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In [1]:		numpy as np pandas as pd						
In [2]:	df=pd.re	df=pd.read_csv("board_games.csv")						
In [3]:	df.head()							
Out[3]:	game_	id description	image	max_players	max_playtime	min_age	mi	
	0	Die Macher is a game about 1 seven sequential po	//cf.geekdo- images.com/images/pic159509.jpg	5	240	14		
	1	Dragonmaster is a trick- taking card game based	//cf.geekdo- images.com/images/pic184174.jpg	4	30	12		
	2	Part of the Knizia tile- laying trilogy, Samura	//cf.geekdo- images.com/images/pic3211873.jpg	4	60	10		
	3	When you see the triangular box and the luxuri	//cf.geekdo- images.com/images/pic285299.jpg	4	60	12		
	4	In Acquire, each player strategically invests	//cf.geekdo- images.com/images/pic342163.jpg	6	90	12		
	5 rows × 2	22 columns						
4							•	
In [4]:	df.tail(

description

game_id

Out[4]:

	_	•		_, _, _,
10527	214996	Description from the publisher: Silve	//cf.geekdo- images.com/images/pic3093082.png	2
10528	215437	Codex: Card-Time Strategy is a customizable, n	//cf.geekdo- images.com/images/pic3290122.jpg	5
10529	215471	Time to walk about town and take some pictures	//cf.geekdo- images.com/images/pic3290975.png	4
10530	216201	The race is on for the robots of the Robo Rall	//cf.geekdo- images.com/images/pic3374227.jpg	6
10531	216725	The deluxe edition comes in a double tall box	//cf.geekdo- images.com/images/pic3308211.jpg	5

image max_players max_playti

5 rows × 22 columns

In [5]: df.info()

> <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'> RangeIndex: 10532 entries, 0 to 10531 Data columns (total 22 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype			
0	game_id	10532 non-null	int64			
1	description	10532 non-null	object			
2	image	10531 non-null	object			
3	max_players	10532 non-null	int64			
4	max_playtime	10532 non-null	int64			
5	min_age	10532 non-null	int64			
6	min_players	10532 non-null	int64			
7	min_playtime	10532 non-null	int64			
8	name	10532 non-null	object			
9	playing_time	10532 non-null	int64			
10	thumbnail	10531 non-null	object			
11	year_published	10532 non-null	int64			
12	artist	7759 non-null	object			
13	category	10438 non-null	object			
14	compilation	410 non-null	object			
15	designer	10406 non-null	object			
16	expansion	2752 non-null	object			
17	family	7724 non-null	object			
18	mechanic	9582 non-null	object			
19	publisher	10529 non-null	object			
20	average_rating	10532 non-null	float64			
21	users_rated	10532 non-null	int64			
dtyp	dtypes: float64(1), int64(9), object(12)					
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df.shape In [6]:

(10532, 22) Out[6]:

df.describe() In [7]:

Out[7]:

	game_id	max_players	max_playtime	min_age	min_players	min_playtime	playing
count	10532.000000	10532.000000	10532.000000	10532.000000	10532.000000	10532.000000	10532.0
mean	62059.203095	5.657330	91.341436	9.714964	2.070547	80.882738	91.3
std	66223.716828	18.884403	659.754400	3.451226	0.664394	637.873893	659.7
min	1.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.0
25%	5444.500000	4.000000	30.000000	8.000000	2.000000	25.000000	30.0
50%	28822.500000	4.000000	45.000000	10.000000	2.000000	45.000000	45.0
75%	126409.500000	6.000000	90.000000	12.000000	2.000000	90.000000	90.0
max	216725.000000	999.000000	60000.000000	42.000000	9.000000	60000.000000	60000.0

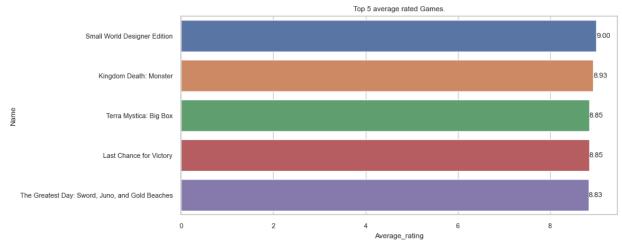
In [8]: df.isnull().sum()

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0
        game_id
Out[8]:
        description
                               0
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        image
        max_players
        max_playtime
                               0
        min_age
                               0
        min_players
        min_playtime
                               0
        name
        playing_time
                               0
        thumbnail
        year_published
                               0
        artist
                            2773
        category
                              94
                           10122
        compilation
        designer
                            7780
        expansion
        family
                            2808
        mechanic
                             950
                               3
        publisher
        average_rating
                               0
        users_rated
        dtype: int64
```

Exploring the Top 5 average rated games.

