```
In [49]: #Evaluating the model performance for the training data
y_pred = clf_rf.predict(X_train_sm)
```

```
classification(y_train_sm, y_pred, X_train_sm, clf_rf)
```

CLASSIFICATION REPORT recall f1-score precision support 0 1.00 1.00 1.00 109573 109573 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 accuracy 219146 macro avg 1.00 1.00 1.00 219146 weighted avg 1.00 1.00 1.00 219146 1.0 0.8 0.8 1.8e-05 0 Irue Positive Rate 0.6 Frue label 0.4 0.4 0.00015 1 0.2 0.2 RandomForestClassifier (AUC = 1.00) 0.0 Ò i Predicted label 0.2 0.4 0.6 1.0 False Positive Rate

Our model is performing perfectly on the training data but not so much on the test data since it is overfitting to the training set. We need to tune our model to get more accurate results on unseen data. We will be using a grid search to optimize for the recall score. We are optimizing recall instead of other scores since we primarily care about correctly identifying a song that will be popular and we don't mind it if we pick a few songs that don't end up becoming popular. Compared to the baseline dummy classifier model we are performing 47% better in predicting popular songs.

Hyperparameter Tuning

```
y_pred = clf_rf_tuned.predict(X_test)
classification(y_test, y_pred, X_test, clf_rf_tuned)
```

CLASSIFICATION REPORT recall f1-score support precision 0 0.95 0.97 0.96 47002 1 0.74 0.61 0.67 6031 0.93 53033 accuracy 0.85 0.79 0.82 53033 macro avg 0.93 weighted avg 0.93 0.93 53033 1.0 0.8 0.8 0.97 0.027 rue Positive Rate True label 0.4 0.4 0.39 1 0.2 0.2 RandomForestClassifier (AUC = 0.93) 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 Predicted label 0.8 1.0 False Positive Rate

Tuning the hyperparameters of our model unfortunately did not improve the recall score for this training set of data (refer to Future Considerations section for more information). We can move onto cross validating this score to see what happens to the recall score with 5 other splits of the training and testing data and then proceed with trying additional types of models to see if the recall score improves.

Cross-validation Scores

```
In [52]: from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score
    #5-fold cross validation
    cross_val_scores = cross_val_score(clf_rf_tuned, X_train_sm, y_train_sm, scoring='recal

In [53]: import numpy as np
    print(np.round(cross_val_scores, 2))
    print(f"Mean cross-validation score: {np.round(cross_val_scores.mean(),2)}")

    [0.64 0.99 0.98 0.98 0.98]
    Mean cross-validation score: 0.92
```

The cross-validated scores of the model are still lower than we would like them to be so we will proceed with trying a XGBoost model next.

Model #3 - XGBoost

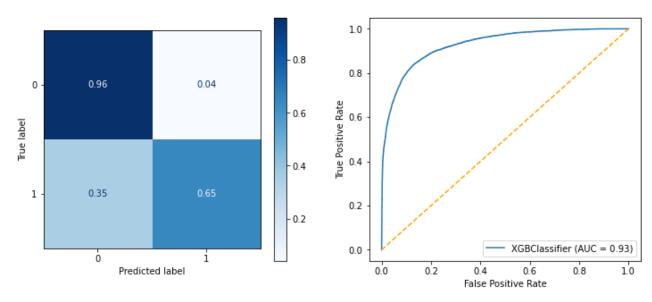
Initial Model

```
In [54]: from xgboost import XGBClassifier
```

```
In [55]: clf_xgb = XGBClassifier()
  clf_xgb.fit(X_train_sm, y_train_sm)
  y_pred = clf_xgb.predict(X_test)
  classification(y_test, y_pred, X_test, clf_xgb)
```

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

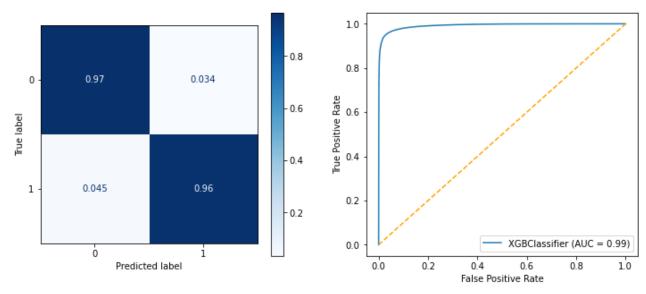
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0 1	0.96 0.67	0.96 0.65	0.96 0.66	47002 6031
accuracy macro avg weighted avg	0.81 0.92	0.80 0.92	0.92 0.81 0.92	53033 53033 53033



In [56]: #Evaluating the model performance for the training data
y_pred = clf_xgb.predict(X_train_sm)
classification(y_train_sm, y_pred, X_train_sm, clf_xgb)

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.96 0.97	0.97 0.96	0.96 0.96	109573 109573
accuracy	0.37	0.50	0.96	219146
macro avg weighted avg	0.96 0.96	0.96 0.96	0.96 0.96	219146 219146



Once again, our model is overfitting the training data. We can run another gridsearch and tune our model to see if the recall score can be improved.

