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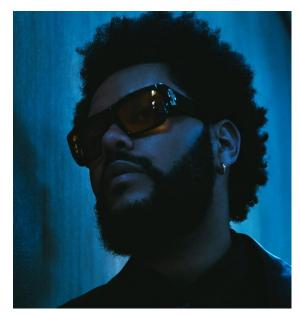
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### 1.1) ABOUT ARTIST:

The artist that I have chosen to represent as the artist's manager is Abel Makkonen **Tesfaye** or better known by his stage name "The Weeknd". Abel is a Canadian singer and song writer who started his journey in 2009 when he collaborated with renowned music producer Jeremy Ross which resulted in three songs. But Abel really made his mark in the music world when he was noticed by none other than a fellow Canadian singer, rapper, and song writer Drake, who identified his potential, gave him support by promoting Able on his personal blog, and giving him access to recording studio to pursue his dream. With Drake as his guardian angel Abel released nine song Mixtape by the name House of Ballon which was shortlisted for Canada's Polaris Music Prize. And from that point on he never looked back and came to be known to the world as The Weeknd.



The Weeknd has been active since 2009 and during this period have collaborated with several other big names in the industry some of which are Drake, Kendrick Lamar, Kanye West, Ariana Grande, Beyonce, Daft punk and many others. The complete list of The Weeknd's songs and albums is as follows:

Category	Frequency
Studio Albums	5
Live Albums	1
Compilation Albums	3
EPs	3
Singles	67
Soundtrack Albums	1
Mixtapes	3
Promotional Singles	6

<u>Some notable characteristics</u> of The Weeknd's journey are that he had the **honor of performing** at the 2021 Super Bowl as the first Canadian solo singer, which was attended by around 25000 individuals.

Another recent characteristic/highlight of The Weeknd's career is (ELLINGTON, 2023) that: "The Weeknd has tied Michael Jackson's longstanding Billboard chart record of being the only artist to have multiple No. 1 hits from numerous albums."

And that is not all another record which The Weeknd made is (Will, 2023) that "the Canadian superstar (real name Abel Tesfaye) has broken the all-time record for most monthly global listeners among all artists in Spotify history."

Last notable character that I would like to mention is that **The Weeknd has now become the most popular artist** and was officially accredited by the Guiness World Records (Atwal, 2023) on this achievement so it would not be wrong to declare him as a living legend.

# 1.2) DATA SELECTION & EXPLORATION:

### **STRATEGY:**

- A) Create a shortlist of hashtags
- B) Write the code
- C) Run the code to accumulate as much data as possible
- D) Select the hashtag that has the potential to retrieve most data
- E) Use that data for analysis

In-order to collect the data from the artist I represent I shortlisted a total of 10 keywords which are as follows:

- 1) #weeknd
- 2) #TheWeeknd
- 3) #Starboy
- 4) #Kissland
- 5) #Afterhours
- 6) #Theweekndxo
- 7) #Blindinglights
- 8) #Abeltesfaye
- 9) #XOTWOD
- 10) #FaveTourStyle

After the shortlisting of various hashtags, I ran the R code to accumulate the data associated with the said hashtags and stored the retrieved results in a list called twitter\_data\_list.

