



## Spotify Artist Popularity Differences by Genre

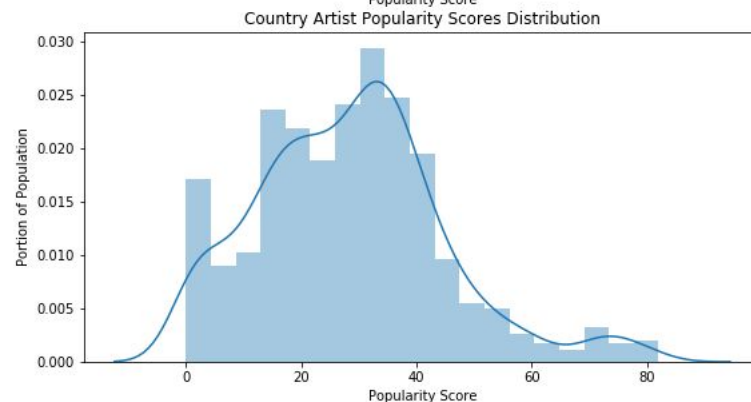
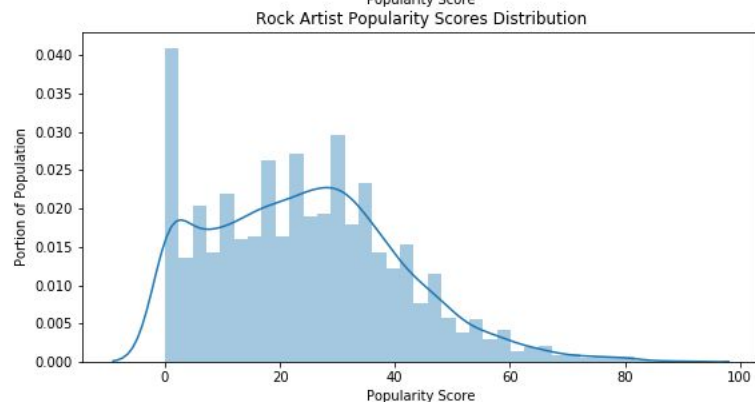
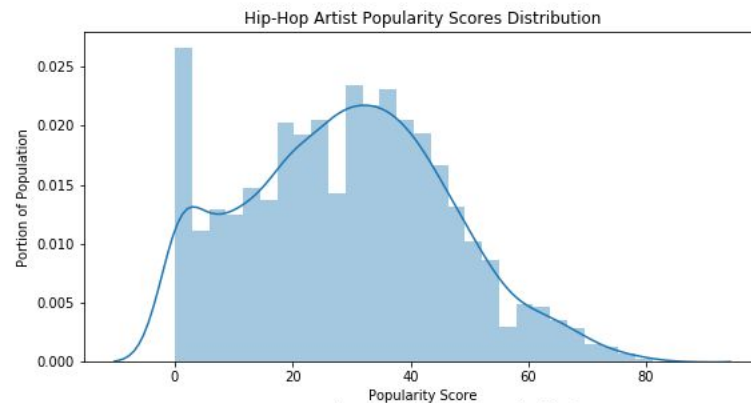
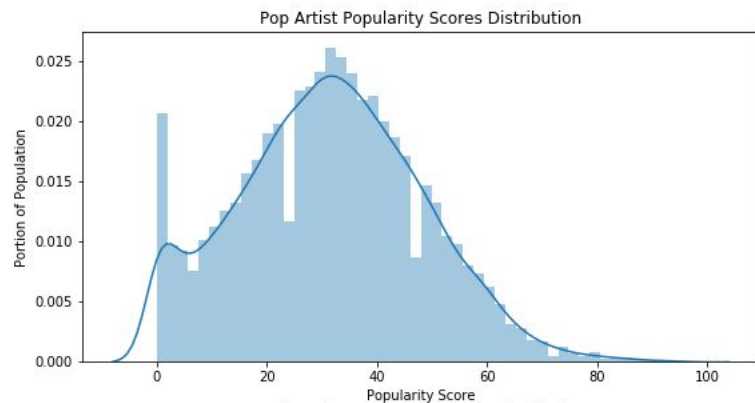
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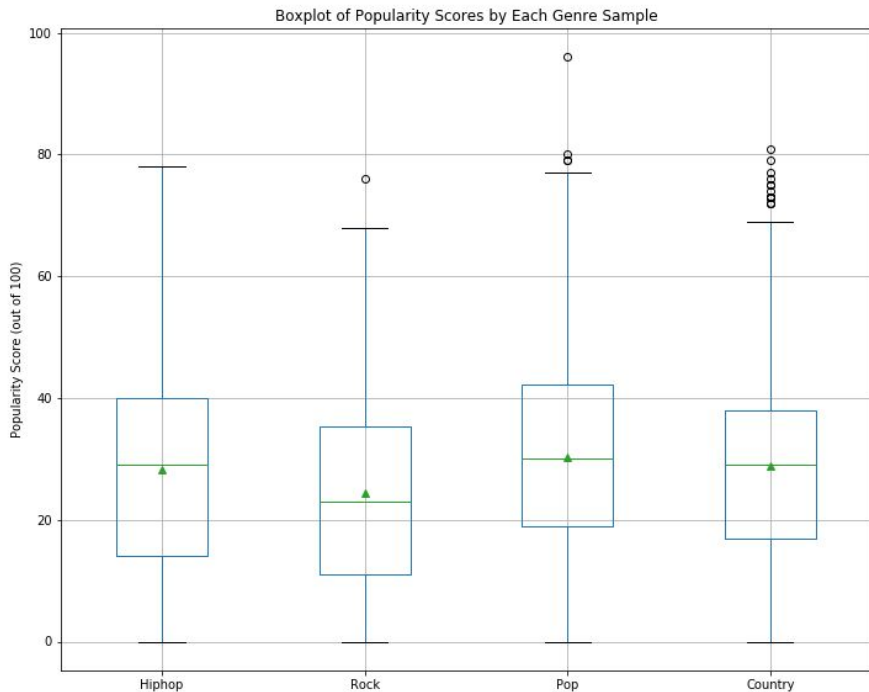
# Methodology