Hyperparameter Tuning

0.92

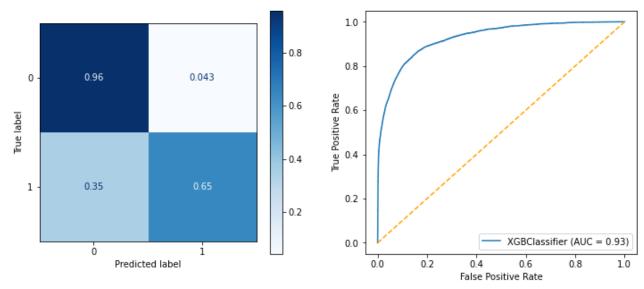
```
In [57]:
          # grid = {
                 'Learning rate': [0.01, 0.1, 0.2],
          #
                 'max_depth': [10, 20, None]
          # gridsearch = GridSearchCV(estimator=clf_xgb, param_grid = grid, scoring='recall', n_j
          # gridsearch.fit(X train sm, y train sm)
          # gridsearch.best params
          # # Results: {'learning_rate': 0.1, 'max_depth': 10}
          clf_xgb_tuned = XGBClassifier(learning_rate=0.1, max_depth=10)
In [58]:
          clf_xgb_tuned.fit(X_train_sm, y_train_sm)
          y_pred = clf_xgb_tuned.predict(X_test)
          classification(y_test, y_pred, X_test, clf_xgb_tuned)
         CLASSIFICATION REPORT
                                     recall f1-score
                        precision
                                                        support
                     0
                                       0.96
                                                 0.96
                                                          47002
                             0.96
                             0.66
                                       0.65
                                                 0.65
                                                           6031
                                                 0.92
                                                          53033
             accuracy
            macro avg
                             0.81
                                       0.80
                                                 0.81
                                                          53033
```

0.92

53033

0.92

weighted avg



Tuning our model has led to an increase of performance in our recall score by 1%, so we are performing 53% better compared to our baseline Dummy Classifier model and 6% better than our tuned Random Forest model.

Cross-validation Scores

```
In [59]: xgb_cross_val_scores = cross_val_score(clf_xgb_tuned, X_train_sm, y_train_sm, scoring='
In [60]: import numpy as np
    print(np.round(xgb_cross_val_scores, 2))
    print(f"Mean cross-validation score: {np.round(xgb_cross_val_scores.mean(), 2)}")
    [0.61 1.     0.99     0.99     0.99]
    Mean cross-validation score: 0.92
```

Next we will be building and evaluating a Logistic Regression model based on the recall score.

Model #4 - LogisticRegressionCV

Since the Logistic Regression models are potentially sensitive to outliers and need scaled data we will need to process our data one more time to remove outliers and scale it.

Removing Outliers

```
#separating out the numerical columns for outlier removal
In [61]:
           num cols = list(X.columns[0:10])
           num_cols
          ['acousticness',
Out[61]:
            'danceability',
           'duration ms',
           'energy',
           'instrumentalness',
           'liveness',
           'loudness',
           'speechiness',
           'tempo',
           'valence']
           df_ohe_clean = df_ohe.copy()
In [62]:
```

Out[63]	•	

		-	_	-		
track_id						
000CzNKC8PEt1yC3L8dqwV	0.2490	0.518	130653	0.805	0.000000	0.3330
000DfZJww8KiixTKuk9usJ	0.3660	0.631	357573	0.513	0.000004	0.1090
000xQL6tZNLJzirtigxqSl	0.1310	0.748	188491	0.627	0.000000	0.0852
001CyR8xqmmpVZFiTZJ5BC	0.3070	0.826	160107	0.679	0.000025	0.1510
001KkOBeRiQ1J7IEJYHODW	0.0697	0.279	300053	0.455	0.000091	0.0974

7zywdG4ysfC5XNBzjQAo2o	0.1230	0.443	202760	0.885	0.000031	0.2800
7zz3cHALU9cj7lo5qlNt1R	0.8330	0.353	273800	0.383	0.000131	0.1100
7zzTeltz93IYI52hlcipm5	0.1130	0.716	228493	0.806	0.000000	0.1510
7zzZmpw8L66ZPjH1M6qmOs	0.2170	0.664	267960	0.537	0.000003	0.1180
7zzbfi8fvHe6hm342GcNYI	0.0299	0.533	342827	0.547	0.011300	0.0723
97339 rows × 53 columns						

acousticness danceability duration_ms energy instrumentalness liveness

train_test_split

```
In [64]: y=df_ohe_clean['is_popular']
X=df_ohe_clean.drop('is_popular', axis=1)

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=.30, random_state=4)
```

