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SI 206 Final Project Report: Python Girls
<https://github.com/minakage/SI206PythonGirls>

Original Goals for the Project

For our SI 206 project, our goal was to retrieve data using a Spotify API (Spotipy) and Wikipedia using Beautiful Soup. For Spotify, we wanted to get playlist data from one project member's Spotify account, specifically the user's top 5 playlists of 2022 with their playlist name, song names in each playlist, and the artist of each song in the playlist. Once we knew the artist of each song in the playlist, we planned to gather the number of monthly listeners for each of the artists on Spotify. Given the artist names gathered from the Spotify data, we wanted to retrieve the ages of those artists from Wikipedia. We planned to calculate a correlation between the age and monthly listeners for each respective artist.

We wanted to create 3 visualizations using matplotlib:

1. One bar graph to show the number of monthly listeners (in millions) for each artist in the user's top 5 playlists on Spotify
 - a. X-axis would be artist name
 - b. Y-axis would be monthly listeners (in millions)
2. One bar graph to show which age group is most common among the artists in the user's top 5 playlists on Spotify
 - a. X-axis would be artist name
 - b. Y-axis would be age group (grouped by 10 years)
3. One scatter plot to identify a correlation between an artist's age and their monthly listeners
 - a. X-axis would be artist age
 - b. Y-axis would be monthly listeners (in millions)

Our goal was to find out more information about the most commonly played artists in 2022 like which artists have the most monthly listeners and the ages of artists in the user's top 5 playlists of 2022.

New Goals and Goals that were Achieved

After reviewing our project plan, we realized our goals were a little too ambitious and that we realized that the Spotipy API would not allow us to find the number of monthly listeners that we originally intended to do. We also had difficulty with accessing a user's Spotify account and finding their top 5 playlists of 2022 while also satisfying the requirement for extracting at

least 100 data points for each API. Thus, we decided to select 10 artists and extract the popularity and duration of each song in their top 10 songs on Spotify.

10 Artists We Chose for Our Project

- Olivia Rodrigo
- Bazzi
- Billie Eilish
- Mac Miller
- Lady Gaga
- Harry Styles
- Post Malone
- Rihanna
- Elton John
- Madonna

The Spotify API has a popularity index that rates songs on a scale of 0 to 100 and a song duration index that measures the length of each song in milliseconds. We also assigned each artist an artist id in order to avoid duplicate strings in our database. Our calculation resulted in the average popularity of the top 10 songs for each artist.

Instead of using BeautifulSoup to scrape data from Wikipedia, we decided to use a Genius API. With the same 100 songs we used from the Spotify data, we could find the page view count and annotation count for each song within the Genius API. We kept with our original plan of creating visualizations using matplotlib but changed the data that would populate in our graphs.

We ended up creating 4 visualizations using matplotlib:

4. One bar graph to show the average popularity of the top 10 songs for 10 selected artists on Spotify.
 - a. X-axis is average popularity
 - b. Y-axis is artist name
5. One bar graph to show the duration of each of the top 10 songs for 10 selected artists on Spotify
 - a. X-axis is song title
 - b. Y-axis is duration (in ms)
6. One bar graph to show the page view count of each of the 100 songs from Genius
 - a. X-axis is song title and artist
 - b. Y-axis is page views (in hundred thousands)
7. One bar graph to show the annotation count of each of the 100 songs from Genius
 - a. X-axis is song title and artist
 - b. Y-axis is annotation count

We arrived at a few new goals. For Spotify, we wanted to identify the average popularity and variation of song durations for the top ten songs for 10 artists on Spotify. For Genius, our goal was to see if there was a pattern in the number of page views or annotations from the lyrics of each song that we took from Spotify. We successfully achieved our goals because we were familiar with working with APIs in previous homework and discussion assignments. We also were reminded of how to create calculations and databases. One key lesson that we learned was how to access the Spotipy and Genius APIs and discover which indices we could find from them.

Problems Faced

We faced multiple problems while trying to achieve our new goals, one of which was having duplicate strings in our Spotipy and Spotipy 2 database tables. Specifically, since we gathered the top 10 songs from 10 artists, we would have the same artist for 10 rows in the ‘artist’ column of our Spotipy and Spotipy 2 database tables. For example, an artist (i.e. ‘Olivia Rodrigo’) would appear 10 times in the rows with a song name and popularity or song duration value. In order to eliminate the duplicate strings, we modified our tables so that each artist was given an artist_id (integer). Each table then had duplicate id values instead of duplicate strings. Another problem we faced was that the artist_id value could not be the primary key shared between the Spotipy and Spotipy 2 tables because artist_id had duplicate values. In order to ensure that both tables shared a primary key, we made the song title the primary key between the two tables and VARCHAR NOT NULL, which forces the data in the song title column to always contain a value. The song titles are unique to each row. We also had a problem with readjusting the size of the figure of our visualizations because the data was difficult to view. The titles and bars on the bar graph were often either too cramped together, or the titles were out of the frame and unable to be read. We found a solution to this problem by changing the figure size of the plot using `fig = plt.figure(figsize=(#, #))` and adjust the spacing of the bottom using `fig.subplots_adjust(bottom=spacing)` to show the x-axis.

