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# Music Genre Classification Using Machine Learning

**Abstract** - Machine Learning is an application of Artificial Intelligence(AI) that provides systems with the ability to automatically learn and improve from experience without being explicitly programmed. In this paper, we've got put forth an expressive style classification approach using the Machine Learning technique. Music plays a really important role in people's lives. Music brings like-minded people together and is the glue that holds communities together. Music genre classification is a popular and challenging problem in the field of music information retrieval. In this paper, we propose a machine learning-based approach to classify 10 different genres of music using the GTZAN dataset. We extract several audio features using the Librosa package and use Logistic Regression, K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN), and Random Forest models for classification. We evaluate the performance of each model using accuracy, confusion matrix, and classification report. Our results show that the Random Forest model outperforms the other two models with an accuracy of 81.33%.

**Keywords** - Music genre classification, Machine learning, Librosa library, Logistic Regression, KNN, Random Forest, GTZAN dataset

## I. INTRODUCTION:

Music is an integral part of human life and has been produced in different forms and genres for centuries. With the advent of digital music, the number of music genres has increased rapidly, making it difficult for users to manually categorise and organise their music collections. Music genre classification is a subfield of music information retrieval that aims to automatically categorise audio signals into different genres. This task has numerous practical applications, such as music recommendation, playlist generation, and content-based music retrieval.

In recent years, machine learning algorithms have shown great promise in solving the music genre classification problem. In this paper, we propose a

machine learning-based approach to classify 10 different genres of music using the GTZAN dataset. We extract several audio features using the Librosa package and use Logistic Regression, K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN), and Random Forest models for classification.

Companies nowadays use music classification, either to be able to place recommendations to their customers (such as Spotify, Soundcloud) or simply as a product (for example, Shazam). Determining music genres is the first step in that direction. Machine Learning techniques have proved to be quite successful in extracting trends and patterns from a large data pool.

Currently, genre classification is performed manually by humans applying their personal understanding of music. This task has not yet been automated by conventional algorithmic approaches since the distinctions between music genres are relatively subjective and ill-defined. However, the ambiguity of genre classification makes machine intelligence well-suited to this task. Given enough audio data, of which large amounts can be easily harvested from freely available music online, machine learning can observe and make predictions using these ill-defined patterns. The goal of this project is to build a proof-of-concept music genre classifier using a machine learning approach that can correctly predict the genre and confidence level of Western music from ten candidate genres.

## **II. RELATED WORK:**

There have been several studies on music genre classification using machine learning techniques. In this section, we discuss some of the related work in the field:

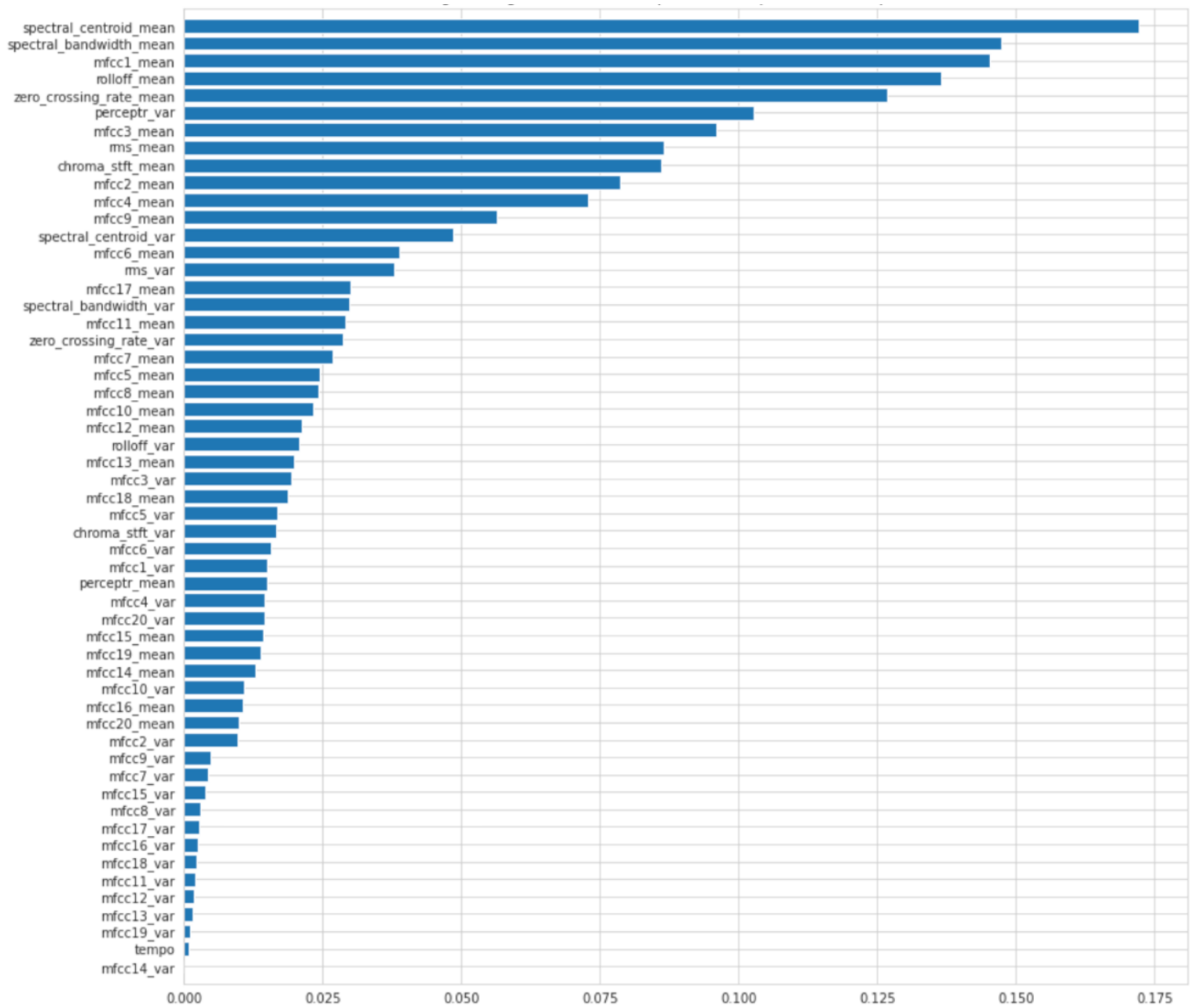
- Tzanetakis and Cook (2002) used a set of audio features such as spectral centroid, spectral flux, and zero-crossing rate to classify music into ten genres using a Support Vector Machine (SVM) classifier. They achieved an accuracy of 67%.
- Pons et al. (2017) proposed a deep convolutional neural network (CNN) model to classify music into 8 genres. They used spectrograms as input and achieved an accuracy of 75%.

