

Analysis Based on TMDB 5000 Movie Dataset

I. Introduction

In this project, I will explore a dataset from Kaggle (<https://www.kaggle.com/tmdb/tmdb-movie-metadata>). And dealing with the following questions with python:

1. Compute the total number of shots in each movie category, plot the number of the five types of movies with the most shots over time, and calculate the total average score of these five genres.
2. Calculate the total output of films produced by Universal Pictures, Columbia Pictures, Warner Bros., and Paramount Pictures, and compare the profits of their based on novel films and those are not based on.

II. Method

i. Preparing Data

There are two csv files in this Kaggle project, so the first thing I did was to join them together, then I got a dataframe with 4803 rows and 23 columns.

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Data columns (total 23 columns):
#   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   id                     4803 non-null  int64
1   title_x                 4803 non-null  object
2   cast                   4803 non-null  object
3   crew                   4803 non-null  object
4   budget                 4803 non-null  int64
5   genres                 4803 non-null  object
6   homepage               1712 non-null  object
7   keywords               4803 non-null  object
8   original_language      4803 non-null  object
9   original_title         4803 non-null  object
10  overview               4800 non-null  object
11  popularity              4803 non-null  float64
12  production_companies    4803 non-null  object
13  production_countries    4803 non-null  object
14  release_date            4802 non-null  object
15  revenue                 4803 non-null  int64
16  runtime                 4801 non-null  float64
17  spoken_languages       4803 non-null  object
18  status                  4803 non-null  object
19  tagline                 3959 non-null  object
20  title_y                 4803 non-null  object
21  vote_average            4803 non-null  float64
22  vote_count              4803 non-null  int64
dtypes: float64(3), int64(4), object(16)
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Figure 1. overview of the origin dataframe

The next step was data preprocessing, and I decided to begin with removing the duplicate columns and the columns which were not related to the questions I need to handle. With observation, I dropped the columns 'original_title', 'title_x', 'id', 'cast', 'crew', 'homepage',

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‘original_language’, ‘spoken_languages’, ‘overview’, and ‘tagline’, and renamed the column ‘title_y’ as ‘title’.