Git Commits

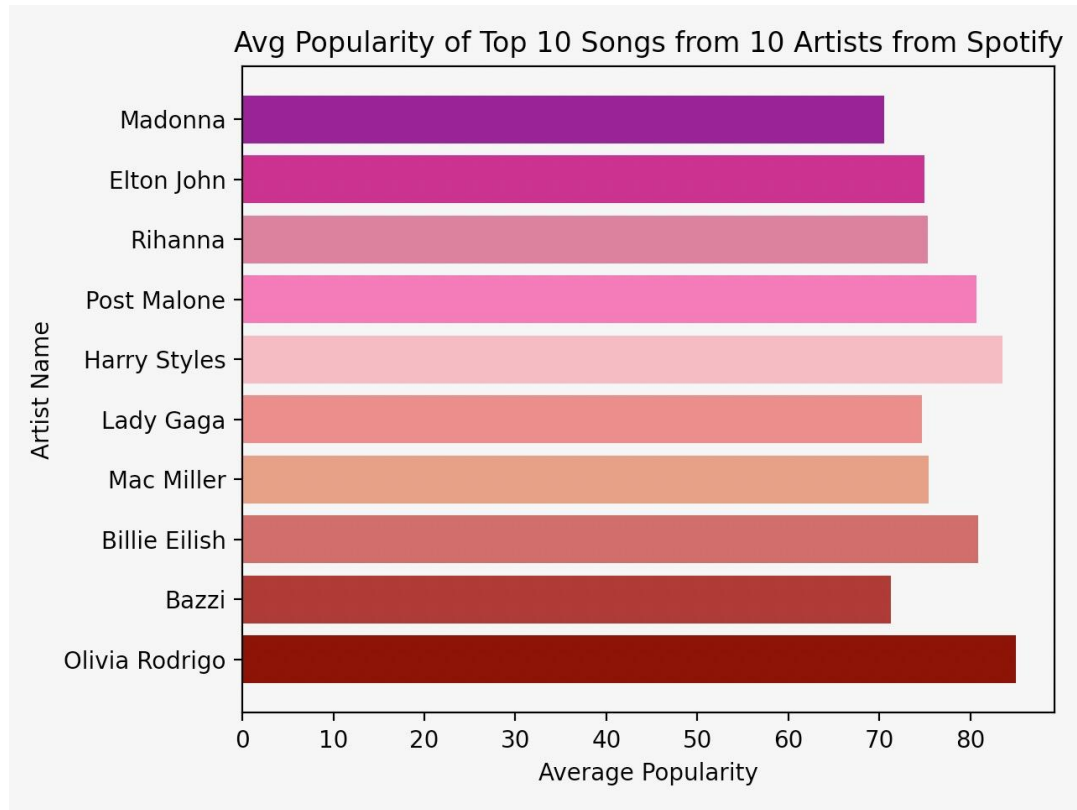
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No collaborative Github → My partner and I work almost always on the project in person so one partner typically commits
Explain that in your report. Otherwise only one of you will get the 15 points for the github commits.

