How Can Microsoft Create a Film Production Company

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What was the last film you watched and what do you think of it?

Summary

- Movies are a great way to generate revenue with a high Return of Investment (ROI), specific genres known to generate more revenue than others.
- Ratings from individuals are important in dictating the successfulness of a film.
- Microsoft should invest in multiple foreign markets when creating filmrevenue is not always generated most domestically. Foreign revenues contributes heavily to the successfulness of a film.

Outline

- Business problem
- Methods used for Data selection and Data processing
 - Pandas to create tables for data visualization done by: Seaborn & MathPlt programs.
- Data Visualization
- Results
- Conclusion and next steps

Business problem

- Main Problem: The film and studio industry are undersaturated and there is a lack of understanding on how to enter the market, especially the type of films to produce
- Questions you MUST ask:
 - 1. How does Microsoft generate revenue from films?
- 2. How do past trends from data help interpret the performance of a film in box office venue?
 - 3. Where does the film make the most money, domestically or internationally?

Database Understanding

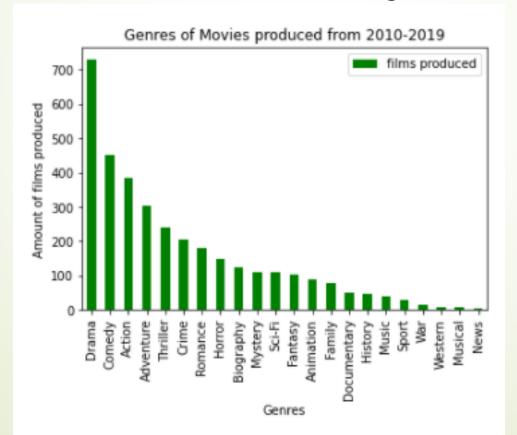
- IMDB is a phenomenal database which includes multiple tables on the film based on the film's ID- you can examine multiple attributes such as runtime, rating, etc
- Rotten Tomato's Data base (RT) provides a plethora of information but the tables are not uniform nor do they have a identifiable movie title, just an "movie_id"
- TN's database provides the movies production budget, domestic gross and foreign gross along with worldwide gross.
- BOM provides everything TN has except it also has the year involved and studio

Data Selection and processing

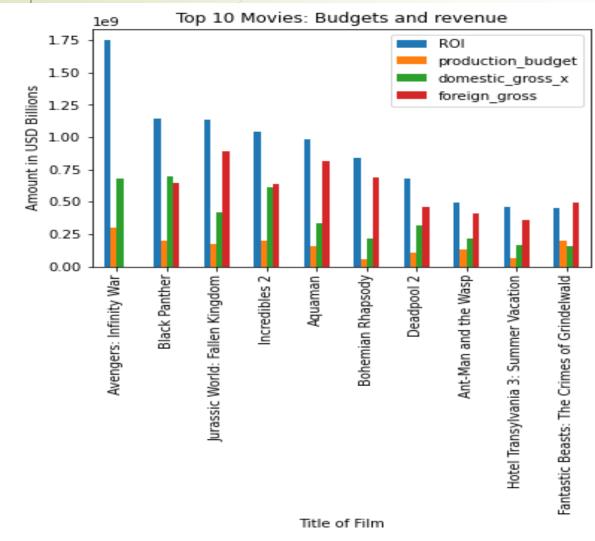
- TMDB supplied popularity through the amount of votes it had in its database along with the average rating of each movie analyzed.
- TN provided production budgets of films
- BOM provided another analysis into production budgets (which were mostly identical to TN) along with years produced
- IMDB provided the genres of the most successful movies
 - Movie basics and movie ratings were the impost important files

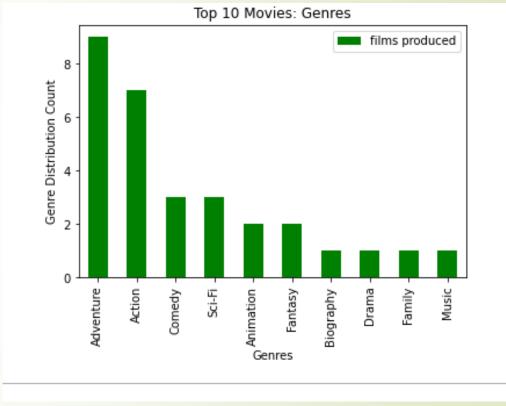
Data Visualization: Which genres had the largest amount of production?

 Dramas, comedy, action, adventure, thriller are all films that were produced the most and had the highest ROI

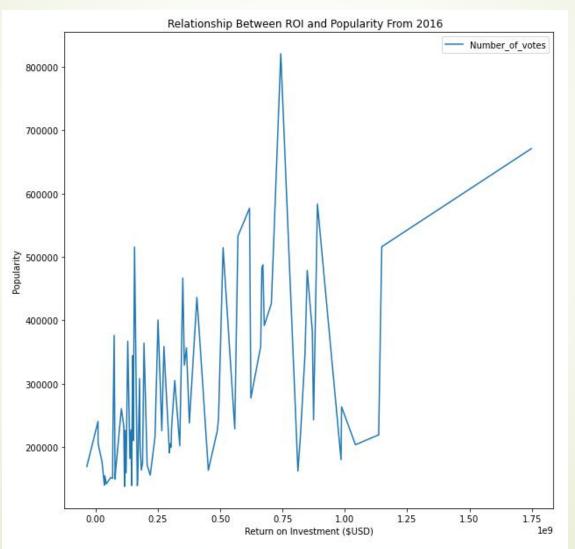


Data Visualization: What are my top 10 films and where is the revenue generated?





Data Visualization: How can you tell if a film is successful based of audience reception?



Results

In [21]: #Instead lets look at the describe function TN_moviebudgets.describe()

Out[21]:

	production_budget	domestic_gross	worldwide_gross	ROI
count	5782.00	5782.00	5782.00	5782.00
mean	31587757.10	41873326.87	91487460.91	59899703.81
std	41812076.83	68240597.36	174719968.78	146088881.08
min	1100.00	0.00	0.00	-200237650.00
25%	5000000.00	1429534.50	4125414.75	-2189070.75
50%	17000000.00	17225945.00	27984448.50	8550285.50
75%	4000000.00	52348661.50	97645836.50	60968501.75
max	425000000.00	936662225.00	2776345279.00	2351345279.00

Recommendation (conclusion)

- Look to produce films that are sequels of the most successful box office films
- Look to investment at around 1.4 million to 1.7 million in order to generate maximum ROI without much risk.
- Start watching foreign films and see if you're able to produce them domestically, this would allow you to translate foreign income into domestic thus increasing your worldwide revenue.
- Produce genres prominent in the last five years and with an average viewing time of 110 +/- 15 minutes because successful films have similar run times

Questions you may have

- Are there other variables for ROI, such as royalty, merchandising and other company owned assets? How can films improve other products of Microsoft?
- In a foreign market, are there possible confounding variables for the film's success (cultural norms, political affiliations etc.)
- Are teasers worth predicting the ROI of a film?

Thank you!!!

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