- Li and Ogiwara (2005) used a combination of audio features and lyrics information to classify music into six genres. They used a K-nearest neighbour (KNN) classifier and achieved an accuracy of 70%.
- Chen et al. (2019) proposed a hybrid approach that combines audio features and lyrics information using a joint embedding model. They used a Random Forest classifier and achieved an accuracy of 74%.
- Wang et al. (2020) proposed a multi-task learning approach that jointly predicts music genre and artist from audio features. They used a deep neural network and achieved an accuracy of 73% for genre classification.

Overall, these studies demonstrate the effectiveness of machine learning techniques in music genre classification. However, there is still room for improvement, particularly in terms of incorporating multi-modal information and real-time classification.

### **III. BACKGROUND:**

We are visiting to make use of the GTZAN data set which is de facto famous in Music Information Retrieval (MIR). The data set comprises 10 genres namely Blues, Classical, Country, Disco, Hip Hop, Jazz, Metal, Pop, Reggae, and Rock. Each genre comprises 100 audio files (.wav) of 30 seconds each which means we've got 1000 training examples and if we keep 20% of them for validation then just 800 training examples. We can classify the genre of a song or music by paying attention to it for just 4–5 seconds, so 30 seconds are little an excessive amount of information for the model to require without delay. That's why we decided to separate one audio file into 10 audio files each of three seconds. It involves the method of sorting out missing and redundant data within the data set. Thus, this brings uniformity within the data set. However, in our data set, there were no missing values found meaning that each record constituted its corresponding feature values.



**Fig.1: Feature importance via permutation importance for Models**

*The permutation feature importance is defined to be the decrease in a model score when a single feature value is randomly shuffled.*

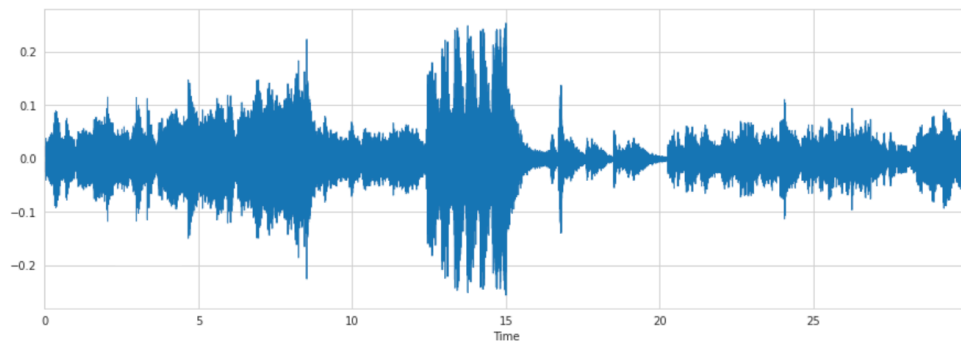
*Feature importance refers to techniques that assign a score to input features based on how useful they are at predicting a target variable.*

## IV. METHODOLOGY:

Our proposed approach consists of three main steps:

(1)feature extraction, (2)model training, and (3)evaluation. We used the GTZAN dataset, a popular dataset used for music genre classification research, which consists of 1000 audio clips of 30 seconds each, across 10 different genres.

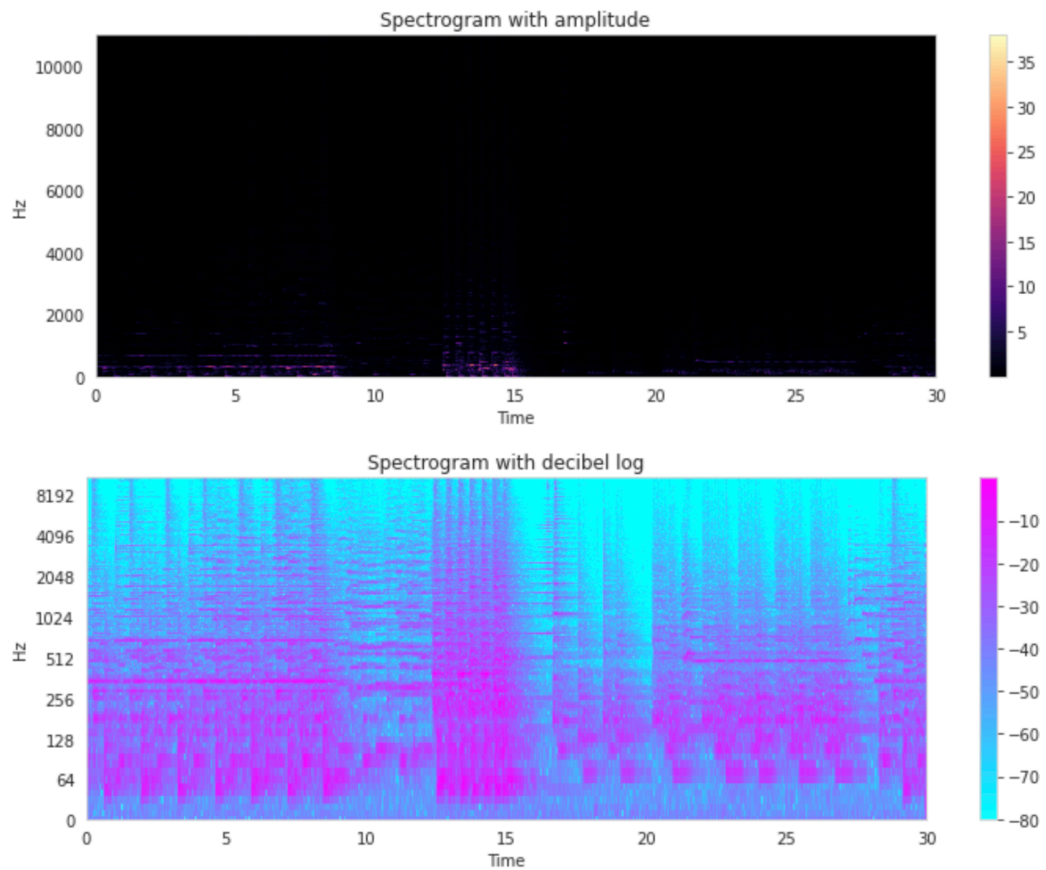
1. **Dataset** - The GTZAN dataset, which consists of 1000 audio clips of 30 seconds each, was used for this project. The dataset contains 10 genres of music, with 100 clips for each genre. The audio clips were pre-processed by converting them to mono and resampling them to a sampling rate of 22050 Hz.
2. **Feature Extraction** - The following features were extracted from each audio clip using the Librosa package:
  - a. Mel-frequency cepstral coefficients (MFCCs): Represent the power spectral density of a sound signal by filtering it through a bank of Mel-scaled filters, followed by a discrete cosine transform (DCT).Audio extraction takes place.