```
In [10]:
           import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
           import seaborn as sns
           avg rating = df[["name", "average rating"]].sort values(by="average rating", ascending=
In [11]:
In [12]:
           avg_rating
Out[12]:
                                                      name average rating
           8348
                                  Small World Designer Edition
                                                                    9.00392
           6392
                                      Kingdom Death: Monster
                                                                    8.93184
           9964
                                        Terra Mystica: Big Box
                                                                    8.84862
           8526
                                        Last Chance for Victory
                                                                    8.84603
           9675 The Greatest Day: Sword, Juno, and Gold Beaches
                                                                   8.83081
```

```
In [13]:
         #seabornstyle
         sns.set(style="whitegrid", context= "notebook", font_scale=0.7)
         #barplot
In [14]:
         plt.figure(figsize=(10,4))
         ax = sns.barplot(x="average_rating", y= "name", data=avg_rating, orient="h")
         #labeling
         plt.xlabel("Average_rating")
         plt.ylabel("Name")
         plt.title("Top 5 average rated Games.");
         #adding more details to the graphics as seen in class week 4
         for p in ax.patches:
              ax.annotate(f'{p.get_width():.2f}', (p.get_width(),p.get_y()+ p.get_height() / 2),
             plt.tight_layout()
              #plt.show()
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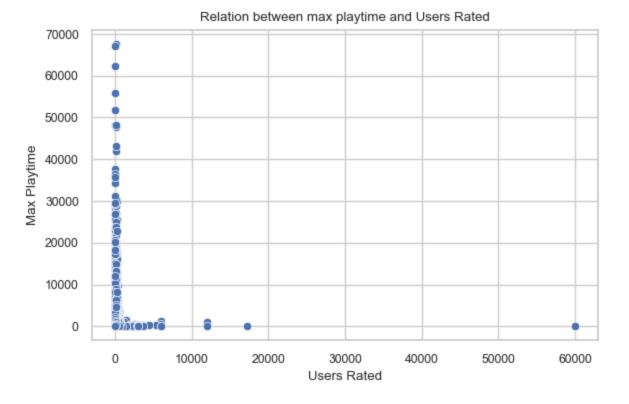
Above graphic we can see that the Game "Small world Desinger edition" is the higher average rated game with a beautifull 9pts. Others games in top 5 are also well ranked example second and third with 8.83. A bar horizontal blot was to show clearly apresentation how the ratings are distributed with all the differents games on ranking, that way been able to show the values on that datset.

Correlation between the "user_rated" and "max_playtime"?

could that impact in the final results?

```
In [15]: df_correlation = df[["users_rated", "max_playtime"]]
In [16]: df_correlation.head()
```

Out[16]:		users_rated	max_playtime
	0	4498	240
	1	478	30
	2	12019	60
	3	314	60
	4	15195	90



performing a Scatter Plot we were abble to see the correlation between the two variables. Using that tool we can clearly see a vertical linear relation, mainly where max playtime information is showed, scatterplot give us powerfull instrumment to visually see individuals points, allowing us for expploration of underlying patterns with the dataset, reconizing the inportance of precision in our analysis we conducted a statical test fro correlation. the test was between the

numbe of users whose rated the game and game maximum time played, proving a quantitative examination.

Out[19]: Variable 1 Variable 2 Pearson Correlation Coefficient P-Value

O users_rated max_playtime -0.004342 0.655949

The relation between the numbers of users that rated a specific game and the maximum playtime for a specific game

in that case was chosen the pearson correlation coefficient to quantitatively examine the relationship between two continues variables: the numbers of users who evaluated a specific game and the maximum playtime allowed for that game. The choice of pearson correlation was motivated by the continuous nature of these variables and the observed vertical linear relation seen in the graphic before, sugesting a potential linear association between them.

