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**ABSTRACT**

The project aims to create a music genre classification system using machine learning algorithms, specifically k-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Naive Bayes (NB), to accurately predict the genre of unseen audio files using the GTZAN dataset and Python Librosa package.

The music industry leverages genre classification for enhanced user experience, personalized content, and targeted audience targeting in recommendation engines. This system is crucial in organizing digital music libraries, enhancing user experience, and enhancing the effectiveness of music producers and marketers.

Machine learning algorithms have been found to be effective in classifying music genres. Studies have shown that SVM with an RBF kernel is accurate by 87.5%, while KNN outperforms other models with an accuracy of 92.69%, surpassing CNN's 72.40%. KNN's high accuracy and efficiency make it a leading algorithm for this task.

The GTZAN dataset will be used to evaluate three machine learning algorithms for identifying music genres: KNN, SVM, and NB. The KNN algorithm will be evaluated for accuracy, computational efficiency, and robustness. SVM will be assessed for high-dimensional data handling, while Naive Bayes will be considered for its rapid and probabilistic approach. The goal is to find the most accurate algorithm.

The comprehensive dataset includes 10,000 pre-extracted features from 1,000 audio tracks, categorized into 10 music genres. These features, extracted using the Librosa package, are normalized and used to train machine learning models, ensuring a reliable classification system for each genre.

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

In the rapidly evolving landscape of digital music, the efficient categorization of music genres is pivotal for enhancing user engagement and optimizing content delivery. Music genre classification facilitates personalized recommendations, organizes extensive digital music libraries, and supports targeted marketing strategies. As such, developing a robust and accurate music genre classification system is essential for both users and industry professionals.

This project seeks to address this need by employing advanced machine learning techniques to classify music genres. Specifically, it explores the performance of three prominent algorithms: k-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Naive Bayes (NB). The evaluation will be based on the GTZAN dataset, a well-regarded benchmark in music genre classification research, and the Python Librosa package, a powerful tool for audio analysis.

The GTZAN dataset comprises 10,000 pre-extracted feature records from 1,000 audio tracks, each 30 seconds in duration and segmented into 3-second intervals. This dataset encompasses 10 distinct genres: blues, classical, country, disco, hip-hop, jazz, metal, pop, reggae, and rock. Key features of interest include Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCCs), chroma features, zero-crossing rate, and tempo. These features provide a comprehensive representation of the audio data, capturing essential musical characteristics that are critical for genre classification.

Using the Python Librosa package, features from the GTZAN dataset will be meticulously extracted and normalized. This preprocessing step is crucial for ensuring the accuracy and reliability of the subsequent machine learning models. The KNN, SVM, and Naive Bayes algorithms will then be applied to this processed data, each evaluated for its effectiveness in predicting music genres.

Prior studies have demonstrated varying levels of success among these algorithms. SVM with an RBF kernel has achieved an accuracy of approximately 87.5%, showcasing its capability to handle complex data patterns. KNN, however, has consistently delivered superior performance with an accuracy of 92.69%, outperforming other models, including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) which achieved an accuracy of 72.40%. This high accuracy makes KNN a particularly strong candidate for music genre classification. Naive Bayes, with its probabilistic approach, offers rapid classification capabilities, making it an attractive option for certain applications.

The findings of this project will not only provide insights into the relative strengths of these machine learning algorithms but also offer practical recommendations for their application in real-world music classification tasks. Ultimately, the goal is to develop a system that significantly improves the accuracy and efficiency of music genre classification, thereby enhancing user experiences and supporting the broader music industry.

1. **SUPPORTING LITERATURE**
   1. **LITERATURE REVIEW**

**Paper 1:** Ndou, N., Ajoodha, R., & Jadhav, A. (2021). Music Genre Classification: A review of Deep-Learning and Traditional Machine-Learning Approaches. 2021 IEEE International IOT, Electronics and Mechatronics Conference (IEMTRONICS).

In the evolving landscape of audio classification, music genre identification is becoming crucial for managing large music databases. Ndou, Ajoodha, & Jadhav’s paper, "Music Genre Classification: A Review of Deep-Learning and Traditional Machine-Learning Approaches," presented at the 2021 IEEE International IoT, Electronics, and Mechatronics Conference (IEMTRONICS), addresses this need by comparing traditional machine learning models with deep learning methods. The authors explore the performance of these models on features extracted from 3-second and 30-second audio segments from the GTZAN dataset, a benchmark dataset for music genre classification.

The study emphasizes that the key to accurate genre classification lies in selecting the right features. The authors implement the Information Gain Ranking algorithm to determine which features contribute most to the classification task. They evaluate machine learning algorithms such as K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Support Vector Machines (SVM), and Naive Bayes (NB), alongside deep learning models like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN).

The results highlight that KNN performed the best among the machine learning models with an accuracy of 92.69% on 3-second segments, surpassing other traditional and deep-learning models. The study concludes that shorter audio segments (3 seconds) are more effective for genre classification than longer ones (30 seconds). By integrating both traditional and deep learning approaches, the authors provide a comprehensive comparison, emphasizing the potential of machine learning in enhancing music genre classification.

**Paper 2:** Prajwal, Shubham, Naik, & Sugna’s paper, "Music Genre Classification Using Machine Learning. International Research Journal of Modernization in Engineering Technology and Science (IRJMETS)

In the rapidly evolving field of music classification, the demand for efficient genre categorization systems has become critical as digital music platforms grow. Prajwal, Shubham, Naik, & Sugna’s paper, "Music Genre Classification Using Machine Learning," published in the International Research Journal of Modernization in Engineering Technology and Science (IRJMETS), introduces an innovative approach to classify music genres based on various audio features. The authors emphasize the increasing need for automated systems to handle large volumes of music, which manual categorization methods are unable to process effectively.

The authors make use of the GTZAN dataset, a popular dataset containing 1000 audio files, each 30 seconds long, spread across 10 distinct music genres. Key audio features such as Zero-Crossing Rate, Spectral Centroid, Chroma Features, and MFCCs (Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients) were extracted using the Librosa package. These features provide crucial information about the audio signal's frequency and time domain, enabling the machine learning models to accurately differentiate between genres.

The authors evaluate several machine learning models, including K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Support Vector Machines (SVM), and Random Forests. They further enhance the model performance by applying feature selection techniques like Random Forest Importance and XGBoost, which identify the most critical features for classification. Additionally, hyperparameter tuning using GridSearchCV allowed the models to optimize their performance by finding the best combination of parameters for each algorithm.

The results demonstrate that the SVM model achieved the highest classification accuracy of 76.4%, followed by Random Forest with 69.6%, and KNN at 66.4%. The paper concludes that hyperparameter tuning and feature selection significantly impact the accuracy of music genre classification tasks. The authors also suggest that integrating deep learning models, such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), could further improve classification accuracy in future work, especially in handling more complex audio datasets.

**Paper 3:** Setiadi, D. R. I. M., Rahardwika, D. S., Rachmawanto, E. H., Sari, C. A., Irawan, C., Kusumaningrum, D. P., Nuri, N., & Trusthi, S. L. (2020). Comparison of SVM, KNN, and NB Classifier for Genre Music Classification based on Metadata. 2020 International Seminar on Application for Technology of Information and Communication (iSemantic).

In the ever-expanding domain of music streaming, efficient music genre classification is essential for providing personalized recommendations. Setiadi, Rahardwika, Rachmawanto, Sari, Irawan, Kusumaningrum, Nuri, and Trusthi’s paper, "Comparison of SVM, KNN, and NB Classifier for Genre Music Classification Based on Metadata," presented at the 2020 International Seminar on Application for Technology of Information and Communication (iSemantic), addresses this challenge by comparing the performance of three machine learning algorithms: Support Vector Machines (SVM), K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), and Naive Bayes (NB).

The authors use the Spotify music dataset, which contains complete metadata for over 228,000 music tracks across 26 genres. Instead of audio feature extraction, the research focuses on classifying genres using metadata features such as acousticness, instrumentalness, popularity, and tempo. The study tests the efficacy of using metadata, which typically requires fewer computational resources than audio-based feature extraction, to accurately classify music genres.

The experiments demonstrate that SVM with an RBF kernel achieves the highest accuracy of 80%, followed by KNN with 77.18%, and Naive Bayes with 76.08%. These results are comparable to those obtained from more complex audio-based feature extraction methods. The findings suggest that metadata can be an effective alternative for genre classification if the data is well-managed. The study highlights the relative computational efficiency of using metadata, which eliminates the need for intensive audio processing, making it faster and more scalable for large music databases.

In conclusion, the paper contributes to the growing body of research on music classification by showing that metadata-based classification can produce competitive results compared to traditional audio-based methods. The comparison of SVM, KNN, and NB offers valuable insights into which algorithms perform best for metadata-driven music classification.

* + 1. **SUMMARY TABLE**

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| **TITLE** | **DATASET** | **ALGORITHM** | **ACCURACY** |
| Ndou, N., Ajoodha, R., & Jadhav, A. (2021). Music Genre Classification: A review of Deep-Learning and Traditional Machine-Learning Approaches. 2021 IEEE International IOT, Electronics and Mechatronics Conference (IEMTRONICS). | GTZAN dataset  10,000 Records of 60 features. | K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)  Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)  Support Vector Machine (SVM) | **KNN:92.69%**  CNN: 72.40%  SVM :80.80% |
| Ghildiyal, A., Singh, K., & Sharma, S. (2020). Music Genre Classification using Machine Learning. 2020 4th International Conference on Electronics, Communication and Aerospace Technology (ICECA). | GTZAN dataset  10,000 Records of 60 features. | Support Vector Machine (SVM)  Random Forest (RF)  K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) | **SVM: 87.5%**  RF: 69.6%  KNN: 66.4% |
| Setiadi, D. R. I. M., et al  . (2020). Comparison of  SVM, KNN, and NB Classifier for Genre Music Classification based on Metadata. 2020 International Seminar on Application for Technology of Information and Communication | The study uses metadata features extracted from Spotify music dataset from www.crowdai.org | Support Vector Machine (SVM)  K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN)  Naive Bayes classifier (NB) | **SVM: 80%**  KNN:75.61%  NB: 75.05% |

**Table 2.1** Reference papers summary

**2.2. FINDINGS AND PROPOSALS**

After a comprehensive review of three key papers in the domain of music genre classification, from Table 2.1 it is evident that each contributes significantly to advancing the field through the use of machine learning models. The exploration of classification algorithms such as K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Support Vector Machines (SVM), and Naive Bayes (NB) highlights their effectiveness in predicting music genres from various audio features. From the insights gathered, the combination of KNN and SVM emerges as a robust solution for genre classification, offering a balance between accuracy and efficiency.

The first paper by Ndou, Ajoodha, & Jadhav provides a comparative study between deep learning and traditional machine learning approaches using audio features. KNN achieves the highest accuracy of 92.69% on 3-second segments of audio, surpassing other models, including deep learning techniques like CNN. The results suggest that smaller audio segments improve genre classification, and KNN’s simplicity makes it highly effective for this task.

The Second paper by Prajwal et al. applies machine learning models such as KNN and SVM on the GTZAN dataset using key audio features extracted with the Librosa package. The paper emphasizes the importance of feature selection and hyperparameter tuning to optimize model performance. SVM achieves a strong accuracy of 76.4%, and the results show that these traditional models, with proper tuning, can still compete with more complex algorithms.

The third paper by Setiadi et al. compares SVM, KNN, and Naive Bayes for genre classification using metadata features. SVM with an RBF kernel achieves the highest accuracy of 80%, outperforming KNN and NB, demonstrating that metadata can be a strong alternative to traditional audio feature extraction methods. The use of metadata like instrumentals and tempo in classification also points to the potential of less computationally demanding approaches.

In conclusion, the combination of KNN and SVM for music genre classification is supported by empirical evidence from the reviewed papers. While KNN excels in handling audio segments and provides high accuracy, SVM brings robustness, especially with optimized kernels. This combination ensures a comprehensive understanding of genre characteristics, aligning with the evolving landscape of music classification systems and promising accurate, efficient, and scalable solutions for real-world applications.

