
title: Data Procurement And Processing

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Data procurement

To get data that describes songs ("audio features" in Spotify), we queried Spotify API for song identifier (Spotify id). We tried to fetch song similarity data from Spotify but that was taking too much time and hence wasn't added to our dataset. Overall, we used compressed csv files to store intermediate and final data sets.

Data processing

- All names (playlists names, song names) were cleaned by removing punctuation, extra spaces, etc
- Songs in playlists processed to find co-occurrences of songs in playlists. Our take is that song co-occurrence in playlist shows signal for song similarity (of course, Spotify promoted songs and "hits" add noise). If songs are found in the same list - that adds a count and this pair is saved into resulting set.

Sources below. These are Python scripts, not Jupyter notebooks to decrease memory pressure and let scripts run unattended.

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In [1]: # Preprocessing:
        #!/usr/bin/env python
        # coding: utf-8

        import sys
        import json
        import codecs
        import datetime
        import numpy as np
        import pandas as pd
        import re
        import time
        import gzip
        import csv

        DATA_DIR = "./data/data/"
        pretty = True
        compact = False
        cache = {}

        def cleanString(s):
            s = re.sub(r'[\^w\s]', '', s) # remove punctuation
            s = re.sub(' +', ' ', s) # remove double spaces
            s = "".join(i for i in s if ord(i)<128) # remove non-ascii letters
            return s.lower().strip()

        def getId(dict, str) :
            s = cleanString(str)
            if len(s) == 0 :
                return -1
            if s in dict :
                id = dict[s]
            else :
                id = len(dict)
                dict[s] = id
            return id

        def getSongId(dict, track, s_id) :
            s = cleanString(track['track_name'])
            if len(s) == 0 :
                return (-1, s_id)
            if s in dict :
                return (dict[s][0], s_id)
            id = s_id
            s_id += 1
            dict[s] = [ id, track['track_uri'].split(':')[2], float(track['duration_ms']
            ]) / 1000 ]
            return (id, s_id)

        def getPlaylId(dict, playlist) :
            s = cleanString(playlist['name'])
            if len(s) == 0 :
                return -1
            id = len(dict)
            dict[id] = [ s, int(playlist['num_followers']), 1 if bool(playlist['collabo
            rative']) else 0,
                        int(playlist['num_tracks']), int(playlist['num_albums']) ]
            return id

        def full_playlist(start, end, showOnly=True, namesOnly=False, data=None, playlD
        ata=None, lastIndex=0):
            playlists = None
            prevFile = None

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In [ ]: # Song info fetch. Several files were stored and merged to account for transmis
        sion failures, etc.
        import urllib
        import urllib.request as request
        import json
        import time
        import gzip
        import csv
        import sys

        regSleep = 1.0 / 165;
        authH = {'Accept': 'application/json',
                  'User-agent': 'Mozilla/5.0',
                  "Content-Type": "application/json",
                  'Authorization' : 'Bearer {}'.format(
                      sys.argv[3]
                  ) }

        startId = sys.argv[2]
        searchFirst = True
        DATA_DIR = "./data/data/"
        with gzip.open(DATA_DIR + sys.argv[1] + "_aug_songs_" + (startId if startId is
        not None else "") + ".csv.gz", 'wt') as fz:
            writer = csv.writer(fz, delimiter=',')
            if startId is None :
                writer.writerow(['name', 'id', 'uri', 'duration', 'danceability', 'ener
        gy', 'key', 'loudness', 'mode',
                                'speechiness', 'acousticness', 'instrumentalness', 'liveness', '
        valence', 'tempo', 'time_signature'])
            with gzip.open(DATA_DIR + "songs.csv.gz", mode="rt") as f:
                print("file", f)
                csvobj = csv.reader(f, delimiter=',', quotechar='"')
                first = True
                fullStop = False
                for line in csvobj:
                    if first :
                        first = False
                        continue
                    if len(line) == 0 :
                        continue
                    id = line[2]
                    print("->", id)
                    if startId is not None and searchFirst:
                        if startId == id :
                            print("found", startId)
                            searchFirst = False
                        else:
                            continue
                    for retry in range(0, 10):
                        code = -1
                        try :
                            req = request.Request(url = "https://api.spotify.com/v1/aud
        io-features/{}".format(id), headers=authH)
                            resp = request.urlopen(req)
                            content = resp.read()
                            resp = json.loads(content)
                            out = [line[0], line[1], line[2], line[3], resp['danceabili
        ty'], resp['energy'], resp['key'], resp['loudness'], resp['mode'],
                                    resp['speechiness'], resp['acousticness'], resp['ins
        trumentalness'], resp['liveness'], resp['valence'], resp['tempo'],
                                    resp['time_signature'] ]
                            writer.writerow(out)
                            time.sleep(regSleep)