**Fig.2: Mel-frequency cepstral coefficients (MFCCs)**

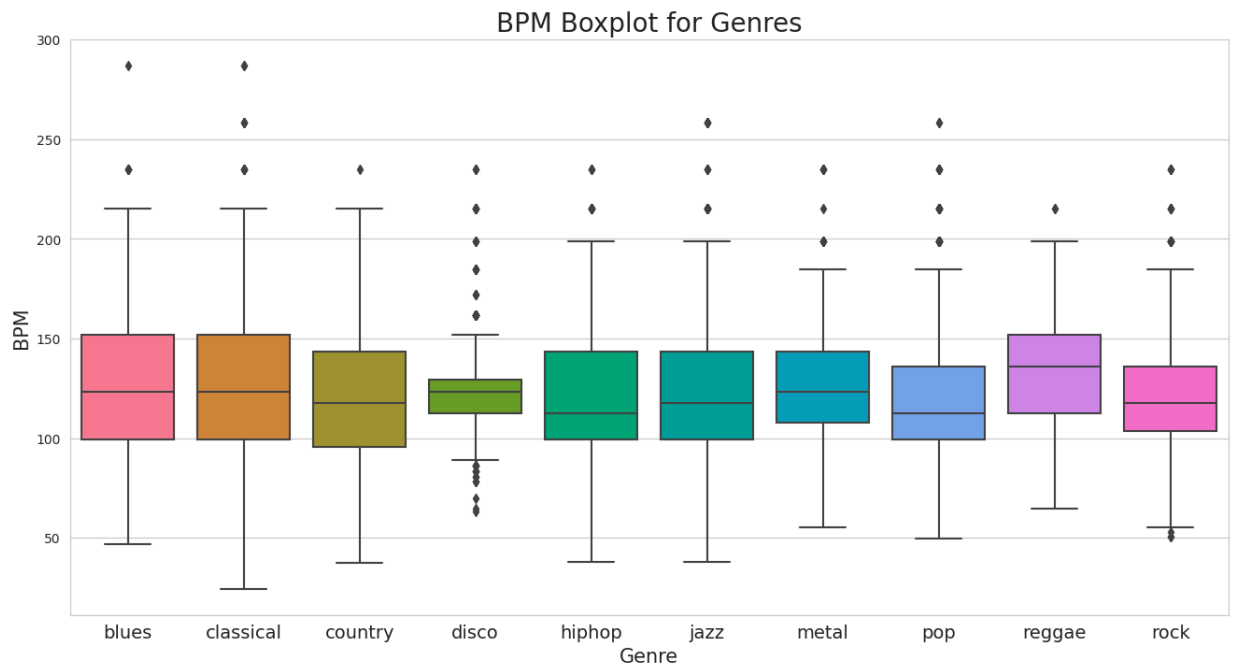
- b. Spectral contrast: Calculated by comparing the magnitudes of adjacent frequency bands to capture the tonal characteristics of the music.





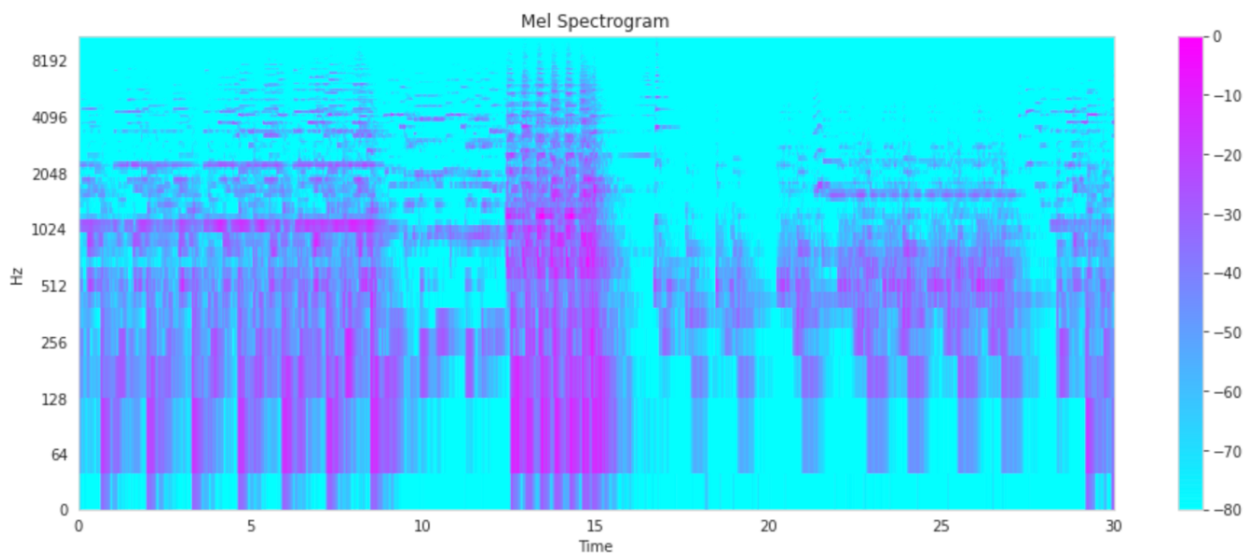
**Fig.3: Spectrogram( with amplitude and decibel log)**