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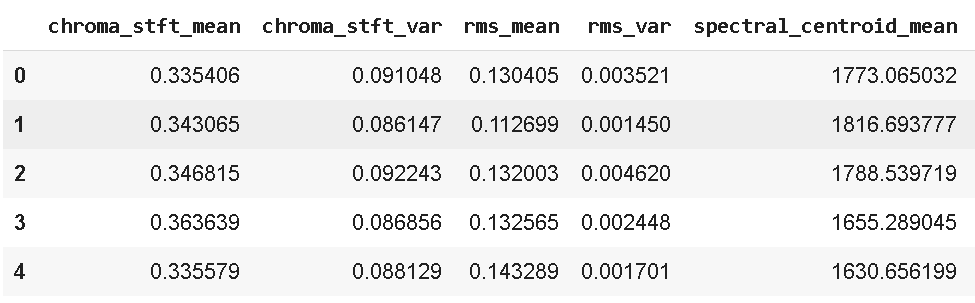
1. **SYSTEM ANALYSIS**
   1. **ANALYSIS OF DATASET**
      1. **About the Dataset**

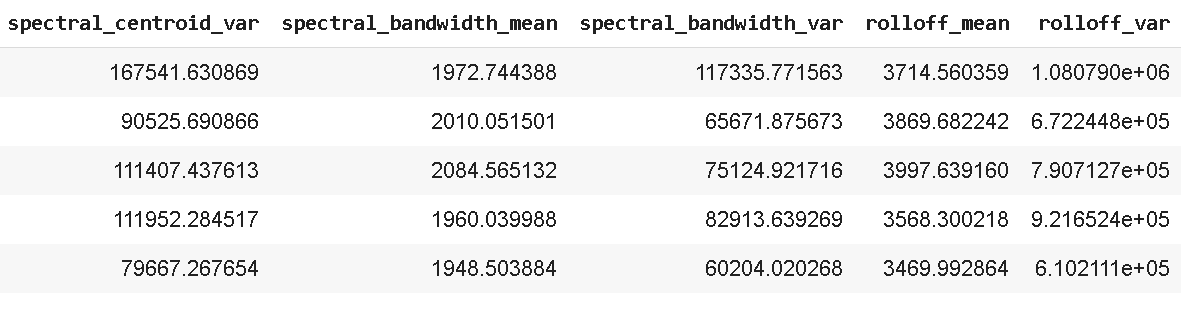
The GTZAN music genre dataset is a widely used and well-known dataset in the field of music genre classification and audio analysis. It is commonly employed to train and evaluate machine learning models that classify music tracks based on genre.

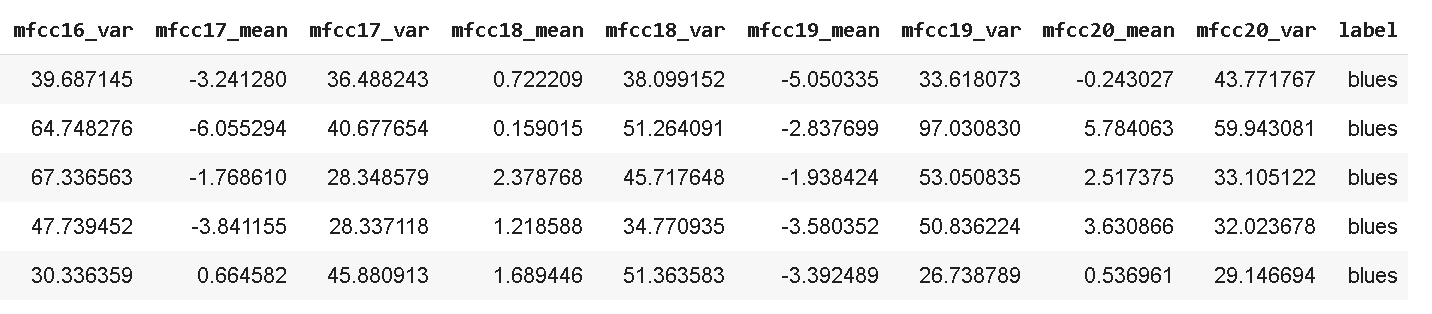
Size: The dataset contains pre-extracted features of1,000 audio tracks, each 30 seconds long, distributed evenly across 10 different genres: Blues, Classical, Country, Disco, Hip Hop, Jazz, Metal, Pop, Reggae, and Rock.

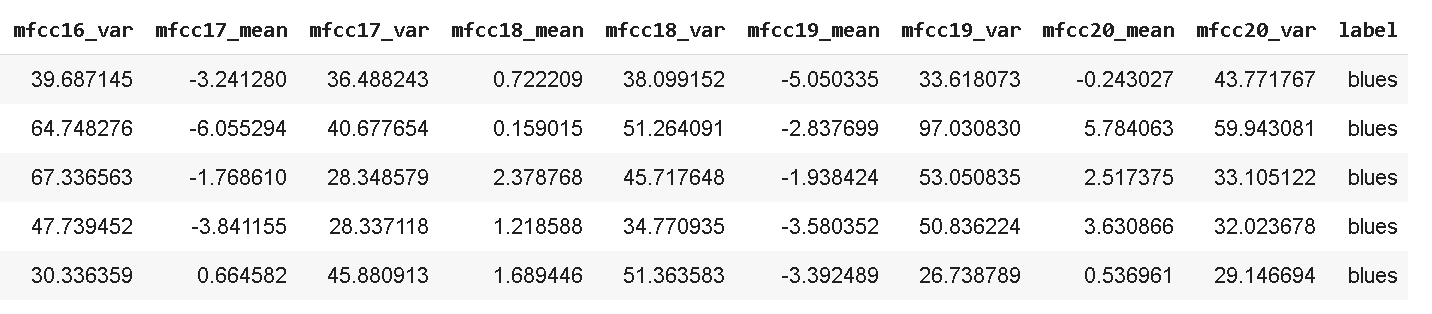
Data Split: The dataset is often split into training and testing sets, with audio features extracted from each track for machine learning classification. It includes pre-extracted features such as MFCCs, chroma, spectral contrast, and other time-frequency features used to predict genres.

Sparsity: Since the dataset is balanced with equal representation of all genres, it provides a robust framework for developing and testing classification models, with no missing or incomplete data.







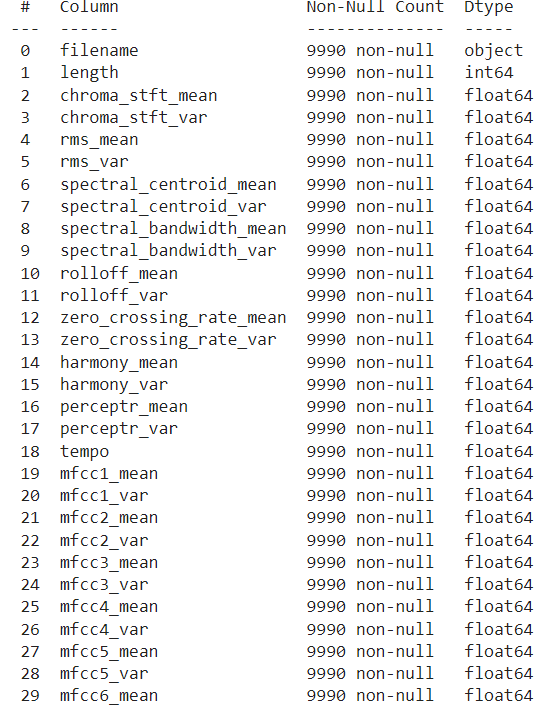


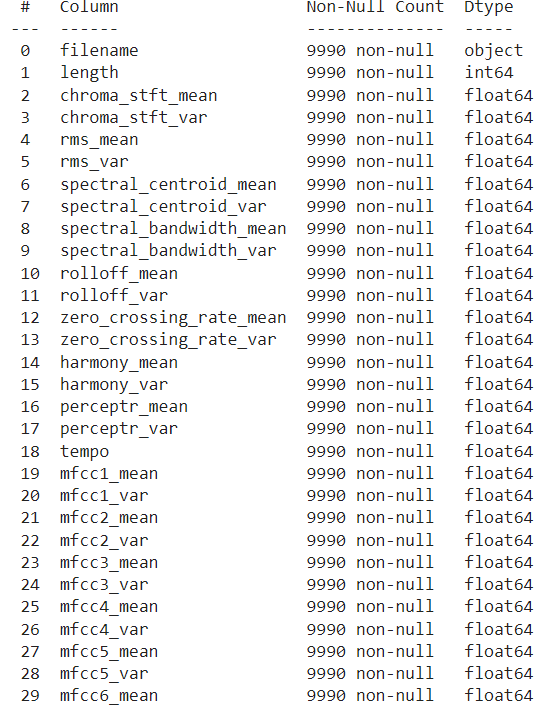
**Figure 3.1** Snapshots of features\_30\_sec.csv

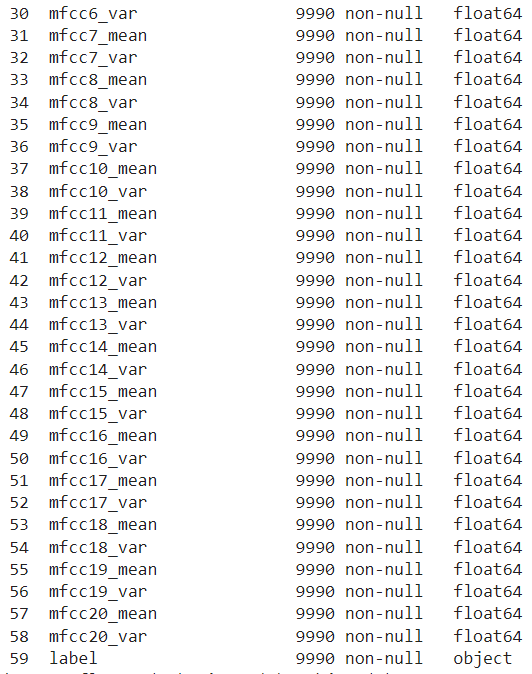
Figure 3.1 is the result produced by listing the dataset files using head() function.

* + 1. **Explore the Dataset**

From Figure 3.1, the attributes in this dataset are various audio features such as Mel-frequency cepstral coefficients (MFCCs), chroma features, spectral contrast, and tempo. These features capture the time-frequency characteristics of each audio track. The class label is the music genre, which is predicted by analyzing these extracted features from each 3-second segment of the tracks. The dataset aims to classify music into one of the 10 genres, such as Blues, Classical, Country, Disco, Hip Hop, Jazz, Metal, Pop, Reggae, and Rock. The expected type of values for each feature is as follows:







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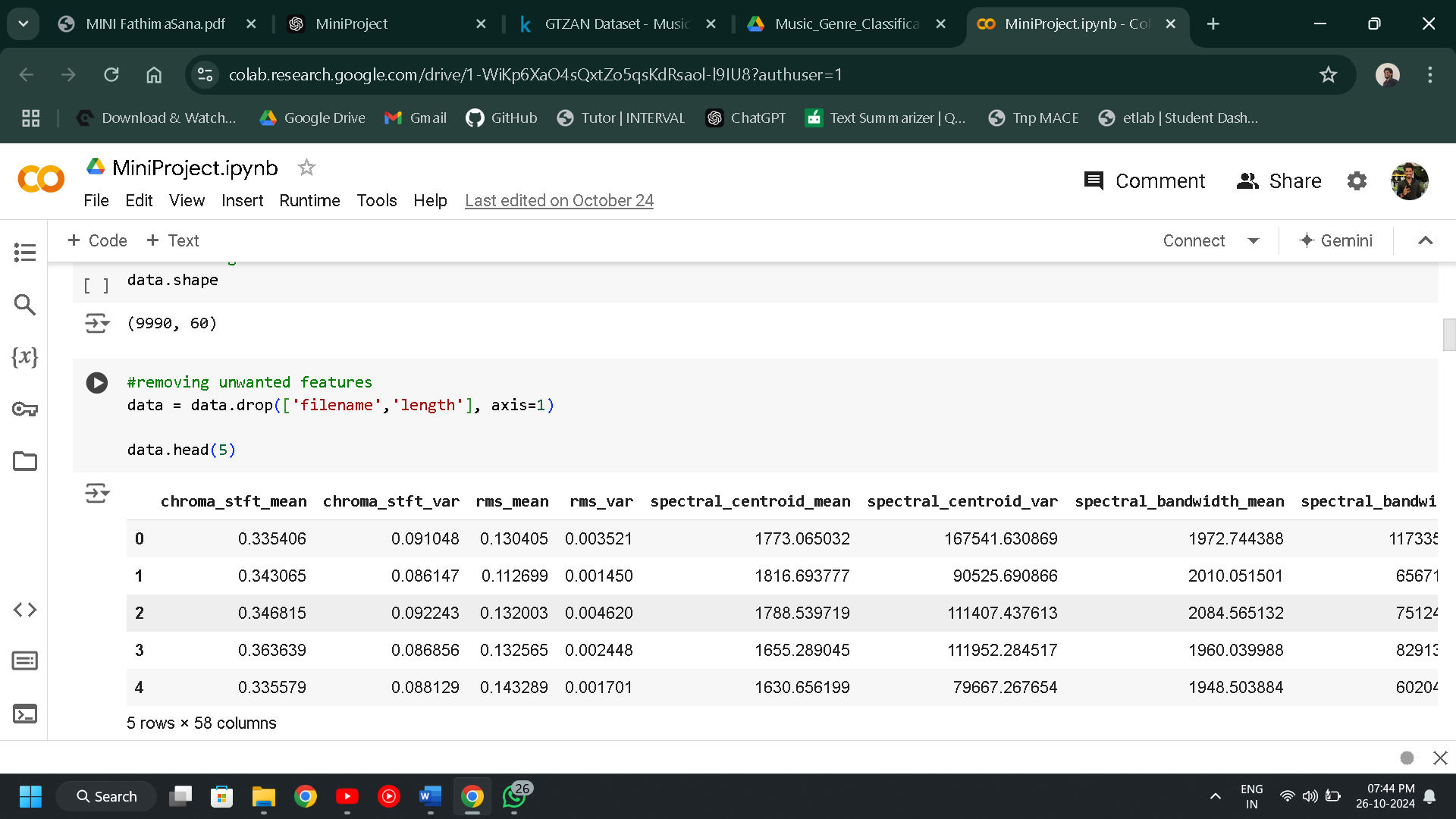
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**Figure 3.2** Datatypes of each attribute

* 1. **DATA PREPROCESSING**
     1. **Data Cleaning**

Data Cleaning is the data pre-processing method we choose. Data cleaning routines attempt to fill in missing values, smooth out noisy data and correct inconsistencies.