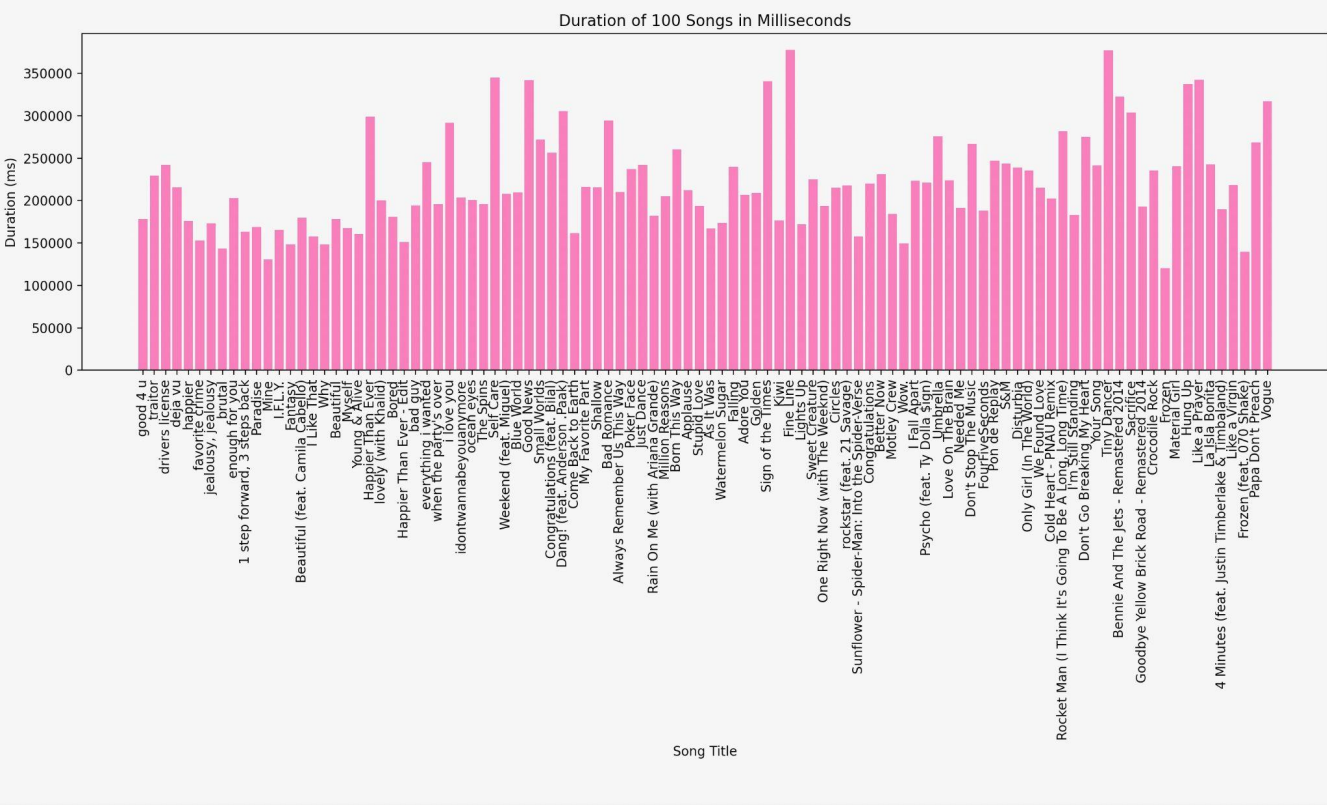
Files Containing Calculations from Data

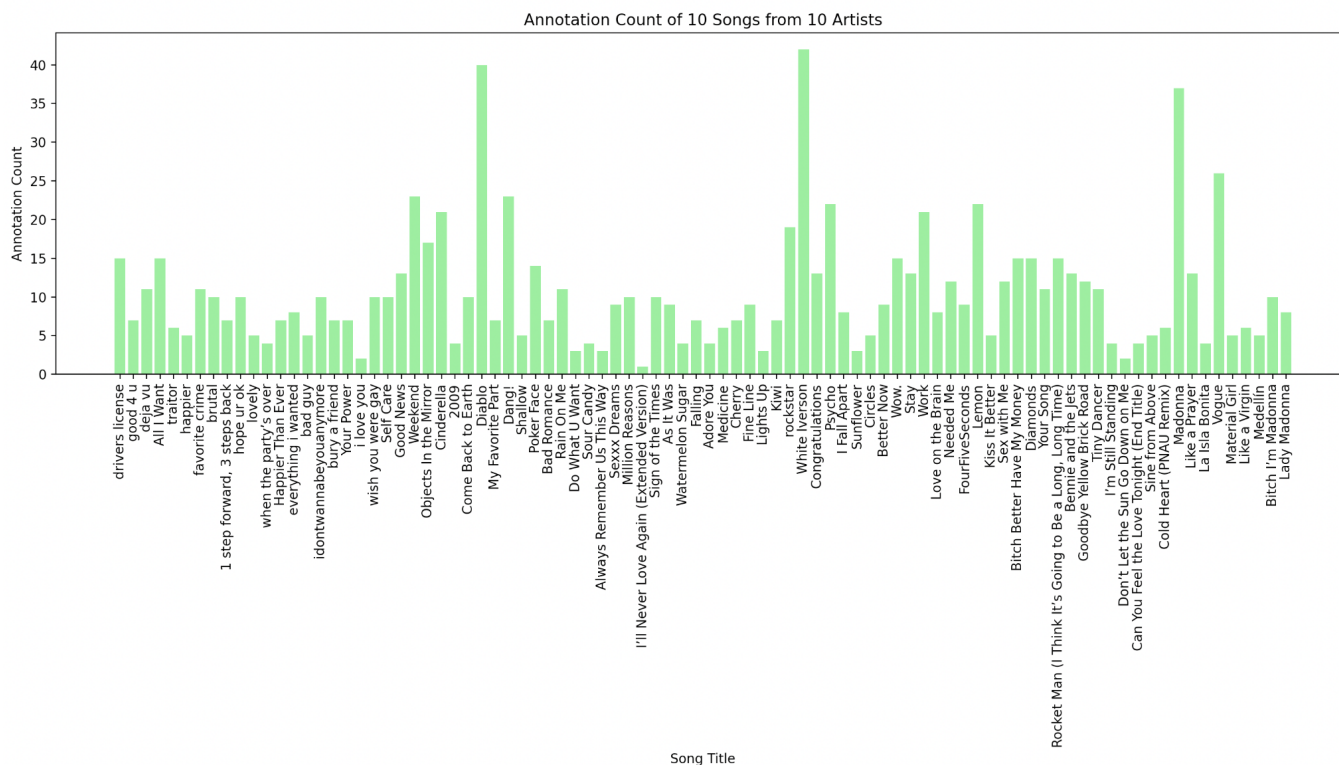
