

Record Label Analysis



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Why Care ?

Gain insight into what kind of artists a record label should sign/put money into by assessing the type of music that performed well in the year 2019. Models will test the relevance certain variables have when predicting popularity and a hit.

Introduction to Data

- **Data:**

- List of most popular songs from 1950-2019
 - Sentiment Analysis
- Two Columns Added:
 - Popularity - Spotify API
 - Streams - Manually (Youtube API had vague restrictions)

```
data.reset_index(inplace=True)
print(data.info())

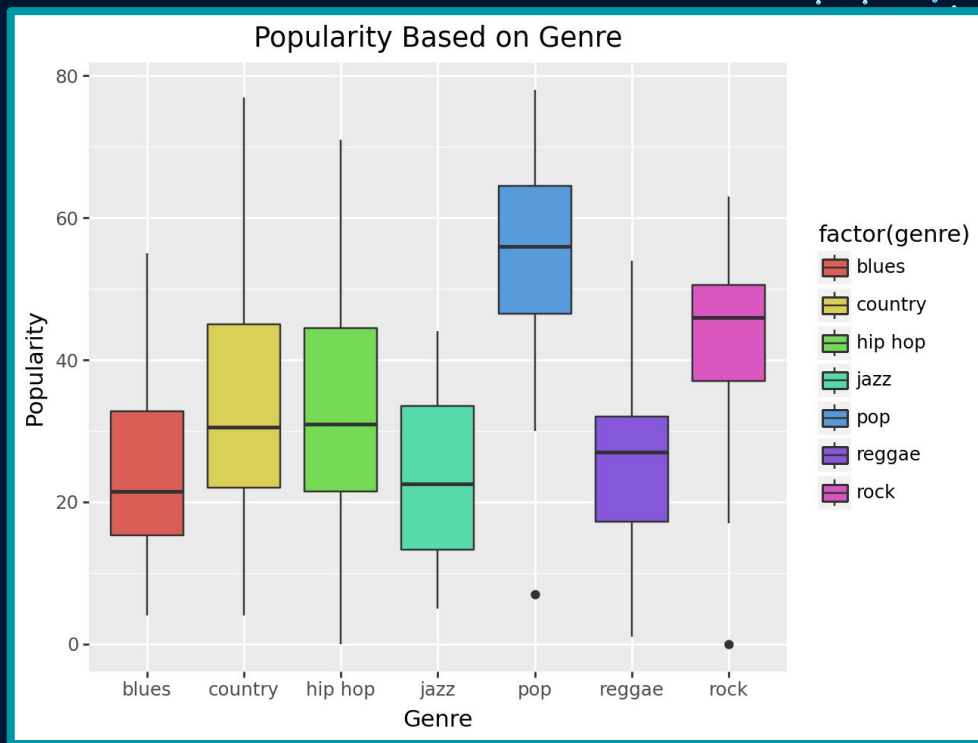
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 531 entries, 0 to 530
Data columns (total 34 columns):
#   Column              Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   index               531 non-null   int64
1   Unnamed: 0          531 non-null   int64
2   artist_name         531 non-null   object
3   track_name          531 non-null   object
4   release_date        531 non-null   int64
5   genre               531 non-null   object
6   lyrics              531 non-null   object
7   len                 531 non-null   int64
8   dating              531 non-null   float64
9   violence             531 non-null   float64
10  world/life           531 non-null   float64
11  night/time           531 non-null   float64
12  shake the audience    531 non-null   float64
13  family/gospel        531 non-null   float64
14  romantic             531 non-null   float64
15  communication        531 non-null   float64
16  obscure              531 non-null   float64
17  music                531 non-null   float64
18  movement/places      531 non-null   float64
19  light/visual perceptions 531 non-null   float64
20  family/spiritual      531 non-null   float64
21  like/girls           531 non-null   float64
22  sadness              531 non-null   float64
23  feelings             531 non-null   float64
24  danceability         531 non-null   float64
25  loudness             531 non-null   float64
26  acousticness         531 non-null   float64
27  instrumentalness     531 non-null   float64
28  valence              531 non-null   float64
29  energy               531 non-null   float64
30  topic                531 non-null   object
31  age                  531 non-null   float64
32  popularity           531 non-null   float64
33  streams              531 non-null   float64
dtypes: float64(25), int64(4), object(5)
memory usage: 141.2+ KB
None
```