Addressing Class Imbalance with SMOTENC

Scaling the Data

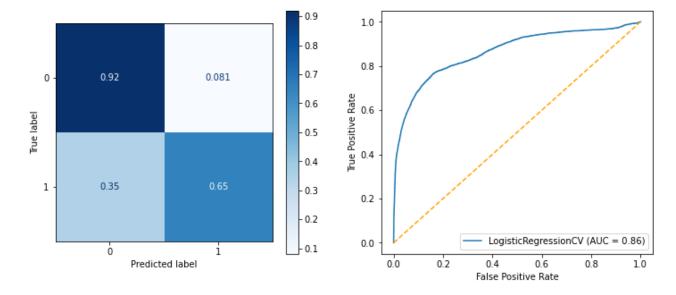
```
In [69]: from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
    scaler = StandardScaler()

X_train_sm_sc = scaler.fit_transform(X_train_sm)
    X_test_sc = scaler.transform(X_test)
```

```
In [70]: from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegressionCV
    clf_logregcv = LogisticRegressionCV(cv=5)
        clf_logregcv.fit(X_train_sm_sc, y_train_sm)
        y_pred = clf_logregcv.predict(X_test_sc)
        classification(y_test, y_pred, X_test_sc, clf_logregcv)
```

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.93	0.92	0.93	24561
1	0.60	0.65	0.63	4641
accuracy			0.88	29202
macro avg	0.77	0.79	0.78	29202
weighted avg	0.88	0.88	0.88	29202



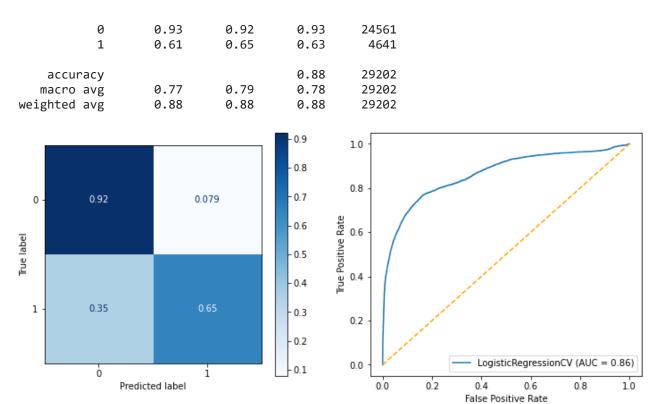
```
In [71]: #Evaluating the model performance for the training data
   y_pred = clf_logregcv.predict(X_train_sm_sc)
   classification(y_train_sm, y_pred, X_train_sm_sc, clf_logregcv)
```

CLASSIFICATION REPORT recall f1-score support precision 0.91 0.92 0.92 57393 1 0.92 0.91 0.92 57393 accuracy 0.92 114786 macro avg 0.92 0.92 0.92 114786 weighted avg 0.92 0.92 0.92 114786 0.9 1.0 0.8 0.8 0.7 0.92 0 -0.077 True Positive Rate 0.6 Frue label 0.5 0.4 0.089 0.91 1 0.3 0.2 0.2 LogisticRegressionCV (AUC = 0.97) 0.0 0.1 1 0.6 Predicted label 0.0 0.4 0.8 1.0 False Positive Rate

Our model is once again overfitting to the training data and performing very well on it but the model's performance drops significantly when we test it with the test data. In order to address this, we can once again perform a grid search and try to tune the model.

Hyperparameter Tuning

```
# clf = LogisticRegressionCV(cv=5)
In [72]:
          # grid = {'penalty': ['l1','l2'],
                     'solver': ['liblinear', 'lbfgs', 'sag', 'saga'],
                     'class weight': ['balanced', None],
                     'Cs': [1e12, 10, 1, 0.1]
          #
          # gridsearch = GridSearchCV(estimator=clf, param grid = grid, scoring='recall', n jobs=
          # gridsearch.fit(X train sm sc, y train sm)
          # gridsearch.best params
          # # {'Cs': 1, 'class weight': 'balanced', 'penalty': 'l2', 'solver': 'liblinear'}
In [73]:
          clf_logregcv_tuned = LogisticRegressionCV(cv=5, class_weight='balanced', Cs=1, penalty=
          clf_logregcv_tuned.fit(X_train_sm_sc, y_train_sm)
          y pred = clf logregcv tuned.predict(X test sc)
          classification(y_test, y_pred, X_test_sc, clf_logregcv_tuned)
         CLASSIFICATION REPORT
                                     recall f1-score
                       precision
                                                        support
```



Unfortunately, the parameters returned by our grid search did not seem to improve the recall score. This can potentially be due to the limitation of the model itself or more likely is the limitations of our dataset. We simply may not have enough data points to more accurately predict the popularity of a song.

INTERPRET

Parsing Feature Importances to Dataframes

Random Forest

```
In [74]: rf_importances_df = pd.Series(clf_rf_tuned.feature_importances_, index=X.columns).sort_
#parsing the series to a dataframe
rf_importances_df = rf_importances_df.reset_index()
rf_importances_df.columns = ['Attribute', 'Importance']
rf_importances_df
```

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Out[74]:		Attribute	Importance
	0	Рор	0.164525
	1	acousticness	0.057078
	2	loudness	0.036838
	3	instrumentalness	0.035286
	4	energy	0.031909
	5	danceability	0.031781

