

# MUSIC GENRE CLASSIFICATION

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# **BASELINE SYSTEM: LOGISTIC REGRESSION**

# LOGISTIC REGRESSION

- Trained 147 Logistic Regression classifiers
  - Liblinear solver
- GridSearchCV to learn C (regularization)
- Feature scaling with StandardScaler
- Train\_test\_split on training data
  - 6600 training, 1200 validation
- Cross validation score: 0.885
  - Higher than Kaggle score but close



# 0.87565

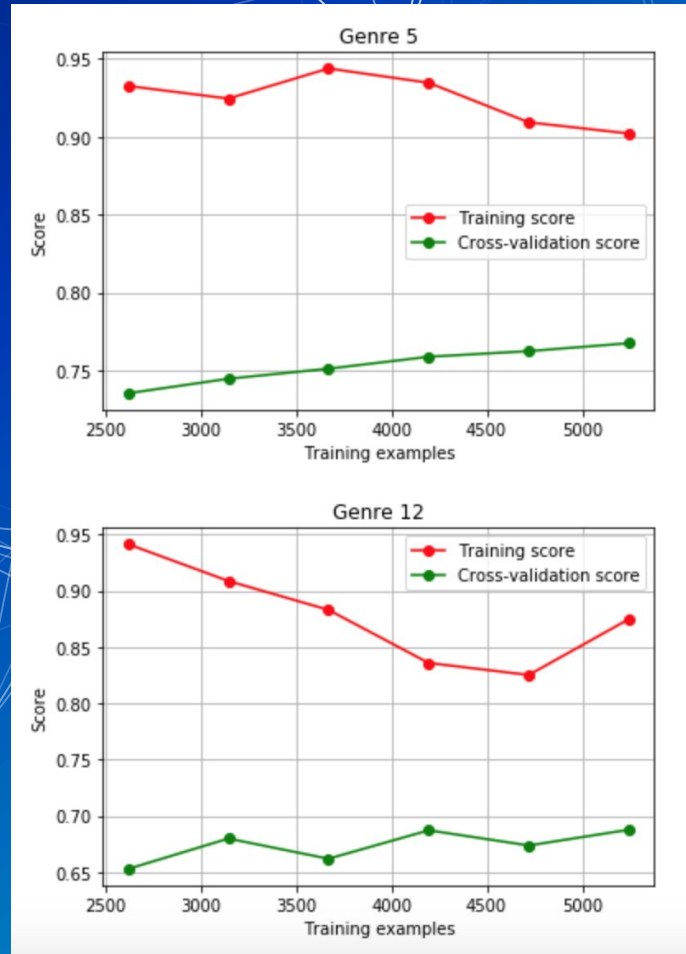
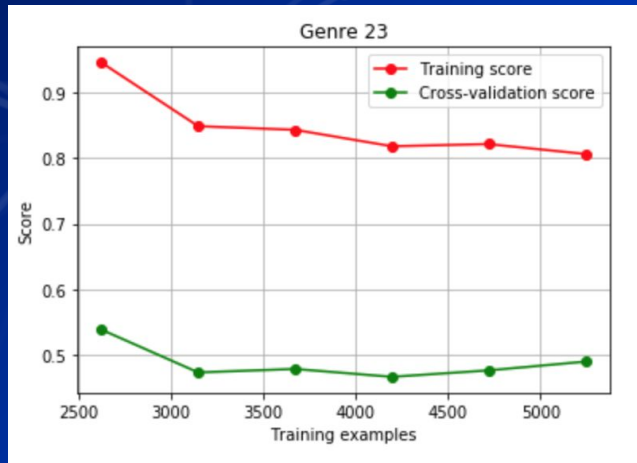
Best initial logistic regression score



## **2. EVALUATION OF CLASSIFIER PERFORMANCE**

# LEARNING CURVES

- Plotted learning curves for worst-performing classifiers
- Most revealed overfitting



