

MSB Final Project: The Genetics of Music

Kabir Gupta

May 21, 2021

Introduction

One of Tinbergen's four causes of behavior is development, or ontogeny: the question of how a behavior came to an organism in the first place.¹ While this subject can delve deep into Mendellian inheritance and meiosis, or different forms of learning and different classifications of innate behaviors, the central and highest-level question asked during the study of development is that of nature versus nurture: is the trait genetically inherited or environmentally acquired? Of course, traits are often not one or the other but will rather fall on a spectrum between the two; the purpose of this project is to study one such trait in hopes of determining whether it is influenced more by genes or environment. This trait is musical taste: what kinds of music do people like to listen to?

It is surprisingly common, in the researcher's own (anecdotal) experience, to find two friends who have vastly different music tastes, and the same applies to family members. This leads into the question of who makes more of an impact on your music tastes — friends will often attest to have virtually identical music taste, but the same could apply to family members; it only seems to vary from person to person and family to family. By gathering a large sample of data, however, it could be determined whether there is actually some sort of trend, or association, between a person's music tastes and their friends'/family's.

It was expected that both family members and friends would have a significant impact on a person's music choices, although one might not necessarily outweigh the other: that is, there may not be a significant difference between the family's impact and the friends'. This is because people have very strong reasons to like similar music to both a family member and a friend, so that one relationship type should not be significantly closer than the other.

¹Special thanks to Lincoln Auster and Thomas Morford for code review, bug fixes and formatting advice.

Materials and Methods

A Google Forms survey was used to gather data for this study, and a Python script was used to analyze it. Each respondent was asked to select the musical genres that they enjoy out of 6 options: pop, jazz/blues, rock, country/folk, rap/hip hop, and classical. The respondent was then asked to decide whether they like or dislike each of 12 musical clips, out of which each genre was represented by two clips: Uptown Funk and Dead Girl in the Pool (pop), What a Wonderful World and The Thrill is Gone (jazz and blues), Bohemian Rhapsody and Hurt (rock), Old Town Road and I Walk the Line (country and folk), Rap God and Gangsta’s Paradise (rap and hip hop), and finally Eine Kleine Nachtmusik and Duel of the Fates (classical).

For the purposes of this study, it was useful to be able to identify whether there were some genres that the respondent did not necessarily dislike, even if it was not something they thought they actively listen to. So, while the first part of the survey asked for what they thought they like, the second part of the survey was in an attempt to see what they might actually like. However, it’s possible that somebody who generally likes a certain genre did not like the specific two clips that they had been asked about from that genre. So, the question about categories needed to be weighted more heavily than the questions about specific songs. Further, an overall system was needed for condensing the 2-part data that would be gathered — genre and music preference, both on nominal scales — into one number that could be used in statistical testing. Hence, the following scoring system was created, as seen in Figure 1.

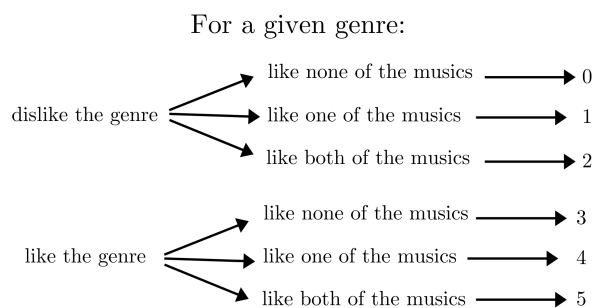


Figure 1: The procedure used to generate ordinal-scale scores for each respondent, for each genre.

This means that if a respondent says they enjoy a particular genre but doesn’t like any of the musics, they can still walk away with a score of 3, whereas if they liked both musics but said they disliked the genre in general, they would only get a 2. These rankings are on

an ordinal scale, from 0 to 5 (where there are no defined intervals between ranks).

Each respondent was requested to provide the names of two friends and two family members. The family members were sent a slightly different survey, which was identical to the one for students except that it did not ask them for the names of their friends or family members. At the end of data collection, each respondent was matched up to their two family members and two friends to perform statistical analysis. If not all of the family members and friends listed had responded to the survey, only the ones whose responses were present were tested against the student.

Data

There were two main variables being compared in this study: relationship type (family member or friend), on a nominal (binary) scale; and genre rankings that demonstrate the degree to which someone enjoys a particular genre, on an ordinal scale.