(Note: The code has comments to describe what each code block does)

```
17
    # QUESTION NO 1.2
18
19 DATA COLLECTION OF THE ARTIST: The Weeknd
20
    #creating a list of hashtags to iterate and collect data on
my_hashtags = list("#Weeknd","#TheWeeknd","#StarBoy","#Kissland","#AfterHours",
21
22
                         "TheWeekndXO", "BlindingLights", "#AbelTesfaye", "#XOTWOD", "#FaveTourStyle")
23
24
25
    #creating an empty list that will be populated with the retrieved data
26
   twitter_data_list = list()
27
28 #this for loop will run from 1 to 10 and will loop through the my_hashtags list and retrieve
29 # the appropriate key word's data
30 - for (i in 1:10) {
31
      print(my_hashtags[i])
32
       twitter_data_list[i] <- Authenticate("twitter",</pre>
33
                                       appName = my_app_name,
34
                                      apiKey = my_api_key,
35
                                       apiSecret = my_api_secret,
36
                                      accessToken = my_access_token,
37
                                       accessTokenSecret = my_access_token_secret) %>%
38
        Collect(searchTerm = my_hashtags[[i]],
39
                 searchType = "mixed",
40
                 numTweets = 1500,
                  lang = "en",
41
42
                  includeRetweets = TRUE,
                 writeToFile = TRUE,
43
                 verbose = TRUE) # use 'verbose' to show download progress
44
45
46
      print(i)
47 - }
```

#### **COLLECTION HISTORY:**

Date	Time	Total Data Collected	Search Type
25/March/2023	10:38	4952	Mixed

```
Collecting tweets for search query...
                                                           Collecting tweets for search query...
Search term: #Weeknd
                                                           Search term: #TheWeeknd
Requested 1500 tweets of 17000 in this search rate limit.
                                                           Requested 1500 tweets of 16800 in this search rate limit.
                                                           Rate limit reset: 2023-03-25 12:44:36
Rate limit reset: 2023-03-25 12:44:36
             | status_id
                                   | created
                                                                        | status_id
                                                                                               | created
                                                           tweet
Latest Obs | 1639591937069178880 | 2023-03-25 11:35:54
                                                           Latest Obs | 1639040603437826048 | 2023-03-23 23:05:06
                                                           Earliest Obs | 1637676831024246784 | 2023-03-20 04:45:57
Earliest Obs | 1636346578104631297 | 2023-03-16 12:40:00
Collected 81 tweets.
                                                           Collected 1500 tweets.
RDS file written: 2023-03-25_123848-TwitterData.rds
                                                           RDS file written: 2023-03-25_123945-TwitterData.rds
```

```
Collecting tweets for search query...
                                                            Collecting tweets for search query...
                                                            Search term: #Kissland
Search term: #StarBoy
                                                            Requested 1500 tweets of 14800 in this search rate limit.
Requested 1500 tweets of 15300 in this search rate limit.
Rate limit reset: 2023-03-25 12:44:36
                                                            Rate limit reset: 2023-03-25 12:44:36
tweet
             | status_id
                                   | created
                                                                         | status_id
Latest Obs | 1639604165159579649 | 2023-03-25 12:24:30
                                                            Latest Obs | 1639397106057195521 | 2023-03-24 22:41:43
Earliest Obs | 1636157129529622531 | 2023-03-16 00:07:12
                                                            Earliest Obs | 1636603074172293121 | 2023-03-17 05:39:14
Collected 324 tweets
                                                            Collected 9 tweets
RDS file written: 2023-03-25_124002-TwitterData.rds
                                                            RDS file written: 2023-03-25_124004-TwitterData.rds
```

```
Collecting tweets for search query...
                                                              Collecting tweets for search query...
Search term: #AfterHours
Requested 1500 tweets of 14600 in this search rate limit.
                                                              Search term: TheWeekndXO
                                                             Requested 1500 tweets of 13400 in this search rate limit.
Rate limit reset: 2023-03-25 12:44:36
                                                              Rate limit reset: 2023-03-25 12:44:36
             | status_id
                                     | created
                                                                           I status id
                                                                                                  | created
             | 1639429987202899969 | 2023-03-25 00:52:22
                                                                             1639603367143149568 | 2023-03-25 12:21:19
                                                              Latest Obs
Earliest Obs | 1636149788776316931 | 2023-03-15 23:38:02
                                                              Earliest Obs | 1636204475357573120 | 2023-03-16 03:15:20
Collected 1047 tweets
                                                             Collected 42 tweets
RDS file written: 2023-03-25_124032-TwitterData.rds
                                                             RDS file written: 2023-03-25 124034-TwitterData.rds
```