Summary of Data Cleaning/Feature Engineering

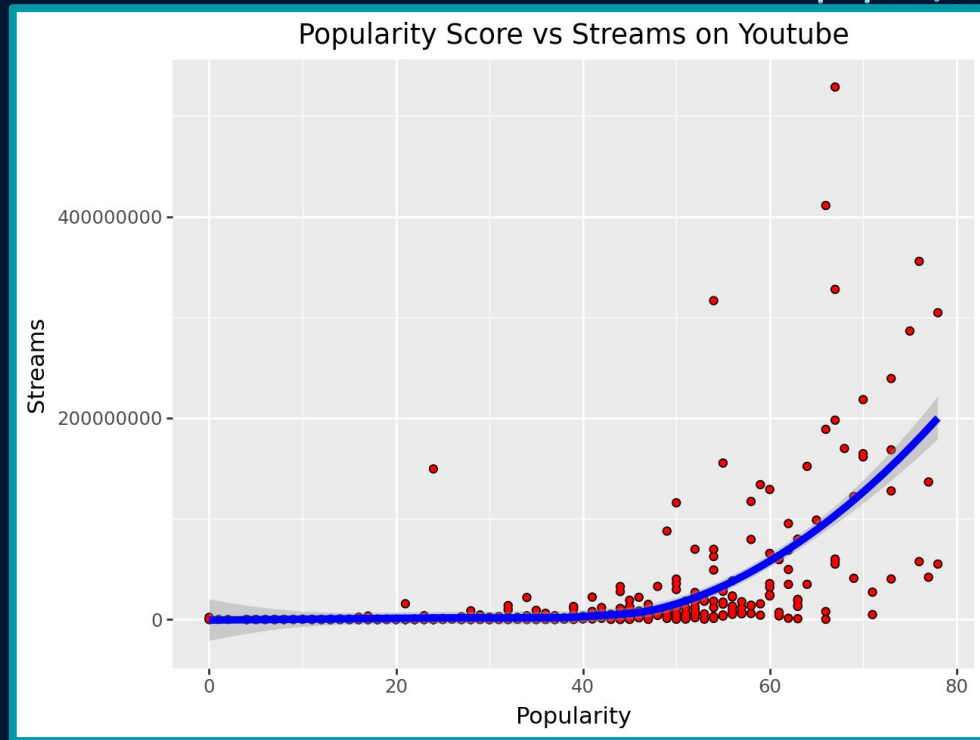
1. Cut all data from songs not in 2019
2. Separate Features from Popularity (Hit for Logistic)
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3. Encode Categorical, Scale Continuous
4. Transform Features
5. Split Data



Summary Plot 1



Summary Plot 2





Models

Beta Regression, Clustering, ElasticNet, PCA

Clustering Model

- **What is Clustering?**
 - Find groups in data
- How to determine best type of model?

```
Make ggplot scatterplots of pairs of your features to give you a little bit of information about the data, and to help you decide which algorithm to use (you don't need to make scatterplots for all possible pairs of features, just make sure each feature appears at least once).
```

```
from plotnine import ggplot, aes, geom_point, labs, scale_x_log10, scale_y_log10, theme_minimal

columns = ['genre', 'len', 'dating', 'violence', 'world/life', 'night/time', 'shake the audience',
           'family/gospel', 'romantic', 'communication', 'obscene', 'music', 'movement/places',
           'light/visual perceptions', 'family/spiritual', 'like/girls', 'sadness', 'feelings',
           'danceability', 'loudness', 'acousitcness', 'instrumentalness', 'valence', 'energy',
           'topic', 'age', 'popularity', 'streams']

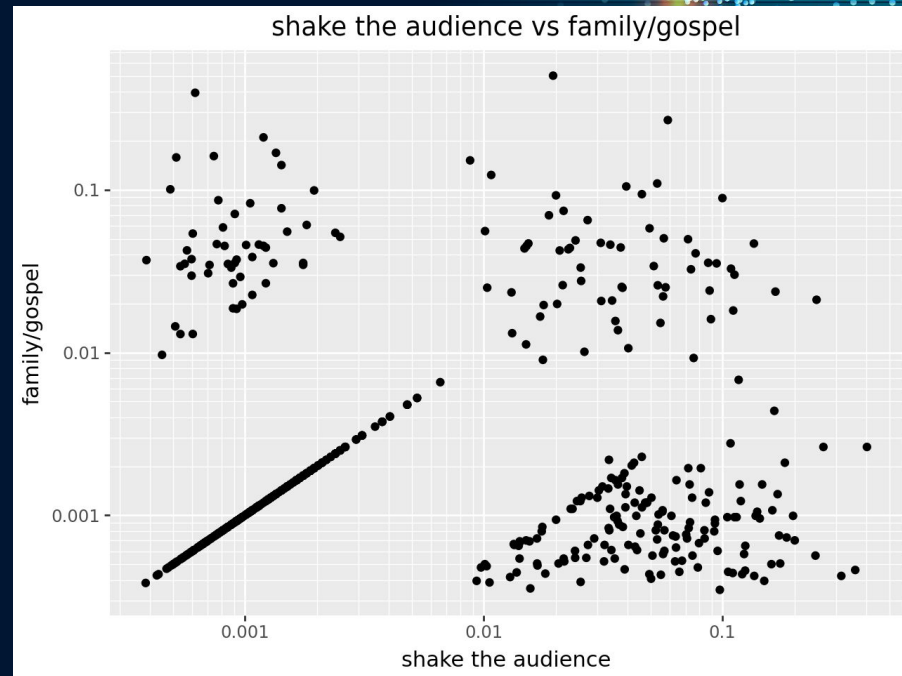
or i in range(0, len(columns) - 1, 2):
    col_x = columns[i]
    col_y = columns[i + 1]

    # Skip if either column contains categorical data or invalid values for log scale CHATGPT
    if data[col_x].dtype == 'object' or data[col_y].dtype == 'object':
        print(f"Skipping plot for {col_x} vs {col_y} due to categorical data.")
        continue

    if (data[col_x] <= 0).any() or (data[col_y] <= 0).any():
        print(f"Skipping plot for {col_x} vs {col_y} due to non-positive values.")
        continue

    plot = (ggplot(data, aes(x=col_x, y=col_y)) +
            geom_point() +
            labs(title=f"{col_x} vs {col_y}",
                 x=col_x,
                 y=col_y) +
            scale_x_log10() + # Log scale for x-axis
            scale_y_log10()) # Log scale for y-axis

    # Print each plot
    display(plot)
```