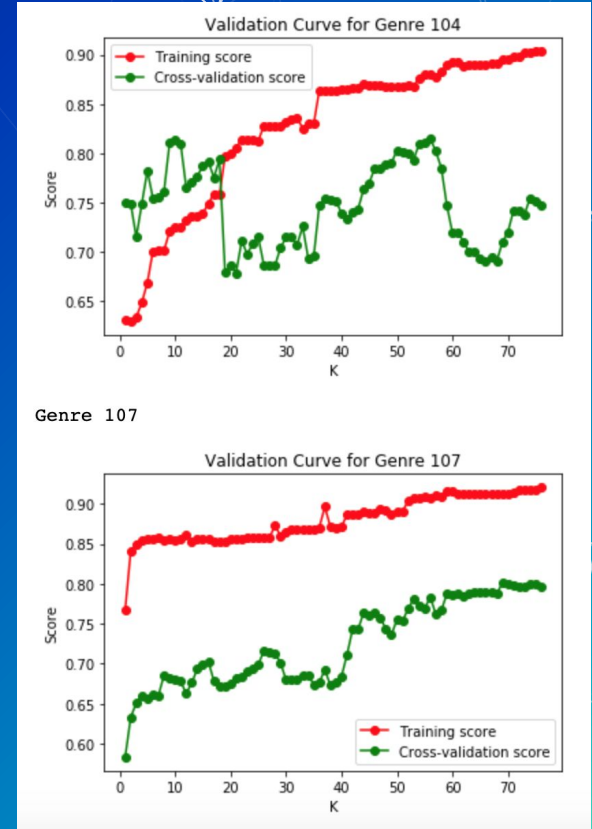
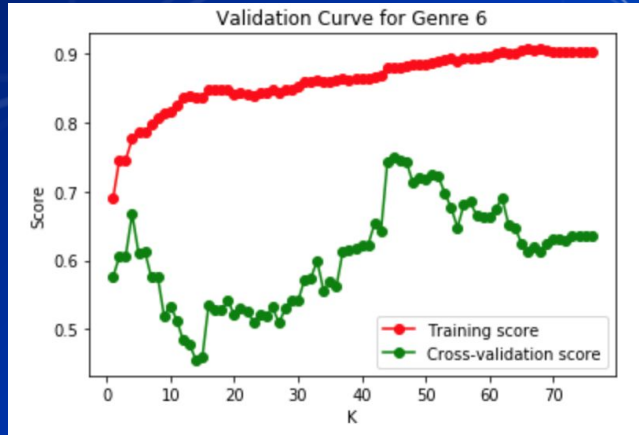


# ADDRESSING OVERFITTING / HIGH VARIANCE

- More data - not exactly an option for this particular project
- Increase regularization - learned  $C$  parameters with strong regularization
- Fewer features - extract the most important features to train classifiers