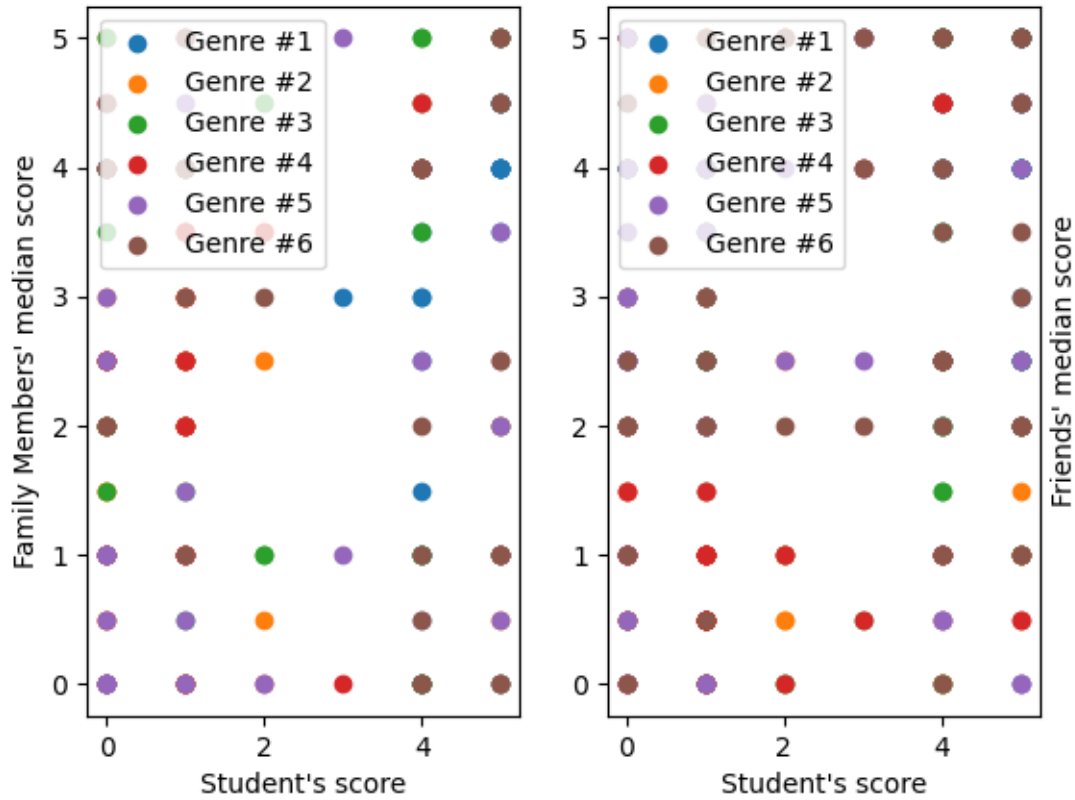


Figure 2: Scatter plots displaying the data gathered. At left, each student's score is plotted against the median of their family members' scores for each genre; at right, each student's score is plotted against the median of their friends' scores for each genre.

The scatter plots above display the results of data collection, spread across genres. The raw data gathered during this study is included in Appendix I.

A Wilcoxon test was used for the primary statistical analysis. Out of 49 tests conducted

for a difference between the students' rankings and their family members', 9 were statistically significant at a 90% confidence level ($\alpha=0.10$), and 5 were significant at a 95% confidence level ($\alpha=0.05$). For the friends, 14 tests came out significant at the 90% confidence level, and 7 at the 95% confidence level, out of a total of 79 tests. Overall, 18.4% of tests conducted for family members came back significant, compared to 17.7% of tests for friends.

The follow-up chi-square test for association had an insignificant result, meaning that the null hypothesis must be accepted: there is no association between relationship type and similarity of rankings. The test statistic χ^2 was calculated to be 3.389771795679717 with 9 degrees of freedom; $p=0.9468207928306335$.

An SRCC was also calculated for each relationship type for each genre. For family members, the correlation coefficients were $r = 0.48, 0.05, -0.10, 0.13, 0.21$, and -0.15 respectively. For friends, they were $r = 0.21, 0.21, 0.07, 0.04, -0.03$, and 0.06 respectively. Three of the coefficients overall (two on the family side and one on the friends side) were negative; all the rest were positive. Almost all of the correlation coefficients were quite weak (below 0.1); however, the correlation coefficient for Genre 1 (Pop) for family members could be classified as of moderate strength. Apart from the aforementioned coefficient, which had a p-value $p=0.00679$ (highly statistically significant), all the other coefficients were insignificant.

Finally, a t-test for two correlated samples was conducted between the family members' and friends' SRCCs to test for a significant difference in the correlation coefficients. The test statistic reported was $t = 0.14$. The critical value for the t-distribution at a 95% confidence level with 5 degrees of freedom is 2.57, and the test statistic found does not exceed this. The p-value was only $p = 0.90$, so the result was insignificant. Thus, we fail to reject the null hypothesis that family members and friends both influence people's musical choices to approximately the same extent.

Statistical Analysis

The most preliminary technique used in analyzing the collected data was assigning each individual an ordinal-scale ranking for each genre (in order to have two easily comparable populations). The specifications of how this was done have been provided in the Methods section. Once each student, family member and friend was assigned a set of 6 ranks (as there were 6 genres involved), a comparison of medians was conducted between the data sets. Because the data was on an ordinal scale, the statistical test had to be nonparametric. Further, the data was paired because each student was related to their corresponding family member or friend in some way. Consequently, a Wilcoxon test was used to test for a significant difference between each student's rankings and their family members', and between each student's rankings and their friends'. The results of these tests are summarized in the previous section.