Firstly, filename and length are dropped since they are not required for classification.



**Figure 3.3** Dropped attributes filename and length

Handling missing values

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**Figure** **3.4** Handling missing values.

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Handling Duplicate Values

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**Figure** **3.5** Checking for Duplicate Values

Figure 3.5 shows that a total of 133 duplicated records were found and is to be treated.

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**Figure** **3.6** Handling Duplicate Values.

Figure 3.6 shows that all the duplicated records were dropped from the dataset.

Feature Selection

Feature selection is crucial for music genre classification project because it helps in identifying the most relevant audio features, such as MFCCs, chroma, and spectral contrast, which directly impact the accuracy of genre prediction. By selecting only the most important features using methods like the chi-square test, you reduce the noise and irrelevant data, improving both the efficiency and accuracy of the machine learning model. This also reduces computational complexity, ensuring faster model training and better performance on unseen data.

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**Figure** **3.7** Checking Feature Importance using Chi-Square Method

Selecting the 37 most relevant features for training significantly enhances the model's performance, as it allows the system to focus on the key audio characteristics that strongly influence genre classification. By eliminating irrelevant or redundant features, we achieve the best accuracy for the task, improving both the model's efficiency and predictive capability.

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**Figure** **3.8** Selecting the most important 37 features

Normalizing the Dataset

Normalizing the dataset before training is crucial because it ensures that all features are on the same scale, preventing any single feature from dominating the learning process due to differences in range. In my project, I used Min-Max Scaler to normalize the data, scaling all features between 0 and 1, which helps the machine learning algorithms converge faster and improves overall accuracy by maintaining uniformity across features.

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**Figure** **3.9** Normalizing the Dataset

**3.2.2 Analysis of Feature Variables**

In this project, the classification model is built using audio features extracted from 3-second segments of the GTZAN dataset. These features are selected using the chi-square method to ensure only the most relevant variables are used to train the model, improving both accuracy and efficiency.

Audio Feature Variables:

1. chroma\_stft\_mean and chroma\_stft\_var: These features capture the short-time Fourier transform of the audio signal, which represents how energy is distributed across different frequencies. These are useful for detecting harmonic content in the music, which can help distinguish between genres with distinct harmonic structures, such as classical or rock.
2. rms\_mean and rms\_var: The root mean square (RMS) energy represents the power of the audio signal. Analyzing the mean and variance of RMS helps understand the overall loudness and dynamics of a track, which are important indicators for genres like jazz or metal.
3. spectral\_centroid\_mean and spectral\_centroid\_var: Spectral centroid indicates the "brightness" of a sound by measuring the center of mass of the spectrum. Genres with higher treble content, such as pop or electronic music, typically have higher spectral centroids, while classical or jazz may have lower values.
4. spectral\_bandwidth\_mean and spectral\_bandwidth\_var: Spectral bandwidth measures the range of frequencies in a sound. Wider bandwidths are often associated with more energetic genres like rock or metal, while narrower bandwidths may characterize softer, more focused sounds such as classical or folk.
5. rolloff\_mean and rolloff\_var: Spectral rolloff represents the frequency below which a certain percentage of the total spectral energy is contained. This feature helps in distinguishing genres based on how much of the sound energy lies in the higher frequencies, which is important for differentiating between genres like disco and classical.
6. zero\_crossing\_rate\_mean and zero\_crossing\_rate\_var: This feature measures the rate at which the signal crosses the zero-amplitude level, commonly used for detecting percussive or noisy elements in music. Genres with fast, rhythmic beats, like hip hop or metal, tend to have higher zero-crossing rates.
7. harmony\_mean and harmony\_var: These features capture the harmonic content of the track, which is crucial for genres that rely heavily on harmonic structures, such as jazz and classical.
8. perceptr\_mean and perceptr\_var: Perceptual sharpness or flatness measures the flatness of the power spectrum, helping to identify tonal or noise-like characteristics. This can be useful for classifying electronic and ambient music.
9. tempo: Tempo indicates the speed or pace of the music, measured in beats per minute (BPM). It is a critical feature for distinguishing between genres like dance or electronic music, which have faster tempos, and genres like blues or ballads, which are generally slower.

MFCC (Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients) Features:

1. mfcc1\_mean to mfcc10\_mean and mfcc1\_var to mfcc10\_var: MFCCs capture the timbral aspects of music by analyzing the energy distribution across the mel scale, a logarithmic scale based on human perception of pitch. These coefficients are key to distinguishing between various music genres, as they represent low-level audio features that capture the texture and tone of the music. Genres like jazz and classical often have distinct MFCC patterns compared to genres like rock or hip hop.

In this project, the chi-square method was used to identify the 38 most relevant features from the pre-extracted audio data. This selection process helps reduce computational complexity and ensures that the model focuses only on the features that contribute the most to classifying music genres, improving both accuracy and efficiency.

In conclusion, the analysis of these audio features, ranging from frequency-domain characteristics to time-domain features, provides a comprehensive understanding of the music tracks. These selected features ensure that the model is well-equipped to distinguish between genres, allowing for more accurate and efficient music classification.

**3.2.3. Analysis of Class Variables**

In this project, the primary objective is to classify music tracks into their respective genres based on pre-extracted audio features. The target variable is the music genre, which acts as the class label, and the model is trained to predict one of the 10 distinct genres such as Blues, Classical, Country, Disco, Hip Hop, Jazz, Metal, Pop, Reggae, and Rock. The classification task focuses on analysing various audio features like MFCCs, spectral contrast, and chroma, which help the machine learning models accurately distinguish between different genres. The project aims to enhance accuracy by selecting the most relevant features through the chi-square method, ensuring efficient genre prediction.

* 1. **DATA VISUALIZATION**

Data visualization is a crucial technique in the analysis of audio features for music genre classification, offering a graphical representation of the dataset through various plots and charts. Its importance lies in transforming complex audio feature data into visually intuitive formats, helping identify trends, patterns, and outliers across different music genres. This visual representation enhances the exploration of features like MFCCs, chroma, and spectral contrast, allowing easy comparison between genres and aiding in the discovery of insights that can improve model accuracy. Different types of visualizations, such as histograms for feature distributions, scatter plots for feature relationships, and heatmaps for correlation analysis, provide a comprehensive understanding of the data. By using tools like Matplotlib and Seaborn, data visualization aids in making data-driven decisions, ultimately enhancing the performance of the music genre classification model.

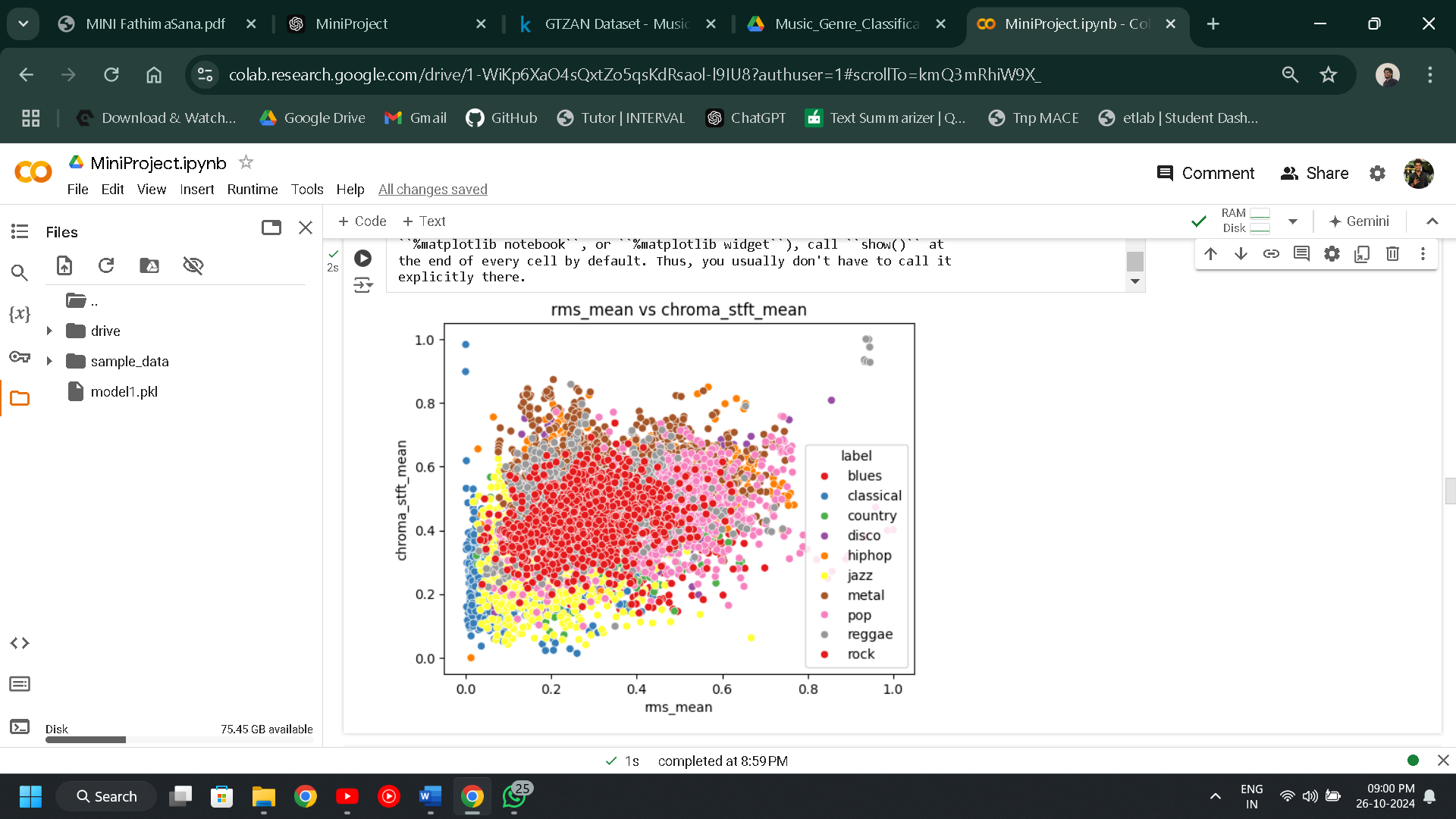
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**Figure** **3.10** Histogram of rms\_mean

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**Figure** **3.11** Scatter Plot of rms\_mean & chroma\_stft\_mean

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**Figure 3.12** Scatter Plot of mfcc1\_mean & mfcc4\_mean

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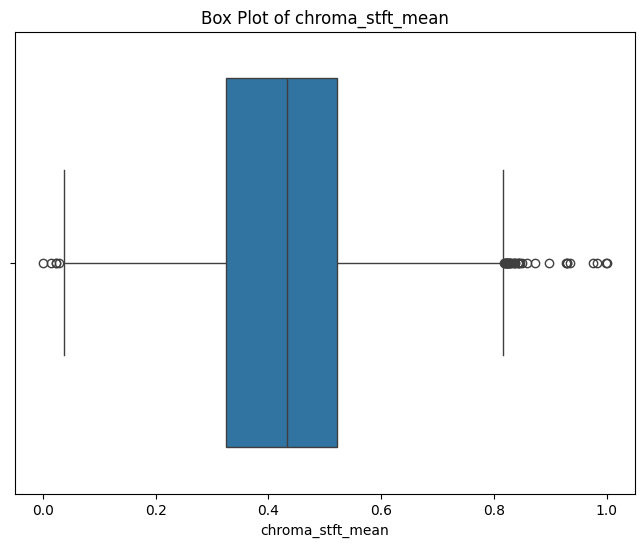
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**Figure** **3.13** Class Balance Graph

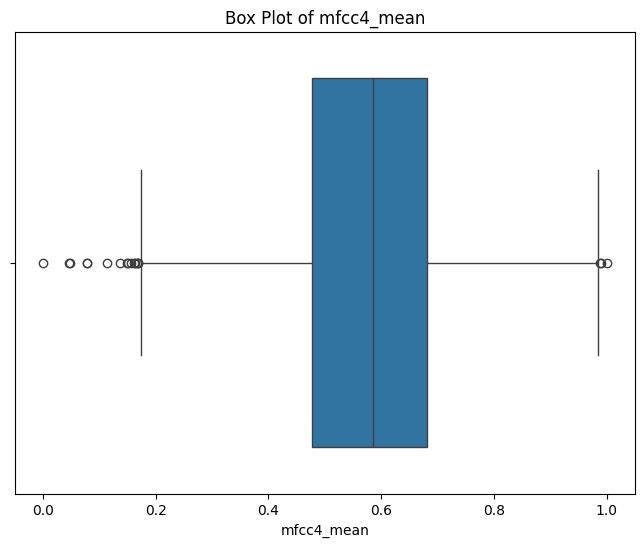
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**Figure** **3.14** Box Plot of rms\_mean

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**Figure** **3.15** Box Plot of chroma\_stft\_mean

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**Figure** **3.16** Box Plot of mfcc4\_mean

**3.4 ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHM**

**K- Nearest Neighbors (KNN)**

The algorithm used in this Music Genre Classification project is KNN, with Euclidean Distance as the similarity metric.