# VALIDATION CURVES

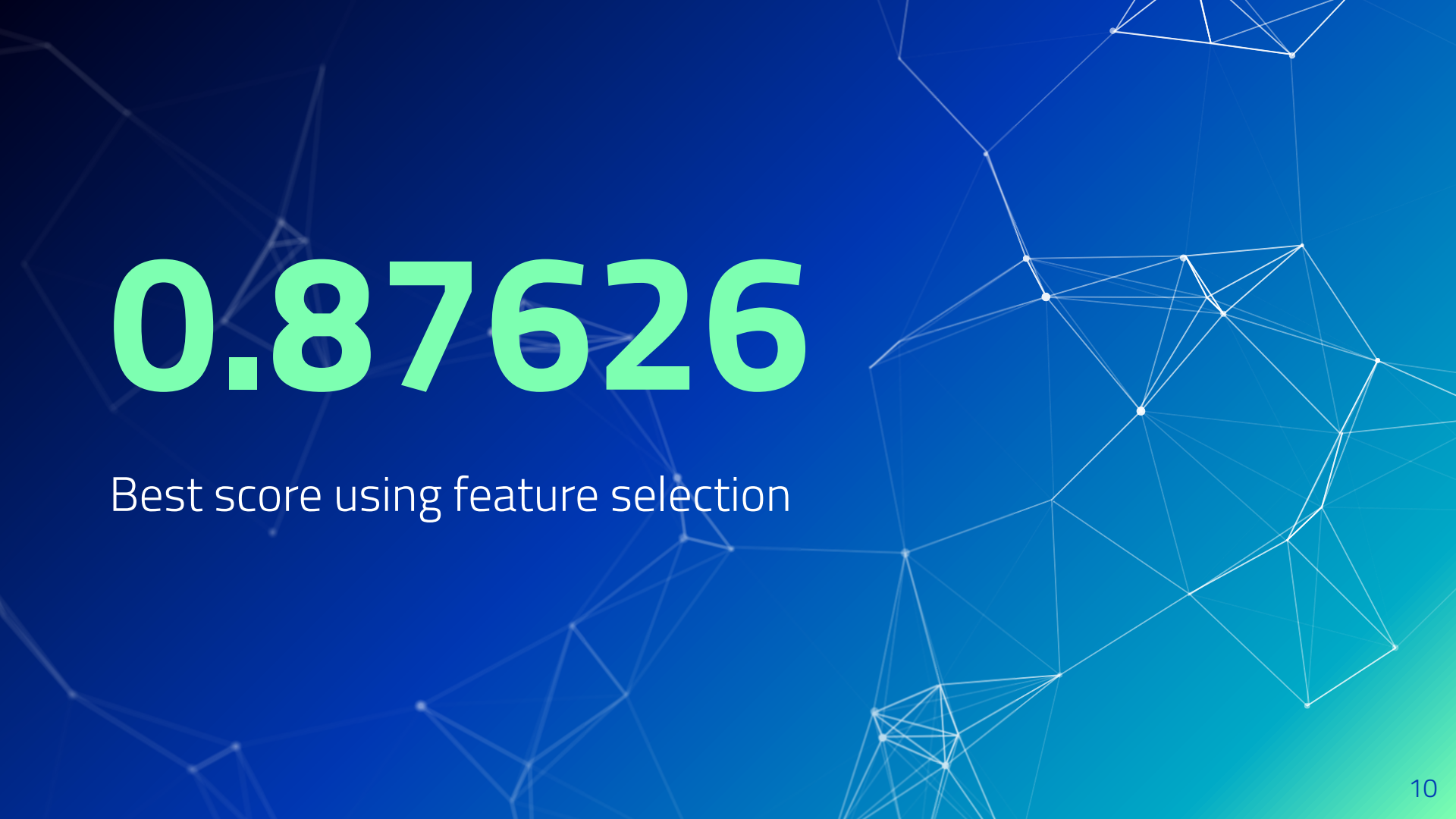
- Determined if fewer features impacted cross validation score
- Used SelectKBest to select features





# LOGISTIC REGRESSION WITH FEATURE SELECTION

- Selected K by best performance on CV set
- Trained bad classifiers ( $< 0.8$  on initial test) with only K features
- Saw little improvement on CV score
  - CV score = 0.90391 (previously 0.885)
- Score on test data improved minimally
  - Issue: CV used to choose K and score



# 0.87626

Best score using feature selection



**3.**

# **USING OTHER KINDS OF CLASSIFIERS**

# NEURAL NETWORKS AND SVMs

- Only trained alternative classifiers where logistic regression performed below average
- Used grid search to learn parameters: hidden layer size and alpha / C and gamma
- Some performed much worse than previous classifiers, some performed slightly better
- Slow to run - not worth it

# SELECTING CLASSIFIERS

- Combined best performing classifiers from original logistic regression, logistic regression with feature selection
- Neural networks and SVMs didn't help
- Score on cross validation set increased
  - CV score = 0.9387 (previously 0.9039)
- Still failed to improve test score
  - Overlap with model selection + scoring

# NEW VALIDATION SETUP

- Improve model selection for generalization
- Split into 3 sets: 1 training + 2 validation
  - ~ 5900, 1000, 1000
- Final CV score on classifiers: 0.8955
  - Closer to Kaggle score
- Train again on entire data set
  - Training score: 0.9387
  - Test score (Kaggle): 0.88112





# 0.88112

Best score with improved model selection



**0.87565**

Logistic regression, learned C

**0.87626**

Logistic regression, select K features

**0.88112**

Improved model selection

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Update: Final Leaderboard Score  
Problem: inability to generalize

# NEXT STEPS

- More in-depth evaluation of classifiers
  - Evaluation of latest models
  - Learning/validation curves
- Setup/Process
  - What worked, what didn't
  - Areas for improvement
- Better address overfitting - Train > Test
- Feature design and selection



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