

Popularity Prediction of Spotify Music



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Identify features and create
models to predict the
popularity of a song based on
the features provided by the
Spotify API

Overview



After model development the Linear Regression was best at predicting popularity with an MAE of 6.26 and RMSE of 8.65

- Random Forest Model was best at making the binary prediction if a song would be popular not with an accuracy of 90% and MAE of 1.64 and RMSE of 0.32



	Model	Accuracy	MAE	MSE	RMSE
2	KNeighborsClassifier	0.000000	37.506617	1526.300102	39.067891
3	DecisionTreeClassifier	0.011266	19.802104	540.345029	23.245323
4	AdaBoostClassifier	0.036037	11.390024	236.521208	15.379246
1	RandomForestClassifier	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
0	LinearRegression	NaN	6.256225	74.748668	8.645731



The Data and Feature Engineering

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In [2]: rawdata = pd.read_csv('SpotifyFeatures.csv')
print(rawdata.head())
print(rawdata.tail())
rawdata.shape
rawdata.describe()
```

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   genre  artist_name  track_name \
0  Opera  Giuseppe Verdi  Stiffelio, Act III: Ei fugge! ... Lina, pensai c...
1  Opera  Giacomo Puccini  Madama Butterfly / Act 1: ... E soffitto e pareti
2  Opera  Giacomo Puccini  Turandot / Act 2: Gloria, gloria, o vincitore
3  Opera  Giuseppe Verdi  Rigoletto, Act IV: Venti scudi hai tu detto?
4  Opera  Giuseppe Verdi  Don Carlo / Act 4: "Ella giammai m'amò!"
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   track_id  popularity  acousticness  danceability \
0  7EsKYeHtTc4H4xWiTqSVZA          21
1  7MfmRBvqaW0I6UTxXnad8p          18
2  7pBo1GDhIysyUMFXiDVoON          10
3  02mvYZX5aKNzdqEo6jF20m          17
4  03TW0jwGMGhUabAjoPBlT9          19
```

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   duration_ms  energy  instrumentalness  key
0    490867    0.23100         0.000431  C
1    176797    0.20100         0.028000  D
2    266184    0.47000         0.020400  D
3    288573    0.00605         0.000000  D
4    629760    0.05800         0.146000  D
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   speechiness  tempo  time_signature  value
0     0.0547    86.001             4/4    0.0
1     0.0581   131.798             4/4    0.3
2     0.0383    75.126             3/4    0.0
3     0.0480    76.493             4/4    0.0
4     0.0493   172.935             4/4    0.0
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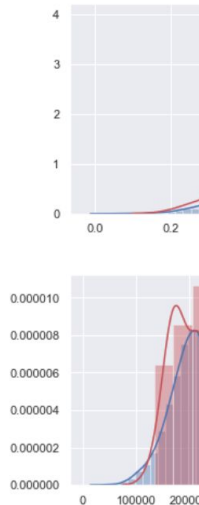
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In [5]: duplicateRowsDF = rawdata[rawdata.duplicated()]
duplicateRowsDF

bins = np.array([100000,300000,500000,700000,900000,1000000])
rawdata["bucket"] = pd.cut(rawdata.duration_ms, bins)

rawdata['lognorm_duration'] = np.log(rawdata['duration_ms'])

rawdata['Count'] = \
    rawdata.groupby('artist_name', as_index=False)['artist_name'].transform(lambda s: s.count())