	Attribute	Importance
6	speechiness	0.026970
7	Reggae	0.026713
8	valence	0.025133
9	Ska	0.024537
10	Electronic	0.023677
11	Reggaeton	0.023457
12	Rock	0.023326
13	duration_ms	0.023224
14	Anime	0.022284
15	Blues	0.021852
16	key_C	0.020863
17	liveness	0.019780
18	key_D	0.019494
19	key_G	0.019102
20	Country	0.018105
21	World	0.017470
22	time_signature_4/4	0.016976
23	tempo	0.016694
24	key_F	0.015880
25	Jazz	0.015826
26	key_C#	0.015623
27	key_B	0.015528
28	Soul	0.015292
29	key_E	0.014387
30	Movie	0.013773
31	key_G#	0.013426
32	key_A#	0.012829
33	Rap	0.012073
34	Folk	0.012057
35	key_F#	0.011485
36	Comedy	0.010366
37	time_signature_3/4	0.010352
38	Children's Music	0.009645

	Attribute	Importance
39	R&B	0.009163
40	Indie	0.006153
41	key_D#	0.006080
42	Нір-Нор	0.006077
43	Alternative	0.005603
44	Soundtrack	0.004633
45	Dance	0.004584
46	Classical	0.004508
47	Opera	0.003727
48	mode_Minor	0.003216
49	time_signature_5/4	0.000432
50	time_signature_1/4	0.000153
51	A Capella	0.000056

XGBoost

```
In [75]: #parsing feature importances to a series, sorting and displaying top 10
    xgb_importances_df = pd.Series(clf_xgb_tuned.feature_importances_, index=X.columns).sor
    #parsing the series to a dataframe
    xgb_importances_df = xgb_importances_df.reset_index()
    #renaming columns
    xgb_importances_df.columns=['Attribute', 'Importance']
    xgb_importances_df
```

Out[75]:		Attribute	Importance
	0	Рор	0.316489
	1	Blues	0.045231
	2	Anime	0.040975
	3	Ska	0.040372
	4	Electronic	0.040091
	5	key_F	0.036262
	6	Reggae	0.029529
	7	World	0.026996
	8	Reggaeton	0.026405
	9	key_G	0.023537
	10	Comedy	0.023419
	11	key_E	0.023021
	12	key_D	0.022285

	Attribute	Importance
13	key_C#	0.020703
14	time_signature_4/4	0.020695
15	key_B	0.019994
16	Movie	0.019381
17	Country	0.019373
18	key_C	0.018227
19	key_G#	0.017221
20	Jazz	0.017202
21	key_F#	0.016300
22	key_A#	0.016279
23	key_D#	0.011835
24	Soul	0.011235
25	Rock	0.010703
26	Opera	0.009135
27	Folk	0.008910
28	Rap	0.008456
29	Soundtrack	0.006531
30	Classical	0.006520
31	R&B	0.006228
32	Children's Music	0.006204
33	acousticness	0.005566
34	time_signature_1/4	0.003616
35	Нір-Нор	0.003579
36	A Capella	0.003334
37	Indie	0.003131
38	instrumentalness	0.002617
39	Alternative	0.002514
40	loudness	0.001816
41	Dance	0.001791
42	speechiness	0.000861
43	danceability	0.000762
44	duration_ms	0.000711
45	liveness	0.000679

	Attribute	Importance
46	energy	0.000659
47	valence	0.000648
48	time_signature_5/4	0.000621
49	mode_Minor	0.000596
50	time_signature_3/4	0.000412
51	tempo	0.000341

LogisticRegressionCV

```
In [76]: logregcv_importances_df = pd.Series(clf_logregcv_tuned.coef_[0], index=X.columns).sort_
#parsing the series to a dataframe
logregcv_importances_df = logregcv_importances_df.reset_index()
logregcv_importances_df.columns = ['Attribute', 'Importance']
logregcv_importances_df
```

Out[76]:		Attribute	Importance
	0	Рор	0.601950
	1	Rock	0.309054
	2	danceability	0.116494
	3	loudness	0.108664
	4	Rap	0.107316
	5	time_signature_4/4	0.084469
	6	Dance	0.048944
	7	duration_ms	0.026870
	8	Нір-Нор	0.014091
	9	speechiness	-0.007967
	10	tempo	-0.009485
	11	Indie	-0.018509
	12	time_signature_1/4	-0.025143
	13	energy	-0.027512
	14	Alternative	-0.028040
	15	acousticness	-0.028645
	16	A Capella	-0.029475
	17	mode_Minor	-0.030655
	18	time_signature_5/4	-0.032491
	19	liveness	-0.038735
	20	instrumentalness	-0.041860

	Attribute	Importance
21	Soundtrack	-0.054250
22	Comedy	-0.073649
23	time_signature_3/4	-0.079753
24	valence	-0.091473
25	Classical	-0.103433
26	R&B	-0.107219
27	Opera	-0.137085
28	Children's Music	-0.143973
29	key_D#	-0.150332
30	Jazz	-0.169850
31	Folk	-0.174009
32	Soul	-0.178986
33	key_F#	-0.191404
34	Electronic	-0.201808
35	key_A#	-0.213272
36	key_G#	-0.222287
37	key_E	-0.228935
38	key_B	-0.232979
39	Movie	-0.241415
40	key_C#	-0.245953
41	World	-0.250408
42	Country	-0.253917
43	key_F	-0.254419
44	Blues	-0.259028
45	Reggaeton	-0.264379
46	key_D	-0.277526
47	key_C	-0.284692
48	key_G	-0.286190
49	Reggae	-0.289582
50	Anime	-0.296689
51	Ska	-0.315194