To evaluate this association was conducted a hypothesis test with a significance level set as 0.05, was formulated the null and alternative hypothesis as:

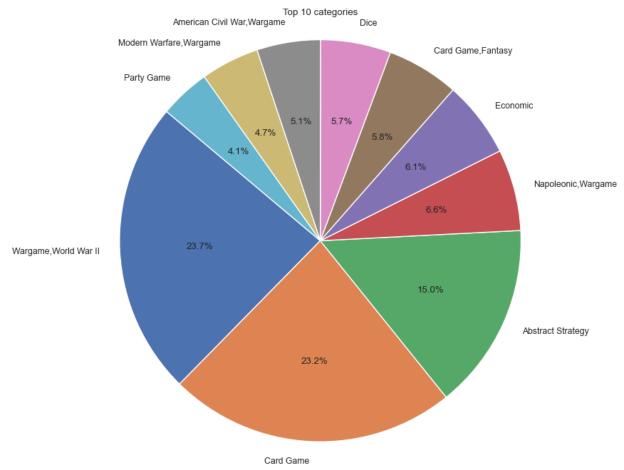
H0:The correlation between the maximum playtime of a game and the number of users who rated different from 0 H1:The correlation between the maximum playtime of a game and the number of users who rated not different from 0

Reading the table above we got p-value of 0.655949 which exceeded our chosen siginificance level of 0.05, we do not have anough points to reject the null hypothesis, Was conclued the correlation between them is not siginificant, the test shows within the scope of this test and at 0.05 siginificance level, the numbers of users who evaluated a game is not siginificantly correlated with the maximum playtime os the game

What is the distribution of game categories?

```
value_counts_df = df['category'].value_counts().reset_index()
In [20]:
          value_counts_df.columns = ['category', 'count']
          value_counts_df = value_counts_df.sort_values(by='count', ascending=False)
          total_count = value_counts_df['count'].sum()
          value_counts_df['Percentage'] = (value_counts_df['count'] / total_count) * 100
In [21]: value_counts_df.head(10)
Out[21]:
                             category count Percentage
          0
                  Wargame, World War II
                                        449
                                               4.301590
          1
                           Card Game
                                        438
                                               4.196206
          2
                       Abstract Strategy
                                        284
                                               2.720828
          3
                   Napoleonic, Wargame
                                        124
                                               1.187967
          4
                             Economic
                                        116
                                               1.111324
          5
                     Card Game, Fantasy
                                        110
                                               1.053842
          6
                                 Dice
                                        107
                                               1.025101
          7 American Civil War, Wargame
                                         97
                                               0.929297
          8
               Modern Warfare, Wargame
                                         89
                                               0.852654
                                               0.737689
                           Party Game
                                         77
          import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
In [22]:
          import seaborn as sns
```

picking only top 10 of the categories



The above show the top 10 categories between the whole Dataset which was larger.

Those top 10 provide a valuable ideia for a sale strategy organisation as they represent the most popular games in terms of engagement. The categories "Card wargame" and "World war 2" are the most popular been almost 50% of the total, following by the others where "Party Games" is the one which lower porcentage, only based on the top 10, no the whole dataset, once was choseen only 10 of the total piechart was fully capable for a good visualisation.

Do older games (1992 and earlier) have a higher MEDIAN "average rating" than newer games (after 1992)?

```
In [24]: df_comparison= df[['name', 'year_published', 'average_rating']]
In [25]: df_comparison.head()
```

Out[25]: name year_published average_rating

	Haine	yeai_publisheu	average_rating
0	Die Macher	1986	7.66508
1	Dragonmaster	1981	6.60815
2	Samurai	1998	7.44119
3	Tal der Könige	1992	6.60675
4	Acquire	1964	7.35830