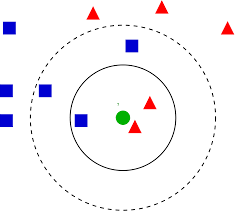
The k-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN) algorithm is a simple yet effective machine learning algorithm used for classification tasks, such as predicting the genre of music tracks. It is an instance-based or lazy learning algorithm, meaning it makes predictions based on the similarity between the input audio feature and the features in its training dataset. The k-NN algorithm operates on the principle that similar feature patterns tend to belong to the same music genre. For this project, it looks at the k nearest audio segments in the training dataset to make predictions for new, unseen audio segments.

In the k-NN algorithm for music genre classification, each audio segment is represented as a vector in a multi-dimensional space, where each dimension corresponds to an audio feature such as MFCCs, chroma, or spectral centroid.

* Euclidean distance is used to measure the similarity between these audio feature vectors.
* When classifying new music segments, the k-NN algorithm identifies the k nearest neighbors (audio segments) to the target segment based on their Euclidean distance scores.

Pseudocode of KNN

* Input: training data X (audio features), target variable y (genres), test data X\_test, K value
* Output: predicted genre for each audio segment in X\_test
* Compute the distance between each observation in X\_test and X
* distances = compute\_distances(X, X\_test)
* Find the K nearest neighbors for each observation in X\_test
* nearest\_neighbors = find\_nearest\_neighbors(distances, K)
* Compute the majority class of the nearest neighbors (i.e., the genre) for each observation in X\_test
* predictions = compute\_majority\_class(nearest\_neighbors, y)
* Return the predicted genre for each observation in X\_test
* return predictions



**Figure** **3.17** Example figure of KNN

Euclidean Distance with KNN:

* Euclidean distance is a mathematical measure used to quantify the similarity (or distance) between two vectors in a multi-dimensional space.
* It calculates the straight-line distance between two vectors and always produces a non-negative value. A value of 0 indicates that the vectors are identical, while larger values indicate greater differences between the vectors.
* The formula to find the Euclidean distance between two vectors is:

**D(x, y) = √Σ(xᵢ - yᵢ)²**

Where,

* + xi and yi​ are the individual components (features) of the vectors **x** and **y** (e.g., the audio features).
  + The sum of squared differences between corresponding features of the two vectors is computed, followed by taking the square root of the result.
* In the k-NN algorithm for music genre classification, each audio segment is represented as a vector in a multi-dimensional space, where the dimensions correspond to the audio features (e.g., MFCCs, chroma, and spectral centroid).
* Euclidean distance is used to measure the similarity between these audio feature vectors.
* When classifying new audio segments, the k-NN algorithm identifies the k nearest neighbors (audio segments) to the target segment based on their Euclidean distance scores

In the context of your music genre classification project, the KNN algorithm plays a crucial role in predicting the genre of an audio track based on its features. KNN operates on the principle that audio segments with similar feature patterns are likely to belong to the same genre. Here's a breakdown of how KNN works in your project:

Representation of Audio Segments:

Each audio segment is represented as a vector in a multi-dimensional space. The dimensions correspond to various audio features such as MFCCs, chroma features, spectral centroid, and more.

Euclidean Distance Calculation:

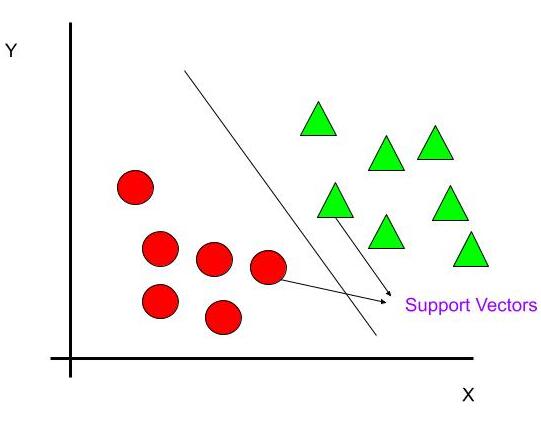
To measure the similarity between audio segments, Euclidean distance is employed. It calculates the straight-line distance between the vectors representing the audio segments. A smaller Euclidean distance implies greater similarity in audio characteristics, helping classify the segments into the appropriate genre.

**Support Vector Machine (SVM)**

Support Vector Machine (SVM) is a powerful classification algorithm designed to find the optimal hyperplane that best separates data points into distinct classes. In the context of this project, SVM will be applied to classify audio tracks into different music genres based on various extracted audio features such as mfcc\_mean, chroma\_stft\_mean, and zero\_crossing\_rate\_mean. SVM is particularly useful for datasets with high dimensionality and can handle both linear and nonlinear relationships by using kernel functions (e.g., radial basis function, polynomial). For music genre classification, SVM’s strength lies in its ability to create a clear separation between genres by maximizing the margin, ensuring robust and reliable predictions. Additionally, SVM’s effectiveness in minimizing overfitting, especially with noisy or limited data, makes it suitable for dealing with the complexities of audio feature datasets. By leveraging the power of SVM, this project aims to develop a model that accurately classifies audio tracks into their respective genres, offering reliable predictive capabilities for applications such as music recommendation systems and automated music tagging.

Pseudocode of SVM:

* Transform the input data using a kernel function (if needed)
* Find the optimal hyperplane that maximizes the margin
* Identify support vectors
* For each new input sample:
  + Calculate the decision function based on the hyperplane
  + Assign the sample to a class based on the sign of the decision function



**Figure** **3.18** Example figure of SVM

**Naïve Baye’s (NB)**

Naive Bayes is a simple, yet highly effective classification algorithm based on Bayes' Theorem, which calculates the probability of a data point belonging to a specific class based on the prior knowledge of the class's frequency in the dataset. In the context of this music genre classification project, Naive Bayes is used to classify songs into different genres based on the extracted audio features such as mfcc\_mean, chroma\_stft\_mean, and spectral\_centroid\_mean.

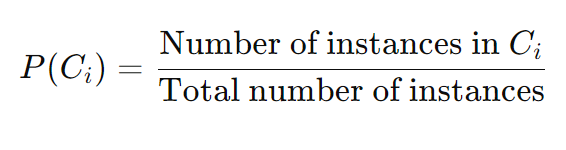
A diagram of a classifier

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**Figure** **3.19** Example figure of Naïve Baye’s

1. Calculate Prior Probabilities:

The prior probability P(Ci) for each class Ci is calculated from the training data. This is simply the proportion of instances belonging to each class in the training dataset.



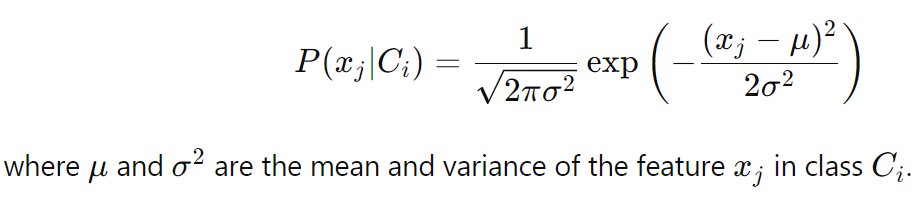
1. Calculate Likelihoods:

For each feature xj and class Ci​, calculate the likelihood P(xj ∣ Ci). The likelihood is the probability of feature xj given class Ci.

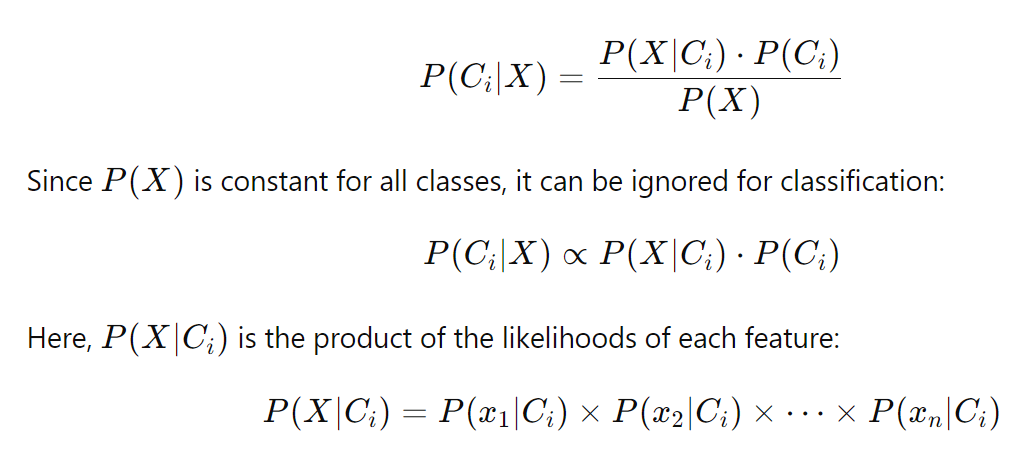
Depending on the type of data (categorical or continuous), different distributions are assumed:

* + 1. For Categorical Data: Use frequency counts to estimate P(xj ∣ Ci).
    2. For Continuous Data: Assume a Gaussian (Normal) distribution and calculate the probability density function.

For a Gaussian distribution, the likelihood is calculated as:



1. Apply Bayes’ Theorem:
   1. For a given test data point X, calculate the posterior probability for each class using Bayes' Theorem:



1. Make Predictions:
   1. Assign the class Ci to the test data point X that has the highest posterior probability:



**Prediction**: Once the probabilities are computed for each genre, the algorithm assigns the song to the genre with the highest posterior probability. Naive Bayes is particularly useful when the dataset is large or when real-time classification is needed, as it has low computational complexity.

Pseudocodeof Naïve Baye’s **:**

Input:

- Training data (X\_train, y\_train)

- Test data point (X\_test)

Output:

- Predicted class label for X\_test

Steps:

1. For each class C\_i in the dataset:

a. Compute the prior probability P(C\_i) from the training data:

- P(C\_i) = (Number of instances in C\_i) / (Total number of instances)

b. For each feature x\_j in X\_test:

- Compute the likelihood P(x\_j | C\_i):

- For categorical data, use frequency counts.

- For continuous data, assume Gaussian distribution and calculate using the formula.

c. Compute the posterior probability P(C\_i | X):

- P(C\_i | X) ∝ P(X | C\_i) \* P(C\_i)

- P(X | C\_i) = Product of all likelihoods P(x\_j | C\_i) for each feature x\_j.

2. Assign the class label to X\_test that has the highest posterior probability.

End

**3.4.1 Activity Diagram**

**Data Collection**

**Data Preprocessing**

Feature Selection

Handling Duplicates

Normalize Features

**Split Dataset**

Training Set (80%)

Testing Set (20%)

**Train KNN Model**

Initialize K value

**Evaluate KNN Model**

Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1 Score

**Predict**

Music Genre

**Figure** **3.20** Activity Diagram of KNN

**Data Collection**

**Data Preprocessing**

Feature Selection

Handling Duplicates

Normalize Features

**Split Dataset**

Training Set (80%)

Testing Set (20%)

**Train SVM Model**

Kernel = rbf

C = 1

Gamma = scale

**Evaluate SVM Model**

Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1 Score

**Predict**

Music Genre

**Figure** **3.21** Activity Diagram of SVM

**Data Collection**

**Data Preprocessing**

Feature Selection

Handling Duplicates

Normalize Features

**Split Dataset**

Training Set (80%)

Testing Set (20%)