rawdata['popular'] = np.where(rawdata['popularity'] >= 40, 'popular', 'not-popular')
print (rawdata)
```



	Popularity Correlation
Unnamed: 0	0.797325
popularity	1.000000
acousticness	0.008367
danceability	0.059371
duration_ms	0.022568
energy	0.045087
instrumentalness	0.007961
liveness	0.055524
loudness	0.055885
speechiness	0.084576
tempo	0.017993
valence	0.003175
lognorm_duration	0.017973
Count	0.127838





Popularity Score Prediction

	Model	Accuracy	MAE	MSE	RMSE
4	AdaBoostClassifier	0.000068	44.764981	2149.432372	46.361971
2	KNeighborsClassifier	0.000271	36.673023	1462.290126	38.239902
3	DecisionTreeClassifier	0.016491	16.878181	409.673295	20.240388
1	RandomForestClassifier	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
0	LinearRegression	NaN	16.245047	423.599554	20.581534

Binary Popularity Prediction

	Model	Accuracy	MAE	MSE	RMSE
1	RandomForestClassifier	0.899355	1.635222	0.101052	0.317887
0	LogisticRegression	0.489243	123.985612	0.510757	0.714672
4	AdaBoostClassifier	0.247302	0.097251	0.097251	0.311852
2	KNeighborsClassifier	0.097251	230.200882	0.902749	0.950131
3	DecisionTreeClassifier	0.097251	230.200882	0.902749	0.950131

Model Performance and Hyperparameters



Popularity Score Prediction: Linear Regression

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In [190]: LR_Model = LinearRegression(copy_X=True, fit_intercept=True, n_jobs=1, normalize=False)
LR_Model.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred = LR_Model.predict(X_test)

LR_MAE = metrics.mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred)
LR_MSE = metrics.mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)
LR_RMSE = np.sqrt(metrics.mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred))
print('Mean Absolute Error:', LR_MAE)
print('Mean Squared Error:', LR_MSE)
print('Root Mean Squared Error:', LR_RMSE)

cv_scores_rf_test = cv_scores_test.mean()
cv_scores_rf_train = cv_scores_train.mean()

print('Mean cross validation test score: ' + str(cv_scores_rf_test))
print('Mean cross validation train score: ' + str(cv_scores_rf_train))

Mean Absolute Error: 6.237420071514329
Mean Squared Error: 71.77087073161633
Root Mean Squared Error: 8.471769043807576
Mean cross validation test score: 0.955077746550893
Mean cross validation train score: 0.9644744855320806
```

Binary Popularity Prediction: Random Forest

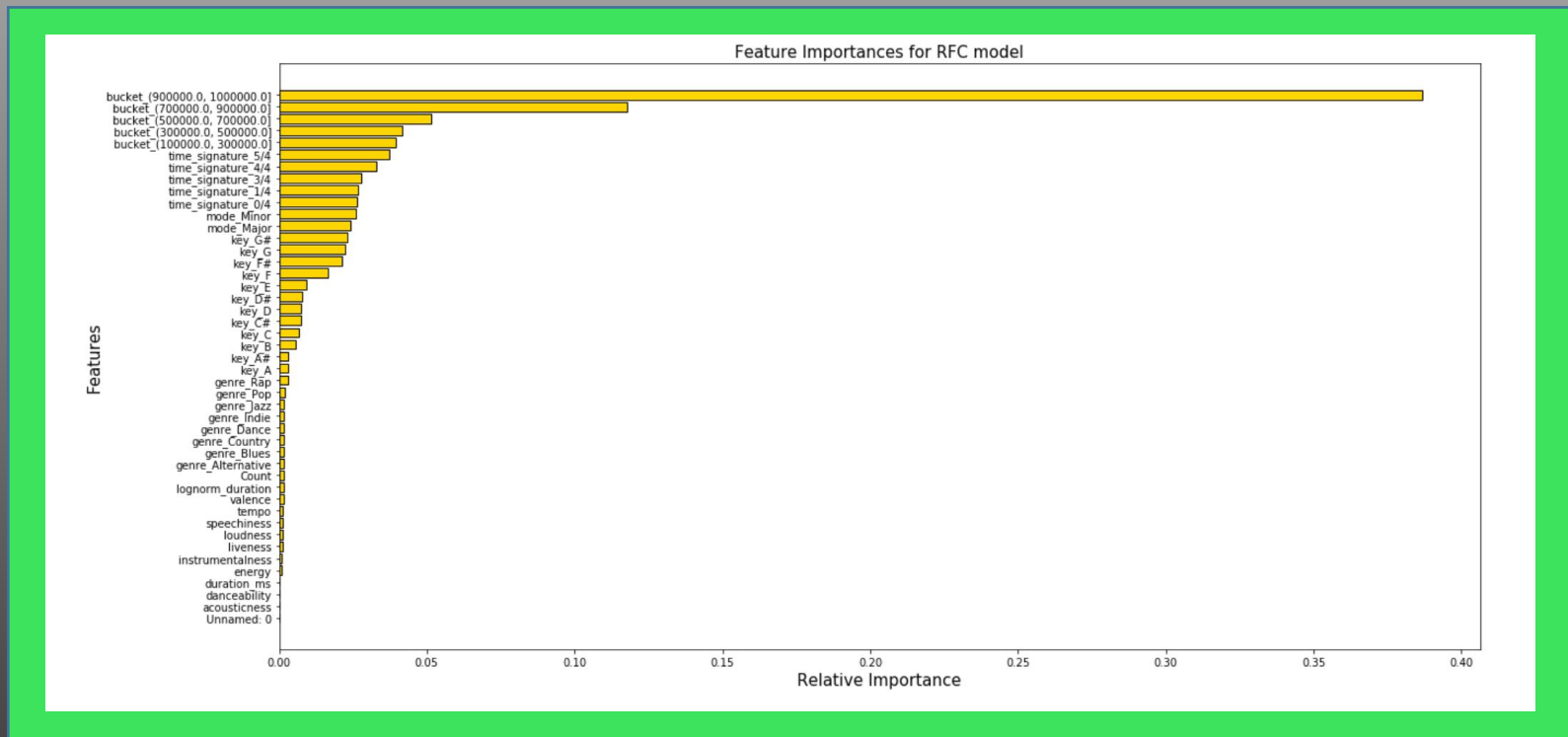
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In [32]: param_grid = {'bootstrap': [True],
                        'max_depth': [10, 40],
                        'max_features': [2, 3],
                        'min_samples_leaf': [2, 4],
                        'min_samples_split': [5, 10],
                        'n_estimators': [600, 1000]}
rf = RandomForestClassifier()
rf_cv = GridSearchCV(rf, param_grid, cv=5)
rf_cv.fit(X, y)