older Games(1992 and before) have a higher MEDIAN "average rating" than newer games afterm1992?

```
In [26]: # Creating a new column 'category' based on 'year_published'
         df comparison.loc[df comparison['year published'] <= 1992, 'category'] = 'Older Games'</pre>
         df_comparison.loc[df_comparison['year_published'] > 1992, 'category'] = 'Newer Games'
         C:\Users\dansa\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel 6768\1238132925.py:2: SettingWithCopyWarn
         A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
         Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead
         See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/us
         er_guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
           df_comparison.loc[df_comparison['year_published'] <= 1992, 'category'] = 'Older Gam</pre>
         es'
In [27]: | def create_comparison_boxplot(dataframe, x_column, y_column, title):
              # Set the Seaborn style to mimic The Economist's style
              sns.set(style="whitegrid")
             #Creating a boxplot
             plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
             ax = sns.boxplot(x=x_column, y=y_column, data=dataframe)
              sns.despine(right=True, top=True)
             #Adding labels and title
             plt.xlabel(x_column.capitalize())
             plt.ylabel(y_column.capitalize())
             plt.title(title)
             plt.show()
         create_comparison_boxplot(df_comparison, 'category', 'average_rating', 'Figure 4: Comp
```

9 8 7 Average_rating 3 2

Figure 4: Comparison of Average Ratings: Older vs. Newer Games

the above provides a detailed comparison of the average ratings between two distinct sets of games: the older games (published prior to 1992) and the newer games (published in 1992 and after 1992). To explore the difference present in these two groups, we used boxplots. These boxplots offer a clear distribution of ratings for each group, evaluating the difference in their respective medians (represented by the line within each box). The boxplots clearly show a slight difference in the median ratings between the two groups, raising the initial possibility of a distinction in player preferences. In order to confirm this observed difference and draw statistically significant conclusions regarding the medians of these two groups, we carried out a quantitative statistical hypothesis.

Category

Newer Games

df_comparison.head() In [28]:

Out[28]:		name	year_published	average_rating	category
	0	Die Macher	1986	7.66508	Older Games
	1	Dragonmaster	1981	6.60815	Older Games
	2	Samurai	1998	7.44119	Newer Games
	3	Tal der Könige	1992	6.60675	Older Games
	4	Acquire	1964	7.35830	Older Games

Older Games

```
import scipy.stats as stats
In [29]:
         import numpy as np
         import pandas as pd
In [30]: # two groups for the Mann-Whitney U test
         older games ratings = df comparison[df comparison['category'] == 'Older Games']['avera
         newer_games_ratings = df_comparison[df_comparison['category'] == 'Newer Games']['avera
         # Making the size of the smaller group
In [31]:
         min group size = min(len(older games ratings), len(newer games ratings))
         # Subsampling the larger group to have the same size as the smaller group
         np.random.seed(42)
         if len(older_games_ratings) > len(newer_games_ratings):
              subsample_old = older_games_ratings.sample(n=min_group_size, replace=False)
              subsample_new = newer_games_ratings
         else:
              subsample_old = older_games_ratings
              subsample new = newer games ratings.sample(n=min group size, replace=False)
In [32]: # Mann-Whitney U test
         u_statistic, p_value = stats.mannwhitneyu(subsample_old, subsample_new, alternative='g
In [33]: #summary table
         results summary = pd.DataFrame({
              'Category': ['Older Games', 'Newer Games'],
              'Sample Size': [len(subsample_old), len(subsample_new)],
              'U Statistic': [u_statistic, None],
              'P-Value': [p_value, None]
         })
          results_summary
Out[33]:
               Category Sample Size U Statistic P-Value
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0	Older Games	1934	1332223.5	1.0
1	Newer Games	1934	NaN	NaN

After a Mann-Whitney U test to test the following hypotheses:

H0: There is no significant difference in the median "average rating" between older games (published in 1992 or earlier) and newer games (published after 1992).

H1: Older games (published in 1992 or earlier) have a higher median "average rating" than newer games (published after 1992).

The choice of the Mann-Whitney U test was appropriate for this hypothesis test due to its nonparametric nature, making it robust against distributional assumptions. Due to the disparity in the sizes of the two samples, 1,934 observations in the "older_games_ratings" group and 8,598 in the "newer_games_ratings" group we did subsampling which involves taking a smaller sample from newer_games_rAatings, without replacement, to obtain a distribution of test statistics (such as U-statistics) or p-values, This helped in reducing potential for bias in the Mann-Whitney U test results resulting from imbalanced sample sizes, the larger group may have more diverse

characteristics, and the smaller group may be less representative. By subsampling, you can make the groups more comparable, potentially reducing the impact of these biases.

Based on the Table, the p-value(1.0) exceeded our chosen significance level (0.05). This implies that the data did not provide strong evidence against the null hypothesis. Thus, there is insufficient statistical evidence to conclude that older games (published in 1992 or earlier) have a higher median "average rating" than newer games (published after 1992).

What are the 5 most common "mechanics" in the dataset?