In [77]: importances_df = pd.concat([xgb_importances_df, logregcv_importances_df, rf_importances_df
importances_df

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	Attribute	Importance	Attribute	Importance	Attribute	Importance
0	Рор	0.316489	Рор	0.601950	Рор	0.164525
1	Blues	0.045231	Rock	0.309054	acousticness	0.057078
2	Anime	0.040975	danceability	0.116494	loudness	0.036838
3	Ska	0.040372	loudness	0.108664	instrumentalness	0.035286
4	Electronic	0.040091	Rap	0.107316	energy	0.031909
5	key_F	0.036262	time_signature_4/4	0.084469	danceability	0.031781
6	Reggae	0.029529	Dance	0.048944	speechiness	0.026970
7	World	0.026996	duration_ms	0.026870	Reggae	0.026713
8	Reggaeton	0.026405	Нір-Нор	0.014091	valence	0.025133
9	key_G	0.023537	speechiness	-0.007967	Ska	0.024537
10	Comedy	0.023419	tempo	-0.009485	Electronic	0.023677
11	key_E	0.023021	Indie	-0.018509	Reggaeton	0.023457
12	key_D	0.022285	time_signature_1/4	-0.025143	Rock	0.023326
13	key_C#	0.020703	energy	-0.027512	duration_ms	0.023224
14	time_signature_4/4	0.020695	Alternative	-0.028040	Anime	0.022284
15	key_B	0.019994	acousticness	-0.028645	Blues	0.021852
16	Movie	0.019381	A Capella	-0.029475	key_C	0.020863
17	Country	0.019373	mode_Minor	-0.030655	liveness	0.019780
18	key_C	0.018227	time_signature_5/4	-0.032491	key_D	0.019494
19	key_G#	0.017221	liveness	-0.038735	key_G	0.019102
20	Jazz	0.017202	instrumentalness	-0.041860	Country	0.018105
21	key_F#	0.016300	Soundtrack	-0.054250	World	0.017470
22	key_A#	0.016279	Comedy	-0.073649	time_signature_4/4	0.016976
23	key_D#	0.011835	time_signature_3/4	-0.079753	tempo	0.016694
24	Soul	0.011235	valence	-0.091473	key_F	0.015880
25	Rock	0.010703	Classical	-0.103433	Jazz	0.015826
26	Opera	0.009135	R&B	-0.107219	key_C#	0.015623
27	Folk	0.008910	Opera	-0.137085	key_B	0.015528
28	Rap	0.008456	Children's Music	-0.143973	Soul	0.015292
29	Soundtrack	0.006531	key_D#	-0.150332	key_E	0.014387
30	Classical	0.006520	Jazz	-0.169850	Movie	0.013773
31	R&B	0.006228	Folk	-0.174009	key_G#	0.013426
32	Children's Music	0.006204	Soul	-0.178986	key_A#	0.012829

	Attribute	Importance	Attribute	Importance	Attribute	Importance
33	acousticness	0.005566	key_F#	-0.191404	Rap	0.012073
34	time_signature_1/4	0.003616	Electronic	-0.201808	Folk	0.012057
35	Нір-Нор	0.003579	key_A#	-0.213272	key_F#	0.011485
36	A Capella	0.003334	key_G#	-0.222287	Comedy	0.010366
37	Indie	0.003131	key_E	-0.228935	time_signature_3/4	0.010352
38	instrumentalness	0.002617	key_B	-0.232979	Children's Music	0.009645
39	Alternative	0.002514	Movie	-0.241415	R&B	0.009163
40	loudness	0.001816	key_C#	-0.245953	Indie	0.006153
41	Dance	0.001791	World	-0.250408	key_D#	0.006080
42	speechiness	0.000861	Country	-0.253917	Нір-Нор	0.006077
43	danceability	0.000762	key_F	-0.254419	Alternative	0.005603
44	duration_ms	0.000711	Blues	-0.259028	Soundtrack	0.004633
45	liveness	0.000679	Reggaeton	-0.264379	Dance	0.004584
46	energy	0.000659	key_D	-0.277526	Classical	0.004508
47	valence	0.000648	key_C	-0.284692	Opera	0.003727
48	time_signature_5/4	0.000621	key_G	-0.286190	mode_Minor	0.003216
49	mode_Minor	0.000596	Reggae	-0.289582	time_signature_5/4	0.000432
50	time_signature_3/4	0.000412	Anime	-0.296689	time_signature_1/4	0.000153
51	tempo	0.000341	Ska	-0.315194	A Capella	0.000056

Feature Importance Comparison

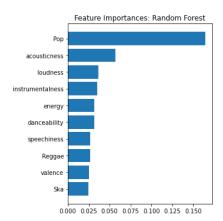
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In [78]: #plotting feature importances for all models for comparison