The p-values generated by the Wilcoxon tests were sorted into an aggregated frequency table (class borders 0-0.1, 0.1-0.2, 0.2-0.3, and so on up to 1.0). This was done to each set of tests (family and friends), allowing for the construction of the contingency tables below (Tables 1 and 2). A chi-square test for association was conducted to find if there was an association between to what extent two people differ in music choice, and how the two people are related (family or friend).

	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
Family	9	11	3	5	6	1	3	6	2	3
Friend	14	16	8	4	10	5	4	9	5	4

Table 1: Contingency table of observed values for χ^2

	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
Family	8.80	10.34	4.21	3.45	6.13	2.30	2.68	5.74	2.68	2.6
Friend	14.20	16.66	6.79	5.55	9.88	3.70	4.32	9.26	4.32	4.32

Table 2: Contingency table of expected values for χ^2

Although the chi-square test returned an insignificant result, it was still worth calculating a Spearman Rank Correlation Coefficient to get a sense of how strong the correlation between each pair of two people was for each genre. This gave a set of twelve SRCCs, one for each genre and for each relationship type (friend/family). The SRCC comparison tables were of the format as in Table 3 (only a part of the first one is included here, as they were all

similarly structured.)

x: student's ranking	y: family member's ranking
0	4
1	0
1	0
...	...

Table 3: SRCC table of values for students vs family members for Genre 1, Pop (truncated after row 3).

The twelve correlation coefficients that were found (six for each relationship type) have been reported in the previous section. One last statistical test was conducted, the t-test for two correlated (paired) samples. A significant result here would have meant that one relationship type (be that family member or friend) has significantly higher correlations between two people than the other. The two samples consisted of the set of all SRCCs for family members, and the set of all SRCCs for friends (thus $n=6$). So, each sample was matched because every SRCC for the family members applied to the same genre as the corresponding SRCC for the friends. Further, a parametric test could be used because correlation coefficients lie on a ratio scale (with an absolute zero) and there was no reason to suspect major skew in the data. The results of the two-sample t-test were reported in the previous section as well.

Discussion

Conducting the Wilcoxon tests for each student revealed that there were some cases where there was a significant difference between family members, and likewise for friends. However, when all of those cases were tallied up in a chi-square test, there did not appear to be a significant association between relationship type and music choices. While calculating the SRCCs supported this conclusion for the most part, one of the coefficients did suggest that family members may exert a special influence on students' choices when it comes to pop music based on the correlation coefficient alone. However, when a t-test was run between the SRCCs to check for a significant difference, the result was clear: neither relationship has greater power over a person's musical choices than the other.

The data gathered thus supports the original hypothesis that an environmental influence would not outweigh a genetical influence on a person's music choices, and vice versa. However, there are two ways these results could have been made more reliable:

- A larger sample size always helps increase the power of statistical analysis, and can thus catch smaller differences in a population that a small sample size cannot. The sample size for this study was 76 students and 65 family members; while that's not a tiny sample size, this study would definitely have been more powerful if (a) more people participated, but even more so (b) for every student who participated, both family members and both friends were able to fill out the respective surveys.
- The twelve songs selected to "represent" each genre may not have been very representative of each genre. For instance, "Hurt" is a heavy metal song that even an avid rock listener might not find as appealing as a pure rock song. "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik," while popular, is overused to the point of many classical enthusiasts not enjoying it as much as some Brahms or Shostakovich; and "Duel of the Fates" is a vocalized theme from the *Star Wars* soundtrack, so that it can technically be categorized as classical but when compared to Bach or Beethoven seems vastly different. These oversights were due to the researcher's own relative lack of musical knowledge (which has slightly improved over the course of this study).

A redo of this study could have the potential to be more successful if more time was spent to take as large a sample size as possible — for instance, if everybody in one school filled it out, it might only provide 500 people, but at least each person's friend would have (hopefully) filled it out too until it cycled back so that every person can be tested against four other people — and to use music clips that were much more representative of the genre (and likely to be liked by somebody who listens to the genre often).

Another possible flaw in this research was that it assumes that family members are the “genetic” factor, and friends are the “environmental”. While it’s true that there’s usually no genetic relationship between two friends, the problem is that one’s family is not only who they share the greatest amount of their DNA with, but also who they have usually grown up around and been brought up with. This means that a family member might encapsulate both the genetic and the environmental factor. Thus, this study cannot really conclude whether music has a large genetic part, because it is quite possible that the overlaps found between students and their family members were due to a shared environment — in some cases, people may even share much more of their environment with family members than with friends. To rectify this, a completely different study might need to be carried out, maybe one connecting genetically related people who have not been in the same environment (cousins? siblings who were separated at birth? long-lost parents or children? clones?) might be more powerful in revealing whether there is more of a genetic and an environmental factor at play.

