CS3072 - Final Project Code

IMDB Data Analysis

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Libraries

```
library(data.table)
library(tidyverse)
## -- Attaching packages -----
                                            ----- tidyverse 1.3.1 --
## v ggplot2 3.3.5
                      v purrr
                                   0.3.4
## v tibble 3.1.4 v dplyr 1.0.7
## v tidyr 1.1.3 v stringr 1.4.0
            2.0.1
                      v forcats 0.5.1
## v readr
## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x dplyr::between() masks data.table::between()
## x dplyr::filter()
                         masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::first() masks data.table::first()
## x dplyr::lag() masks stats::lag()
## x dplyr::last() masks data.table::last()
## x purrr::transpose() masks data.table::transpose()
library(ggplot2)
library(scales)
##
## Attaching package: 'scales'
## The following object is masked from 'package:purrr':
##
##
       discard
## The following object is masked from 'package:readr':
##
##
       col_factor
```

```
library(lubridate)
##
## Attaching package: 'lubridate'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:data.table':
##
##
       hour, isoweek, mday, minute, month, quarter, second, wday, week,
##
       yday, year
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       date, intersect, setdiff, union
library(caret)
## Loading required package: lattice
## Attaching package: 'caret'
## The following object is masked from 'package:purrr':
##
##
       lift
library(rpart)
library(rpart.plot)
## Warning: package 'rpart.plot' was built under R version 4.1.2
library(gridExtra)
## Warning: package 'gridExtra' was built under R version 4.1.2
## Attaching package: 'gridExtra'
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##
       combine
library(knitr)
library(skimr)
## Warning: package 'skimr' was built under R version 4.1.2
```

```
library(RANN)
```

Warning: package 'RANN' was built under R version 4.1.2

Import Datasets

##

##

Mean

Max.

1st Qu.:2012 ## Median :2014

3rd Qu.:2016

:2014

:2018

```
movie_gross <- read.csv("zippedData/bom.movie_gross.csv.gz")</pre>
title_akas <- read.csv("zippedData/imdb.title.akas.csv.gz")</pre>
title_basics <- read.csv("zippedData/imdb.title.basics.csv.gz")</pre>
title_ratings <- read.csv("zippedData/imdb.title.ratings.csv.gz")</pre>
movies_budget <- read.csv("zippedData/tn.movie_budgets.csv.gz")</pre>
```

Part 1 - Recommendations and Questions

Question 1: Which studios has the highest profit margin?

We are looking to find the studios whose average profit margin is highest and we will first start by exploring the dataset.

```
dim(movie_gross)
## [1] 3387
summary(movie_gross)
##
                                                               foreign_gross
      title
                          studio
                                          domestic_gross
##
   Length:3387
                       Length:3387
                                          Min. :
                                                        100
                                                               Length:3387
                                                     120000
   Class : character
                       Class : character
                                                               Class : character
                                          1st Qu.:
   Mode :character
                       Mode :character
                                          Median: 1400000
                                                              Mode :character
##
                                                : 28745845
                                          Mean
##
                                          3rd Qu.: 27900000
                                                 :936700000
##
                                          Max.
##
                                          NA's
                                                 :28
##
         year
## Min.
           :2010
```

```
group_by_studio <- movie_gross %>%
  group_by(studio) %>%
  summarise(number_titles = n_distinct(title))
group_by_studio
```

```
## # A tibble: 258 x 2
##
      studio number_titles
##
      <chr>
                        <int>
   1 ""
                            5
##
    2 "3D"
##
                            1
##
   3 "A23"
                            2
##
   4 "A24"
                           49
   5 "AaF"
##
                            1
##
    6 "Abk."
                            1
##
   7 "Abr."
                           10
   8 "ADC"
                            2
   9 "AF"
##
                            6
## 10 "Affirm"
## # ... with 248 more rows
```

Here we select only those studios that have created more than 3 titles, since we have many of studios in our dataset.

```
studio_df <- group_by_studio %>%
  filter(number_titles > 3, !is.na(studio), studio != '')
studio_df
```

```
## # A tibble: 101 x 2
##
      studio number_titles
##
      <chr>
                        <int>
##
   1 A24
                           49
##
  2 Abr.
                           10
##
  3 AF
  4 Alc
                            5
##
##
   5 Amazon
                            7
## 6 Ampl.
                            5
  7 Anch.
                           18
                            6
##
  8 Annapurna
## 9 ATO
                            4
## 10 BG
                           16
## # ... with 91 more rows
```

Removing redundant df to save memory.

```
rm(group_by_studio)
```

We only want the studios in grouped_by_studio, so we will save the studios in a vector and then filter the data in movie gross according to the required studios.

```
studios <- studio_df[['studio']]
movies_studios_budget <- movie_gross %>%
filter(studio %in% studios)
```

Now, we will join the budgets table with the movies studios budget.

```
studios_plus_budget <-
movies_budget %>%
right_join(movies_studios_budget, by = c('movie' = 'title')) %>%
filter(!is.na("production_budget"), !is.na("worldwide_gross")) %>%
subset(select = -c(domestic_gross.x,domestic_gross.y,foreign_gross)) %>%
drop_na("production_budget") %>%
drop_na("worldwide_gross")
```

We remove commas and dollar signs from budget related columns and turning them numerical.

```
studios_plus_budget$production_budget =
  as.numeric(gsub("[\\$,]", "", studios_plus_budget$production_budget))
studios_plus_budget$worldwide_gross =
  as.numeric(gsub("[\\$,]", "", studios_plus_budget$worldwide_gross))
```

We calculate the profit and profit margin as follows.

```
studios_plus_budget <- studios_plus_budget %>%
mutate(profit = worldwide_gross - production_budget) %>%
mutate(profit_margin = profit / worldwide_gross)
```

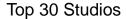
We find the mean profit margin for each studio.

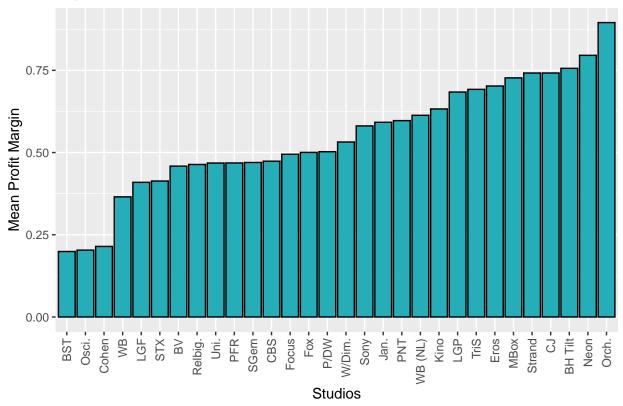
```
profit_by_studio <- studios_plus_budget %>%
  group_by(studio) %>%
  summarise(mean_profit_margin = mean(profit_margin))
```

These are the top 30 studios that are recommended to model best practices against.

```
profit_by_studio %>%
   arrange(desc(mean_profit_margin)) %>%
   slice(1:30) %>%
   ggplot(mapping = aes(x = reorder(studio, mean_profit_margin), y = mean_profit_margin)) +
   geom_bar(stat = "identity", las = 2, fill = "#26aeb8", color = "black") +
   labs(title = "Top 30 Studios", x = "Studios", y = "Mean Profit Margin") +
   theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1, vjust = 0.5))
```

Warning: Ignoring unknown parameters: las





Question 1 Conclusion: According to the mean profit margin, The Orchard (Orch.) has the highest profit margin.

Question 2: What are the most profitable movies and how much should you spend?

To answer this question and provide a recommendation we'll make use of a budgets dataframe called imdb_budgets. Our analysis will require that we use the data to calculate profit and profit margin.

We remove commas and dollar signs from budget related columns and turning them numerical.

```
movies_budget$production_budget =
   as.numeric(gsub("[\\$,]", "", movies_budget$production_budget))
movies_budget$domestic_gross =
   as.numeric(gsub("[\\$,]", "", movies_budget$domestic_gross))
movies_budget$worldwide_gross =
   as.numeric(gsub("[\\$,]", "", movies_budget$worldwide_gross))
```

We remove the values less than zero and NAs.

```
movies_budget <-
movies_budget %>%
filter(production_budget > 0, worldwide_gross > 0,
    !is.na(production_budget), !is.na(worldwide_gross))
```

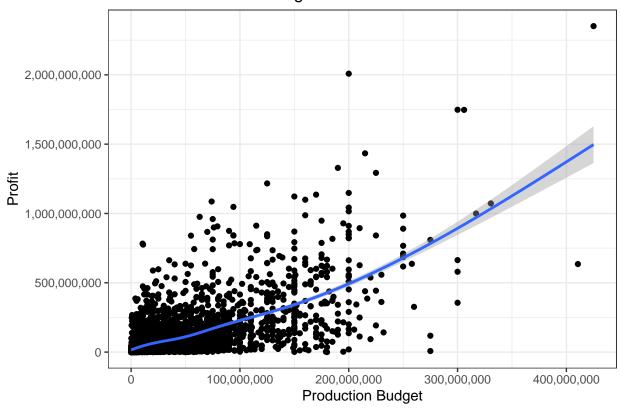
We calculate profit and profit margin as follows.

```
imdb_budgets <- movies_budget %>%
  mutate(profit = (worldwide_gross - production_budget)) %>%
  mutate(profit_margin = (worldwide_gross - production_budget)/worldwide_gross) %>%
  filter(profit_margin > 0, profit > 0)
```

We examine the overall trend of budget versus profit to see if there's any correlation.

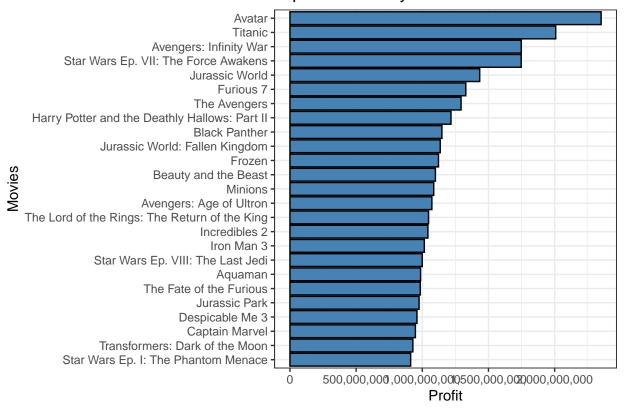
'geom_smooth()' using method = 'gam' and formula 'y ~ s(x, bs = "cs")'

Profit vs Production Budget



We also take a look at the top 25 movies in terms of profit to understand their financial success and how closely we should attempt to emulate their budget.

Top 25 Movies by Profit



Question 2 Conclusion: The most profitable movie is Avatar with a profit of about 3 billion us dollars. It is recommended to attempt to follow the budgets of the most profitable movies.

Question 3: Which movie genres are most commonly produced and does quantity equate to higher net profits?

We join title_akas, title_basics and title_ratings as one large imdb.

```
imdb <-
  title_akas %>%
  right_join(title_basics, by = c("title_id" = "tconst")) %>%
  left_join(title_ratings, by = c("title_id" = "tconst"))
```

We separate genres in their own dataframe. In the original dataset, they are comma separated under one variable.

```
imdb_genres <- imdb %>%
  separate_rows(genres, sep = ",") %>%
  rename(genre = genres) %>%
  filter(!is.na(genre), genre != "\\N",
    !is.null(genre), genre != "Adult", genre != "")
```

We removed the original dataframes to save memory.

```
rm(title_akas)
rm(title_basics)
```

We join imdb budgets with genres to find net profit for each genre.

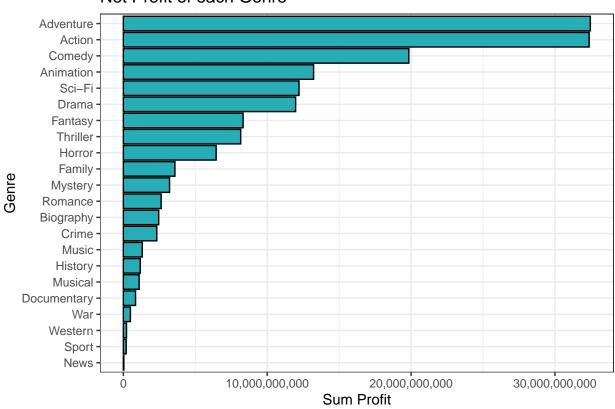
```
imdb_genres_budget_rating <-
  imdb_budgets %>%
  inner_join(imdb_genres, by = c("movie" = "primary_title")) %>%
  filter(id == unique(id)) %>%
  rename(year = start_year)
```

Warning in id == unique(id): longer object length is not a multiple of shorter
object length

```
imdb_genres_budget_rating <- imdb_genres_budget_rating %>%
select(id,movie, release_date, year, profit, profit_margin,
    region, language, genre, averagerating)
```

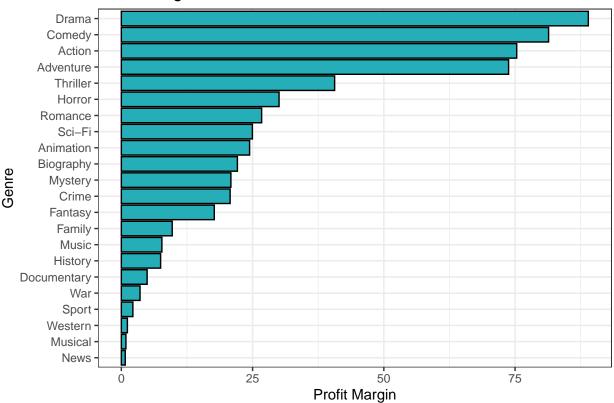
```
options(scipen=4)
imdb_genres_budget_rating %>%
  group_by(genre) %>%
  summarise(sum_profit = sum(profit)) %>%
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = reorder(genre, sum_profit), y = sum_profit)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill = "#26aeb8", color = "black") +
  labs(title = "Net Profit of each Genre", x = "Genre", y = "Sum Profit") +
  scale_x_discrete(guide = guide_axis(check.overlap = TRUE)) +
  scale_y_continuous(labels = comma) +
  theme_bw() +
  coord_flip()
```

Net Profit of each Genre



```
imdb_genres_budget_rating %>%
  group_by(genre) %>%
  summarise(sum_profit_margin = sum(profit_margin)) %>%
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = reorder(genre, sum_profit_margin), y = sum_profit_margin)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill = "#26aeb8", color = "black") +
  labs(title = "Profit Margin of each Genre", x = "Genre", y = "Profit Margin") +
  scale_x_discrete(guide = guide_axis(check.overlap = TRUE)) +
  theme_bw() +
  coord_flip()
```

Profit Margin of each Genre



Question 3 Conclusion: Adventure, Action and Comedy have the highest net profit of all genres. Analysis of profit margin shows that in addition to Adventure, Action and Comedy, Drama and Thriller also have financial success, with Drama the highest.

Question 4: What is the best time of the year to release a movie?

```
str(imdb_genres_budget_rating)
```

```
'data.frame':
                    919 obs. of 10 variables:
   $ id
                   : int 1 2 4 7 9 10 11 12 14 15 ...
##
                          "Avatar" "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" "Avengers: Age of Ultr
##
   $ movie
                          "Dec 18, 2009" "May 20, 2011" "May 1, 2015" "Apr 27, 2018" ...
##
   $ release_date : chr
                          2011 2011 2015 2018 2017 2015 2012 2018 2012 2010 ...
##
   $ year
                   : int
                          2351345279 635063875 1072413963 1748134200 355945209 ...
##
   $ profit
                   : num
##
   $ profit_margin: num  0.847 0.607 0.764 0.854 0.543 ...
                          "JP" "US" "ES" "DE" ...
##
   $ region
                   : chr
                          "" "" "" "" ...
##
   $ language
                   : chr
                   : chr "Horror" "Fantasy" "Adventure" "Action" ...
##
   $ genre
   $ averagerating: num 6.1 6.6 7.3 8.5 6.5 6.8 8.4 7 6.6 7.8 ...
```

We will change the release date form chr to date type to get the month.

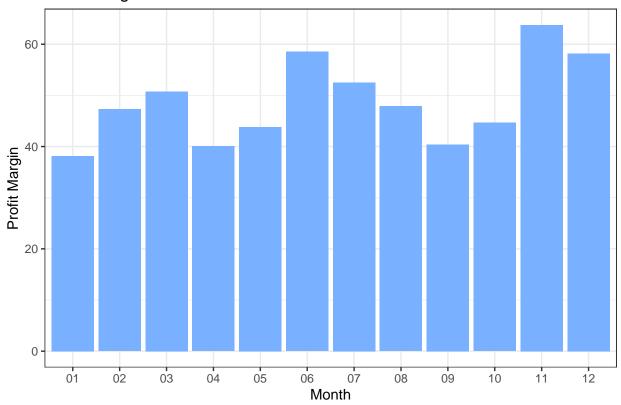
```
imdb_genres_budget_rating$release_date <- mdy(imdb_genres_budget_rating$release_date)
class(imdb_genres_budget_rating$release_date)</pre>
```

```
## [1] "Date"
```

We extract the month number from the date and save it in a new variable.

```
imdb_genres_budget_rating$release_month <-
format(imdb_genres_budget_rating$release_date, "%m")</pre>
```

Profit Margin in each Month



Question 4 Conclusion: November and December are months that bring the most profit. We believe this is due to the Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations and holidays. At the third place is June. It could bring more profit due to it being during the Summer.

Question 5: Which actors and directors tend to add the most value?

We are going to examine the average net profit across all movies. Then, we want to determine which actors and directors consistently appear in movies where the net profit substantially exceeds the average.

We represent the actor's or director's success using a variable called Value Above Replacement (VAR). To further simplify this concept; if across all movies the average net profit is 100 dollars and the average net profit of movies from 'Actor: X' is 200 dollars he/she would have a VAR of 2. This number represents X times over the average. To eliminate outliers, we will look at actors who appear in 10 or more movies and directors who work in 5 or more.

We'll use the actors df dataframe and calculate profit as we did before.

```
actors <- read csv('tables/Actors Table.csv')</pre>
## Rows: 15320 Columns: 7
## -- Column specification -------
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (3): Movie, value, Release Date
## dbl (4): Year, Production Budget, Domestic Gross, Worldwide Gross
## i Use 'spec()' to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set 'show_col_types = FALSE' to quiet this message.
directors <- read_csv('tables/Directors_Table.csv')</pre>
## Rows: 4181 Columns: 7
## -- Column specification --------
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (3): Movie, value, Release Date
## dbl (4): Year, Production Budget, Domestic Gross, Worldwide Gross
##
## i Use 'spec()' to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set 'show_col_types = FALSE' to quiet this message.
```

We rename the columns for consistency.

We calculate profit and profit margin like above.

```
actors <- actors %>%
  filter(production_budget > 0, worldwide_gross > 0) %>%
  mutate(profit = worldwide_gross - production_budget) %>%
  mutate(profit_margin = profit / worldwide_gross) %>%
  filter(profit > 0, profit_margin > 0)

directors <- directors %>%
  filter(production_budget > 0, worldwide_gross > 0) %>%
  mutate(profit = worldwide_gross - production_budget) %>%
  mutate(profit_margin = profit / worldwide_gross) %>%
  filter(profit > 0, profit_margin > 0)
```

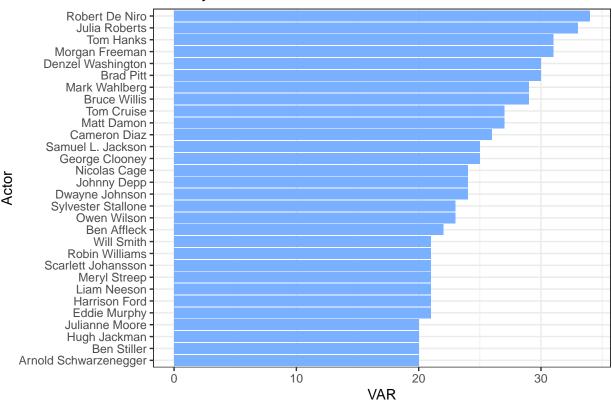
We calculate VAR for actors.

We calculate VAR for directors.

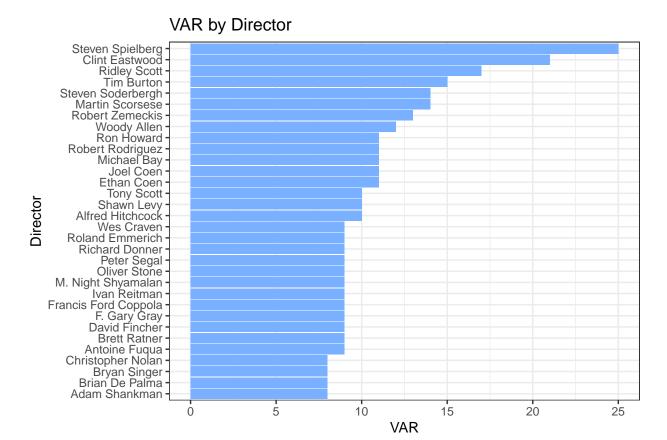
We visualize the results.

```
actors %>%
  arrange(desc(VAR)) %>%
  slice(1:30) %>%
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = reorder(value, VAR), y = VAR)) +
  labs(title = "VAR by Actor", x = "Actor", y = "VAR") +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill = "#79b0ff") +
  coord_flip() +
  theme_bw()
```

VAR by Actor



```
directors %>%
  arrange(desc(VAR)) %>%
  slice(1:32) %>%
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = reorder(value, VAR), y = VAR)) +
  labs(title = "VAR by Director", x = "Director", y = "VAR") +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill = "#79b0ff") +
  coord_flip() +
  theme_bw()
```

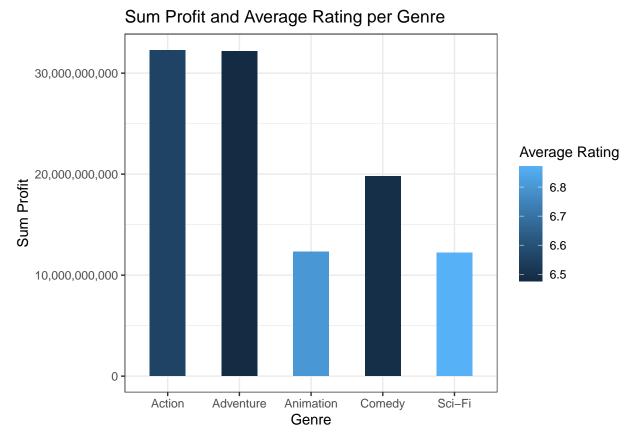


Question 5 Conclusion: According to the above calculation and graphs, actor Robert De Niro is the most valuable actor. Director Steven Spielberg is most valuable director.

Question 6: What is the relationship between the genres, the net profit and the imdb rating?

We start by grouping by the top 5 genres only. Then, we calculate the sum profit and mean rating in each genre.

```
options(scipen=5)
imdb_genres_budget_rating %>%
  filter(genre %in% c('Action', 'Adventure', 'Animation', 'Comedy', 'Sci-Fi'),
        !is.na(averagerating)) %>%
  group_by(genre) %>%
  summarise(sum_profit = sum(profit), average_rating = mean(averagerating)) %>%
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = genre, y = sum_profit, fill = average_rating)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge", width = 0.5) +
  labs(title="Sum Profit and Average Rating per Genre", fill = "Average Rating",
        x = "Genre", y = "Sum Profit") +
  scale_y_continuous(labels = comma) +
  theme_bw()
```



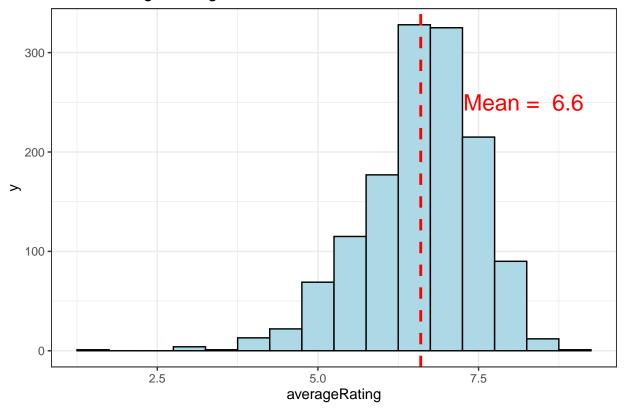
Question 6 Conclusion: The plot is interesting. The genres with low sum profit comparatively has the highest ratings. Sci-Fi has the lowest sum profit but has the highest average rating at 6.8.

Part 2 - Predicting Movie Success

We create a new dataframe for the modeling.

We create a histogram for the IMDB average rating variable.

IMDB Average Rating



The IMDB scores show a nice, mostly normal distribution centered around a mean of 6.6 with somewhat of a left-side skew. Given its distribution the IMDB rating (averageRating) was the chosen response variable.

Since the goal is to predict the popularity of a movie prior to its release, the prediction model uses only variables from the data set that could be known ahead of time. Thus, variables such as release date, number of IMDB votes, profit, etc. were not chosen to be in the model. Variables with large domains, such as studio name, actor/director names, URLs, etc. were excluded as well. The variables we chose (Lee, 2020) are:

- 1- genre
- 2- Runtime minutes
- 3- Release month

The release month was included assuming that movies released at certain times of the year may be more popular than others. Release year was discarded as being irrelevant (no future movie will be released in a year that has already passed) and release day was thought to be too detailed to be a worthwhile predictor.

summary(model)

```
##
##
  Call:
  lm(formula = averageRating ~ genre + runtime_minutes + release_month,
##
       data = for_lm)
##
  Residuals:
##
##
       Min
                 1Q
                     Median
                                 3Q
                                         Max
##
   -3.5836 -0.4651
                     0.0689
                             0.5466
                                      2.0907
##
##
  Coefficients:
                                                        Pr(>|t|)
##
                       Estimate Std. Error t value
## (Intercept)
                      5.7120018
                                 0.1538985
                                             37.115
                                                         < 2e-16 ***
   genreAdventure
                     -0.0747208
                                 0.0980612
                                             -0.762
                                                        0.446215
   genreAnimation
                      0.4024223
                                 0.1499619
                                              2.683
                                                        0.007382 **
   genreBiography
                      0.6070454
                                 0.1314885
                                              4.617 0.000004301 ***
  genreComedy
                      0.0346178
                                 0.0940622
                                              0.368
                                                        0.712913
  genreCrime
                     -0.0228079
                                                        0.870133
                                 0.1394782
                                             -0.164
## genreDocumentary -1.0350864
                                 0.3047789
                                             -3.396
                                                        0.000705 ***
  genreDrama
                      0.4582707
                                 0.0885904
                                              5.173 0.000000268 ***
   genreFamily
                     -0.1374703
                                             -0.748
                                                        0.454555
##
                                 0.1837652
   genreFantasy
                                             -2.414
                     -0.3373034
                                 0.1397382
                                                        0.015929 *
  genreHistory
                                              2.073
                      0.4858440
                                 0.2343833
                                                        0.038390 *
  genreHorror
                                             -4.139
                     -0.5248496
                                 0.1267933
                                                    0.000037157 ***
##
  genreMusic
                      0.2932407
                                 0.2506826
                                              1.170
                                                        0.242317
   genreMusical
                      0.5652628
                                 0.4887153
                                              1.157
                                                        0.247645
                                             -1.343
   genreMystery
                     -0.1946419
                                 0.1449086
                                                        0.179450
   genreNews
                                              0.804
                      0.6732386
                                 0.8375020
                                                        0.421628
##
   genreRomance
                     -0.1910063
                                 0.1390842
                                             -1.373
                                                        0.169901
   genreSci-Fi
                      0.2004732
                                 0.1493591
                                              1.342
                                                        0.179768
   genreSport
                     -0.1715743
                                             -0.451
                                 0.3804637
                                                        0.652096
  genreThriller
                     -0.2205698
                                 0.1157799
                                             -1.905
                                                        0.057000
## genreWar
                      0.4829777
                                              1.276
                                                        0.202147
                                 0.3784708
## genreWestern
                     -0.0519751
                                 0.5928849
                                             -0.088
                                                        0.930157
                      0.0046862
## runtime_minutes
                                              5.298 0.000000138 ***
                                 0.0008844
## release month02
                      0.0146294
                                 0.1277243
                                              0.115
                                                        0.908829
## release_month03
                      0.4525547
                                              3.796
                                                        0.000154 ***
                                 0.1192095
## release month04
                      0.4678463
                                 0.1213517
                                              3.855
                                                        0.000121 ***
## release_month05
                      0.2780431
                                 0.1300481
                                              2.138
                                                        0.032710 *
                                              2.221
## release month06
                      0.2891195
                                 0.1301962
                                                        0.026554
## release_month07
                      0.1032503
                                              0.775
                                                        0.438321
                                 0.1331781
                                              2.680
                                                        0.007461 **
## release month08
                      0.3397706
                                 0.1267837
                                              2.224
## release_month09
                      0.2867266
                                 0.1289279
                                                        0.026332 *
## release_month10
                      0.3670335
                                 0.1288796
                                              2.848
                                                        0.004473 **
## release_month11
                                              5.334 0.000000114 ***
                      0.6453396
                                 0.1209814
```

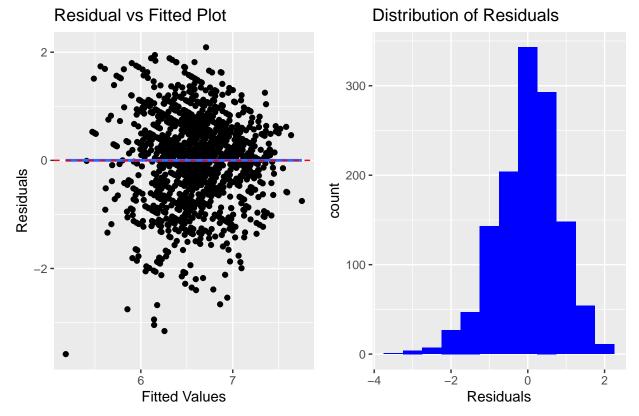
```
## release_month12  0.4182717  0.1200349
                                        3.485
                                                  0.000510 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.8295 on 1248 degrees of freedom
    (91 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared: 0.1857, Adjusted R-squared: 0.1641
## F-statistic: 8.622 on 33 and 1248 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
anova(model)
## Analysis of Variance Table
## Response: averageRating
                    Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value
                                                   Pr(>F)
                                                 < 2.2e-16 ***
                    21 139.31 6.6337 9.6411
## genre
                   1 16.16 16.1558 23.4800 0.00000142062 ***
## runtime_minutes
                   11 40.32 3.6650 5.3266 0.00000002733 ***
## release_month
## Residuals
                1248 858.71 0.6881
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Model Diagnostics

```
## 'geom_smooth()' using method = 'gam' and formula 'y ~ s(x, bs = "cs")'
```

grid.arrange(p1, p2, nrow=1, top ="Model Diagnostic Plots")

Model Diagnostic Plots



The model diagnostic plots above show that the model is passable. There is good scatter of the residuals around zero for the range of fitted values (the mean value of the residuals is, in fact, zero). The residuals distribution histogram shows a normal distribution, and one that mimics the left-hand skew of the original rating scores. Overall, the evidence points toward the final model being valid.

Prediction

Movie Title	Predicted Rating	95% Prediction Interval	Actual Rating
Central Intelligence	6.5	4.9 - 8.2	6.3
Hidden Figures	6.8	5.1 - 8.4	7.9

As the results show, the model was very close in predicting the rating for Central Intelligence, but significantly off in its prediction for Hidden Figures; but the real rating is within the 95% confidence prediction interval (the interval around the predicted rating score within which we are 95% confident the real movie score would fall). Note that the 95% confidence prediction intervals are very wide. This reflects the poor predictive capability of the model.