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Data columns (total 12 columns):
#   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   budget                4803 non-null  int64
1   genres                 4803 non-null  object
2   keywords               4803 non-null  object
3   popularity             4803 non-null  float64
4   production_companies   4803 non-null  object
5   production_countries   4803 non-null  object
6   release_date           4802 non-null  object
7   revenue                 4803 non-null  int64
8   status                 4803 non-null  object
9   title                  4803 non-null  object
10  vote_average           4803 non-null  float64
11  vote_count             4803 non-null  int64
dtypes: float64(2), int64(3), object(7)
```

Figure 2. overview of the dataframe in this step

And the following step is dealing with null values in column ‘release_date’, and my solution was dropping the line with null value under ‘release_date’. When further observing the data, I found the data type of some columns need to be changed: data in columns ‘genres’, ‘keywords’, ‘production_companies’, and ‘production_countries’ are in json format, and data under ‘release_date’ need to be changed into datetime.

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Data columns (total 13 columns):
#   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   budget                4802 non-null  int64
1   genres                 4802 non-null  object
2   keywords               4802 non-null  object
3   popularity             4802 non-null  float64
4   production_companies   4802 non-null  object
5   production_countries   4802 non-null  object
6   release_date           4802 non-null  datetime64[ns]
7   revenue                 4802 non-null  int64
8   status                 4802 non-null  object
9   title                  4802 non-null  object
10  vote_average           4802 non-null  float64
11  vote_count             4802 non-null  int64
12  year                   4802 non-null  int64
dtypes: datetime64[ns](1), float64(2), int64(4), object(6)
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Figure 3. overview of the final version dataframe

ii. Modeling

Question 1:

To answer this question, I only need to focus on columns ‘year’, ‘genres’, and ‘vote_average’, so I build a new dataframe only contains these three columns.

	year	genres	vote_average
0	2009	Action,Adventure,Fantasy,Science Fiction	7.2
1	2007	Adventure,Fantasy>Action	6.9
2	2015	Action,Adventure,Crime	6.3
3	2012	Action,Crime,Drama,Thriller	7.6
4	2012	Action,Adventure,Science Fiction	6.1

Figure 4. dataframe for this question

In order to do the statistics, I need to extract all the genres from the 'genres' column.

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Data columns (total 23 columns):
#   Column              Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   year                4802 non-null  int64
1   genres              4802 non-null  object
2   vote_average        4802 non-null  float64
3   History             4802 non-null  int64
4   Western             4802 non-null  int64
5   TV Movie            4802 non-null  int64
6   Adventure            4802 non-null  int64
7   Thriller            4802 non-null  int64
8   Science Fiction     4802 non-null  int64
9   Mystery             4802 non-null  int64
10  Crime               4802 non-null  int64
11  War                 4802 non-null  int64
12  Animation           4802 non-null  int64
13  Fantasy             4802 non-null  int64
14  Horror              4802 non-null  int64
15  Documentary         4802 non-null  int64
16  Drama               4802 non-null  int64
17  Foreign             4802 non-null  int64
18  Family              4802 non-null  int64
19  Romance             4802 non-null  int64
20  Comedy              4802 non-null  int64
21  Music               4802 non-null  int64
22  Action              4802 non-null  int64
dtypes: float64(1), int64(21), object(1)