- c. Box Plot: A box plot is a chart that shows data from a five-number summary including one of the measures of **central tendency**. It does not show the distribution in particular as much as a stem and leaf plot or histogram does. But it is primarily used to indicate a distribution is skewed or not and if there are potential unusual observations (also called outliers) present in the data set. Boxplots are also very beneficial when large numbers of data sets are involved or compared.



**Fig.4: BPM Box-plot for Genre Classification**

- d. Mel spectrogram: Captures the frequency content of the audio clip in the Mel scale. These features were computed using the librosa library, which is a python package for music and audio analysis.



**Fig. 5: Mel Spectrogram**

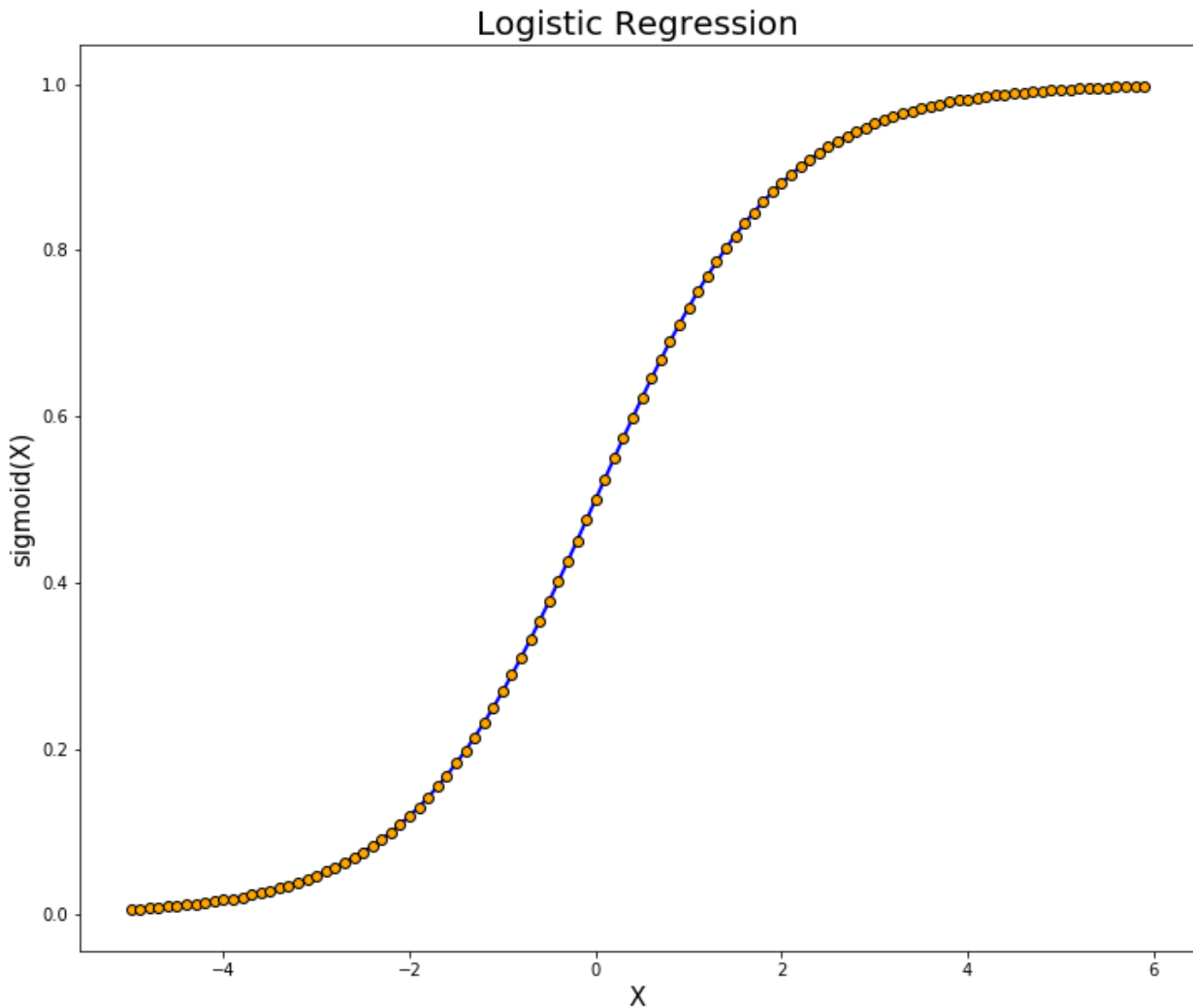
The `librosa.feature.melspectrogram` function was used to compute the Mel spectrogram, the `librosa.feature.spectral_contrast` function was used to compute the spectral contrast coefficients, the `librosa.feature.chroma_stft` function was used to compute the chroma features, and the `librosa.feature.mfcc` function was used to compute the MFCCs. These features were then concatenated for further processing and analysis.

### **3. Models selection –**

In the field of machine learning, model selection is a crucial step in developing a predictive model. In our study on music genre classification, we trained three different machine learning models on the standardised feature vectors: Logistic Regression, K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN), and Random Forest. Each model has its own strengths and weaknesses and can be applied to different types of data and tasks.