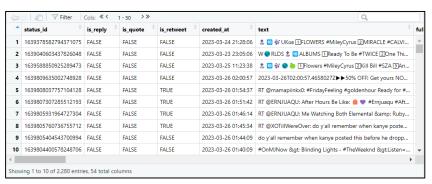
```
Collecting tweets for search query...
                                                           Collecting tweets for search query...
Search term: BlindingLights
                                                           Search term: #AbelTesfaye
Requested 1500 tweets of 13200 in this search rate limit.
                                                           Requested 1500 tweets of 13000 in this search rate limit.
Rate limit reset: 2023-03-25 12:44:36
                                                           Rate limit reset: 2023-03-25 12:44:36
tweet
            I status id
                                   | created
                                                                        | status_id
                                                                                               created
Latest Obs | 1639585359393615873 | 2023-03-25 11:09:46
                                                           Latest Obs | 1638988013383344129 | 2023-03-23 19:36:07
Earliest Obs | 1636399297150304258 | 2023-03-16 16:09:29
                                                           Earliest Obs | 1636292829998731264 | 2023-03-16 09:06:26
Collected 50 tweets.
                                                           Collected 17 tweets.
RDS file written: 2023-03-25_124038-TwitterData.rds
                                                           RDS file written: 2023-03-25_124039-TwitterData.rds
```

Search term: #XOTWOD Requested 1500 tweets of 12800 in this search rate limit.		Collecting tweets for search query Search term: #FaveTourStyle Requested 1500 tweets of 12600 in this search rate limit. Rate limit reset: 2023-03-25 12:44:36			
tweet	status_id	created	tweet	status_id	created
Earliest Obs   Collected 54 tv		2023-03-16 04:33:49	Earliest Obs Collected 149	1637967260609310726   1637538200183791616   5 tweets.   ten: 2023-03-25_124132	2023-03-19 19:35:05

# **SELECTION OF "TheWeeknd" HASHTAG:**

Now from the above results it is evident that the hashtag: "TheWeeknd" has the potential to have the most tweets associated with it hence we will select this as our main hashtag and set a limit of 15000.

And here we have it a total of 2280 tweets associated with the hashtag collected:



### 1.3) TOP 5 INFLUENTIAL USERS:

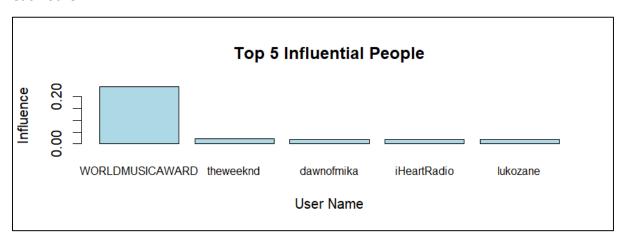
```
"Top 5 most influential people"
73
   #creating actor network graph
74 the_Weeknd_twitter_actor_network <- the_weeknd_twitter_data %>% Create("actor")
75 the_Weeknd_twitter_actor_graph <- the_Weeknd_twitter_actor_network %>% Graph()
76 V(the_Weeknd_twitter_actor_graph) $name <- V(the_Weeknd_twitter_actor_graph) $screen_name
78 write.graph(the_Weeknd_twitter_actor_graph, file = "TheWeekndTwitterActor.graphm")",
                 format = "graphm1")
80
81 #running the ranking algo to find the top 5 most influential people
82 rank_twitter_actor_the_weeknd <- sort(page_rank(the_Weeknd_twitter_actor_graph) \( \) \( \) \( \) vector,
83
                                             decreasing = TRUE)
84
85 #making a barplot of top 5 people and their influence
86 top_5_inf_people = data.frame(head(rank_twitter_actor_the_weeknd, n = 5))
87 colnames(top_5_inf_people) <- c('Influence')
88 view(top_5_inf_people)
89 H <- top_5_inf_people[['Influence']]</pre>
90 M <- rownames(top_5_inf_people)
91 barplot(H,cex.names=0.8,names.arg=M,,xlab="User Name",ylab="Influence",
92 col="lightblue",main="Top 5 Influential People")
```