Clustering Model

- **GMM**
 - Multiple clusters in data (6)
 - Probabilistic
 - Variances can differ
- **Log Likelihood**
 - 20.01 (not great)

```
gmm = GaussianMixture(n_components=5)

# 3. Fit model + predict
labels = gmm.fit_predict(X_processed)

# Add cluster labels to the original DataFrame
data["clusters"] = labels

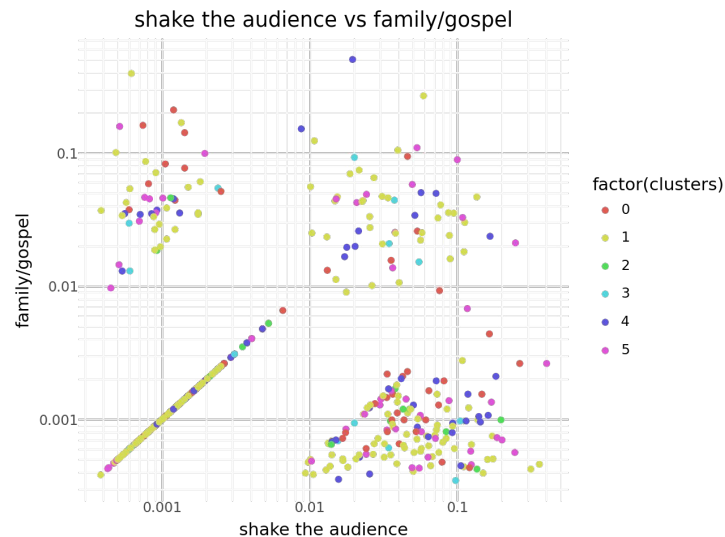
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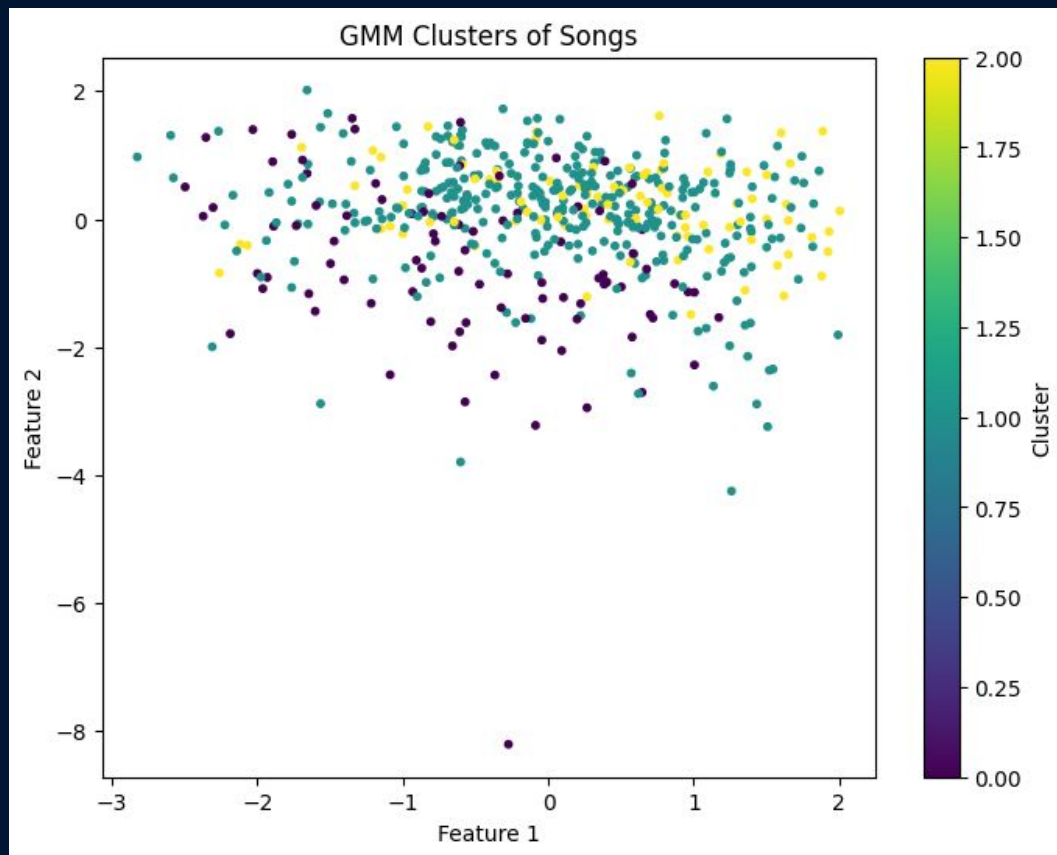
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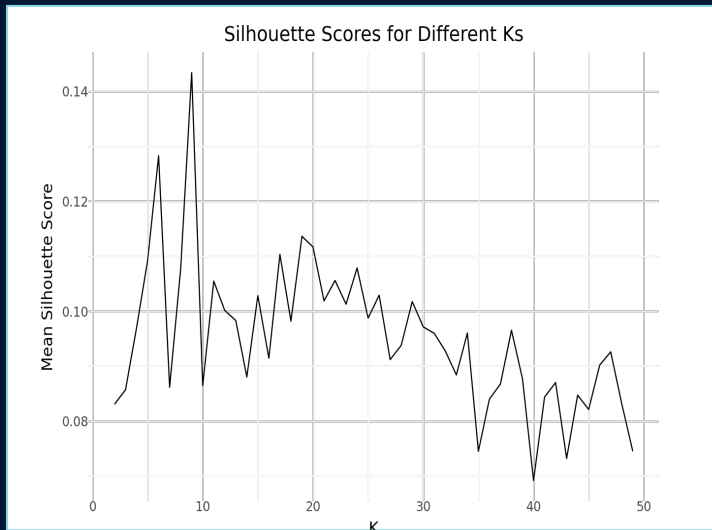
    # Scatterplot
    plot = (ggplot(data, aes(x=col_x, y=col_y, color=factor(clusters))) +
            geom_point() +
            labs(title=f"{col_x} vs {col_y}",
                 x=col_x,
                 y=col_y) +
            scale_x_log10() + # Log scale for x-axis
            scale_y_log10()) # Log scale for y-axis

    # Print each plot
    display(plot)
```





Avg. cluster means for popularity



```
#predictors

db = DBSCAN(eps = 0.1, min_samples = 100)

# fit
labels = db.fit_predict(X_processed)

# Add cluster labels to df
X["clusters"] = labels

silhouette_avg = silhouette_score(X_processed, labels)
print(f"Silhouette Score: {silhouette_avg}")

Unique labels: {-1}
```

DBSCAN and KMeans Results

Beta Regression

- Why beta regression? (What is beta regression)
- Necessary transformations made to “popularity” column in order to fit the requirements of a beta regression model
- Consistent performance between training and testing sets indicates the model is properly fit and can generalize well on new (unseen) data

```
scaler = MinMaxScaler(feature_range=(1e-6, 1 - 1e-6))  
y_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(y.values.reshape(-1, 1)).flatten()
```

```
X_train["streams_log"] = X_train["streams"].apply(lambda x: np.log(x + 1))  
X_test["streams_log"] = X_test["streams"].apply(lambda x: np.log(x + 1))
```

```
y_train_pred_original = scaler.inverse_transform(y_train_pred.to_numpy().reshape(-1, 1)).flatten()  
y_test_pred_original = scaler.inverse_transform(y_test_pred.to_numpy().reshape(-1, 1)).flatten()
```

```
y_train_original = scaler.inverse_transform(y_train.reshape(-1, 1)).flatten()  
y_test_original = scaler.inverse_transform(y_test.reshape(-1, 1)).flatten()
```

