

## Questions management would like you to answer:

- 1) Consider the 10 song features duration, danceability, energy, loudness, speechiness, acousticness, instrumentalness, liveness, valence and tempo. Are any of these features reasonably distributed normally? If so, which one? [Suggestion: Include a 2x5 figure with histograms for each feature)
- 2) Is there a relationship between song length and popularity of a song? If so, is the relationship positive or negative? [Suggestion: Include a scatterplot]
- 3) Are explicitly rated songs more popular than songs that are not explicit? [Suggestion: Do a suitable significance test, be it parametric, non-parametric or permutation]
- 4) Are songs in major key more popular than songs in minor key? [Suggestion: Do a suitable significance test, be it parametric, non-parametric or permutation]
- 5) Energy is believed to largely reflect the “loudness” of a song. Can you substantiate (or refute) that this is the case? [Suggestion: Include a scatterplot]
- 6) Which of the 10 individual (single) song features from question 1 predicts popularity best? How good is this “best” model?
- 7) Building a model that uses \*all\* of the song features from question 1, how well can you predict popularity now? How much (if at all) is this model improved compared to the best model in question 6).
- 8) How do you account for this?
- 8) When considering the 10 song features above, how many meaningful principal components can you extract? What proportion of the variance do these principal components account for?
- 9) Can you predict whether a song is in major or minor key from valence? If so, how good is this prediction? If not, is there a better predictor? [Suggestion: It might be nice to show the logistic regression once you are done building the model]

10) Which is a better predictor of whether a song is classical music – duration or the principal components you extracted in question 8? [Suggestion: You might have to convert the qualitative genre label to a binary numerical label (classical or not)]

**Extra credit:** Tell us something interesting about this dataset that is not trivial and not already part of an answer (implied or explicitly) to these enumerated questions [Suggestion: Do something with the number of beats per measure, something with the key, or something with the song or album titles]