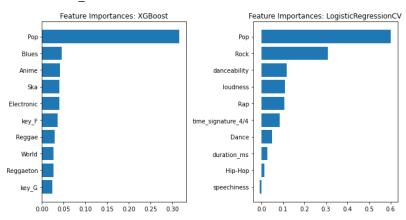
fig, ax = plt.subplots(ncols=3, figsize=(15,5))

rf_importances_df = rf_importances_df.sort_values(by='Importance', ascending=True).tail
ax[0].barh(rf_importances_df['Attribute'], rf_importances_df['Importance'])
ax[0].set_title('Feature Importances: Random Forest')

xgb_importances_df = xgb_importances_df.sort_values(by='Importance', ascending=True).ta
ax[1].barh(xgb_importances_df['Attribute'], xgb_importances_df['Importance'])
ax[1].set_title('Feature Importances: XGBoost')

logregcv_importances_df = logregcv_importances_df.sort_values(by='Importance', ascendin
ax[2].barh(logregcv_importances_df['Attribute'], logregcv_importances_df['Importance'])
ax[2].set_title('Feature Importances: LogisticRegressionCV')
plt.tight_layout()
```



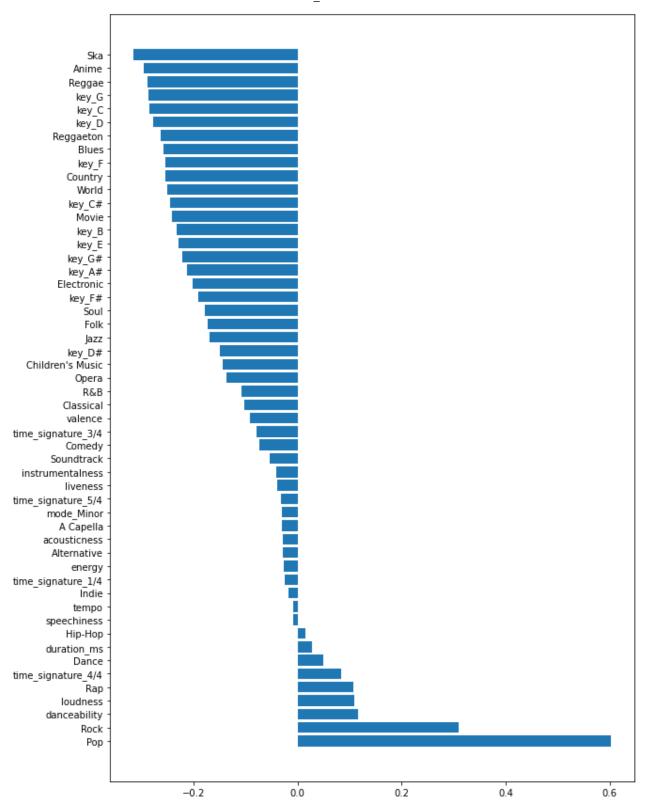


Among the 3 models we built we can see that Genre of a song has the highest effect on the popularity of a song. On all 3 models, a song having Pop as its genre had the most impact on its popularity. This makes sense since Pop songs by nature are considered popular. Among the rest of the features shown above, it is difficult to reach conclusions as the importance values for the XGBoost and Random Forests don't have directionality to them.

```
In [79]: logregcv_importances_df = pd.Series(clf_logregcv_tuned.coef_[0], index=X.columns).sort_
#parsing the series to a dataframe
logregcv_importances_df = logregcv_importances_df.reset_index()
logregcv_importances_df.columns = ['Attribute', 'Importance']

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,15))
ax.barh(logregcv_importances_df['Attribute'], logregcv_importances_df['Importance'])
```

Out[79]: <BarContainer object of 52 artists>



Data Visualizations

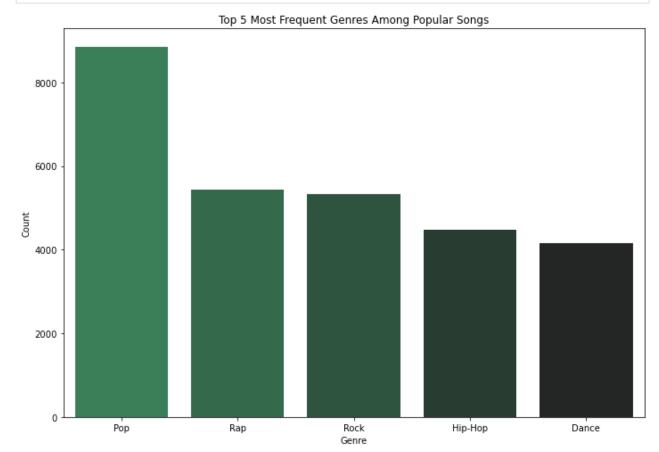
Genre

```
In [80]: popular_songs_df = df_ohe[df_ohe['is_popular'] == 1]
    unpopular_songs_df = df_ohe[df_ohe['is_popular']==0]
In [81]: popular_genre_df = popular_songs_df.iloc[:, 10:36].agg('sum').sort_values(ascending=Fal)
```