References

A Google Forms survey was used in this study, and the data was linked into a Google Sheet spreadsheet. The following twelve songs were used during the study; the relevant portions were clipped out (10 seconds) for survey-takers to listen to.

1. “Uptown Funk”, Mark Ronson, 00:58 to 1:08. <https://youtu.be/OPf0YbXqDm0>
2. “Dead Girl in the Pool”, girl in red, 00:34 to 00:44. <https://youtu.be/Pzq4TEU-wHo>
3. “What a Wonderful World”, Louis Armstrong, 00:17 to 00:27. <https://youtu.be/VqhCQZaH4Vs>
4. “The Thrill is Gone”, B.B. King, 00:34 to 00:44. <https://youtu.be/oica5jG7FpU>
5. “Bohemian Rhapsody”, Queen, 00:02 to 00:12. <https://youtu.be/fJ9rUzIMcZQ>
6. “Hurt”, Nine Inch Nails, 4:01 to 4:11. <https://youtu.be/0voTktdpIiI>
7. “Old Town Road”, Lil Nas X, 00:39 to 00:49. <https://youtu.be/r7qovpFAGrQ>
8. “I Walk the Line”, Johnny Cash, 00:25 to 00:35. <https://youtu.be/J5126CibNsk>
9. “Rap God”, Eminem, 00:25 to 00:35. https://youtu.be/XbGs_qK2PQA
10. “Gangsta’s Paradise”, Coolio, 00:57 to 1:07. <https://youtu.be/fP076Jlnz6c>
11. “Eine Kleine Nachtmusik”, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, 00:05 to 00:15. <https://youtu.be/oy2zDJPIgwc>
12. “Duel of the Fates”, John Williams, 1:03 to 11:13. <https://youtu.be/C2XUJ5PWg-8>

For the Python script, the SciPy Statistics library (`scipy==1.6.3`) was used to perform statistical analyses. The Pandas library (`pandas==1.2.4`) was used to import data from a CSV (exported from Google Sheets) into the Python script. Finally, the Matplotlib library (`matplotlib==3.4.2`) was used to draw scatter plots from the data collected.

Appendix I

On the following two pages are presented the raw data collected over the course of study. In order to protect the privacy of those participating in the study, respondents' first and last names have been entirely ommitted, and their friends' and family members' names have been replaced with the unique timestamps associated with that person's response. The first table displays raw data for students (including friends), and the second for family members.