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Figure 5. overview of the dataframe in this step

After that, I perform a sum() function to compute the total number of each genres, and find 'Drama', 'Comedy', 'Thriller', 'Action', and 'Romance' are the top five. So, I will focus on these five genres to do the further exploration.

Drama	2297
Comedy	1722
Thriller	1274
Action	1154
Romance	894
Adventure	790
Crime	696
Science Fiction	535
Horror	519
Family	513
Fantasy	424
Mystery	348
Animation	234
History	197
Music	185
War	144
Documentary	110
Western	82
Foreign	34
TV Movie	8

Figure 6. genres sorted by number of shots

Question 2:

As for this question, I only need to use columns ‘production_companies’, ‘keywords’, ‘budget’, and ‘revenue’. Like the previous question, I need to extract the word I need from columns ‘production_companies’ and ‘keywords’. After finishing that, I can do the further mining.

	budget	revenue	based on novel	Universal Pictures	Columbia Pictures	Warner Bros.	Paramount Pictures
0	237000000	2787965087	0	0	0	0	0
1	300000000	961000000	0	0	0	0	0
2	245000000	880674609	1	0	1	0	0
3	250000000	1084939099	0	0	0	1	0
4	260000000	284139100	1	0	0	0	0

Figure 7. dataframe in this step

III. Results & Conclusion

Question 1:

To find the annual trend of ‘Drama’, ‘Comedy’, ‘Thriller’, ‘Action’, and ‘Romance’, I firstly called groupby() function to group them by year, then used lineplot() function in seaborn to draw the plot.

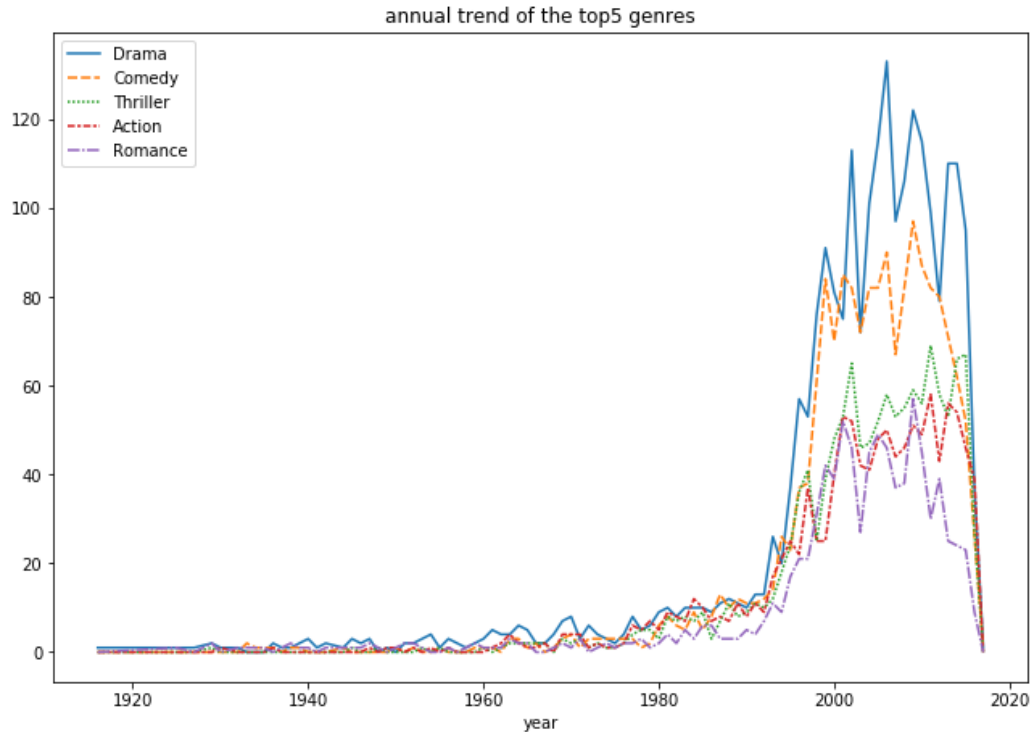


Figure 8. annual trend of the top5 genres

As the plot shown, the number of movies surged after 1980. Drama film reached its peak between 2000 and 2010, while other films reached their peak around 2010. The number of Romance and Comedy generally went down after their peak, and the number of Drama movies went through several big fluctuations, but the number of Thriller and Action seems more stable. It reflects that the market for Thriller movies and Action movies is more stable than its 3 types of movies. And the next part of this question is to divide total vote by total number to calculate the average vote of these five genres.

Drama	6.388594
Comedy	5.945587
Thriller	6.010989
Action	5.989515
Romance	6.207718

Figure 9. average vote of top 5 genres

Which shows that people are more likely to give a high score to Drama movies and it also reflects the good quality of such movies at the same time.

Question 2:

In order to find the total output of films produced by Universal Pictures, Columbia Pictures, Warner Bros., and Paramount Pictures, I firstly call the sum() function, then used barplot() function in seaborn to draw the plot.

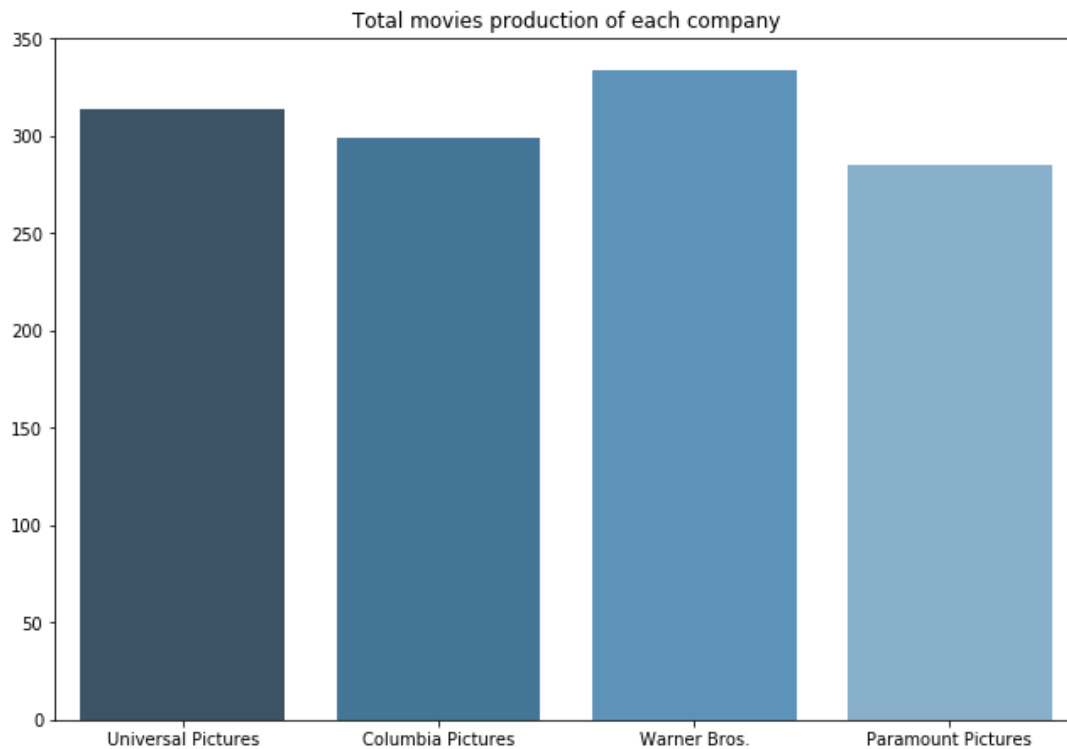


Figure 10.1. bar plot of each company's film production

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Universal Pictures    314
Columbia Pictures    299
Warner Bros.         334
Paramount Pictures   285
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Figure 10.2. total movies production of each company

As the plot and the calculate output shown, the total film production of these four companies is not much different, and Warner Bros.has the most movies production among them.

And the next part of this question is to compare the profits (profit = revenue - budget) of their based on novel films and those were not based on.

Table 1. comparison of each company

company	profit of 'based on novel'	number of 'based on novel'	profit of 'not based on novel'	number of 'not based on novel'
Universal Pictures	920423828	9	28069924768	305
Columbia Pictures	2223450867	15	20559873778	284
Warner Bros.	1110535922	17	32052201795	317
Paramount Pictures	1325626259	13	26243283899	272

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According to the table above, each company produces more ‘not based on novel’ movies than ‘based on novel’ movies, which is why the total profit of based on novel films are less than those are not based on.