```
popular_genre_df.columns = ['genre', 'count']
popular_genre_df
```

```
Out[81]:
                         genre count
             0
                            Pop
                                  8845
             1
                                  5440
                            Rap
             2
                                  5332
                           Rock
             3
                       Hip-Hop
                                  4483
             4
                         Dance
                                  4151
             5
                          Indie
                                  3096
                Children's Music
                                  3079
             7
                     Alternative
                                  2713
             8
                           R&B
                                  2347
             9
                           Folk
                                  1658
            10
                           Soul
                                  1205
            11
                        Country
                                  1088
            12
                     Reggaeton
                                    841
            13
                          Blues
                                    398
            14
                           Jazz
                                    368
            15
                      Electronic
                                    333
                         Reggae
                                    301
            16
            17
                          World
                                    221
            18
                            Ska
                                    120
                     Soundtrack
            19
                                    102
            20
                        Classical
                                     87
            21
                         Movie
                                     69
            22
                         Anime
                                     35
            23
                         Opera
                                      3
            24
                                      1
                        Comedy
            25
                       A Capella
                                      0
```

```
plt.tight_layout();
# plt.savefig('images/genre-popular.jpg')
```



Above bar graph shows us the most frequent genres among popular songs. As we discussed above, most popular songs have Pop as their genre followed by Rap, Rock, Hip-Hop and Dance. These results make sense and are in-line with a survey conducted by IFPI

(https://www.statista.com/chart/15763/most-popular-music-genres-worldwide/).

```
In [83]: unpopular_genre_df = unpopular_songs_df.iloc[:, 10:36].agg('sum').sort_values(ascending
unpopular_genre_df.columns = ['genre', 'count']
unpopular_genre_df
```

Out[83]:		genre	count
	0	Children's Music	11677
	1	Comedy	9680
	2	Soundtrack	9544
	3	Classical	9169
	4	Jazz	9073
	5	Electronic	9044
	6	Anime	8901
	7	World	8875
	8	Ska	8754
	9	Blues	8625

	genre	count
10	Reggae	8470
11	Opera	8277
12	Reggaeton	8086
13	Soul	7884
14	Movie	7737
15	Folk	7641
16	Country	7576
17	R&B	6645
18	Alternative	6550
19	Indie	6447
20	Нір-Нор	4812
21	Dance	4550
22	Rock	3940
23	Rap	3792
24	Рор	541
25	A Capella	119

12000 10000 8000 Count 6000 4000 2000 Children's Music Comedy Soundtrack Classical azz

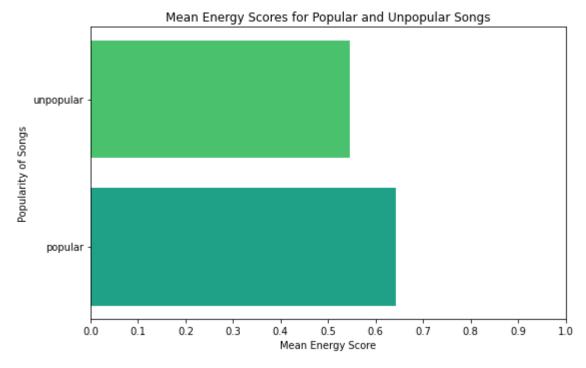
Top 5 Most Frequent Genres Among Unpopular Songs

The most frequent genres of unpopular songs can be seen above. The results make sense as these genres tend to have a more niche fanbase or as in the case of "Children's Music" are listened to infrequently.

Genre

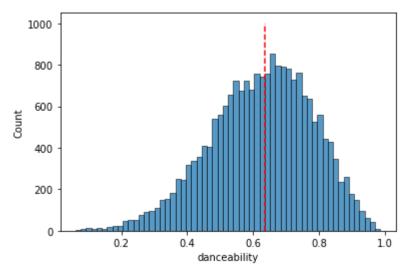
Energy

```
popular_energy_clean = popular_songs_df[find_outliers_IQR(popular_songs_df['energy'])==
In [85]:
          print(popular_energy_clean['energy'].describe())
          unpopular_energy_clean = unpopular_songs_df[find_outliers_IQR(unpopular_songs_df['energ
          print(unpopular energy clean['energy'].describe())
                   20040.000000
          count
                       0.642509
          mean
          std
                       0.195809
                       0.074000
         min
          25%
                       0.511000
          50%
                       0.662000
          75%
                       0.796000
                       0.999000
         max
         Name: energy, dtype: float64
                   156575.000000
          count
                        0.546617
         mean
          std
                        0.282264
          min
                        0.000020
          25%
                        0.318000
          50%
                        0.578000
          75%
                        0.788000
                        0.999000
         max
         Name: energy, dtype: float64
          mean_energy = {'popular': popular_energy_clean['energy'].mean(),
In [86]:
```



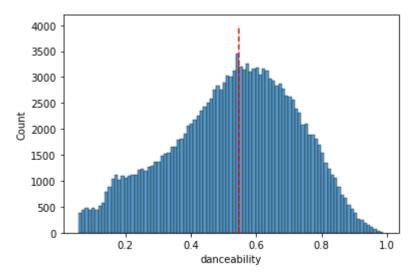
As we can see above, popular songs tended to be more energetic compared to unpopular songs. This makes sense since the most frequent genres we explored tend to also be energetic genres.

Danceability