12

Timestamp	Check all of the following which you enjoy listening to:	Music #1 Opinion	Music #2 Opinion	Music #3 Opinion	Music #4 Opinion	Music #5 Opinion	Music #6 Opinion	Music #7 Opinion	Music #8 Opinion	Music #9 Opinion	Music #10 Opinion	Music #11 Opinion	Music #12 Opinion
3/30/2021 19:09:14	Pop	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike
3/30/2021 19:11:45	Jazz/Blues, Rock, Country/Folk, Classical	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike
3/30/2021 19:15:42	Pop, Rock, Country/Folk	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike
3/30/2021 19:46:28	Pop, Jazz/Blues, Rock, Country/Folk, Rap/Hip Hop	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike
3/30/2021 19:48:57	Classical	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like
3/30/2021 20:01:45	Pop	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike
3/30/2021 20:14:13	Pop, Rock	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike
3/30/2021 20:49:18	Pop, Rap/Hip Hop, Classical	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike
3/30/2021 21:02:21	Pop, Rock, Country/Folk, Rap/Hip Hop	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike
3/30/2021 21:56:23	Rock, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like
3/31/2021 11:36:00	Pop, Rap/Hip Hop	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike
3/31/2021 13:01:20	Rock, Country/Folk, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like
3/31/2021 13:59:28	Pop, Country/Folk, Rap/Hip Hop	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike
3/31/2021 16:35:03	Rock, Rap/Hip Hop	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike
3/31/2021 17:37:39	Pop, Jazz/Blues, Rock, Rap/Hip Hop, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike
3/31/2021 17:45:21	Pop, Rock, Country/Folk, Rap/Hip Hop, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Like
3/31/2021 20:34:23	Pop, Jazz/Blues, Rock	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like
3/31/2021 20:35:02	Pop, Rock, Country/Folk, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like
3/31/2021 22:32:00	Jazz/Blues, Rock, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Like
4/1/2021 10:53:08	Rock, Classical	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike
4/4/2021 12:39:59	Country/Folk, Classical	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like
4/9/2021 0:55:09	Pop, Classical	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like
4/9/2021 10:10:21	Pop, Jazz/Blues, Rock, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Like
4/9/2021 20:48:44	Pop, Rock, Country/Folk, Rap/Hip Hop	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike
4/12/2021 16:47:10	Like, Jazz/Blues, Country/Folk, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike
4/18/2021 13:17:33	Pop	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like
4/18/2021 20:26:35	Country/Folk	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike
4/19/2021 14:29:22	Pop, Jazz/Blues, Rock, Country/Folk, Classical	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike
5/10/2021 21:17:28	Pop, Country/Folk, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike
4/28/2021 19:58:16	Jazz/Blues, Rock, Classical	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike
5/4/2021 10:37:49	Pop, Country/Folk, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike
5/5/2021 15:12:23	Rock, Country/Folk, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike
5/5/2021 19:27:38	Pop, Country/Folk	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike
5/5/2021 23:40:43	Pop, Jazz/Blues, Rock, Rap/Hip Hop, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Like
5/6/2021 9:16:58	Pop, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike
5/9/2021 22:04:19	Pop, Country/Folk, Classical	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike
5/9/2021 22:05:54	Pop, Country/Folk	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike
5/9/2021 22:40:12	Classical	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike
5/9/2021 23:28:42	Pop, Rock	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike
5/10/2021 6:44:47	Rock, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike
5/10/2021 12:22:06	Rock, Country/Folk	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike
5/10/2021 12:22:06	Jazz/Blues, Rock, Classical	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like
5/10/2021 7:58:09	Pop, Rock, Rap/Hip Hop, Classical	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Like
5/10/2021 8:32:01	Jazz/Blues	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike
5/10/2021 8:33:11	Pop, Rock, Rap/Hip Hop	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike
5/10/2021 16:28:12	Pop, Rock, Country/Folk, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike
5/10/2021 18:25:39	Pop, Jazz/Blues, Rock, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike
5/10/2021 18:38:21	Jazz/Blues, Rock, Country/Folk, Rap/Hip Hop, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like
5/10/2021 22:22:58	Jazz/Blues, Rock, Rap/Hip Hop, Classical	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike
5/10/2021 23:25:39	Jazz/Blues, Rock, Classical	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like
5/11/2021 9:08:11	Pop, Rap/Hip Hop	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike
5/11/2021 11:41:56	Rap/Hip Hop, Classical	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike
5/11/2021 15:29:29	Classical	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like
5/11/2021 17:10:22	Jazz/Blues, Classical	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike
5/11/2021 20:14:42	Rock, Rap/Hip Hop	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike
5/11/2021 20:57:32	Pop, Jazz/Blues, Rock, Country/Folk, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike
5/11/2021 20:58:55	Pop, Jazz/Blues, Rock, Country/Folk, Rap/Hip Hop, Classical	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike
5/13/2021 10:04:34	Pop, Rap/Hip Hop	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike
5/15/2021 19:45:05	Jazz/Blues, Rock, Rap/Hip Hop, Classical	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike
5/17/2021 12:39:05	Pop, Jazz/Blues, Rock, Classical	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike
3/27/2021 14:24:36	Pop, Jazz/Blues, Country/Folk	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike
3/27/2021 23:16:19	Pop, Jazz/Blues, Rock, Country/Folk, Rap/Hip Hop, Classical	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like	Like
4/18/2021 20:17:28	Pop, Country/Folk, Classical	Like	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Like	Dislike
4/20/2021 22:22:37	Pop, Rap/Hip Hop	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike
3/31/2021 11:29:15	Pop, Rock, Rap/Hip Hop	Like	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Like	Like	Dislike	Dislike	Dislike	Like	Dislike	Dislike

Appendix II

The following scripts were used to analyze the data gathered.

Main program:

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2
3
4  def findmatches(student, studs, fams):
5      # assign family members and friends for a given student
6      fam0 = "" # an empty string by default
7      fam1 = ""
8      friend0 = ""
9      friend1 = ""
10     for friend in studs:
11         if student.friends[0] == friend.name:
12             friend0 = friend
13         if student.friends[1] == friend.name:
14             friend1 = friend
15     for family in fams:
16         if student.fam[0] == family.name:
17             fam0 = family
18         if student.fam[1] == family.name:
19             fam1 = family
20     return (fam0, fam1, friend0, friend1)
21
22
23 def wc(studs, fams):
24     # initialize arrays to hold the results of the WC tests
25     fam_results = []
26     friend_results = []
27
28     for index in range(len(studs)):
29         student = studs[index]
30         fam0, fam1, friend0, friend1 = findmatches(student, studs, fams)
31
32         if fam0 != "": # fam0 exists
33             # run tests between student and family member 0
34             if student.ranks == fam0.ranks:
35                 print(
36                     "{} {} and {} {} (family member) have the same
rankings. p=0".format(
37                     student.name[1], student.name[0], fam0.name[1],
fam0.name[0]
38                 )
```