**Train NB Model**

Bagging method

**Evaluate NB Model**

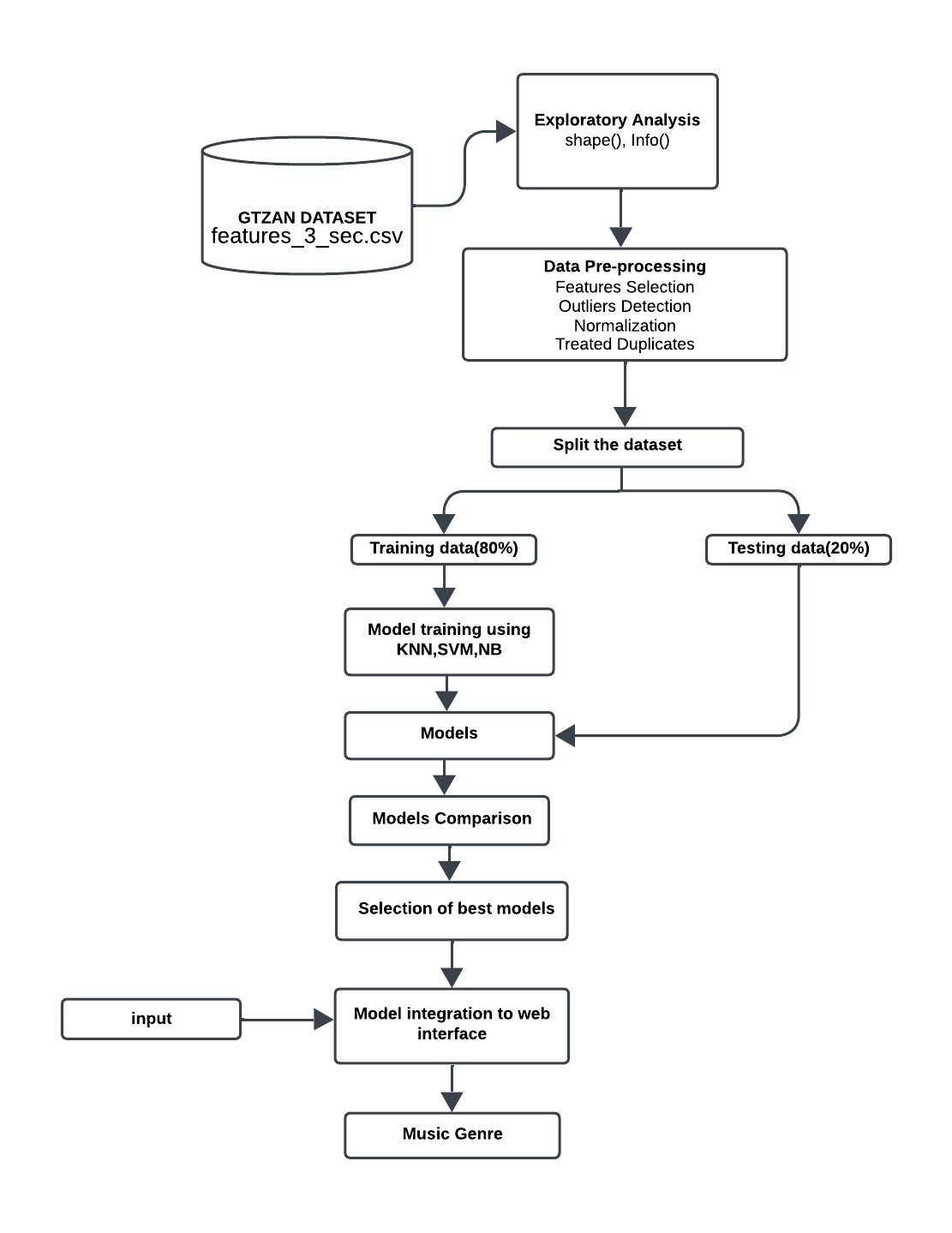
Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1 Score

**Predict**

Music Genre

**Figure** **3.22** Activity Diagram of NB

* 1. **PROJECT PLAN**
     1. **Project Pipeline**



**Figure** **3.23** Project pipeline

* 1. **FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS**

A feasibility study aims to objectively and rationally uncover the strengths and weaknesses of an existing system or proposed system, opportunities and threats present in the natural environment, the resources required to carry through, and ultimately the prospects for success.

Evaluated the feasibility of the system in terms of the following categories:

* Technical Feasibility
* Economic Feasibility
* Operational Feasibility
  + 1. **Technical Feasibility**

Technical feasibility assesses whether the technology required for your project is readily available, and if your team has the expertise to implement it effectively.

Data Processing and Analysis:

Feasibility: The project involves extracting, processing and analyzing audio features using libraries like Librosa, NumPy, Pandas, and scikit-learn. These tools are widely used and well- supported, ensuring technical feasibility.

Expertise: Familiarity with these tools, as evidenced by their usage in the project, indicates technical competency.

Machine Learning Algorithms:

Feasibility: The use of k-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Naïve Baye’s (NB) is technically feasible and commonly employed in classification systems.

Expertise: The implementation of these algorithms suggests a technical understanding of machine learning concepts.

Data Visualization:

Feasibility: Matplotlib and Seaborn are used for data visualization, indicating the project's reliance on established and technically feasible visualization tools.

Expertise: The team's ability to visualize data trends suggests proficiency in using these tools.

File Handling:

Feasibility: Reading and writing data to CSV files using Pandas is a standard practice, ensuring technical feasibility.

Expertise: File handling is a fundamental skill, and your team's successful utilization of it implies technical competence.

* + 1. **Economic Feasibility**

Economic feasibility assesses whether the project is financially viable, considering costs and potential benefits.

Development Costs:

Feasibility: Open-source tools and libraries are used, reducing software acquisition costs. However, consider potential costs related to personnel, training, and hardware.

Benefits: The benefits of a well-functioning classification system, such as increased user engagement and satisfaction, may justify the development costs.

Maintenance Costs:

Feasibility: Open-source tools often have lower maintenance costs. Consider ongoing costs related to data updates, algorithm improvements, and support.

Benefits: The long-term benefits, such as user retention and improved recommendations, should outweigh maintenance costs.

* + 1. **Operational Feasibility**

Operational feasibility evaluates whether the project aligns with operational requirements and whether it can be smoothly integrated into existing processes.

User Acceptance:

Feasibility: The project aims to enhance the user experience by providing precise Music Genre Classification.

Integration: If the system can seamlessly integrate with existing platforms, it enhances operational feasibility.

Scalability:

Feasibility: Consider scalability issues related to the growth in the number of users and Music. Implementing collaborative filtering might face challenges with scalability.

Mitigation: Explore strategies like matrix factorization or distributed computing to address scalability concerns.

Ease of Use:

Feasibility: If the system is designed with a user-friendly interface and easy navigation, it enhances operational feasibility.

Training: Assess the ease with which users can understand and interact with the classification system.

The software environment leverages the Python programming language and key libraries for data processing, machine learning, and visualization. Development can be facilitated through Colab Notebooks. The hardware environment requires a standard computing setup with ample RAM and storage, and optional utilization of cloud services for scalability. This combination ensures a robust and flexible system environment for the development, testing, and potential deployment of the classification system.

**3.5 SYSTEM ENVIROMENT**

**3.5.1 Software Environment**

The software environment encompasses the tools, frameworks, and platforms utilized in the development and execution of the recommendation system.

Programming Languages:

Python: The primary programming language employed for its versatility, extensive libraries (NumPy, Pandas, scikit-learn), and strong support in data science and machine learning.

Data Processing and Analysis:

NumPy and Pandas: Utilized for efficient data manipulation, handling, and analysis.

scikit-learn: Employed for implementing machine learning algorithms.

Machine Learning Libraries:

scikit-learn: Used for implementing and training machine learning models.

SciPy: Complements NumPy and provides additional functionality for scientific computing.

Data Visualization:

Matplotlib and Seaborn: Chosen for creating insightful visualizations, aiding in the exploration and communication of data patterns.

File Handling:

Pandas: Applied for reading and writing data to CSV files, ensuring seamless data management.

Extracting Audio Features:

Librosa: Applied for extracting features from audio files.

Development Environment:

Google Colab

Colab is a free Jupyter notebook environment that runs entirely in the cloud. We can write and execute code in Python. Colab supports many machine learning libraries which can be easily loaded in the colab notebook.

Visual Studio Code

Visual Studio Code is a streamlined code editor with support for development operations like debugging, task running, and version control. It aims to provide just the tool a developer needs for a quick code-build-debug cycle and leaves more complex work flows to fuller featured IDEs, such as [Visual Studio IDE](https://visualstudio.microsoft.com/)

HTML and CSS

Hyper Text Markup Language is used for creating web pages.HTML describes the structure of the web page. Here, the user interface of my project is done using HTML. Cascading Style Sheet is used with HTML to style the web pages.

Flask

Flask is a web framework, it’s a Python module that lets you develop web applications easily. It has a small and easy-to-extend core: it’s a microframework that doesn’t include an ORM (Object Relational Manager) or such features. It does have many cool features like URL routing, template engine. It is a WSGI web app framework.

GitHub

Git is an open-source version control system that was started by Linus Torvalds. Git is similar to other version control systems Subversion, CVS, and Mercurial to name a few. Version control systems keep these revisions straight, storing the modifications in a central repository. This allows developers to easily collaborate, as they can download a new version of the software, make changes, and upload the newest revision. Every developer can see these new changes, download them, and contribute. Git is the preferred version control system of most developers, since it has multiple advantages over the other systems available. It stores file changes more efficiently and ensures file integrity better.

The social networking aspect of GitHub is probably its most powerful feature, allowing projects to grow more than just about any of the other features offered. Project revisions can be discussed publicly, so a mass of experts can contribute knowledge and collaborate to advance a project forward

**3.5.2 Hardware Environment**

The hardware environment refers to the physical infrastructure necessary to support the development and deployment of the recommendation system.

Computing Resources:

Processor: 2 GHz, A powerful multi-core processor is recommended to handle the computational demands efficiently. Consider a processor with at least quad- core architecture for optimal performance.

Storage:

Sufficient Disk Space: 512 GB SSD Memory (RAM):

8 GB RAM: Sufficient RAM is crucial for efficiently handling large datasets and performing machine learning tasks.

Internet Connectivity:

High-Speed Internet: A stable and high-speed internet connection is essential for accessing online resources, libraries, and datasets during development.

1. **SYSTEM DESIGN**
   1. **MODEL BUILDING**

### Model Planning

The primary aim of the model planning phase in the Music Genre Classification system is to establish a comprehensive framework that guides subsequent model-building activities. This phase involves defining the scope, selecting appropriate algorithms, and outlining the overall strategy for generating accurate and meaningful Music Genre Classification tailored to specific audio files.

* + - 1. Objective:

Build a Music Genre Classification using collaborative filtering techniques to provide accurate and meaningful classification to users based on the features of audio file.

* + - 1. Approach:

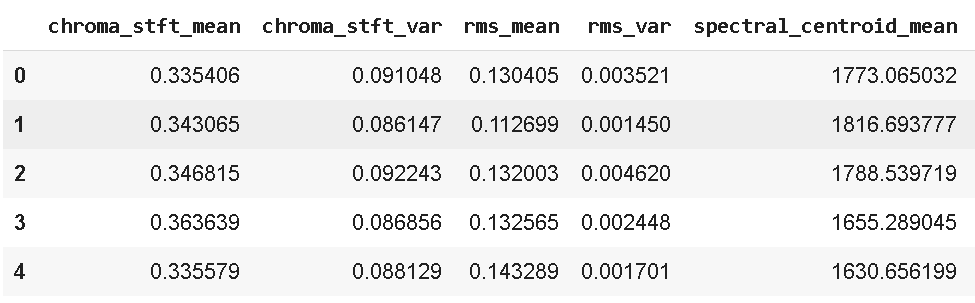
Employees K- Nearest Neighbor (KNN), Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Naïve Baye’s (NB) algorithms which algorithms is the best suitable for Music Genre Classification with high accuracy

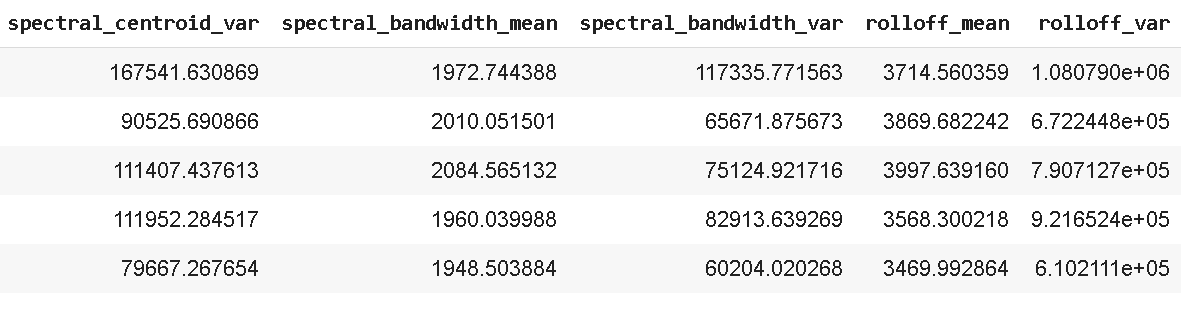
* + - 1. Data Preparation:

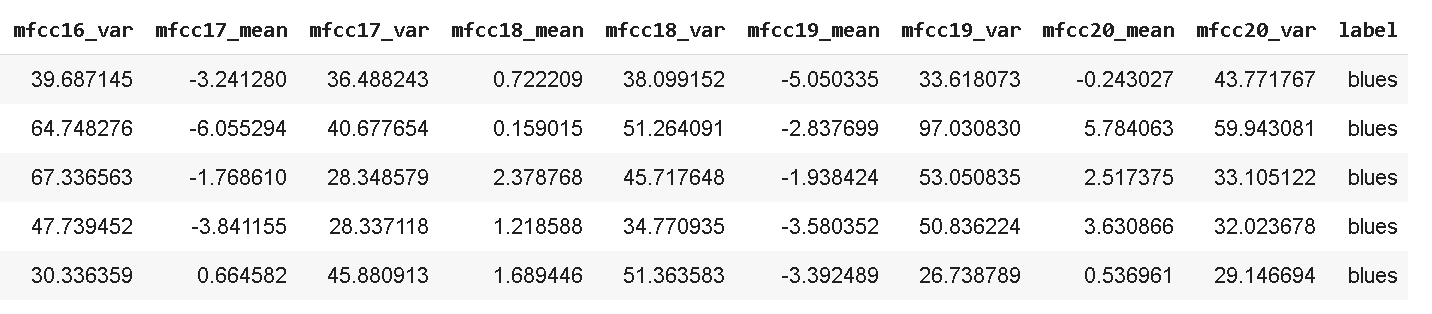
Import and preprocess GTZAN features\_30\_sec.csv Dataset. Handle duplicates and Outliers, Feature Selection and Normalization.