### **TOP 5 INFLUENTIAL USERS:**

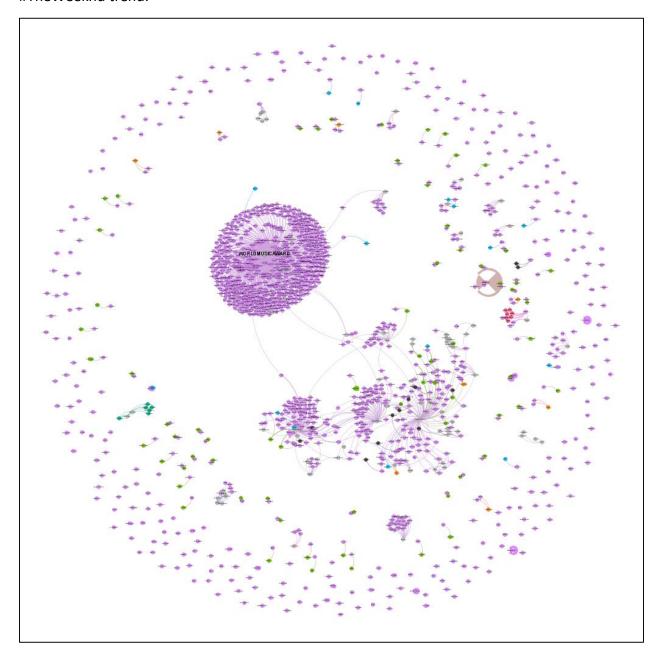
The following table depicts the twitter handle of the top 5 influential users of the hashtag under study and their influence on the rest of the users in the dataset. The influence is calculated by the PageRank algorithm of R language.

^	Influence <sup>‡</sup>
WORLDMUSICAWARD	0.24267023
theweeknd	0.02250216
dawnofmika	0.01933454
iHeartRadio	0.01838609
lukozane	0.01763661

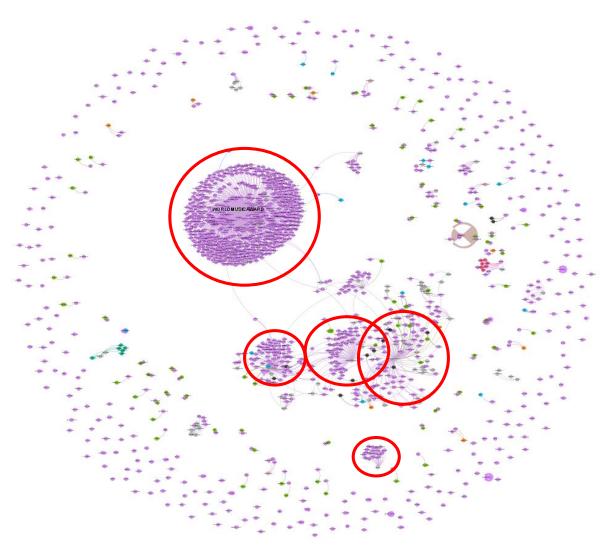
The bar diagram helps users to perceive how influential the five users are comparatively to each other.



The following is the network graph of all the actors (users) that have participated in the #TheWeeknd trend.



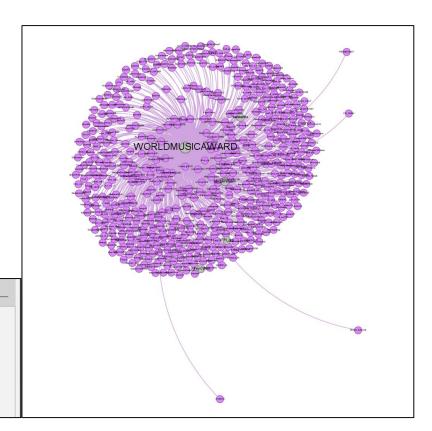
If you observe closely, you can see the clusters of the most influential users.