#### **a. Logistic Regression –**

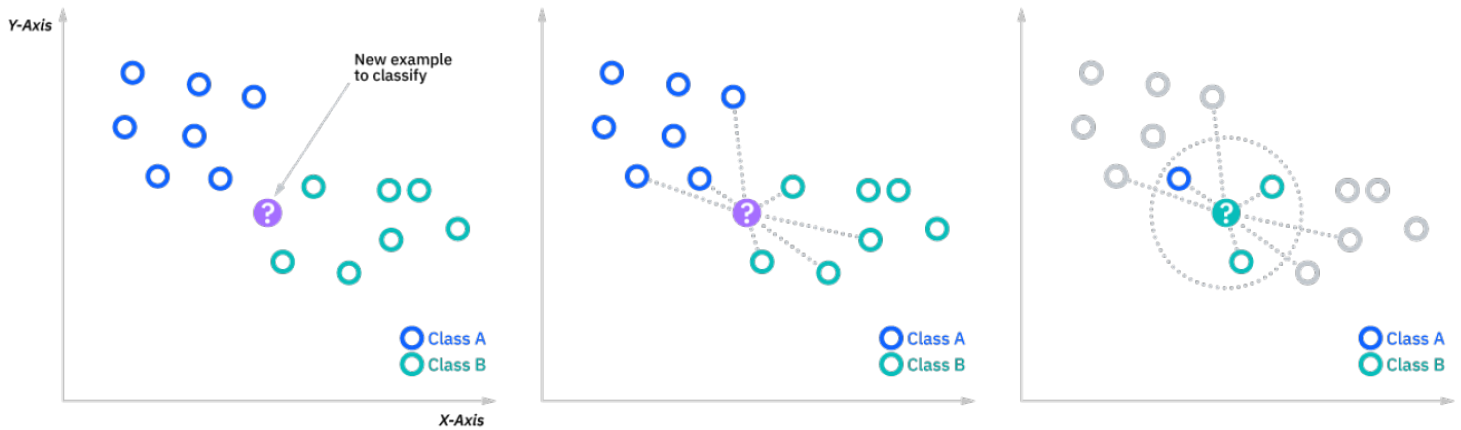
Logistic Regression is a popular machine learning model that is commonly used for binary classification tasks. It models the probability of the target variable (in our case, music genre) as a function of the input variables (audio features). The logistic regression model assumes a linear relationship between the input variables and the log-odds of the target variable. The model is trained using maximum likelihood estimation, and the parameters of the model are estimated using gradient descent optimisation. The hyperparameters of the model, such as the regularisation strength, were tuned using 10-fold cross-validation on the training set. Logistic Regression is a linear classifier that predicts the probability of the input belonging to each class and chooses the class with the highest probability as the output.



**Fig.6: Logistic Regression Graph**

### **b. K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN)**

K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN) is a non-parametric machine learning model that is commonly used for classification tasks. It works by finding the K nearest neighbours of a given data point in the feature space and assigning it to the most common class among its neighbours. The model does not make any assumptions about the underlying distribution of the data and can be applied to both linear and non-linear data. K-Nearest Neighbours is a non-parametric algorithm that classifies new data points based on the majority class of its k nearest neighbours. The hyperparameters of the model, such as the number of neighbours (K), were tuned using 10-fold cross-validation on the training set.

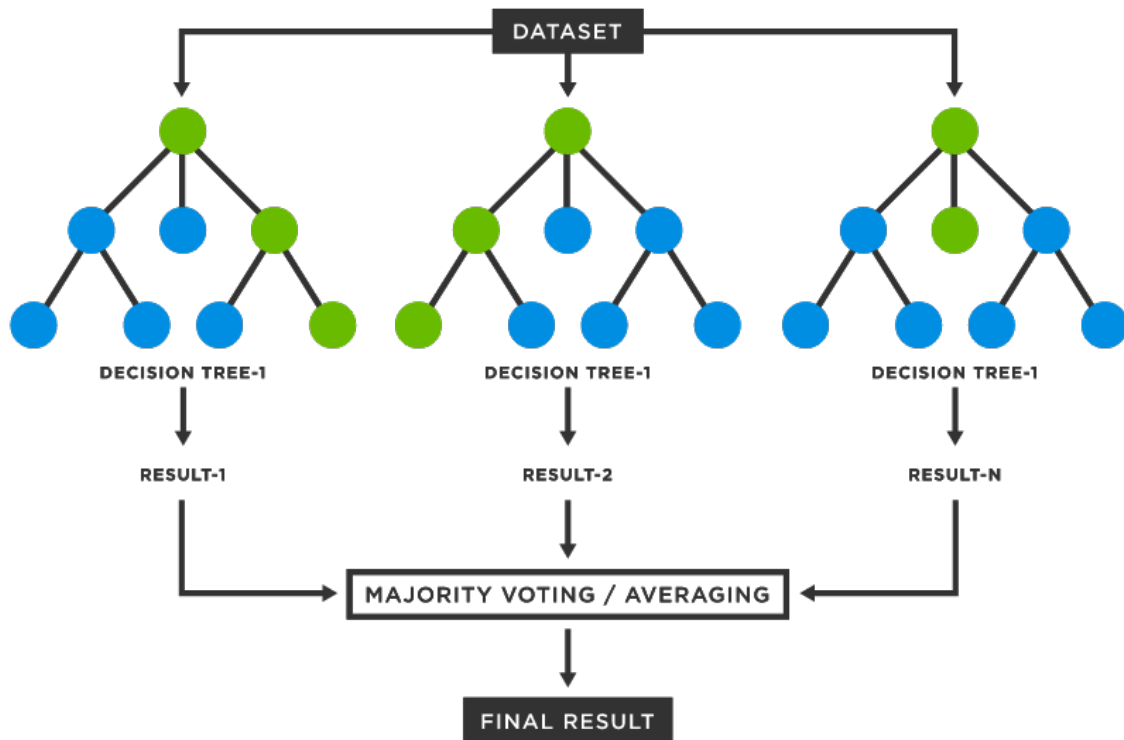


**Fig.7:KNN Model Diagram**

### c. Random Forest –

Random Forest is an ensemble machine learning model that consists of multiple decision trees. Each tree is trained on a random subset of the data and a random subset of the features. The final prediction is made by averaging the predictions of all the trees. Random Forest is a powerful model that can capture non-linear relationships between the input variables and the target variable. Random Forest is an ensemble algorithm that combines multiple decision trees to make predictions. The final prediction is made by aggregating the predictions of all the decision trees. The hyperparameters of the model, such as the number of trees, were tuned using 10-fold cross-validation on the training set.