- Spotify API Dataset of ~53,000 Artists
  - Tagged Genres
  - Popularity Score
  - Follower Count
- Defined Scope
  - Pop, Hip-Hop, Rock, Country
- Research Questions
  - 1. Do artists' popularity scores differ significantly by genre?
  - 2. Do artists' follower counts differ significantly by genre?

# Research Question 1:

Do artists' **popularity scores** differ significantly by genre?





## Test 1: Are popularity score means the same across genres?

### ANOVA Test

$H_0$  (Null Hypothesis):  $\mu_{pop} = \mu_{rock} = \mu_{hiphop} = \mu_{country}$   
popularity score means are equal for all genres

$H_a$  (Alternative Hypothesis): popularity score means are NOT equal for all genres

Significance Level:  $\alpha = 0.05$

### ANOVA Results

F-Score: 135.69

P-Value 1.4977e-86

Sufficient evidence to **reject the null hypothesis**  
(statistically significant difference observed between Pop, Rock, Country and Hip-Hop popularity score means).

## Tests 2 & 3: How do popularity scores compare between genres?

### Tukey Test

Compares mean popularity score of Genre 1 to Genre 2 to test if there is a significant difference between means.

$$H_0: \mu_{genre1} = \mu_{genre2}$$

$$H_a: \mu_{genre1} \neq \mu_{genre2}$$

### Welch T-Test

Compares mean popularity score of Genre 1 to Genre 2 to test if Genre 1 has a significantly higher mean than Genre 2.

$$H_0: \mu_{genre1} \leq \mu_{genre2}$$

$$H_a: \mu_{genre1} > \mu_{genre2}$$

		Tukey Test		Welch T-Test (1-Sided)	
Genre 1	Genre 2	P-Value	Reject	P-Value	Reject
Pop	Rock	0.001	True	7.37e-90	True
Hip-Hop	Rock	0.001	True	1.43e-21	True
Pop	Hip-Hop	0.001	True	9.03e-11	True
Country	Rock	0.0017	True	0.0001	True
Pop	Country	0.001	True	3.73e-06	True
Hip-Hop	Country	0.5285	False	0.0901	False

