

# Disney

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## 1 Exploring Disney's Box Office and Revenue Performance

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Introduction: Purpose of notebook is to explore Disney datasets to evaluate multiple performance metrics over time. Analysis will consist of two sections: Revenue and Box Office

#### 1.1.2 Question's that will be explored:

- Has Disney's box office performance improved over time?
- Has Disney's revenue streams diversified or consolidated over time? Have they grown?

The main driver for these questions is to evaluate Disney's ability to maintain success through time. Has Disney been able to evolve/diversify?

#### 1.1.3 Datasets

For the purpose of this exercise, 2 datasets will be used. Data can be found here <https://data.world/kgarrett/disney-character-success-00-16> and follows a <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/> license.

- **Disney\_movies\_total\_gross.csv**
  - historical view on Disney movie releases and their gross box office performance (older titles are inflation adjusted)
- **disney\_revenue\_1991-2016.csv**
  - revenue streams by Disney department over time ex: Disney Parks, Disney Studio

#### 1.1.4 Method and Results

Only the above two datasets are needed to explore and answer initial questions. The analysis process will flow like: \* Load in datasets as dataframe \* Run some initial diagnosis on data quality (NaNs, missing values, incorrect dtypes) \* Wrangle/tidy up dataframes \* Calculate important summary statistics (mean, min, max) \* Create simple visualizations to better understand data and recognize any noticeable trends \* Summarize and group data in an appropriate way that will help answer initial questions

To assist with executing the above, I will develop a function to clean/tidy data. This will help with creating reproducible code and enable tidy dataframes for future analysis.

```
[1]: !set PATH=/Library/TeX/texbin:$PATH
```

```
[2]: #importing required packages\
import pandas as pd
import altair as alt
import melt_script as ms

#importing datasets
revenue_df = pd.read_csv('data/disney_movies_total_gross.
→csv',parse_dates=['release_date'])
movies_df = pd.read_csv('data/disney_revenue_1991-2016.
→csv',parse_dates=['Year'])
```

## 1.2 Revenue Analysis

Let's look at movies df - initial thoughts... there are some NaN values that we will need to correct. NaN values in this dataset seem to = zero. All columns aside from Year (which will need to be datetime) will need to be converted to float dtype.

```
[3]: print(movies_df.info())
print('\n')
print(movies_df.dtypes)
print('\n')
movies_df.head(5)
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
```

```
RangeIndex: 26 entries, 0 to 25
```

```
Data columns (total 7 columns):
```

| # | Column                          | Non-Null Count | Dtype          |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 0 | Year                            | 26 non-null    | datetime64[ns] |
| 1 | Studio Entertainment[NI 1]      | 25 non-null    | float64        |
| 2 | Disney Consumer Products[NI 2]  | 24 non-null    | float64        |
| 3 | Disney Interactive[NI 3][Rev 1] | 12 non-null    | float64        |
| 4 | Walt Disney Parks and Resorts   | 26 non-null    | float64        |
| 5 | Disney Media Networks           | 23 non-null    | object         |
| 6 | Total                           | 26 non-null    | int64          |

```
dtypes: datetime64[ns](1), float64(4), int64(1), object(1)
```

```
memory usage: 1.5+ KB
```

```
None
```

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Year                            | datetime64[ns] |
| Studio Entertainment[NI 1]      | float64        |
| Disney Consumer Products[NI 2]  | float64        |
| Disney Interactive[NI 3][Rev 1] | float64        |
| Walt Disney Parks and Resorts   | float64        |

```

Disney Media Networks          object
Total                          int64
dtype: object

```

```

[3]:      Year  Studio Entertainment[NI 1]  Disney Consumer Products[NI 2] \
0 1991-01-01                        2593.0                        724.0
1 1992-01-01                        3115.0                        1081.0
2 1993-01-01                        3673.4                        1415.1
3 1994-01-01                        4793.0                        1798.2
4 1995-01-01                        6001.5                        2150.0

      Disney Interactive[NI 3][Rev 1]  Walt Disney Parks and Resorts \
0                                NaN                        2794.0
1                                NaN                        3306.0
2                                NaN                        3440.7
3                                NaN                        3463.6
4                                NaN                        3959.8

      Disney Media Networks  Total
0                        NaN    6111
1                        NaN    7502
2                        NaN    8529
3                        359  10414
4                        414  12525

```

```

[4]: #tidying up data by fiilling in NaNs, removing commas from columns, converting
      ↪to float and setting index to year
movies_df = movies_df.fillna(method='ffill').fillna(0)
movies_df = movies_df.replace(',', '', regex=True)
movies_df['Disney Media Networks'] = movies_df['Disney Media Networks'].
      ↪astype('float')
movies_df['Year'] = movies_df['Year'].dt.year
movies_df = movies_df.rename(columns={'Studio Entertainment[NI 1]':'Studio_
      ↪Entertainment', 'Disney Consumer Products[NI 2]':'Disney Consumer_
      ↪Products', 'Disney Interactive[NI 3][Rev 1]':'Disney Interactive'})