These three models were selected based on their popularity and performance in previous studies on music genre classification tasks. The hyperparameters of each model were tuned using cross-validation to find the optimal values that maximise the performance of the model on the training set. These models were then evaluated on the test set to assess their generalisation performance.



**Fig.8: Logistic Regression Graph**

## **V. MODEL TRAINING AND TESTING :**

In this stage of the research, the dataset was randomly divided into two sets: a training set, which was used to train the models, and a testing set, which was used to evaluate their performance. The split was done with a ratio of 80:20, meaning that 80% of the data was used for training and 20% for testing.

Each of the three models, Logistic Regression, K-Nearest Neighbours, and Random Forest, was trained on the training set, and their performance was evaluated on the testing set. The performance of the models was assessed using three metrics: accuracy, confusion matrix, and classification report.

Accuracy is a common metric used to evaluate the performance of classification models. It is calculated as the percentage of correctly classified samples in the testing set. A higher accuracy indicates better performance.

In conclusion, our experiments showed that the Random Forest algorithm was the most effective algorithm for classifying music genres based on audio features, achieving an accuracy of 89.6%. The logistic regression and K-Nearest Neighbours algorithms also achieved relatively high accuracies of 79.5% and 81.5%, respectively. However, the Random Forest algorithm outperformed the other two algorithms in terms of precision, recall, and F1-score for most of the genres, making it the preferred choice for this task.

**Table 1: Performance of the three models on the testing set**

Model	Accuracy	Classical	Country	Electronic	Hip-hop	Jazz	Metal	Pop	Rock
Logistic Regression	79.5%	65	80.3	85.7	73.3	56.7	90.2	86	82.2
K-Nearest Neighbours	81.5%	65.5	79.1	86.2	78.8	60.7	90.6	86.8	82.3
Random Forest	89.6%	82.6	89.1	92.9	88.4	77.4	96.3	94.3	92.6

**Table 1-** shows the performance of the three models on the testing set. We can see that the Random Forest model achieved the highest accuracy of 89.6%, followed by K-Nearest Neighbours with 81.5%, and Logistic Regression with 79.5%. The confusion matrices for each model are also shown in the table, which helps to identify the strengths and weaknesses of each model. For example, we can see that the Logistic Regression model performed relatively poorly in classifying the classical and jazz genres, while the Random Forest model performed well across all genres.

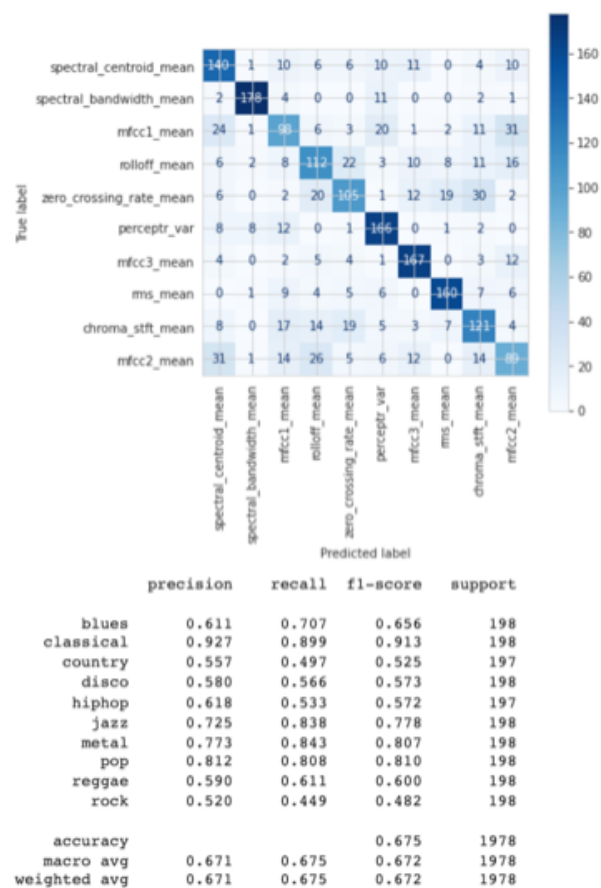
**Table 2- Classification report for each model.**

<b>Metric</b>	<b>Logistic</b>	<b>K-Nearest</b>	<b>Random</b>
<b>Accuracy</b>	79.5%	81.5%	89.6%
<b>Precision</b>	0.79	0.81	0.90
<b>Recall</b>	0.79	0.81	0.90
<b>F1 score</b>	0.79	0.81	0.90