Assumed Significance Level:  $\alpha = 0.05$

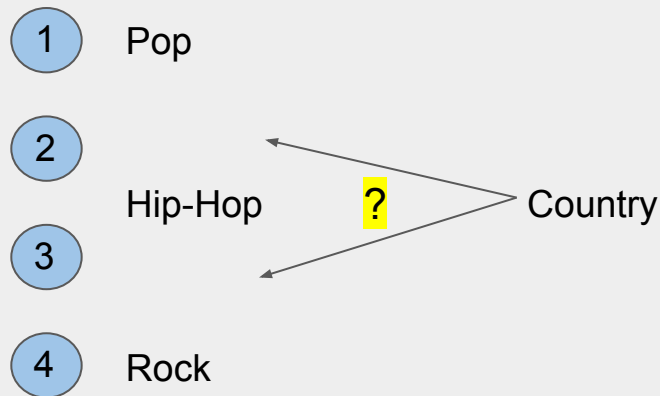
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Do artists' popularity scores differ significantly by genre?

## Finding:

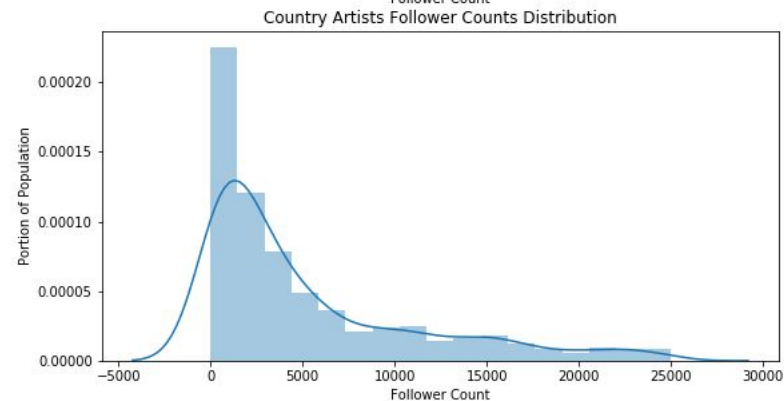
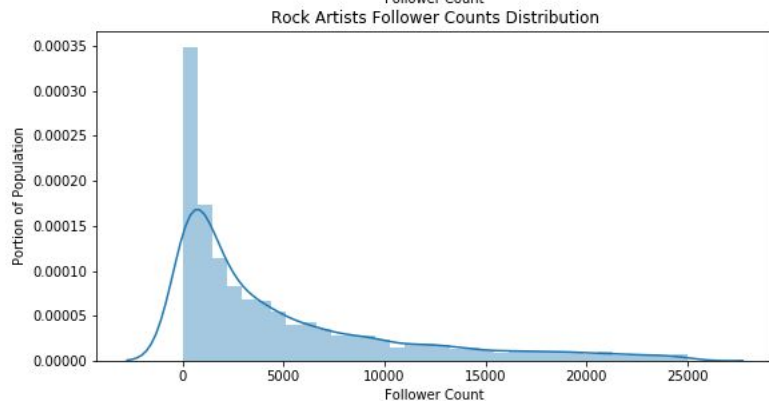
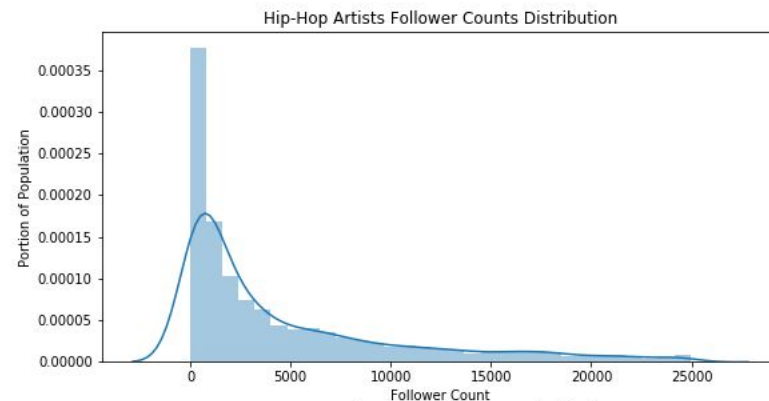
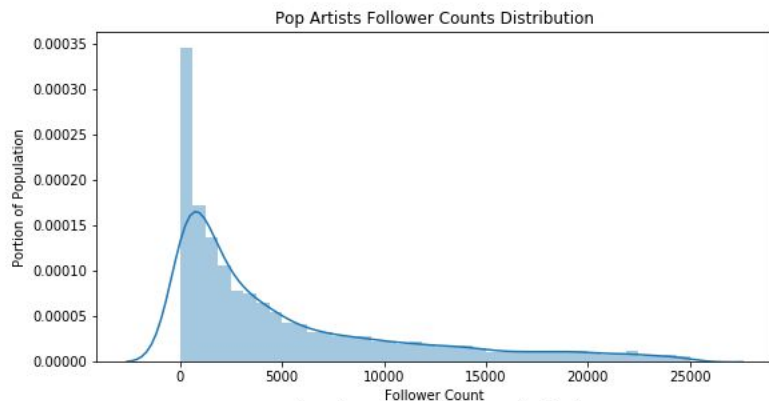
Popularity score means differ significantly between pop, rock, hip-hop, and country genres.