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In [ ]: # Song similarity - done in chunks to fit into memory
import gzip
import csv
import sys
import numpy as np

def calcPlayl(plId, songs) :
    n = len(songs)
    if n == 0 or n == 1:
        return
    print (plId, "len", n)
    r = range(0, n)
    for i in r :
        if matrix[songs[i], 0] is None :
            matrix[songs[i], 0] = {}
        for j in range(i + 1, n) :
            otherId = songs[j]
            if otherId in matrix[songs[i], 0] :
                matrix[songs[i], 0][otherId] += 1
            else :
                matrix[songs[i], 0][otherId] = 1

DATA_DIR = "./data/data/"
numSongs = 1389689 + 1 # max song id , starts from 0
matrix = np.empty([numSongs, 1], dtype=np.dtype('O'))

cnt = 0
MAX = 233000
runId = int(sys.argv[1])
startPl = runId * MAX
endPl = startPl + MAX
with gzip.open(DATA_DIR + "preproc.csv.gz", mode="rt") as f:
    print("file", f)
    csvobj = csv.reader(f, delimiter=',', quotechar='"')
    first = True
    prevPl = -1
    songs = []
    for line in csvobj:
        if first :
            first = False
            continue
        if len(line) == 0 :
            continue
        songId = int(line[2])
        plId = int(line[5])
        if plId < startPl :
            continue
        if plId > endPl :
            break
        if plId != prevPl :
            calcPlayl(prevPl, songs)
            songs = []
        songs.append(songId)
        prevPl = plId

print("done from ", startPl, "to", endPl)
with gzip.open(DATA_DIR + str(runId) + "_simsong_calc_.csv.gz", 'wt') as fz:
    writer = csv.writer(fz, delimiter=',')
    writer.writerow(['songid', 'simsongid', 'count'])
    for i in range(0, matrix.shape[0]) :
        if matrix[i, 0] is None :
            continue

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In [ ]: # Song similarity merge
import gzip
import csv
import sys

def empty(line1) :
    return line1 is None or len(line1) == 0

def allEmpty(dones) :
    for done in dones :
        if not done:
            return False
    return True

def writeSims(writer, songId, simSongs):
    for key, value in sorted(simSongs.items(), key=lambda kv: kv[1], reverse=True) :
        # cutoff ?
        writer.writerow([songId, key, value])

#return false if song ids don't match
def addSongInfo(songId, line, simSongs):
    # print("add", songId, line, simSongs)
    newSongId = int(line[0])
    if songId == newSongId :
        simId = int(line[1])
        cnt = int(line[2])
        if simId in simSongs :
            simSongs[simId] += cnt
        else :
            simSongs[simId] = cnt
    return True
    return False

#return empty list if end of file is reached, next-song line otherwise
def fetchSongInfo(songId, prevLine, curIter, simSongs) :
    # print("fetch", songId, prevLine)
    if not empty(prevLine) :
        match = addSongInfo(songId, prevLine, simSongs)
        if not match :
            return prevLine
    while True :
        line = next(curIter, None)
        if empty(line):
            return []
        match = addSongInfo(songId, line, simSongs)
        if not match :
            return line

DATA_DIR = "./data/data/"

numSongs = 1389689 + 1 # max song id , starts from 0
numFiles = 2
files = [None]*numFiles
csvobj = [None]*numFiles
iters = [None]*numFiles
prevLine = [None]*numFiles
doneFile = [False]*numFiles
simSongs = {}
fCnt = 0
file0 = sys.argv[1]
file1 = sys.argv[2]
with gzip.open(DATA_DIR + file0 + ". " + file1 + " simsong calc .csv.gz" , 'wt')

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