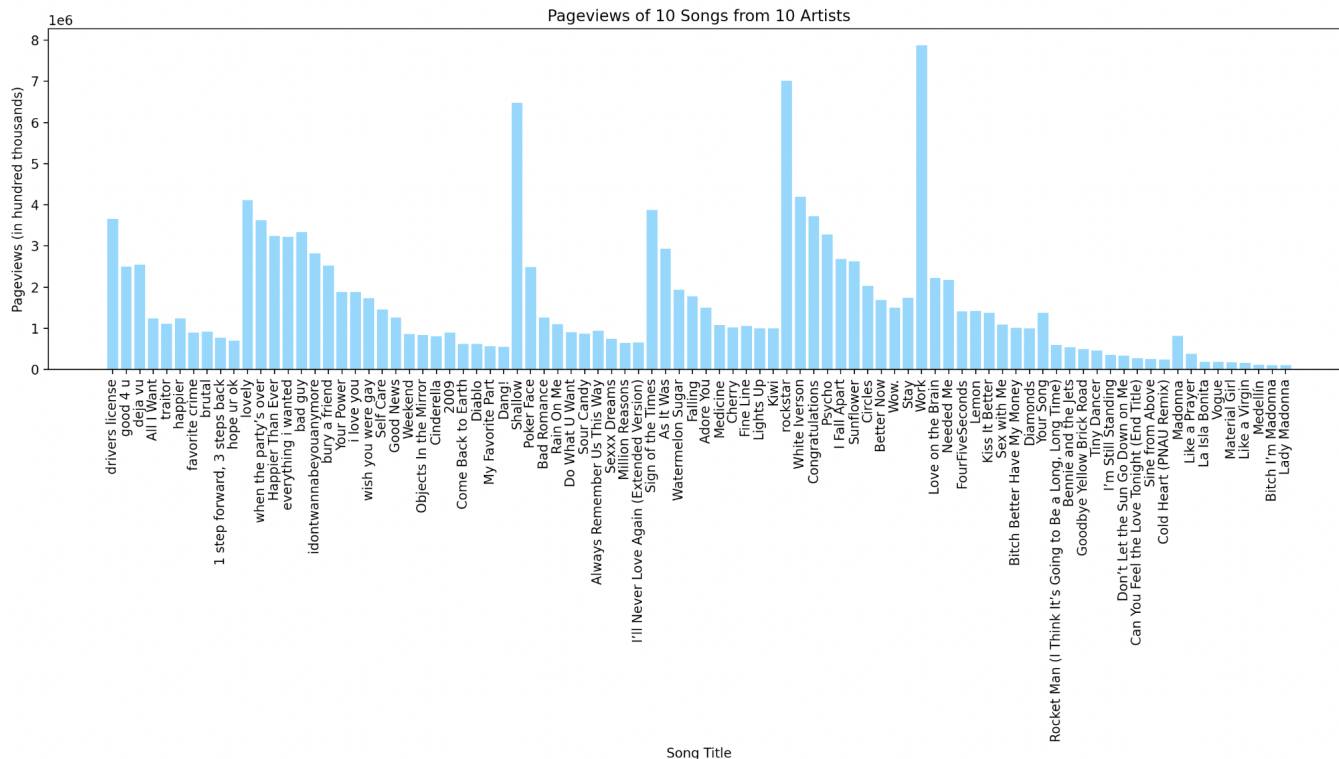
File containing our calculations from “spotipyPop.py” file: appears in popularityValues.txt