Now we will filter out the top 5 users that we extracted from the R page rank algorithm to see:

- 1) How does their clusters look like?
- 2) What is the number of nodes connecting to them with depth=1,

# **WORLDMUSICAWARD:**

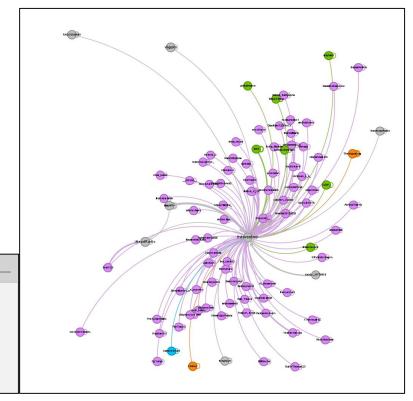


Context ×

**Nodes:** 560 (38.97% visible) **Edges:** 560 (36.11% visible)

Directed Graph

# Theweeknd:

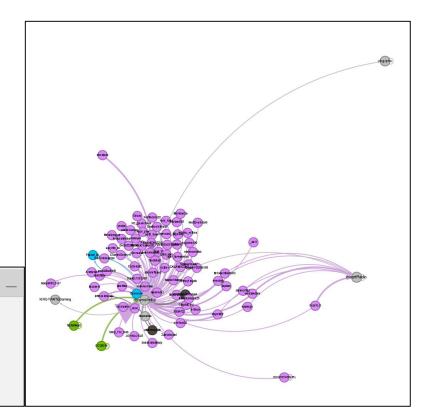


Nodes: 92 (6.4% visible)

Edges: 174 (11.22% visible)

Directed Graph

# Dawnofmika:

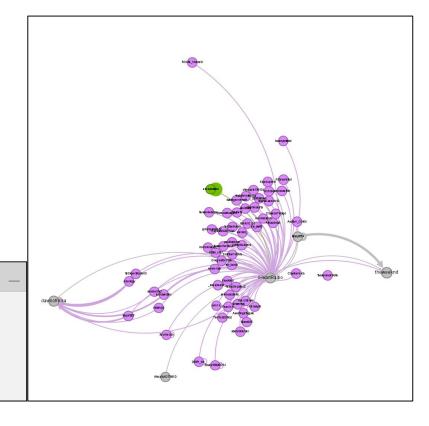


Context ×

**Nodes:** 86 (5.98% visible) **Edges:** 104 (6.71% visible)

Directed Graph

# IHeartRadio:



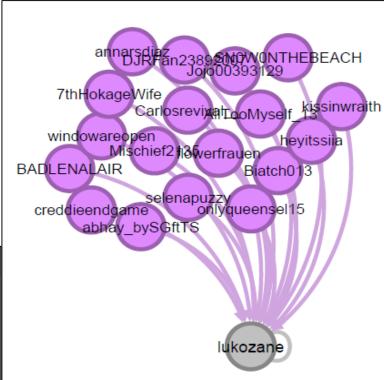
Context ×

Nodes: 65 (4.52% visible)

Edges: 81 (5.22% visible)

Directed Graph

#### Lukozane:



**Edges:** 19 (1.23% visible)

Directed Graph

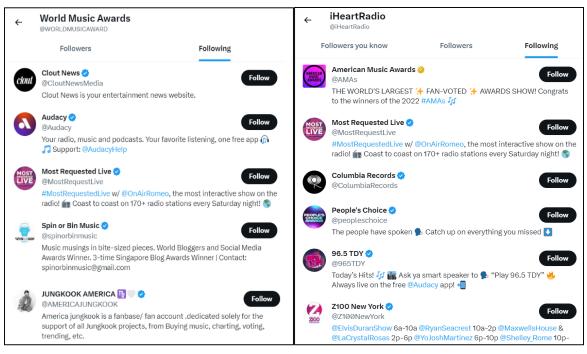
### **SIMILARITIES AMONG THE TOP 5 INFLUENTIAL USERS:**