```

39         )
40         p = 0
41     else:
42         w, p = wilcoxon(student.ranks, fam0.ranks)
43         print(
44             "The Wilcoxon test statistic between {} {} and {} {} (
family member) is W={} (p={})).".format(
45                 student.name[1],
46                 student.name[0],
47                 fam0.name[1],
48                 fam0.name[0],
49                 w,
50                 p,
51             )
52     )
53     fam_results.append(p)
54
55     if fam1 != "": # fam1 exists
56         # run tests between student and family member 1
57         if student.ranks == fam1.ranks:
58             print(
59                 "{} {} and {} {} (family member) have the same
rankings. p=0".format(
60                     student.name[1], student.name[0], fam1.name[1],
61                     fam1.name[0]
62                 )
63             )
64             p = 0
65         else:
66             w, p = wilcoxon(student.ranks, fam1.ranks)
67             print(
68                 "The Wilcoxon test statistic between {} {} and {} {} (
family member) is W={} (p={})).".format(
69                     student.name[1],
70                     student.name[0],
71                     fam1.name[1],
72                     fam1.name[0],
73                     w,
74                     p,
75                 )
76             )
77             fam_results.append(p)
78
79     if friend0 != "": # friend0 exists
80         # run tests between student and friend 0
81         if student.ranks == friend0.ranks:
82             print(
83                 "{} {} and {} {} (friend) have the same rankings. p=0"
84                 .format(
85                     student.name[1],
86                     student.name[0],
87                     friend0.name[1],
88                     friend0.name[0],
89                 )
90             )

```



```

88         )
89         p = 0
90     else:
91         w, p = wilcoxon(student.ranks, friend0.ranks)
92         print(
93             "The Wilcoxon test statistic between {} {} and {} {} (
friend) is W={} (p={}).".format(
94                 student.name[1],
95                 student.name[0],
96                 friend0.name[1],
97                 friend0.name[0],
98                 w,
99                 p,
100             )
101         )
102         friend_results.append(p)
103
104     if friend1 != "": # friend1 exists
105         # run tests between student and friend 1
106         if student.ranks == friend1.ranks:
107             print(
108                 "{} {} and {} {} (friend) have the same rankings. p=0"
109             ).format(
110                 student.name[1],
111                 student.name[0],
112                 friend1.name[1],
113                 friend1.name[0],
114             )
115         )
116         p = 0
117     else:
118         w, p = wilcoxon(student.ranks, friend1.ranks)
119         print(
120             "The Wilcoxon test statistic between {} {} and {} {} (
friend) is W={} (p={}).".format(
121                 student.name[1],
122                 student.name[0],
123                 friend1.name[1],
124                 friend1.name[0],
125                 w,
126                 p,
127             )
128         )
129         friend_results.append(p)
130
131     return (fam_results, friend_results)
132
133
134 def chi2(group1, group2):
135     # conduct chi-square test for association
136     g1 = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
137     g2 = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
138     for x in range(10):

```

```

139     for p in group1:
140         if p >= 0.1 * x and p < 0.1 * (x + 1):
141             g1[x] += 1
142     for p in group2:
143         if p > 0.1 * x and p < 0.1 * (x + 1):
144             g2[x] += 1
145     for p in group1:
146         if p == 1:
147             g1[9] += 1
148     for p in group2:
149         if p == 1:
150             g2[9] += 1
151
152     chi2observed = [g1, g2]
153     print(
154         "Here are the observed frequencies of each type of result for
family members and friends, respectively:"
155     )
156     print(chi2observed)
157     X2, p, df, ex = chi2_contingency(chi2observed)
158     print(
159         "Here are the expected frequencies of each type of result for
family members and friends, respectively:"
160     )
161     print(ex)
162     print(
163         "The result of the Chi-Square Test for Association is test
statistic  $X^2 = \{ \}$  with  $\{ \}$  degrees of freedom, which gives us a p-value
of  $\{ \}$ .".format(
164             X2, df, p
165         )
166     )
167     return p
168
169
170 def srcc(students, families):
171     famccs = []
172     friendccs = []
173     fig, (famplot, friendplot) = plt.subplots(1, 2)
174     for genre in range(6): #
175         studentranksa = [] # for fam
176         studentranksb = [] # for friend
177         famranks = []
178         friendranks = []
179
180         for student in students:
181             fam0, fam1, friend0, friend1 = findmatches(student, students,
families)
182
183             studentranksa.append(student.ranks[genre])
184             if fam0 != "" and fam1 != "": # both of them were found
185                 famranks.append(
186                     (fam0.ranks[genre] + fam1.ranks[genre]) / 2
187                 ) # median not mean

```