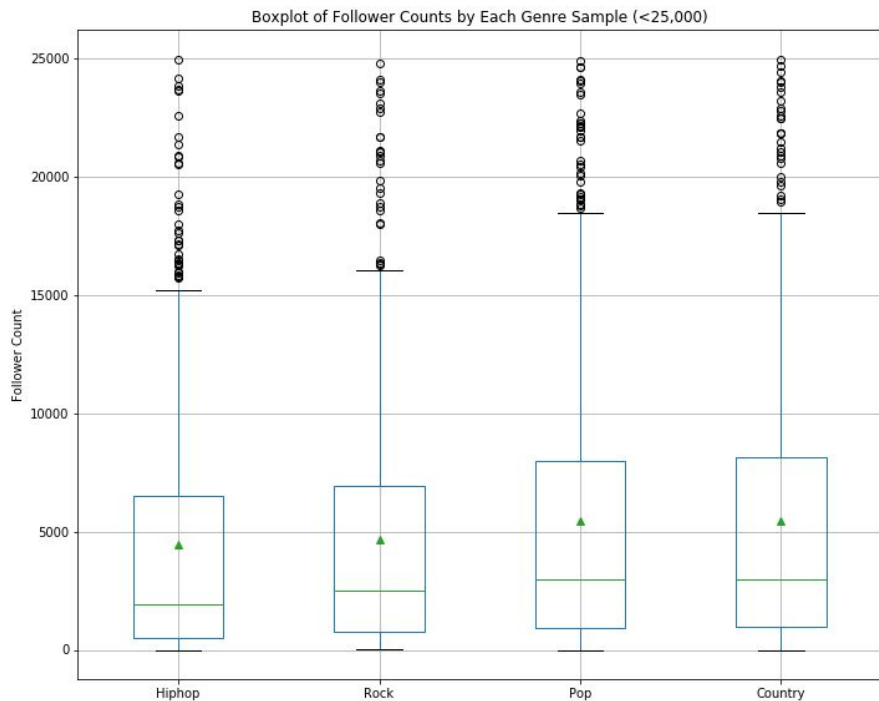
BUT no significant difference observed between hip-hop and country, specifically.



## Research Question 2:

Do artists' **follower counts** differ significantly by genre?





## Test 1: Are follower count means the same across genres?

### ANOVA Test

Null Hypothesis: all follower count means are equal

$$H_0: \mu_{pop} = \mu_{rock} = \mu_{hiphop} = \mu_{country}$$

Alternative Hypothesis:

$H_a$ : not all follower count means are equal

Significance Level:  $\alpha = 0.05$

### ANOVA Results

F-Score: 2.3441

P-Value 0.0710

Fail to reject null hypothesis (no statistically significant observed difference between Pop, Rock, Country and Hip-Hop follower counts).



## Tests 2 & 3: How do follower counts compare between genres?

### Tukey Test

Compares mean follower count of Genre 1 to Genre 2 to test if there is a significant difference between means.

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Genre 1	Genre 2	P-Value	Reject	P-Value	Reject
Pop	Hip-Hop	0.0506	False	0.0049	True
Pop	Rock	0.5821	False	0.1026	False
Pop	Country	0.8414	False	0.2023	False
Hip-Hop	Rock	0.5487	False	0.0891	False
Hip-Hop	Country	0.9	False	0.3313	False
Rock	Country	0.9	False	0.3922	False

Assumed Significance Level:  $\alpha = 0.05$

## Research Question 2:

Do artists' follower counts differ significantly by genre?

## Finding:

Follower count means do NOT differ significantly between pop, rock, hip-hop, and country genres.