```

```

[5]: movies_df.head()

```

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[5]:      Year  Studio Entertainment  Disney Consumer Products  Disney Interactive \
0  1991                        2593.0                        724.0                        0.0
1  1992                        3115.0                        1081.0                        0.0
2  1993                        3673.4                        1415.1                        0.0
3  1994                        4793.0                        1798.2                        0.0
4  1995                        6001.5                        2150.0                        0.0

```

|   | Walt Disney Parks and Resorts | Disney Media Networks | Total |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 0 | 2794.0                        | 0.0                   | 6111  |
| 1 | 3306.0                        | 0.0                   | 7502  |
| 2 | 3440.7                        | 0.0                   | 8529  |
| 3 | 3463.6                        | 359.0                 | 10414 |
| 4 | 3959.8                        | 414.0                 | 12525 |

Now that we have a tidy df, let's start by graphing total revenue over time with each business unit a unique color in stacked bar. This will visualize if total revenue has increased and provide some insight into each business unit's contribution. Melt may be needed to get df in appropriate format for a stacked bar chart

```
[6]: #melting df so we are able to stack business lines in bar chart
stacked_df = ms.custom_melt(movies_df, ['Year'], ['Studio Entertainment', 'Disney_
↳ Consumer Products', 'Disney Interactive', 'Walt Disney Parks and_
↳ Resorts', 'Disney Media_
↳ Networks'], var_name='Business_Line', value_name='Revenue')
stacked_df.head()
```

```
[6]:   Year      Business_Line  Revenue
0  1991  Studio Entertainment   2593.0
1  1992  Studio Entertainment   3115.0
2  1993  Studio Entertainment   3673.4
3  1994  Studio Entertainment   4793.0
4  1995  Studio Entertainment   6001.5
```

```
[7]: stacked = alt.Chart(stacked_df).mark_bar().encode(
        x=alt.X("Year:O", title="Year"),
        y=alt.Y('sum(Revenue):Q', title='Revenue $100M', axis=alt.
↳ Axis(format='$,.0f')), color='Business_Line',
        ).properties(title="Disney Revenue by Business Line")
stacked
```

```
[7]: alt.Chart(...)
```

### 1.2.1 Revenue discussion

Looking at the above visualization, it is clear that Disney revenues have increased steadily over time, up ~6x during the assessed time period. In terms of business line contribution, the most notable change is the massive growth in Media Networks over time. This makes sense, as Disney grows its content offerings (ESPN) - expected revenue would grow as well. In 1991, Parks and Studio Entertainment consisted of the majority of generated revenue. In 2016, they only made up ~50% - with Studio Entertainment revenue remaining flat over time and its share of total revenue declining. From the above, Disney has been able to diversify and grow revenue streams over time as was initially expected.

- Some other questions that would be interesting to explore:
  - Has revenue growth outpaced inflation?

- How is revenue growth correlated with net earnings?

### 1.3 Box Office Analysis

Let's look at revenue df - initial thoughts... the dollar sign could cause issues as the box office columns are object format (we will need float/int formatting for analysis on values). A few NaN values that will need to be evaluated to determine if they should be corrected.

```
[8]: print(revenue_df.info())
      print('\n')
      print(revenue_df.dtypes)
      print('\n')
      revenue_df.head(5)
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 579 entries, 0 to 578
Data columns (total 6 columns):
#   Column                                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   movie_title                           579 non-null    object
1   release_date                          579 non-null    datetime64[ns]
2   genre                                 562 non-null    object
3   MPAA_rating                           523 non-null    object
4   total_gross                           579 non-null    object
5   inflation_adjusted_gross              579 non-null    object
dtypes: datetime64[ns](1), object(5)
memory usage: 27.3+ KB
None
```

```
movie_title                object
release_date               datetime64[ns]
genre                      object
MPAA_rating                object
total_gross                object
inflation_adjusted_gross   object
dtype: object
```

```
[8]:      movie_title release_date    genre MPAA_rating \
0  Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs  1937-12-21  Musical      G
1                Pinocchio      1940-02-09  Adventure      G
2                Fantasia      1940-11-13  Musical      G
3      Song of the South      1946-11-12  Adventure      G
4                Cinderella      1950-02-15    Drama      G

      total_gross inflation_adjusted_gross
```

|   |               |                 |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| 0 | \$184,925,485 | \$5,228,953,251 |
| 1 | \$84,300,000  | \$2,188,229,052 |
| 2 | \$83,320,000  | \$2,187,090,808 |
| 3 | \$65,000,000  | \$1,078,510,579 |
| 4 | \$85,000,000  | \$920,608,730   |

```
[9]: #cleaning up data, dropping unneeded columns, converting columns to appropriate
      ↳dtype
revenue_df = revenue_df.dropna(axis='columns')
revenue_df['total_gross'] = revenue_df['total_gross'].str.
      ↳replace('$', '', regex=False).str.replace(',', '', regex=False).astype(float)
revenue_df['inflation_adjusted_gross'] = revenue_df['inflation_adjusted_gross'].
      ↳str.replace('$', '', regex=False).str.replace(',', '').astype(float)
```