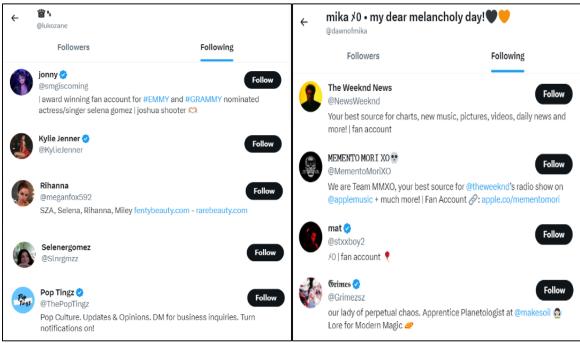
To find the similarities among the top 5 users, I went onto their twitter profiles and went through their following.

Following on twitter lists all the accounts that the users follow, the prime reason to follow someone is because your interests align with them, or you are inspired by them. After the analysis the **interesting finding regarding the similarities was** 

All of the users are heavily invested in music and follow various artists, bands, and pages to keep up with the latest news in the music world.

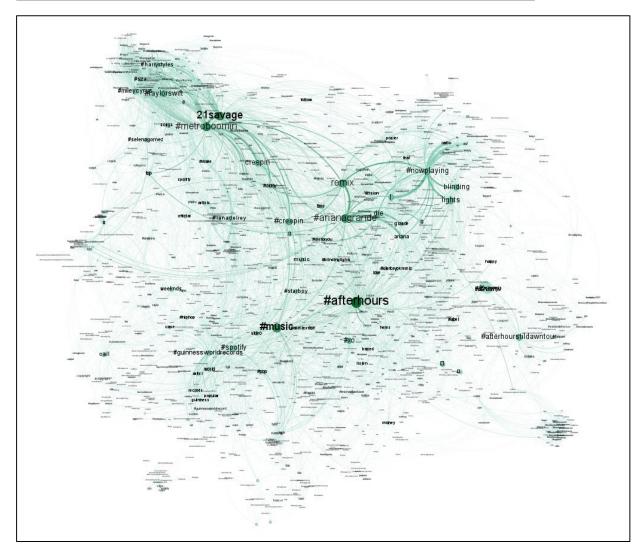
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# 1.4) TOP 10 IMPORTANT TERMS:

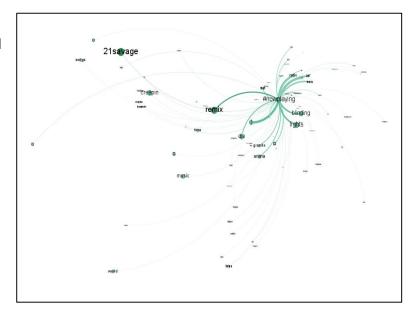
```
> head(rank_twitter_semantic_the_weeknd, n = 10)
          #nowplaying
0.012726266
                                 #metroboomin
                                                          #afterhours
                                                                               #arianagrande
                                                                                 0.009977044
                                  0.010566705
                                                          0.010336954
              21savage
                                        remix
                                                               #music
                                                                                #taylorswift
          0.008600212
                                  0.006930872
                                                          0.006876972
                                                                                 0.006443432
              #creepin #guinnessworldrecords
          0.005665335
                                  0.005545086
```



Now we will see the top 10 important terms and the words associated with our artist and different words that connect to them. The words selected are those that were rated as top 10 by the page rank algorithm of R language.

