



Ranking pop songs through the years

Julia Silge Data Scientist at Stack Overflow



Lyrics of pop songs

song_lyrics

- rank, the rank a song achieved on the Billboard Year-End Hot 100
- song, the song's title
- artist, the artist who recorded the song
- year, the year the song reached the given rank on the Billboard chart
- lyrics, the lyrics of the song.

Lyrics from the Billboard Year-End Hot 100, sourced by Kaylin Walker



Tidying song lyrics

```
> tidy lyrics %>%
     count(word, sort = TRUE)
# A tibble: 42,156 x 2
   word
         n
   <chr> <int>
    you 64606
   i 56472
   the 53451
   to 35752
    and 32555
    me 31170
    a 29282
   it 25688
     my 22821
10
     in 18553
# ... with 42,146 more rows
```



Sentiment analysis of pop songs

```
> lyric sentiment %>%
      count(song, sentiment, total words)
# A tibble: 39,564 x 4
                             sentiment total words
                     song
                    <chr>
                                 <chr>
                                             <int> <int>
 1 0 to 100 the catch up
                                                894
                                 anger
            the catch up anticipation
                                               894
                                                      14
 2 0 to 100
 3 0 to 100
            the catch up
                               disgust
                                               894
                                                       33
 4 0 to 100
            the catch up
                                  fear
                                               894
 5 0 to 100
            the catch up
                                               894
                                   joy
                              negative
 6 0 to 100
            the catch up
                                               894
 7 0 to 100
            the catch up
                              positive
                                               894
                                                       34
 8 0 to 100
             the catch up
                                                       12
                             sadness
                                               894
 9 0 to 100
            the catch up
                                               894
                              surprise
10 0 to 100
            the catch up
                                 trust
                                               894
                                                       29
# ... with 39,554 more rows
```





Let's practice!





Connecting sentiment to other quantities

Julia Silge Data Scientist at Stack Overflow



Sentiment and...

- how far a song reached on the Billboard chart?
- when the song was released?

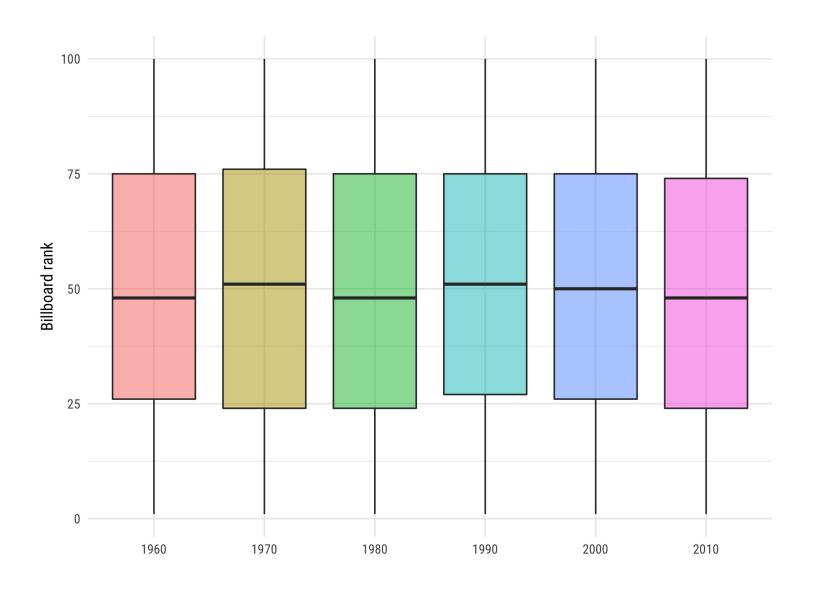


Sentiment and rank

```
> lyric sentiment %>%
      filter(sentiment == "positive") %>%
      count(song, rank, total words)
# A tibble: 4,777 x 4
                           rank total words
                      song
                    <chr> <int>
                                       <int> <int>
 1 0 to 100 the catch up
                                         894
                                                34
       1 2 3 4 sumpin new
                              40
                                         670
                                                18
          1 2 3 red light
                              48
                                         145
                 1 2 step
                                         437
                                                20
 5
6
7
                              46
            100 pure love
                                         590
                                                11
            100 pure love
                                         590
                                                11
                100 years
                                         257
                                                 4
 8
                              62
                                         220
                                                15
                       123
 9
              18 and life
                              61
                                         285
10
              19 somethin
                              84
                                         281
# ... with 4,767 more rows
```



Exploring with boxplots







Let's practice!