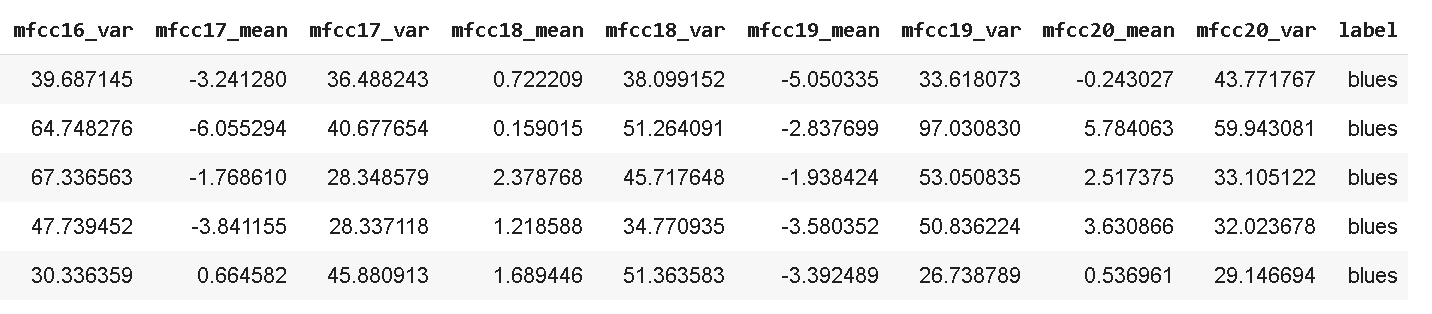
Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

Understand the distribution of various audio features. Analyze music genre counts and distribution.









**Figure** **4.1** Snapshots of training data

Implemented the K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) algorithm to provide accurate genre predictions based on user interactions and audio features. After thorough experimentation and evaluation, we selected k=5 for the KNN model due to its high accuracy in classifying music genres.

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**Figure** **4.2** Fitted KNN Model

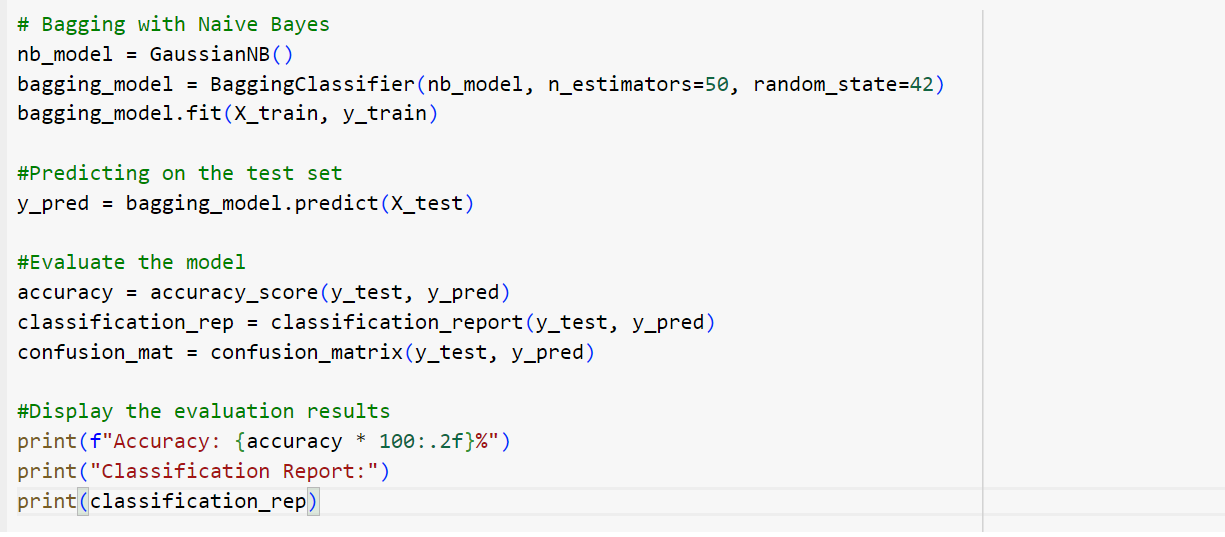
Implemented the Support Vector Machine (SVM) algorithm to achieve accurate genre predictions based on user interactions and extracted audio features. We optimized the model using hyperparameters, specifically the Radial Basis Function (RBF) kernel, C=1, and gamma set to scale. These parameters were determined through the GridSearch method, which systematically explored various combinations to identify the optimal configuration, resulting in high accuracy. The SVM model was trained and validated using cross-validation techniques, ultimately demonstrating exceptional performance in predicting music genres and enhancing the overall music discovery experience for users.

A computer screen shot of a computer code

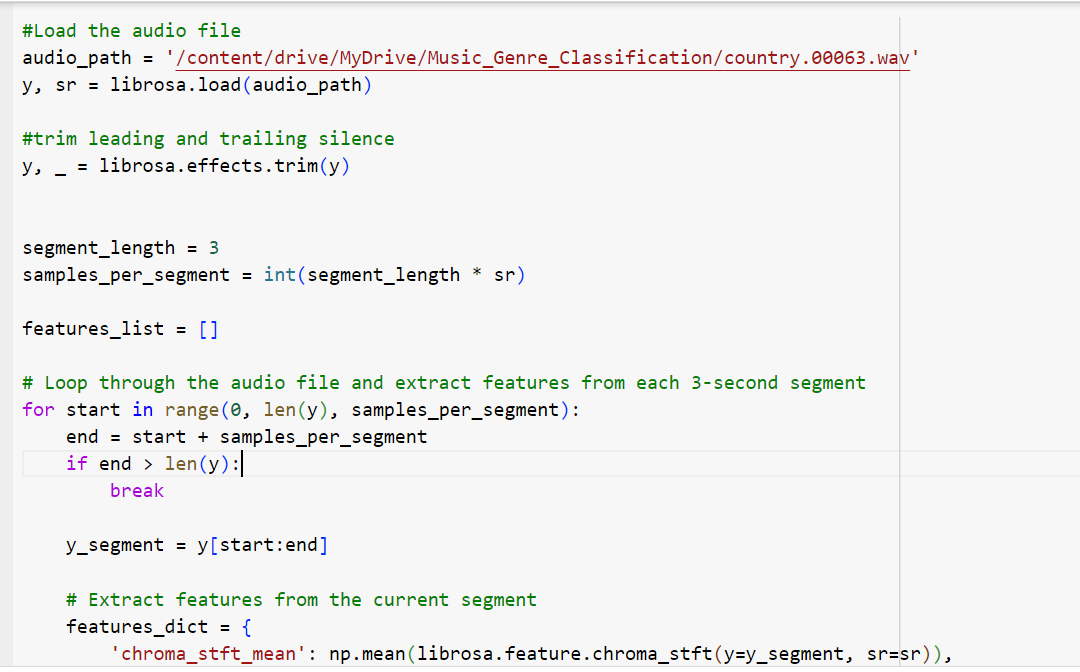
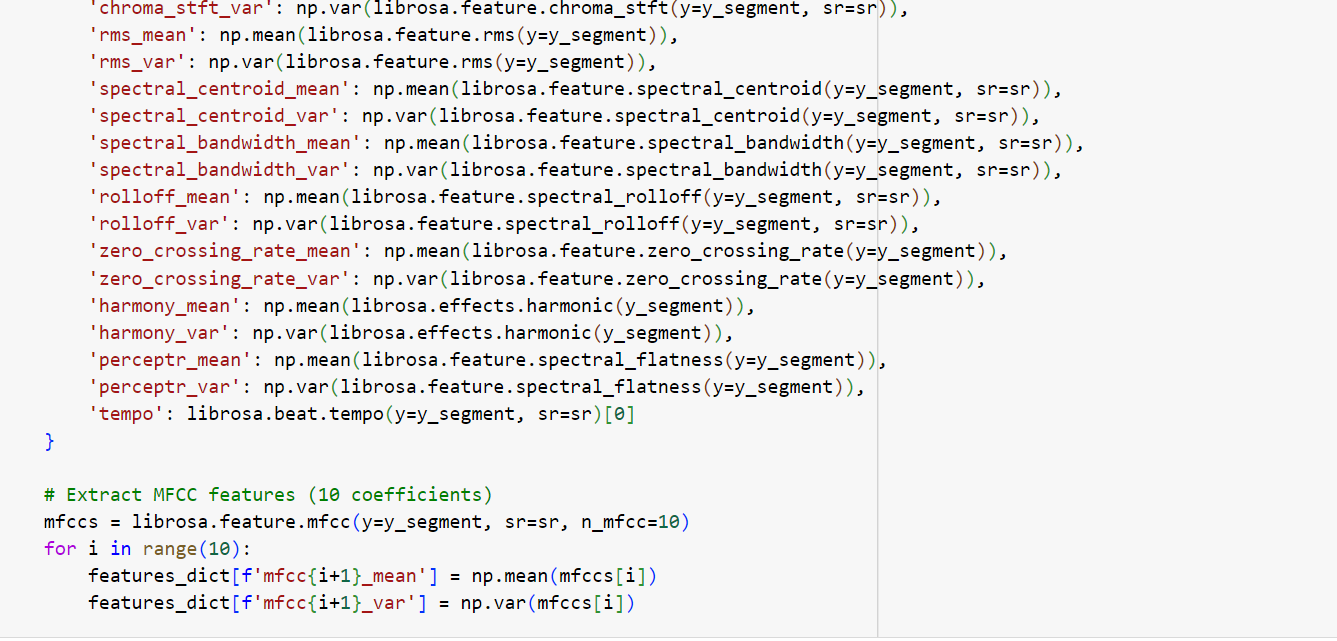
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**Figure** **4.3** Fitted SVM Model

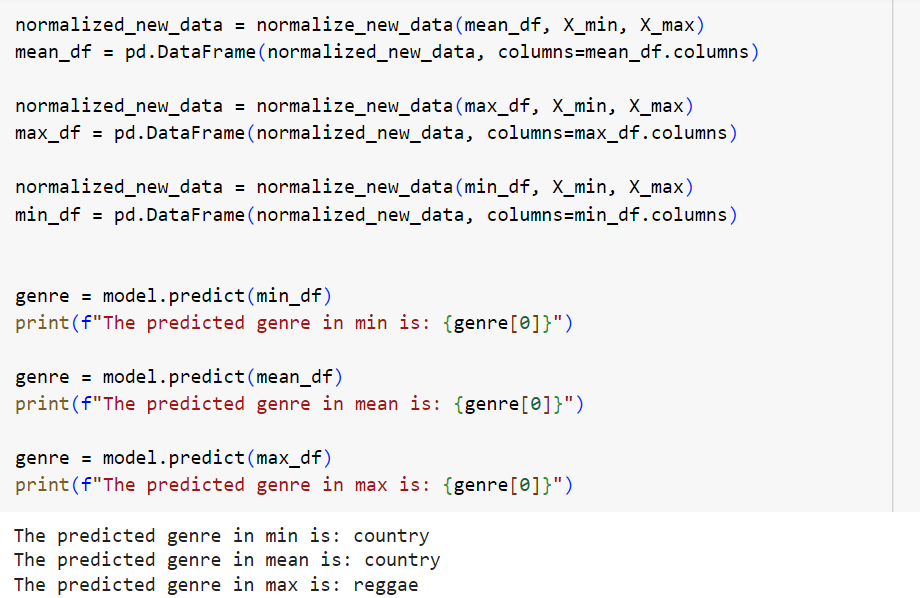
Implemented the Naive Bayes algorithm to provide effective genre predictions based on user interactions and extracted audio features. To enhance the model's accuracy, we employed the Bagging method, which combines multiple Naive Bayes classifiers to reduce variance and improve overall performance. The Bagging technique allowed us to create diverse subsets of the training data, training separate models on each subset and aggregating their predictions for a more robust classification outcome. This ensemble approach significantly improved the accuracy of our Naive Bayes model, demonstrating its effectiveness in predicting music genres and contributing to a more engaging music discovery experience for users.



**Figure** **4.4** Fitted NB Model



**Figure 4.5** Code Snippet for extraction of audio features



**Figure 4.6**  Code Snippet for feature based Genre Classification

### Training

#### The training phase involves the construction of the classification model using the Nearest Neighbors algorithm (KNN), Support Vector Machine (SVM), Naïve Bayes (NB). The dataset is utilized without a distinct split into training and testing sets.

#### The KNN algorithm is then employed to compute distances or similarities between audio features, providing accurate Classification of Genre.

#### The SVM algorithm is then employed to create a hyperplane that separates different music genres in the feature space, effectively capturing complex relationships among audio features and enabling accurate classification of genres. By leveraging the Radial Basis Function (RBF) kernel, the SVM model can handle non-linear data, ensuring that the genre predictions are both precise and reliable.