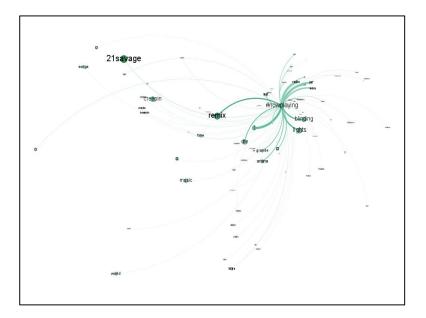
### **#Nowplaying:**

This word was associated with the live album that The Weeknd released on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.



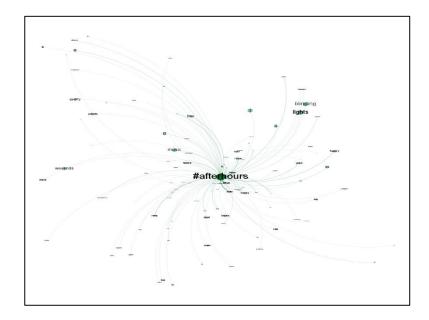
### #metroboomin:

Metro Boomin is a music producer and DJ who has recently collaborated with The Weeknd in a song called **Creepin'** which also featured another singer named **21Savage.** 



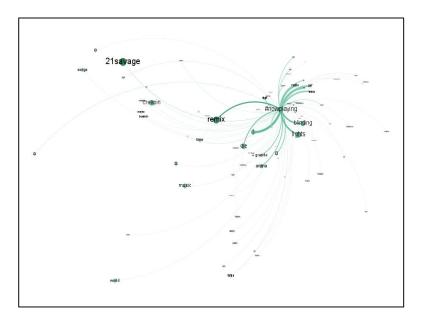
# **#Afterhours:**

After hours is a studio album, fourth one that The Weeknd released back in March 2020.



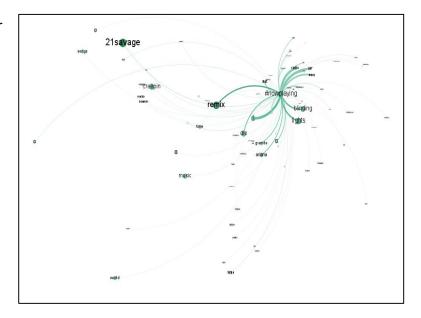
# **#Arianagrande:**

Ariana Grande is an American singer and a longtime friend of The Weeknd. Their friendship goes back to 2014, and they have collaborated on various occasions, most notably save your tears in 2021 which was awarded 3x Platinum certification.



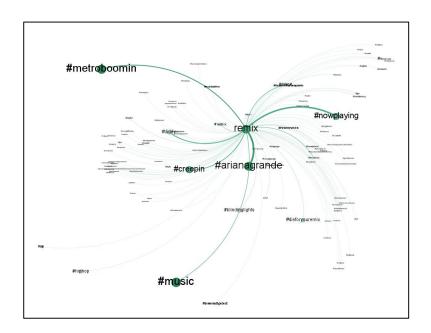
#### #21Savage:

21 Savage is an American rapper who has recently collaborated with The Weeknd and **Metro Boomin** in The Weeknd's new song **Creepin'** 



# #remix:

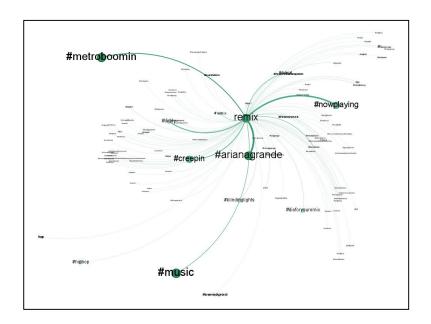
This is associated to The Weeknd and Ariana Grande's popular song Die for You. A remix of this song was released by Fall in Luv which can be found on YouTube that has reached a total of 13000 views in just 6 days.