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≡ popularityValues.txt
1  Olivia Rodrigo has an average popularity of 85.0 from their top ten songs on Spotify
2  Bazzi has an average popularity of 71.3 from their top ten songs on Spotify
3  Billie Eilish has an average popularity of 80.9 from their top ten songs on Spotify
4  Mac Miller has an average popularity of 75.4 from their top ten songs on Spotify
5  Lady Gaga has an average popularity of 74.7 from their top ten songs on Spotify
6  Harry Styles has an average popularity of 83.5 from their top ten songs on Spotify
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Visualizations (4)





Instructions for Running the Code

Spotify:

- Install spotipy by typing this in terminal `pip install spotipy --upgrade`
- Browse to <https://developer.spotify.com/dashboard/applications>.
- Log in with your Spotify account.
- Click on 'Create an app'.
- Pick an 'App name' and 'App description' of your choice and mark the checkboxes.
- After creation, you see your 'Client Id' and you can click on 'Show client secret' to unhide your 'Client secret'.
- Use your 'Client id' and 'Client secret' to retrieve a token from the Spotify API. The function `get_spotify_api_token()` performs all necessary steps with your 'Client id' and 'Client secret' to retrieve a token. Consider to assign this character string to a variable named 'my_token', which is the default value for all spotipy functions that are in need of a token.
- For the redirected uri go to the settings of the app you created and enter in `http://localhost:8888/callback`
- Go to `spotipy.py` and update your username, your client id, and your client secret

Genius:

- Go to this website https://genius.com/signup_or_login and sign up
- Once you're signed in, you should be taken to <https://genius.com/api-clients>, where you need to click the button that says "New API Client."
- After clicking "New API Client," you'll be prompted to fill out a short form about the "App" that you need the Genius API for. You only need to fill out "App Name" and "App Website URL."
- You can simply put "Song Lyrics Project" for the "App Name" and the URL for our course website "<https://melaniewalsh.github.io/Intro-Cultural-Analytics/>" for the "App Website URL."
- When you click "Save," you'll be given a series of API Keys: a "Client ID" and a "Client Secret." To generate your "Client Access Token," which is the API key that we'll be using in this notebook, you need to click "Generate Access Token".
- copy and paste your "Client Access Token" into `genius.py`

Documentation: explain what each function does including its input and output

Function 1

- `total_lists_songs_popularity`
 - Doesn't take input
 - This function

`total_list_songs_duration_ms()`

- Doesn't take input

Resources

Date	Issue Description	Location of Resource	Result
04/13/22	Trouble with the Spotipy API	https://spotipy.readthedocs.io/en/2.19.0/	We were able to successfully use the Spotipy API and create functions to access top songs of artists we chose
04/14/22	Find Spotipy Client ID and Client Secret	https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/spotidy/vignettes/Connecting-with-the-Spotify-API.html	We were able to sign up for Spotify Developer and input the Client Secret
04/15/22	Trouble with the Genius API	https://lyricsgenius.readthedocs.io/en/master/ https://melaniewalsh.github.io/Intro-Cultural-Analytics/04-Data-Collection/07-Genius-API.html https://docs.genius.com/#/getting-started-h1	We were able to successfully use the Genius API and get help with accessing the Client Access Token
04/17/22	Search for Spotify feature to scrape from Spotipy API	https://developer.spotify.com/documentation/web-api/reference/#/operations/get-several-tracks https://towardsdatascience.com/extracting-song-data-from-the-spotify-api-using-python-b	We were able to find two indices to scrape from Spotipy API: song popularity and song duration (in ms)

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04/18/22	How to create databases	file:///Users/emilyyou/Downloads/Databases-v7%20(1).pdf file:///Users/emilyyou/Downloads/DatabaseNormAndJoin-v4.pdf	We were able to follow examples from slides in order to get information into our databases for Spotify and Genius data
04/20/22	How to visualize data using Matplotlib	file:///Users/emilyyou/Downloads/Matplotlib-v7.pdf	We successfully plotted visualizations using matplotlib in Python files
04/24/22	How to add and change colors of matplotlib bar chart	https://matplotlib.org/3.5.0/gallery/color/named_colors.html	Customized colors using this website for each bar in all bar graphs