Generalized Linear Model Regression Results

Dep. Variable:	y_train	No. Observations:	424
Model:	GLM	Df Residuals:	422
Model Family:	Binomial	Df Model:	1
Link Function:	Logit	Scale:	1.0000
Method:	IRLS	Log-Likelihood:	-179.94
Date:	Sat, 30 Nov 2024	Deviance:	33.129
Time:	23:10:54	Pearson chi2:	32.3
No. Iterations:	4	Pseudo R-squ. (CS):	0.1348
Covariance Type:	nonrobust		

	coef	std err	z	P> z	[0.025	0.975]
Intercept	-4.2857	0.592	-7.245	0.000	-5.445	-3.126
streams_log	0.3003	0.042	7.098	0.000	0.217	0.383

Train Set Metrics:

MSE : 94.9752744414452
R2 : 0.6869834732907787

Test Set Metrics:

MSE : 80.58732496803977
R2 : 0.7403063473673328

Regression Using ElasticNet

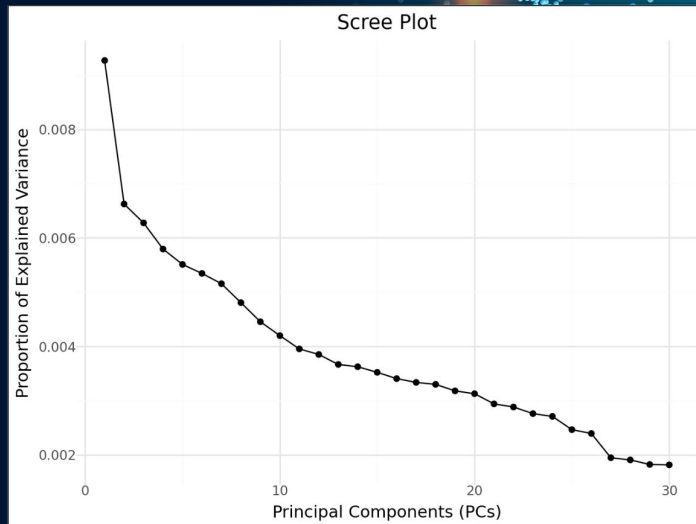
- Goal:
 - Wanted to figure out what makes a song popular and predict its popularity based on its features
- Why Linear Regression using ElasticNet?
 - A combination of Lasso and Ridge regression. It's great because it not only selects the most important features but also balances them, ensures no overfitting
- Shows predictive power, but it also suggests that other factors, like marketing or cultural trends, likely play a role in popularity

```
Best Parameters: {'alpha': 1.0, 'l1_ratio': 0.8}  
R2 Score: 0.20117376644274243  
Mean Squared Error: 225.26662559553017
```

PCA

Why PCA?

- PCA ensures the models focus on the most meaningful aspects of the data, reducing complexity
- Linear Regression predicts continuous probability, and Logistic regression predicts binary probability





Comparison of Models

Beta Regression, Clustering, ElasticNet, PCA

Beta Regression

- Test MSE of 80.58 and test R^2 of 0.74 indicate passable performance with moderate error
- log features decreases skewness and can increase accuracy but also can negatively impact interpretability

Clustering

- Visually, GMM did not create good clusters
- Low Log Likelihood
 - Tried DBSCAN and KMeans but data did not do well
- Variables lowly correlated indicating clustering is not ideal

ElasticNet

R2 of .20 and MSE of 225

Leftover 80% of the variability
unexplained

Limited by the quality and
scope of the input features

Best for feature
interpretability only

Limited predictive power

PCA

Popularity - R2 of .22 and MSE
of 220

Hits - Accuracy of .64 and
ROC AUC of .69

Classification:

Non-hits - 70% precise, 69%
recall

Hits - 55% precise, 56% recall

Used 30 PCs



The background features a dark blue gradient. Overlaid on this are several dynamic, wavy patterns of small white dots, resembling particle trails or data flows. A prominent horizontal lens flare with a warm orange and yellow glow is positioned in the upper-middle section, partially obscured by the particle patterns.

Conclusion

Should This Model be Implemented?

Very Good		
Good		
Still Good		
Awful	  	

Outside of Beta Regression, no model performed exceedingly well. This is displayed in the tier list above. Streams is the most important variable when predicting popularity. Features are lowly correlated.