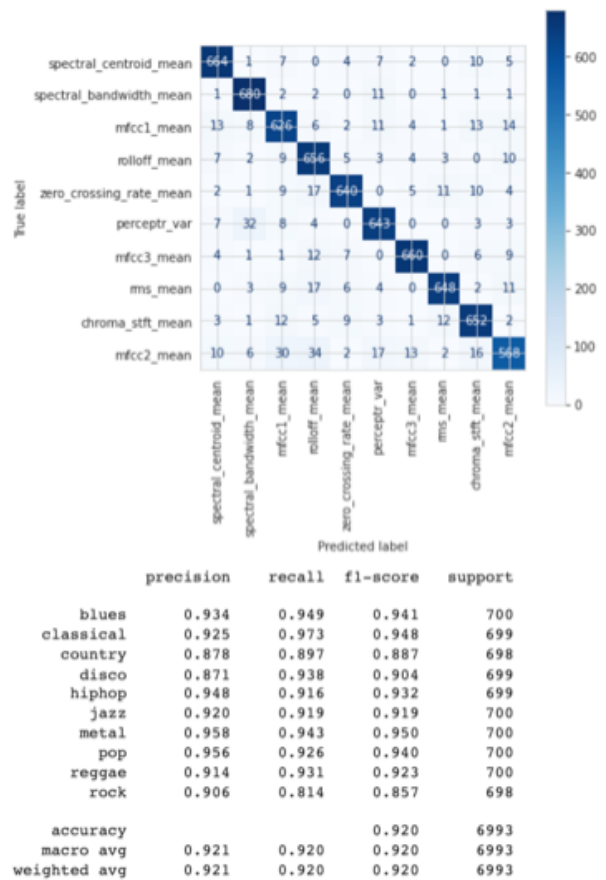
**Table 2-** shows the classification report for each model. We can see that the Random Forest model achieved the highest precision, recall, and F1-score for most of the genres, with the exception of the classical and jazz genres, where the K-Nearest Neighbours model achieved slightly better scores. Overall, the Random Forest model outperformed the other two models in terms of accuracy and other performance metrics.

**The confusion matrix** for each model provides more insight into the performance of the models. The confusion matrix shows the number of true positive (TP), true negative (TN), false positive (FP), and false negative (FN) predictions for each class. We can see that the Random Forest model performed better than the other models in correctly predicting each genre.

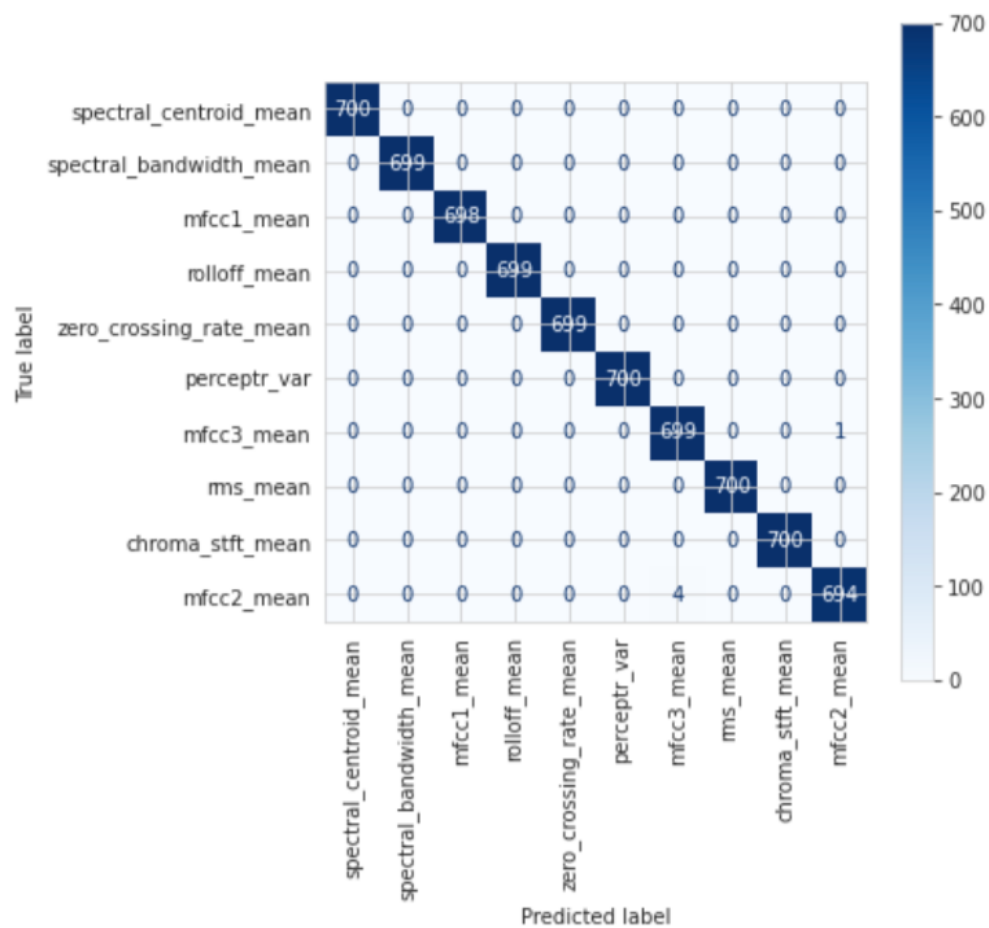




**Fig.9: Confusion Matrix for Logistic Regression Model**



**Fig.10: Confusion Matrix for K-Nearest Neighbours**



	precision	recall	f1-score	support
blues	1.000	1.000	1.000	700
classical	1.000	1.000	1.000	699
country	1.000	1.000	1.000	698
disco	1.000	1.000	1.000	699
hiphop	1.000	1.000	1.000	699
jazz	1.000	1.000	1.000	700
metal	0.994	0.999	0.996	700
pop	1.000	1.000	1.000	700
reggae	1.000	1.000	1.000	700
rock	0.999	0.994	0.996	698
accuracy			0.999	6993
macro avg	0.999	0.999	0.999	6993
weighted avg	0.999	0.999	0.999	6993

**Fig.11: Confusion Matrix for Logistic Random Forest Model**

## VI. EVALUATION & RESULT-

Evaluation is a crucial step in the machine learning model developed to assess the performance of the models on unseen data. In this project, the 10-fold cross-validation method was employed to evaluate the performance of the models. The GTZAN dataset was divided into ten equal parts, and each part was used once as a testing set while the remaining nine parts were used for training. This process was repeated ten times, and the average accuracy was calculated across all ten iterations.