```
In [34]:
          df_mechanic = df ['mechanic'].value_counts().reset_index()
          df_mechanic.columns = ['Mechanic', 'Count']
In [35]:
          #reindex the df
          df_mechanic = df_mechanic.reset_index(drop= True)
          df_mechanic = df_mechanic.sort_values(by='Count', ascending=False)
In [36]: df_mechanic.head()
Out[36]:
                     Mechanic Count
               Hex-and-Counter
                                 523
              Hand Management
                                 297
          2
                    Dice Rolling
                                 222
          3 Roll / Spin and Move
                                 199
          4
                  Tile Placement
                                 170
```

Ploting the top 5

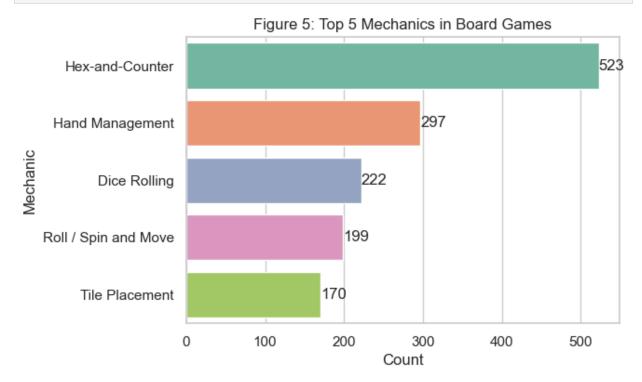
```
In [37]: import seaborn as sns
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

In [38]: top_5_mechanics = df_mechanic.head(5)

In [39]: sns.set(style="whitegrid")
   # Creating a bar plot
   plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4))
   ax = sns.barplot(x='Count', y='Mechanic', data=top_5_mechanics, palette='Set2')

# Add Labels,title and values to the bar
   plt.xlabel('Count')
   plt.ylabel('Mechanic')
   plt.title('Figure 5: Top 5 Mechanics in Board Games')
   for p in ax.patches:
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ax.annotate(f'{int(p.get_width())}', (p.get_width() + 0.1, p.get_y() + p.get_height plt.show()

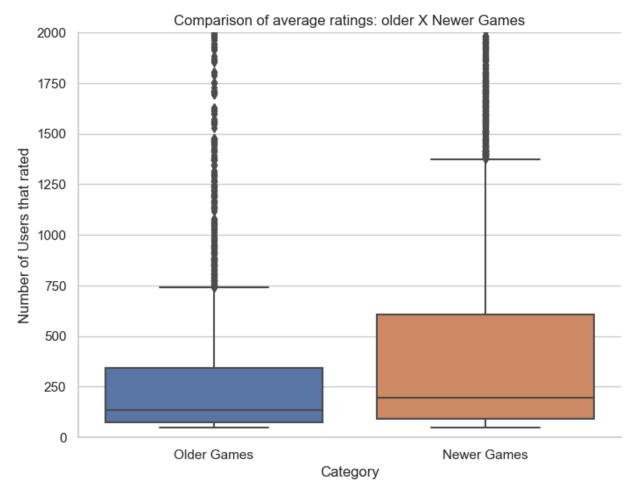


illustrating the distribution of game mechanics, with Hex-and-Counter ranking as the most frequently employed mechanic, appearing in 523 times. In contrast, Hand Management comes in second with a considerable gap at 297 occurrences. The top 5 list concludes with the Tile Placement mechanic, featured in 170 instances. The selection of a horizontal bar chart, set against a whitegrid backdrop, was chosen for its ability to convey this information with visual clarity and aesthetic appeal, facilitating easy understanding.

Is there greater diference in the median of the numbers of users that rated newer games after 1999 and before that year?