```

188         elif fam0 != "": # only fam0 was found
189             famranks.append(fam0.ranks[genre]) # pick the only one we
have
190         elif fam1 != "": # only fam1 was found
191             famranks.append(fam1.ranks[genre])
192         else: # no family members were found
193             studentranksa.remove(
194                 student.ranks[genre]
195             ) # we can't use this student's data
196
197     studentranksb.append(student.ranks[genre])
198     if friend0 != "" and friend1 != "": # repeat same for the
friends
199         friendranks.append(
200             (friend0.ranks[genre] + friend1.ranks[genre]) / 2
201         ) # median again
202     elif friend0 != "":
203         friendranks.append(friend0.ranks[genre])
204     elif friend1 != "":
205         friendranks.append(friend1.ranks[genre])
206     else:
207         studentranksb.remove(student.ranks[genre])
208
209     print("The student ranks (x1) for Genre #%i were: " % (genre + 1),
end="")
210     print(studentranksa)
211     print("The family ranks (y1) for Genre #%i were: " % (genre + 1),
end="")
212     print(famranks)
213     print("The student ranks (x2) for Genre #%i were: " % (genre + 1),
end="")
214     print(studentranksb)
215     print("The friend ranks (y2) for Genre #%i were: " % (genre + 1),
end="")
216     print(friendranks)
217
218     gen_name = "Genre #%i" % (genre + 1)
219
220     famplot.scatter(
221         studentranksa, famranks, label=gen_name
222     ) # add stud and fam to scatter plot
223     friendplot.scatter(
224         studentranksb, friendranks, label=gen_name
225     ) # add stud and friend to scatter plot
226
227     r, p = spearmanr(studentranksa, famranks)
228     print(
229         "The correlation coefficient between students and family
members for Genre #%i was %2.5f (p=%2.5f)"
230         % ((genre + 1), r, p)
231     )
232     famccs.append(r)
233     r, p = spearmanr(studentranksb, friendranks)
234     print(

```

```

235         "The correlation coefficient between students and friends for
Genre #%i was %2.5f (p=%2.5f)"
236         % ((genre + 1), r, p)
237     )
238     friendccs.append(r)
239
240     famplot.legend(loc="upper left") # create legends
241     famplot.set_xlabel("Student's score")
242     famplot.set_ylabel("Family Members' median score")
243     friendplot.legend(loc="upper left")
244     friendplot.set_xlabel("Student's score")
245     friendplot.set_ylabel("Friends' median score")
246     friendplot.yaxis.set_label_position("right") # so that it has room to
be seen
247     plt.savefig("scatter_plots.png") # export to a png
248
249     return famccs, friendccs
250
251
252 def main():
253     # create lists to hold student and family objects:
254     studs = []
255     fams = []
256     print(students)
257     print(families)
258     print(
259         "CSVs were successfully imported into the pandas dataframe;
proceeding to creating objects for each individual."
260     )
261
262     # add a student/family object for each row in the dataframe
263     for row in range(students.shape[0]):
264         studs.append(Student.at_row(row)) # create students
265     for row in range(families.shape[0]):
266         fams.append(Family.at_row(row)) # create family
267
268     print(
269         "Student/Family objects were successfully created; running
Wilcoxon tests between each individual and their friends/family members
."
270     )
271
272     # run wilcoxon tests
273     genetic, environmental = wc(studs, fams)
274     print()
275     print("Here are the results of the Wilcoxon Tests for the family
members:")
276     print(genetic)
277     print("Here are the results of the Wilcoxon Tests for the friends:")
278     print(environmental)
279     print("Here is the most common result of the tests for the family
members:")
280     print(multimode(genetic))
281     print("Here is the most common result of the tests for the friends:")

```

```

282     print(multimode(environmental))
283
284     p = chi2(genetic, environmental)
285     if p > 0.5:
286         print(
287             "WARNING: There is not a statistically significant association
                between relationship type and similarity of music choice. Following
                results may be very unreliable."
288         )
289     print()
290     genecc, envcc = srcc(studs, fams)
291
292     print("Genetic correlation coefficients, as a list: " + str(genecc))
293     print("Environmental correlation coefficients, as a list: " + str(
294         envcc))
295
296     print(
297         "The average correlation coefficient for a genetic relationship is "
298         + str(mean(genecc))
299     )
300     print(
301         "The average correlation coefficient for an environmental
                relationship is "
302         + str(mean(envcc))
303     )
304
305     print()
306     t, p = ttest_rel(genecc, envcc) # paired t-test for two samples
307     print(
308         "The paired t-test for a difference between genetic and
                environmental correlation coefficients gave the test statistic t="
309         + str(t)
310         + "."
311     )
312     print("The p-value was " + str(p) + ".")
313
314 if __name__ == "__main__":
315     from scipy.stats import (
316         wilcoxon,
317         chi2_contingency,
318         spearmanr,
319         ttest_rel,
320     ) # needed for statistical testing
321     from statistics import mean, multimode # needed for descriptive
322     statistics
323     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # needed for graphing SRCC data
324     from people import * # needed dataframes & classes from ./people.py
325
326     main()

```

Wrapper script (using POSIX sh):