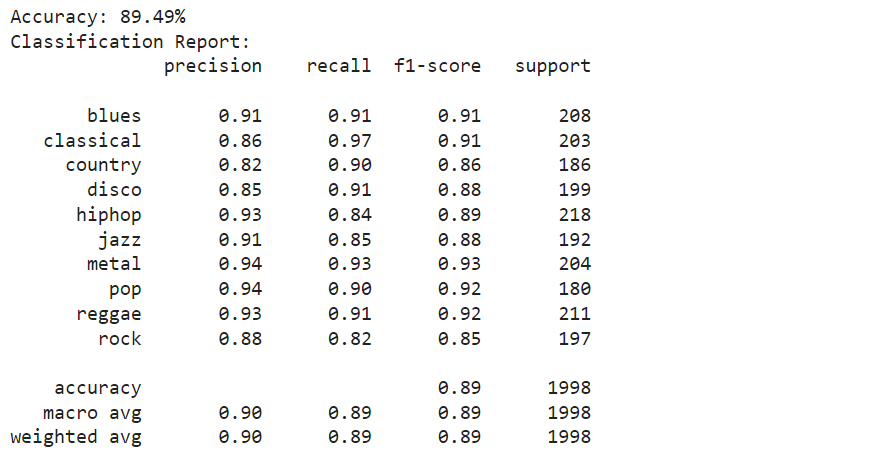
#### The Naive Bayes algorithm is then utilized to compute the probability distributions of audio features for each music genre, enabling effective classification based on user interactions and extracted data. By applying the principles of Bayes' theorem, the model evaluates the likelihood of a track belonging to a specific genre, considering the independence of features. This probabilistic approach allows the Naive Bayes model to deliver accurate genre predictions efficiently, even in cases with limited training data.

### Testing

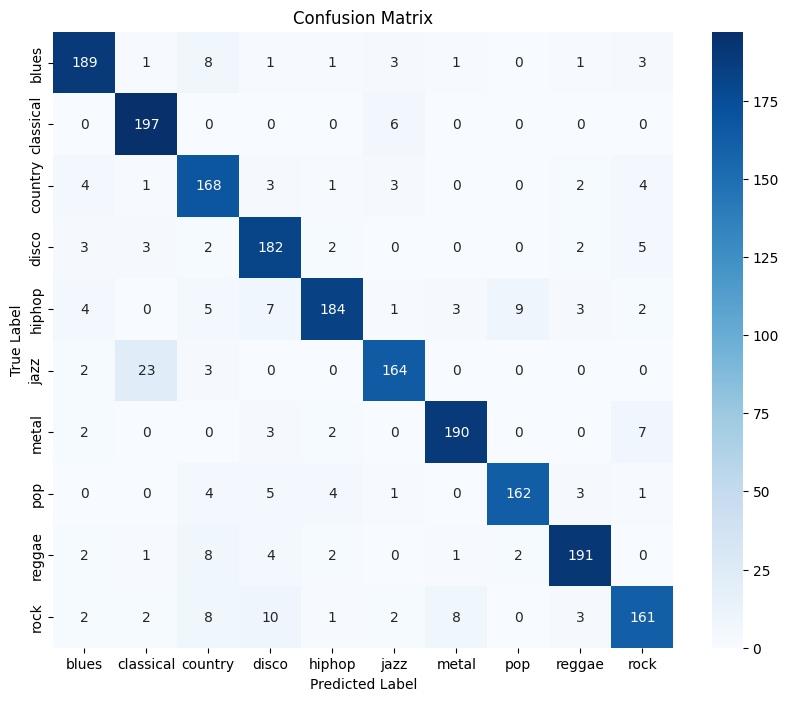
The testing phase of our music genre classification project evaluates the model's performance and its ability to generalize to unseen audio data. Model evaluation is conducted using a separate test dataset, assessing accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, among other relevant metrics. Although the specific code for hyperparameter tuning and detailed error analysis is not explicitly provided, the iterative refinement process involves adjusting the KNN, SVM, and Naive Bayes models based on testing results to enhance their performance. The validation step ensures that each model aligns with the project's objectives, providing meaningful and accurate Genre Classification.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

# KNN Model

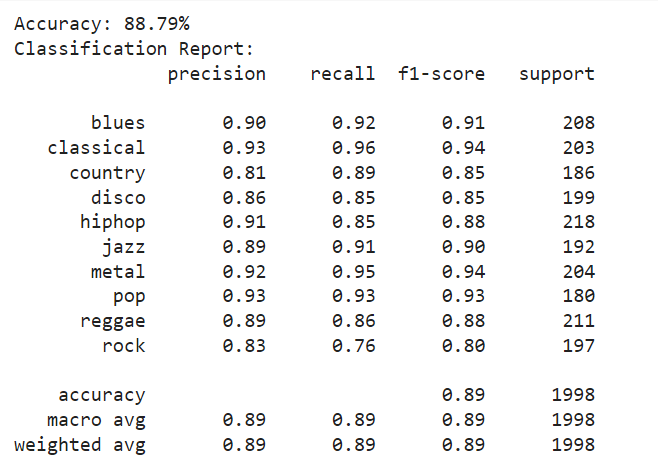
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**Figure** **5.1** Evaluation of KNN Model

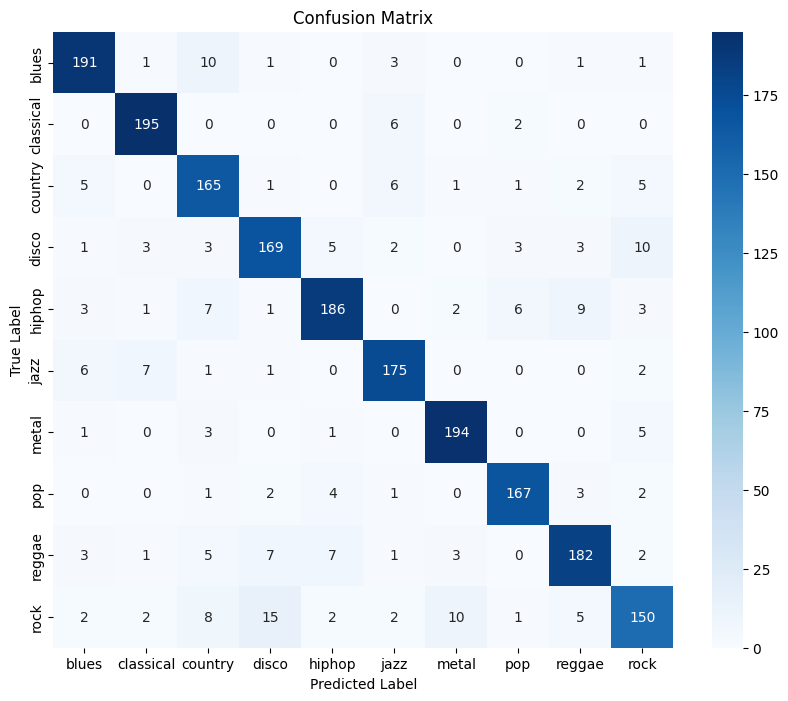
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**Figure 5.2** Confusion Matrix of KNN Model

**SVM Model**

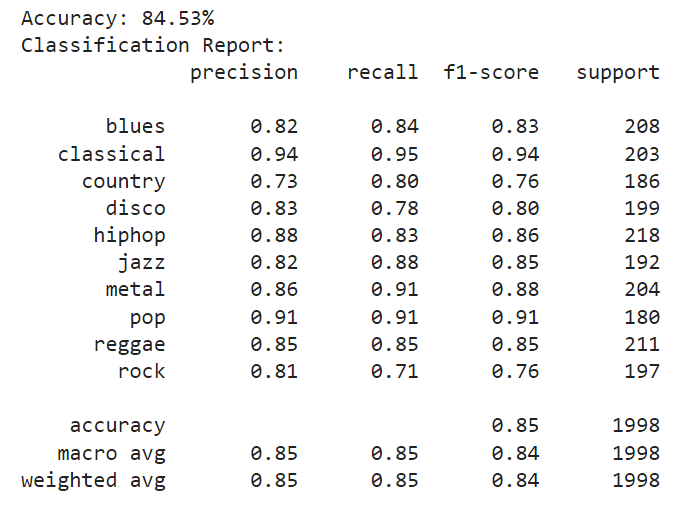
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**Figure** **5.3** Evaluation of SVM Model

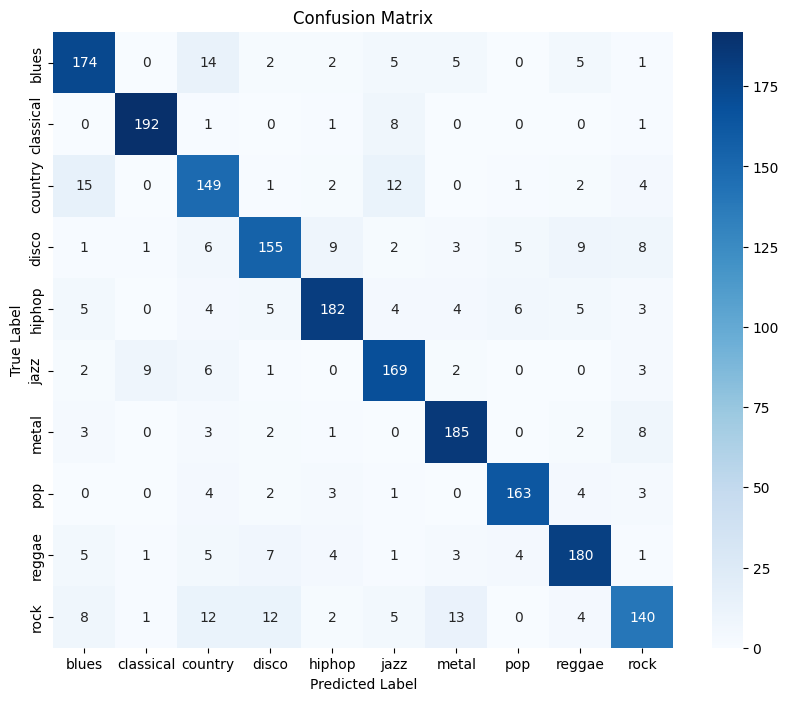


**Figure** **5.4** Confusion Matrix of SVM Model

**Naïve Bayes Model**

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**Figure** **5.5** Evaluation of Naïve Bayes Model



**Figure** **5.6** Confusion Matrix of Naïve Baye’s Model

Compared the performance of three machine learning algorithms: KNN, SVM, and Naive Bayes. KNN and SVM produced nearly similar accuracy, demonstrating their robustness in classifying audio features extracted using the Librosa package. While Naive Bayes also showed reasonable results, it slightly underperformed compared to KNN and SVM. Based on the accuracy metrics, I decided to combine KNN and SVM for the final model deployment. By leveraging the strengths of both algorithms, I aim to enhance the classification accuracy and improve the system’s performance for predicting music genres on unseen data.

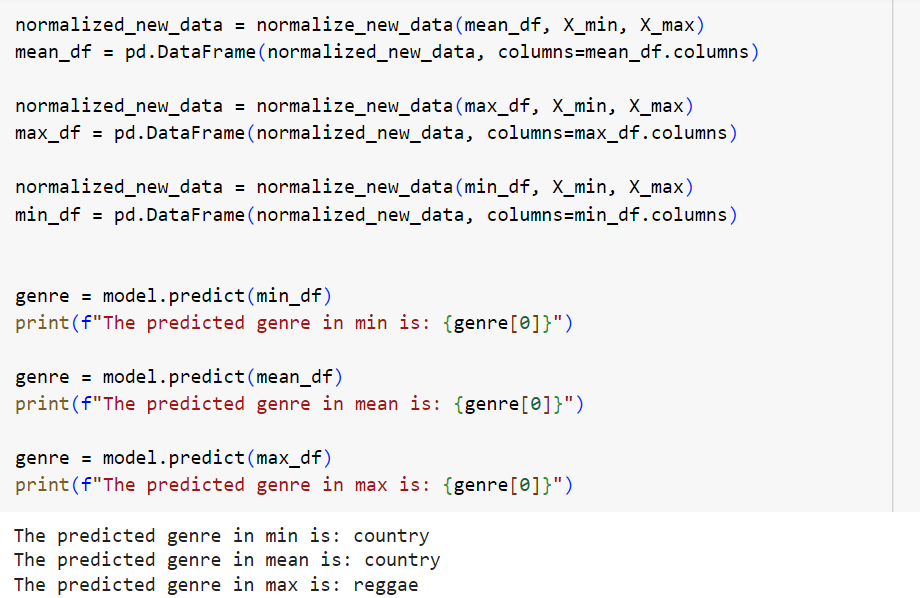
First upload and provide path to the audio file to find the Genre.

A screenshot of a computer program

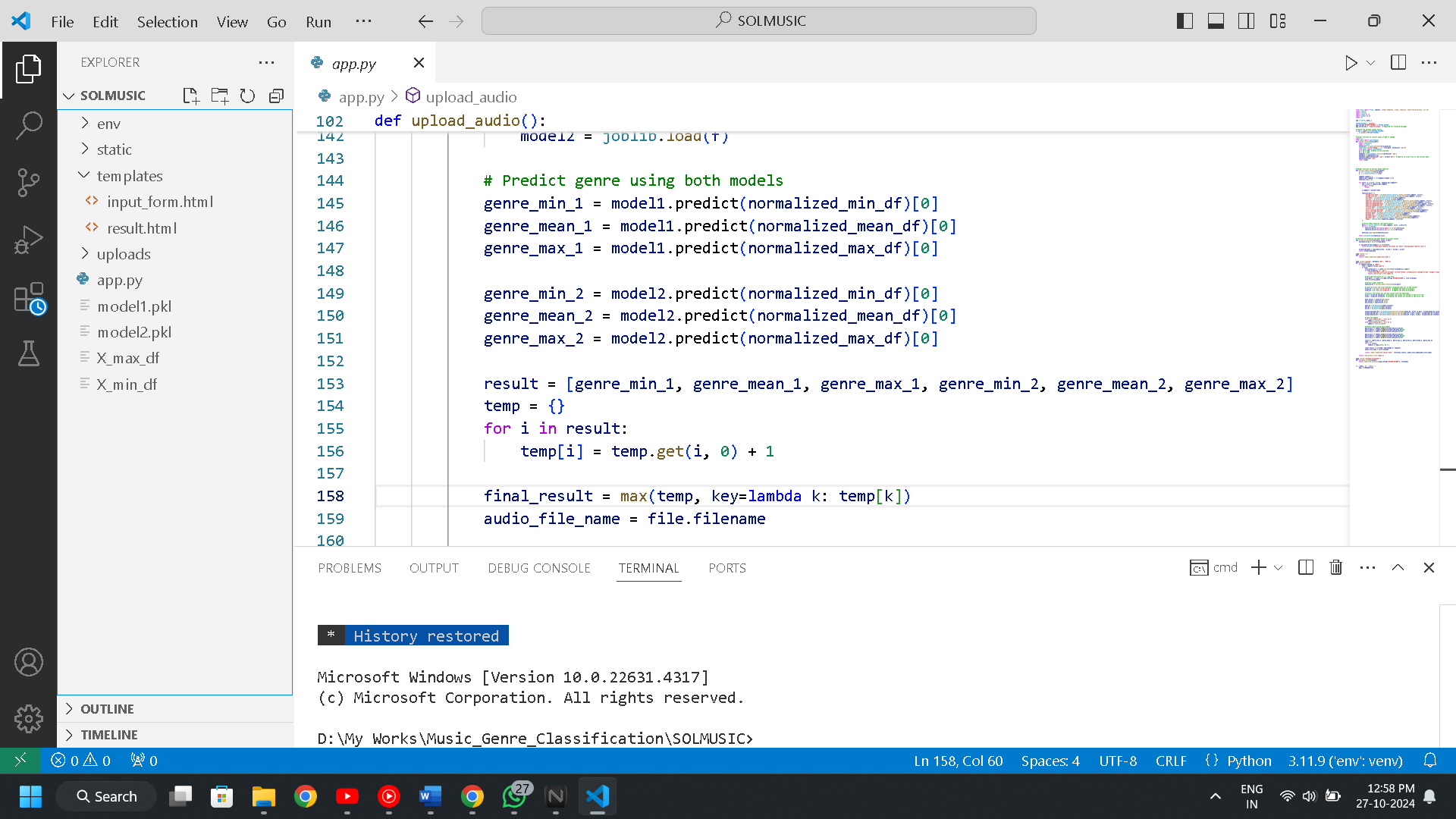
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**Figure 5.7** Audio file input

Generates a total of 3 predictions for each unseen audio file by using the minimum, mean, and maximum values of the extracted features. For both the KNN and SVM algorithms, each provides 3 predictions, resulting in a total of 6 predictions. The final class label for the audio file is determined by applying majority voting across these 6 predictions, ensuring a more reliable and robust classification of the music genre.



**Figure 5.8**  Code Snippet of KNN making 3 predictions



**Figure** **5.9** Code snippet for assigning the final class

# MODEL DEPLOYMENT

The principal objective of model deployment is to seamlessly integrate the classification models developed during the project into a production environment. This transition empowers end-users to access and leverage the classification system for making informed decisions. Model deployment is a critical phase that bridges the gap between theoretical model development and practical, real-world application. By deploying the classification models, the project aims to provide a tangible and accessible solution that fulfills the needs and preferences of the target audience.

To facilitate the deployment process, the project utilizes Python Flask framework and Librosa Package (to extract audio features). These tools contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of model integration into the production environment.

**User Interface (UI):**

The recommendation system is integrated into the user interface, creating a cohesive and user-friendly experience. Users can interact with the system through a web interface.

The following figures shows user interface of this application. This interface is simple and easy to understand. This application’s user interface is designed for straightforward interaction beginning with a clean introduction page of ‘SOLMUSIC’(Music Genre Classification System). The home page allows users to upload audio files and view how the entire system works.

After uploading an audio file, you will be routed to the genre prediction page where a single music genre will be provided as the final output. This output is determined by taking the majority class from a total of 6 predictions: 3 predictions generated by the KNN model and 3 predictions generated by the SVM model, using the minimum, mean, and maximum extracted features from the audio file. A "Back" button is available to return to the upload page, allowing you to upload a new audio file and repeat the process.

Only WAV audio formats are allowed for upload in this system. If a file in another format is uploaded, an error message stating "Only WAV files are allowed!" will appear. Along with the error, users will be provided with an option to convert their audio file to WAV format via a link, making it easy to convert the file and continue with the genre prediction process seamlessly. This ensures that the model only processes compatible audio files for accurate predictions.

Additionally, the result page includes a play/pause button for the uploaded audio file, allowing users to listen to the file while viewing the prediction results.

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Fig 6.1 Index page of movie recommender

**Figure** **6.1** Home Page

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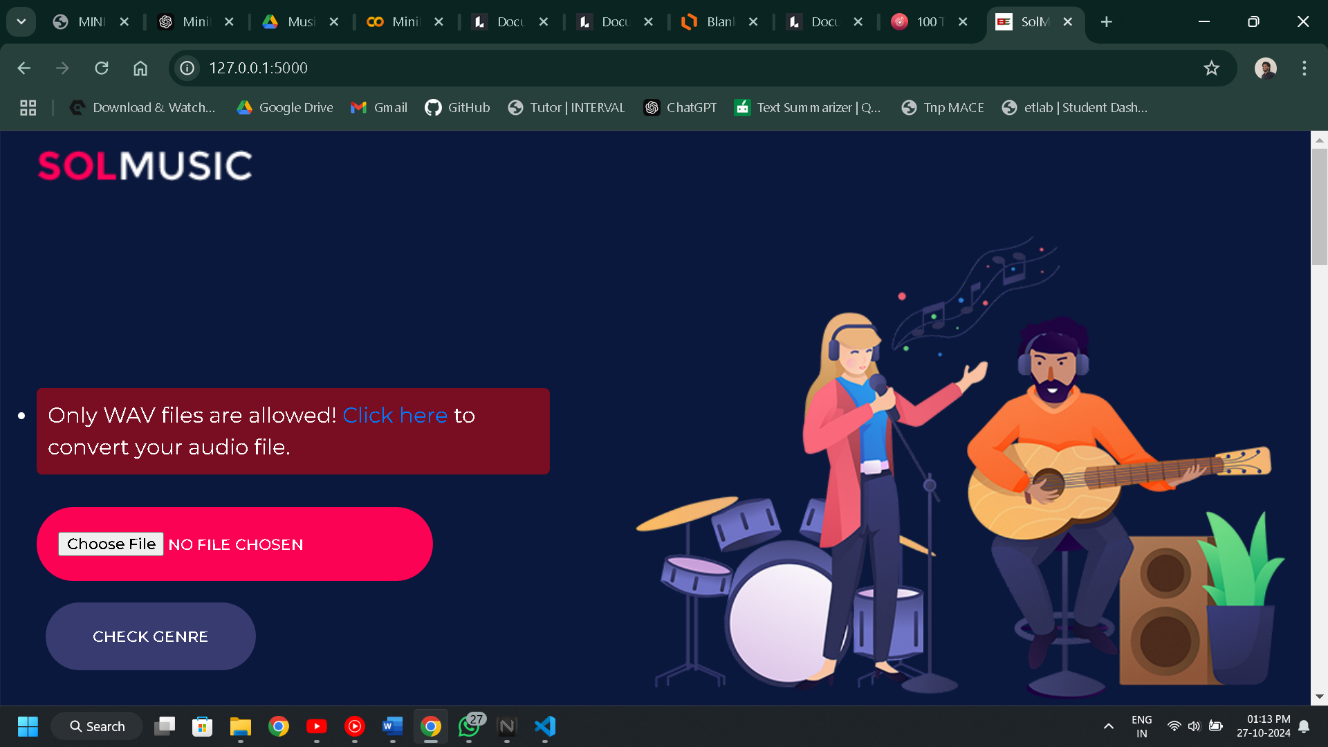
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**Figure** **6.2** UI for working of System

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**Figure** **6.4** Result Page



**Figure 6.5**  Error Message

# GIT HISTORY

Git Repository SOLMUSIC contains all colab files, py files, html files and three related research papers. It is maintained for systematic way of project presentation and mainly for future reference. The colab files are created separatelyfor three sprint releases during the project.

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**Figure 7.1** Git History

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# CONCLUSION

# In conclusion, the Music Genre Classification project has successfully achieved its primary objective of accurately classifying audio tracks into their respective genres through the development and deployment of robust machine learning models. Leveraging the k-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN) and Support Vector Machine (SVM) algorithms, the system excels in predicting music genres by analyzing complex audio features and identifying distinct patterns within the data. The project's technical contributions, including feature selection using the chi-square method and the combination of KNN and SVM models, ensure high accuracy and efficiency in handling diverse and evolving audio datasets. The user-centric design integrates a seamless web interface, allowing users to upload audio files and receive accurate genre predictions with ease. The successful deployment of production-ready models, real-time genre classification, and frontend integration demonstrates the system's transition from theoretical development to practical application. Security measures, such as file validation and format restrictions, coupled with real-time audio playback features, contribute to the system's reliability and user engagement. Lessons learned from this project will guide future improvements, and plans for enhancing feature selection and model performance ensure continuous refinement. The Music Genre Classification System, grounded in data science principles and audio analysis, is well-positioned to offer personalized and accurate genre predictions, enriching user experience in the dynamic field of music categorization.

# FUTURE WORK

Advanced Personalization Algorithms:

Exploring more sophisticated personalization algorithms represents a key avenue for future work. Integrating advanced machine learning techniques, such as deep learning, could enable the model to capture intricate patterns in user preferences and item features, leading to more accurate classifications. Additionally, investigating hybrid models offer a comprehensive solution to enhance classifications precision.

Scalability and Infrastructure Optimization:

As user bases expand, ensuring the scalability of the classification system becomes imperative. Future work may involve optimizing the system's infrastructure, exploring distributed computing frameworks, and leveraging cloud services to handle increasing data volumes and user interactions efficiently, ensuring a seamless and responsive user experience.

Interactive User Feedback Mechanisms:

Implementing an interactive feedback loop empowers users to provide explicit feedback on classifications. Leveraging this feedback, the system can iteratively adapt and improve its accuracy, fostering a collaborative user-system interaction.

Overlapping audio Segments:

A novel segmentation strategy by splitting audio files into 4-second segments and overlapping each by 2 seconds. This overlapping approach ensures that consecutive segments share contextual audio information, helping the model perceive continuity within the audio. This significantly enhances the classification accuracy by ensuring that the model understands the segments as part of a cohesive audio file rather than isolated snippets.

In summary, the future work for the Music Genre Classification System project encompasses advanced personalization algorithms, scalability and infrastructure optimization, interactive user feedback mechanisms, and innovative audio segmentation strategies. By exploring sophisticated machine learning techniques and hybrid models, the system can achieve more accurate classifications that capture intricate patterns in audio features. Ensuring scalability through optimized infrastructure and distributed computing will accommodate expanding user bases and data volumes, delivering a seamless experience. Implementing interactive feedback loops will enable users to provide explicit input, allowing the system to iteratively enhance its accuracy. Additionally, employing a novel segmentation strategy with overlapping audio segments will improve classification accuracy by maintaining contextual continuity within audio files. Addressing these aspects will facilitate the evolution of the system into a robust, user-centric platform that adapts to dynamic musical preferences and enhances the overall music discovery experience.

# APPENDIX

## MINIMUM SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

To deploy and run Music Genre Classification System, the following minimum software requirements must be met:

* Python:

Version 3.6 or above is required to execute the project code and its dependencies.

* NumPy:

Essential for numerical operations and array manipulations in Python.

* Pandas:

Necessary for data manipulation, cleaning, and analysis.

* Scikit-learn:

The scikit-learn library is used for machine learning functionalities, including the implementation of the k-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN) algorithm.

* Flask:

A lightweight web framework to serve the application and provide the user interface. Flask is required to manage HTTP requests and deliver predictions via the web interface.

* SciPy:

Used for scientific and technical computing, particularly for sparse matrix operations.

* Librosa

Used for extracting audio features from uploaded audio file.

## MINIMUM HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

The Music Genre Classification System is relatively lightweight, but it does involve some computational processes. The minimum hardware requirements to ensure smooth execution are as follows:

Processor (CPU):

A modern multi-core processor (e.g., Intel Core i5 or equivalent) is recommended to handle the computation involved in the recommendation algorithms efficiently.

RAM:

A minimum of 8 GB RAM is recommended to manage the dataset and perform machine learning operations smoothly.

Storage:

Adequate storage space for storing datasets, code, and any additional resources. While the system itself doesn't require extensive storage, having sufficient space for datasets and potential model persistence is essential.

Internet Connection:

An internet connection is necessary for downloading datasets, libraries, and dependencies during the setup phase.

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