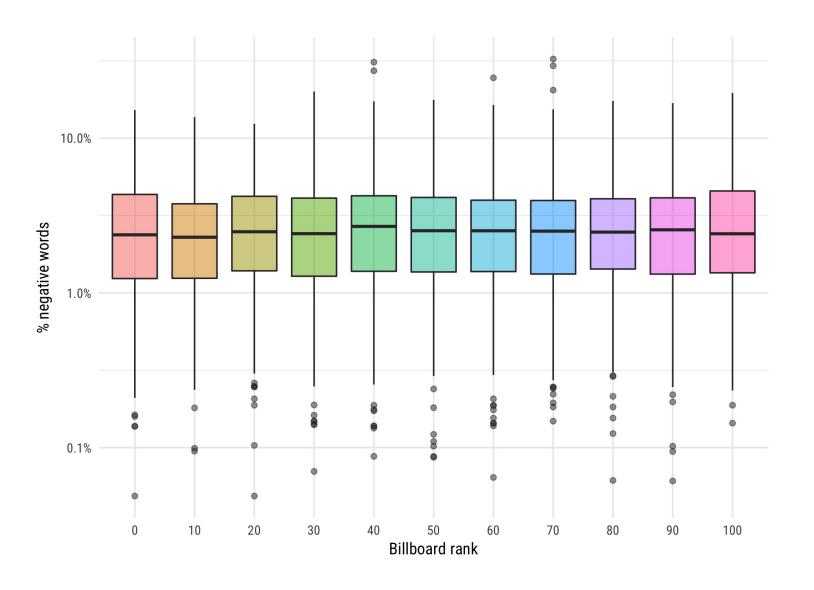


Moving from rank to year

Julia Silge Data Scientist at Stack Overflow



Sentiment and rank





Pop songs over time

```
> lyric sentiment %>%
      filter(sentiment == "positive") %>%
      count(song, year, total words)
# A tibble: 4,772 x 4
                     song year total words
                    <chr> <int>
                                      <int> <int>
 1 0 to 100 the catch up 2014
                                        894
                                               34
       1 2 3 4 sumpin new 1996
                                        670
                                               18
                          1968
          1 2 3 red light
                                        145
                 1 2 step 2005
                                        437
                                               20
 5
6
            100 pure love
                          1994
                                        590
                                               11
            100 pure love
                          1995
                                               11
                                        590
                           2004
                                        257
                100 years
                                                4
 8
                                        220
                                               15
                      123
                          1988
 9
              18 and life 1989
                                        285
10
              19 somethin 2003
                                        281
# ... with 4,762 more rows
```



Pop songs over time

- Define new columns using mutate()
- Visualize using geom_boxplot()



Modeling sentiment

```
> sentiment_model <- lm(percent ~ year, data = sentiment_by_year)
> summary(sentiment_model)
```





Let's practice!



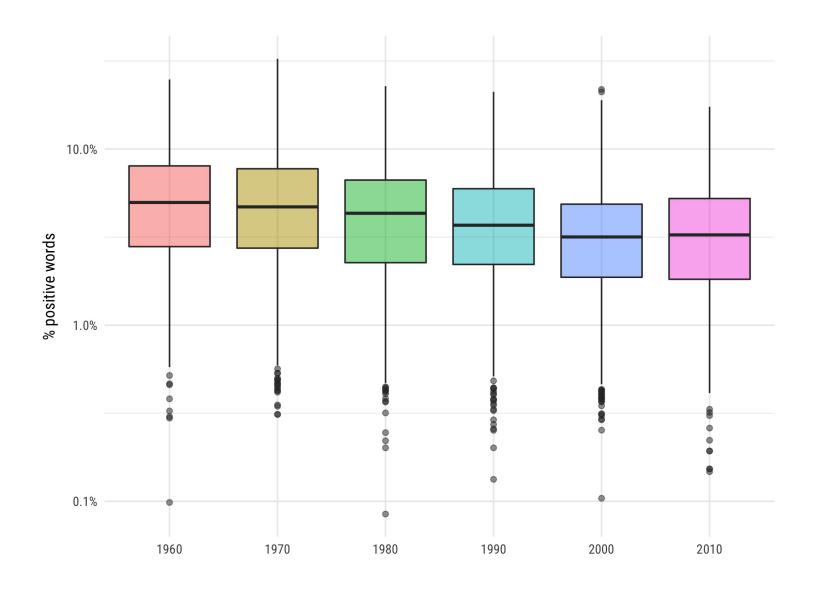


You made it!

Julia Silge
Data Scientist at Stack Overflow



Positive sentiment and year





Diverse texts, powerful techniques

- Social media text from Twitter
- Classic narrative text by Shakespeare
- TV news text sourced from closed captioning
- Lyrics from pop songs



Tidy text

Tidy data principles makes text mining easier and more effective

http://tidytextmining.com/



Thanks!