```
1 #!/usr/bin/env sh
```

```

2
3 for csv in private/*.csv; do
4     # delete timestamp column if present
5     if [ "$(head -n1 < "$csv" | cut -d ',' -f 1)" = "Timestamp" ];
6         then
7             cp "$csv" "${csv}.old" #make backup
8             cut -d ',' -f 2- <"${csv}.old" >"$csv"
9             rm "${csv}.old" #rm backup
10            printf 'Removed timestamps from %s\n' "$csv"
11        fi
12
13    # serialize names of genres to integer values
14    sed -i '' 's/Pop/1/g' "$csv" && printf "replaced 'pop' with '1' in
15    %s\n" "$csv"
16    sed -i '' 's/Jazz\Blues/2/g' "$csv" && printf "replaced 'jazz/
17    blues' with '2' in %s\n" "$csv"
18    sed -i '' 's/Rock/3/g' "$csv" && printf "replaced 'rock' with '3'
19    in %s\n" "$csv"
20    sed -i '' 's/Country\Folk/4/g' "$csv" && printf "replaced '
21    country/folk' with '4' in %s\n" "$csv"
22    sed -i '' 's/Rap\Hip Hop/5/g' "$csv" && printf "replaced 'rap/hip
23    hop' with '5' in %s\n" "$csv"
24    sed -i '' 's/Classical/6/g' "$csv" && printf "replaced 'classical'
25    with '6' in %s\n" "$csv"
26    sed -i '' 's/Dislike/0/g' "$csv" && printf "replaced 'dislike'
27    with '0' in %s\n" "$csv"
28    sed -i '' 's/Like/1/g' "$csv" && printf "replaced 'like' with '1'
29    in %s\n" "$csv"
30    printf 'finished working on %s\n\n' "$csv"
31 done
32 python3 main.py
33
34 printf '\nfinished running script, exiting now\n'

```

Class definitions for students and families:

```

1 #!/usr/bin/env python3
2
3 from pandas import read_csv # necessary for importing csv data as a
4 pandas dataframe
5
6 students = read_csv("private/Students.csv") # initialize dataframe for
7 students
8 families = read_csv("private/Family.csv") # and one for families
9
10 class Student:
11     def __str__(self):
12         return (
13             str(self.name)
14             + "\n"
15             + str(self.ranks)
16             + "\n"
17             + str(self.fam)
18             + "\n"

```

```

18         + str(self.friends)
19     )
20
21     @classmethod
22     def at_row(cls, n: int):
23         row = [student for student in students.iloc[n]]
24         return cls(row)
25
26     # Construct a Student from a row of data. This row is expected to be
27     # laid
28     # out in (first name, last name, ... musics ..., family member a
29     # first name,
30     # family member a last name, family number b first name, family number
31     # b
32     # last name, friend a first name, friend a last name, friend b first
33     # name,
34     # friend b last name).
35     def __init__(self, row):
36         self.name = (
37             row[0],
38             row[1],
39         )
40
41         self.fam = [
42             (row[15], row[16]),
43             (row[17], row[18]),
44         ]
45
46         self.friends = [
47             (row[19], row[20]),
48             (row[21], row[22]),
49         ]
50
51         self.ranks = [-1 for n in range(1, 7)]
52
53         # generate & store rankings
54         genres = row[2] # temporarily store genre selections
55         musics = [row[n] for n in range(3, 15)]
56
57         # Each genre is represented by a number (1=pop, 2=jazz & blues,
58         # etc).
59         for genre in range(1, 7):
60             if str(genre) in genres: # liked the genre
61                 self.ranks[genre - 1] = (
62                     3 + musics[genre * 2 - 2] + musics[genre * 2 - 1]
63                 )
64             else: # disliked the genre
65                 self.ranks[genre - 1] = musics[genre * 2 - 2] + musics[
66                     genre * 2 - 1]
67
68 class Family: # I'll have one object of this type for each participating
69     family member; identical to Student but lacks fam[] and friends[]
70     def __str__(self):

```

```

65         return str(self.name) + "\n" + str(self.ranks)
66
67     @classmethod
68     def at_row(cls, n: int):
69         row = [family for family in families.iloc[n]]
70         return cls(row)
71
72     # Construct a Family from a row of data. This row is expected to be
73     # out in (first name, last name, genres,  musics ...).
74     def __init__(self, row):
75         self.name = (
76             row[0],
77             row[1],
78         )
79
80         self.ranks = [-1 for n in range(1, 7)]
81
82         # generate & store rankings
83         genres = row[2] # temporarily store genre selections
84         musics = [row[n] for n in range(3, 15)]
85
86         # Each genre is represented by a number (1=pop, 2=jazz & blues,
87         # etc).
88         for genre in range(1, 7):
89             if str(genre) in genres: # liked the genre
90                 self.ranks[genre - 1] = (
91                     3 + musics[genre * 2 - 2] + musics[genre * 2 - 1]
92                 )
93             else: # disliked the genre
94                 self.ranks[genre - 1] = musics[genre * 2 - 2] + musics[
95                     genre * 2 - 1]

```