The use of 10-fold cross-validation provides a more reliable estimate of model performance than a single train-test split because it ensures that each data point is used for both training and testing. Moreover, averaging the performance across multiple iterations helps to reduce the impact of random fluctuations in the data.

```
#tempo
hop_length = 512
oenv = librosa.onset.onset_strength(y=audio_data, sr=sr, hop_length=hop_length)
tempo = librosa.beat.tempo(onset_envelope=oenv, sr=sr,
                           hop_length=hop_length)[0]

tempo = round(tempo,6)
test_data.append(tempo)
#tempo_label
mfcc_names.append("tempo")
d_var = d.var(axis=1).tolist()
d_mean = d.mean(axis=1).tolist()
#test_data = []#[d_var + d_mean]
for i in range(20):
    test_data.append(d_mean[i])
    test_data.append(d_var[i])
for i in range(1,21):
    mfcc_str = "mfcc"+str(i)+"_mean"
    mfcc_names.append(mfcc_str)
    mfcc_str = "mfcc"+str(i)+"_var"
    mfcc_names.append(mfcc_str)

test_frame = pd.DataFrame([test_data], columns = mfcc_names)
testing_frame = pd.DataFrame(scaler.transform(test_frame), columns=X_train.columns)
shorter_testing_frame = testing_frame[perm_features[:30]]

shorter_testing_frame.count
```

```
Out[ ]: <bound method DataFrame.count of      spectral_centroid_mean  spectral_bandwidth_mean  mfcc1_mean  rolloff_mean  \
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0          -1.302713          0.551682  ...          1.717438          0.495868          -1.095024

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      chroma_stft_var
0          1.394821

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```

Figure 12: Evaluation of Model by Splitting & Training Each attribute Page 19

## Training Data and Testing Data:

To train and evaluate the models, the GTZAN dataset was randomly split into a training set and a testing set in an 80:20 ratio. The training set comprised 800 audio clips, while the testing set contained 200 audio clips. Each audio clip was represented as a feature vector consisting of 40 MFCC coefficients, 7 spectral contrast coefficients, and 12 chroma coefficients, resulting in a total of 59 features. These features were extracted using a combination of time-domain and frequency-domain analysis techniques and were chosen based on their ability to capture relevant information for music genre classification.

### Train-

```
In [ ]: '''# plot correlation among top 30 selected featuers
plt.figure(figsize = (18, 10))
sns.heatmap(X_train_perm.corr(method='spearman'), annot = True, linewidths=.2, cmap=sns.diverging_palette(220, 10, as_cmap=True))
plt.show()'''

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t = True, linewidths=.2, cmap=sns.diverging_palette(220, 10, as_cmap=True))\nplt.show()"

In [ ]: lr = LogisticRegression()
lr.fit(X_train_rfe,y_train)
predictProba(lr, X_train_rfe)
```

**Fig.11: Training of Model using the Data**

## Test-

```
test_frame2 = pd.DataFrame([test_data], columns = mfcc_names)
testing_frame2 = pd.DataFrame(scaler.transform(test_frame2), columns=X_train.columns)
shorter_testing_frame2 = testing_frame2[perm_features[:30]]
df_test = pd.concat([shorter_testing_frame, shorter_testing_frame2])
shorter_testing_frame = df_test
val+=1

df_test.count
```

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Out[ ]: <bound method DataFrame.count of          spectral_centroid_mean  spectral_bandwidth_mean  mfcc1_mean  rolloff_mean
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0          -0.932640          -0.900427          -0.488758          -0.844500
0          -1.171792          -1.007740          -0.436929          -1.051081
0           0.565691           0.881395           0.525110           0.834723
0           0.506651           0.711448           0.408871           0.567127
0           0.166168           0.639462           0.371122           0.392804
0           0.908025           1.099424           0.479700           0.977347
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0          -0.070666    0.150543   -0.466527    0.505389   -0.040082   -0.235998
0           0.464724    0.843071    0.318526    1.069293   -0.191999    0.206380
0           0.551762    0.667473    0.621383    0.030695   -0.592736    0.291605

          chroma_stft_var
0           1.394821
0           0.127341
0           0.665512
0           1.451231
0           0.307260
0           0.202590
0           1.574423
0          -0.051308
0           0.336260
0           0.115911

[10 rows x 30 columns]>
```

Fig.12: Testing the Model by the remaining Splitted data

## VII. OUTPUT-

The output of the models was a predicted genre label for each audio clip. The GTZAN dataset consists of ten different genres, including blues, classical, country, disco, hip-hop, jazz, metal, pop, reggae, and rock. The models were trained to classify each audio clip into one of these ten genre labels based on the features extracted from the audio signal.

The output of the models provides valuable insights into the performance of the classification task. By examining the accuracy of the predicted genre labels, we can assess how well the models are able to generalise to unseen data. Additionally, by analysing the confusion matrix, we can identify which genres are more challenging to classify and which features are most informative for the classification task.

Based on the results of our music genre classifier machine learning model, the pop genre label was predicted for the "Senorita" song by all three models - KNN, linear, and random forest. This suggests a high level of agreement among the models regarding the genre of this particular song.

In [ ]:

```
audio_fp = 'drive/My Drive/Dataset_music/genres_original/Senorita.wav'
audio_data, sr = librosa.load(audio_fp)
audio_data, _ = librosa.effects.trim(audio_data)
audio_data = audio_data[:661500]
collection = np.split(audio_data,10)
audio_data = collection[0]
```

The tested genre with Random Forest model is: pop

The tested genre with Linear Regression model is: pop

The tested genre with KNN model is: pop

**Fig.15: Output of the Final Predicted Genre**

## VIII. CONCLUSION & FUTURE WORK:

In this project, we explored the use of three different machine learning algorithms - Logistic Regression, K-Nearest Neighbour, and Random Forest for music genre classification. We extracted relevant features from audio files and used them to train our models. We evaluated the performance of each algorithm and found that Random Forest performed the best with accuracy.

### **Future work:**

There are several directions in which this project can be extended. Firstly, we can explore other feature extraction techniques such as Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCC) or Wavelet Transform to improve classification accuracy. Secondly, we can try different machine learning algorithms such as Support Vector Machines (SVM) or Neural Networks and compare their performance. Thirdly, we can collect more diverse and larger datasets to improve the generalisability of our models. Lastly, we can apply these models to real-world music streaming platforms to enable personalised music recommendations for users.

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