```
In [89]: sns.histplot(data = unpopular_songs_df, x='danceability', bins='auto')
plt.vlines(x=unpopular_songs_df['danceability'].median(), ymin=0, ymax=4000, color='red
```

Out[89]: <matplotlib.collections.LineCollection at 0x2e83120d430>



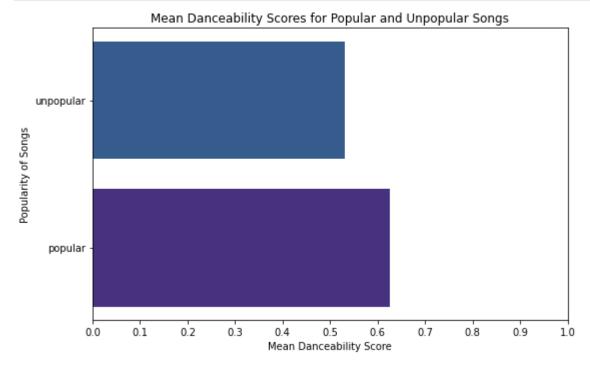
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20094.000000
          count
Out[90]:
                        0.625974
          mean
          std
                        0.151130
                        0.196000
          min
          25%
                        0.523000
          50%
                        0.636000
          75%
                        0.738000
                        0.985000
          max
```

Name: danceability, dtype: float64

In [91]: unpopular_dance_clean = unpopular_songs_df[find_outliers_IQR(unpopular_songs_df['dancea
unpopular_dance_clean['danceability'].describe()

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Out[91]: count 156575.000000 mean 0.530440 std 0.191956 min 0.056900 25% 0.401000 50% 0.547000
```

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75% 0.674000
max 0.989000
Name: danceability, dtype: float64
```



Above, it is clear that the popular songs tended to have a higher danceability score compared to unpopular songs. This follows the same trend as the energy scores where majority of the popular songs are high energy and danceable (refer to Appendix A for definition of "danceability": high tempo, high beat strength etc.)

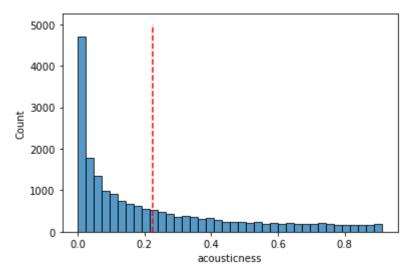
Acousticness

50% 0.125000 75% 0.355000 0.913000 max Name: acousticness, dtype: float64 156575.000000 count 0.424829 mean 0.371949 std min 0.000000 25% 0.049800 50% 0.329000 75% 0.819000 0.996000 max Name: acousticness, dtype: float64

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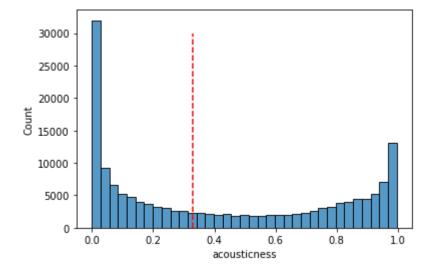
```
In [94]: sns.histplot(data = popular_acoustic_clean, x='acousticness', bins='auto')
plt.vlines(x=popular_acoustic_clean['acousticness'].mean(), ymin=0, ymax=5000, color='r
```

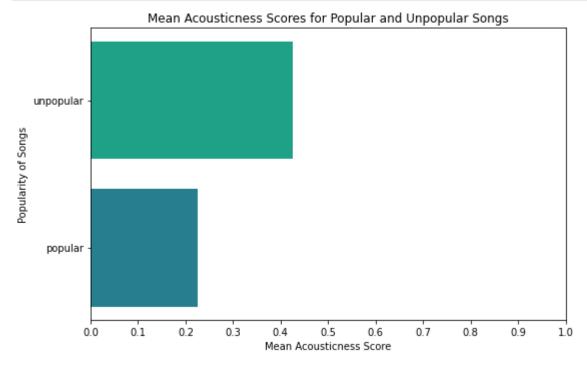
Out[94]: <matplotlib.collections.LineCollection at 0x2e82c161310>



```
In [95]: sns.histplot(data = unpopular_songs_df, x='acousticness', bins='auto')
plt.vlines(x=unpopular_songs_df['acousticness'].median(), ymin=0, ymax=30000, color='re
```

Out[95]: <matplotlib.collections.LineCollection at 0x2e8301f2640>





Similar to the energy and danceability scores we see that the popular songs tended to have a lower acousticness score. Since acoustic songs are usually lower energy and rarely danceable this follows the same trend we've been observing.

CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

In a competitive environment like the music streaming market, it is vital to retain current subscribers and add new subscribers over time. By accurately predicting which song will be popular next, companies like Spotify can leverage this information to create better playlists and find and sign exclusivity deals with established and up-and-coming artists more easily. To sum up, our analysis of approximately 176,000 songs from 2019 showed the following:

- 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 therefore less acoustic.