```
[10]: revenue_df.head()
```

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[10]:
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|   | movie_title                     | release_date | total_gross \ |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 0 | Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs | 1937-12-21   | 184925485.0   |
| 1 | Pinocchio                       | 1940-02-09   | 84300000.0    |
| 2 | Fantasia                        | 1940-11-13   | 83320000.0    |
| 3 | Song of the South               | 1946-11-12   | 65000000.0    |
| 4 | Cinderella                      | 1950-02-15   | 85000000.0    |

  

|   | inflation_adjusted_gross |
|---|--------------------------|
| 0 | 5.228953e+09             |
| 1 | 2.188229e+09             |
| 2 | 2.187091e+09             |
| 3 | 1.078511e+09             |
| 4 | 9.206087e+08             |

Now that we have a clean df, I will create a decade column and groupby decade to get average box-office per film, total box office and number of film releases. Then will create a bar chart to show trend over time. I will use inflation adjusted value in order to get a like for like comparison.

```
[11]: #create decade column, thanks to https://towardsdatascience.com/
      ↳two-pandas-functions-you-must-know-for-easy-data-manipulation-in-python-2f6d0a2ef3e5
revenue_df['Decade'] = revenue_df.release_date.dt.year.apply(lambda x: str(x)[:
      ↳3]+'0s')

# apply summary statistics to groupby and creating new df to be graphed
decade_df = revenue_df.groupby('Decade').
      ↳agg(total_gross=('inflation_adjusted_gross', 'sum'), mean_gross=('inflation_adjusted_gross', '
      ↳reset_index()
decade_df
```

```
[11]:
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|   | Decade | total_gross  | mean_gross   | movie_count |
|---|--------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 0 | 1930s  | 5.228953e+09 | 5.228953e+09 | 1           |

|   |       |              |              |     |
|---|-------|--------------|--------------|-----|
| 1 | 1940s | 5.453830e+09 | 1.817943e+09 | 3   |
| 2 | 1950s | 2.706430e+09 | 6.766075e+08 | 4   |
| 3 | 1960s | 2.989484e+09 | 4.270692e+08 | 7   |
| 4 | 1970s | 1.062951e+09 | 1.181057e+08 | 9   |
| 5 | 1980s | 4.636550e+09 | 7.600902e+07 | 61  |
| 6 | 1990s | 1.774330e+10 | 7.518349e+07 | 236 |
| 7 | 2000s | 1.579150e+10 | 9.181107e+07 | 172 |
| 8 | 2010s | 1.315049e+10 | 1.529127e+08 | 86  |

Quickly looking at the above, we can see Disney has dramatically increased the number of films released in the 1990's with a slight drop off in 2000's. Seems that average gross per film peaked in 1930's (however small sample size). Let's graph it

```
[12]: # First lets see yearly release count distrubution because im curious
movie_hist = alt.Chart(revenue_df.groupby(revenue_df.release_date.dt.year).
    ↪agg({'movie_title': 'count'}).reset_index(), width=500, height=300).
    ↪mark_bar().encode(
        x=alt.X('movie_title:Q', bin=True),
        y=alt.Y('count():Q')
    ).properties(title="Movie Releases per year")

movie_hist
```

```
[12]: alt.Chart(...)
```

```
[13]: base = alt.Chart(decade_df,width=500, height=300).encode(
        alt.X('Decade:O', axis=alt.Axis(title=None))
    )
area = base.mark_bar(color='#57A44C').encode(
        alt.Y('total_gross:Q',title='Revenue $M',axis=alt.
    ↪Axis(format='$,.0f'))
line = base.mark_line(stroke='#5276A7', interpolate='monotone').encode(
        alt.Y('mean_gross:Q',axis=alt.Axis(title='Avg Box_
    ↪Office',format='$,.0f'))
alt.layer(area, line).resolve_scale(y = 'independent')
```

```
[13]: alt.LayerChart(...)
```

### 1.3.1 Box Office discussion

Looking at the above, it clear that Disney had massive box office success in 1990's with it somewhat dropping off the following two decades. Avg box office movie actually increased in the 2000s/2010s as it seems Disney prioritized quality over quantity. Early movies had significant success when adjusted for inflation. So has Disney's box office improved over time? From the 1970s low, yes there is a large increase over time in total box office performance, however, this more seems driven by number of releases rather than single movie box office performance. As total box office revenue

has come down in recent decades, the slight uptick in average box office revenue per movie shows fewer releases performing better. Seems Disney's box office strategy has evolved over time. Makes sense given their rich history and engrained part of Western pop culture.

Some additional questions that would be interesting to explore: \* What % of box office revenue comes from animated shows vs live action? \* How have acquisitions like Marvel/Star Wars delivered on box office earnings?

Resources referenced throughout body of work.