Out[32]: GridSearchCV(cv=5, error_score=nan,
                    estimator=RandomForestClassifier(bootstrap=True, ccp_alpha=0.0,
                    class_weight=None,
                    criterion='gini', max_depth=None,
                    max_features='auto',
                    max_leaf_nodes=None,
                    max_samples=None,
                    min_impurity_decrease=0.0,
                    min_impurity_split=None,
                    min_samples_leaf=1,
                    min_samples_split=2,
                    min_weight_fraction_leaf=0.0,
                    n_estimators=100, n_jobs=None,
                    oob_score=False,
                    random_state=None, verbose=0,
                    warm_start=False),
                    iid='deprecated', n_jobs=None,
                    param_grid={'bootstrap': [True], 'max_depth': [10, 40],
                    'max_features': [2, 3], 'min_samples_leaf': [2, 4],
                    'min_samples_split': [5, 10],
                    'n_estimators': [600, 1000]},
                    pre_dispatch='2*n_jobs', refit=True, return_train_score=False,
                    scoring=None, verbose=0)
```

Best Parameters: learning_rate': 0.01, 'n_estimators': 800 and
bootstrap': True, 'max_depth': 40, 'max_features': 2, 'min_samples_leaf': 4, 'min_samples_split': 5, 'n_estimators': 1000



Important Features





Key Takeaways

- All genres (except for Blues) the more danceable a song is the more likely it is to be popular
- Trying to predict popularity alone was best done any the Linear Regression model with MAE of 6.26 and RMSE of 8.65
- Trying to predict if a song will be popular was best predicted by Random Forest or not has a 90% chance of being correct and MAE of 1.64 and RMSE of 0.32
- Features that contributed most to the popularity of a song for the Random Forest model are the time buckets and can be seen on the previous slide



- Look into different features and/or feature reduction to see if these features
- Designation of popularity at 80 could be arbitrary and changing to a different number could yield better results
- Training and testing data on models that look exclusively at one genre could lead to less noise in the data and to better predictive power.

Questions?