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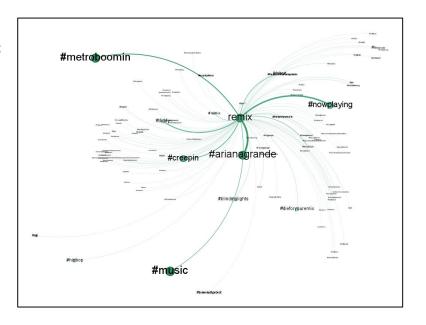
### #Music:

This hashtag is associated with the new live album that The Weeknd has released in 2023.



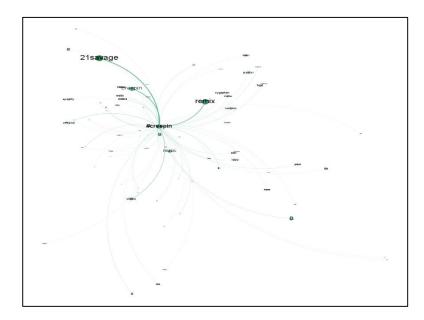
# **#TaylorSwift:**

Taylor Swift is renowned
American singer and songwriter;
she is also part of the list of
popular singers who have
collaborated with The Weeknd.
Their collaboration happened
back in June 2021 for the song
Can't feel my face.



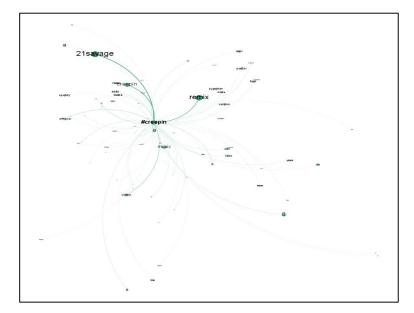
### #Creepin:

Creepin' is associated with the song that The Weeknd released with collaborators **21 Savage** and **Metro Boomin**.



# #GuinnessWorldRecords:

The final word is associated with the most recent achievement of The Weeknd as he has been officially regarded as the **Most popular artist of all time** by none other than Guinness World Records.



# 1.5) UNIQUE USERS IN DATA SET:

```
# QUESTION NO 1.5 #
unique_users_in_data_set <- length(unique(the_weeknd_twitter_data$tweets$user_id))
print(unique_users_in_data_set)</pre>
```

```
> print(unique_users_in_data_set)
[1] 1320
```

In the above code we first extracted the user\_id from the data that we had collected. The reason for extracting user\_id and not user\_name or screen\_name is that more than one user can have the same screen name, but no two users can have the same user\_id.

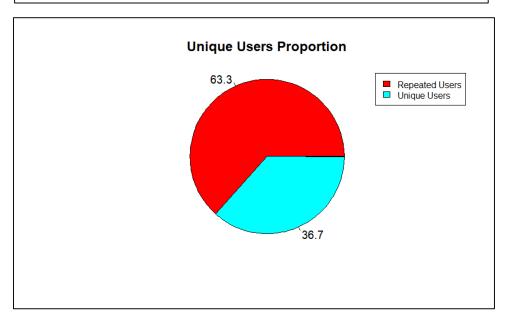
Once I had the user\_id column I used the R language's unique function to separate out all the unique ids that were in the dataset.

Then I applied the length function of R which calculates the number of occurrences.

After that I stored the length in a variable called: "unique users in data set"

Finally, I printed the number of unique users which was equal to 1320.

```
#plotting the unique users
x <- c(total_users_in_data_set,unique_users_in_data_set)
label <- c("Repeated Users","Unique Users")
piepercent <- round(100*x/sum(x),1)
pie(x, labels = piepercent, main = "Unique Users Proportion",radius=1,
        col = rainbow(length(x)))
legend("topright", label, cex = 0.8,fill = rainbow(length(x)))</pre>
```



The above results indicate that over the past seven days around 1320 users actively engaged in tweets that were related to artist The Weeknd with the specific hashtag "#TheWeeknd". The sudden surge of engagement is a distinctive factor of the artist's popularity and also solidifies the notion that he is currently trending on twitter.

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