In order to improve on our gaming sales strategy, we recognized the importance of measuring the willingness of gamers to express their sentiments in both the 21st and 20th centuries. This comparison serves as a valuable indicator to measure whether advancements in sentiment-sharing platforms over time have influenced gamers' engagement, Specifically, it helps us determine whether there is a compelling reason for enhancing the platforms used by gamers to voice their sentiments in the 21st century, as compared to those in the 20th century. Our decision-making process, including potential platform scaling initiatives to accommodate increased sentiment sharing, depends on a key metric: the comparison of medians between the two time periods, The use of median values is preferred in this context due to their robustness against the influence of outliers, ensuring that our analysis reflects the central tendencies of gamers' sentiments accurately.

```
df_user_rating = df[['name', 'year_published', 'users_rated']]
In [40]:
In [41]:
         import seaborn as sns
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
In [42]: #Creating a new collumn Category based on year published
         df_user_rating.loc[df_user_rating['year_published'] <= 1999, 'category'] = 'Older Game'</pre>
         df_user_rating.loc[df_user_rating['year_published'] > 1999, 'category'] = 'Newer Games'
         C:\Users\dansa\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel 6768\1099949560.py:2: SettingWithCopyWarn
         ing:
         A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
         Try using .loc[row_indexer,col_indexer] = value instead
         See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/us
         er guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
           df_user_rating.loc[df_user_rating['year_published'] <= 1999, 'category'] = 'Older G</pre>
         ames'
In [43]: sns.set(style="whitegrid")
         plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
         ax = sns.boxplot(x= 'category', y= 'users_rated', data=df_user_rating)
         #removing the top and right spines
         sns.despine(right=True, top=True)
         #adding labeling and title
         plt.xlabel('Category')
         plt.ylabel('Number of Users that rated')
         plt.title('Comparison of average ratings: older X Newer Games');
         plt.ylim(0, 2000);
         plt.show()
```



Above shows boxplots used to visualize summary statistics for both older(1999 and before) and newer(after 1999) games, enhancing comparison with distinct color shades, To improve clarity, the number of user ratings was capped at 2000, allowing for better visibility of the medians (represented by the lines within each box). The utilization of various color shades and a whitegrid theme not only improves the aesthetics but also helps in improving overall visibility, Notably, newer games exhibit a slightly higher median in terms of user ratings, To confirm the significance of this difference, a quantitative hypothesis test was employed.

```
In [44]:
         import scipy.stats as stats
         import pandas as pd
         import numpy as np
In [45]:
         #two groups for the Mann-whitney U test
         older_games_ratings = df_user_rating[df_user_rating['category'] == 'Older Games']['use
         newer_games_ratings = df_user_rating[df_user_rating['category'] == 'Newer Games']['use
In [46]:
         #groupsize
         min_group_size = min(len(older_games_ratings), len(newer_games_ratings))
         #tunring into same size
         np.random.seed(42)
         if len(older_games_ratings) > len(newer_games_ratings):
             subsample_old = older_games_ratings.sample(n=min_group_size, replace=False)
             subsample_new = newer_games_ratings
         else:
             subsample_old = older_games_ratings
             subsample_new = newer_games_ratings.sample(n=min_group_size, replace=False)
```

```
#Mann-whitney U test
In [47]:
          u_static, p_value = stats.mannwhitneyu(subsample_old, subsample_new, alternative="two-
In [48]:
          #creating a table and showing results
          results_summary = pd.DataFrame({
              'Category': ['Older Games', 'Newer Games'],
              'Sample Size': [len(subsample_old), len(subsample_new)],
              'U Statistic': [u_statistic, None],
              'P-Value': [p_value, None]})
          results_summary
                Category Sample Size U Statistic
Out[48]:
                                                   P-Value
             Older Games
                               2980
                                     1332223.5 6.383455e-26
          1 Newer Games
                               2980
                                                      NaN
                                          NaN
```

Results of Mann-whitney u test for game comparision

"The above presents the results of our hypothesis testing, where we examined the following assertions:

H0: There is no significant difference in the number of users who rated games before the year 2000 compared to those rated in the years 2000 and beyond. H1: A significant difference exists in the number of users who rated games before 2000 compared to games rated from 2000 onward. Due to challenges posed by uncertain data distribution assumptions, we opted for a non-parametric method, the Mann-Whitney test, to test our hypotheses. Our analysis yielded a p-value of 6.383455e-26, which is less than our chosen level of significance (0.05). As a result, we reject the null hypothesis, suggesting that there is no statistically significant distinction between newer and older games in terms of the number of users who rated them." In conclusion, there exists asignificant difference in the median of the number of users that expressed their ratings in 1999 and prior(20th century) compared to 2000 and after(21st century).

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In []: