

# Behind the Box Office: Data-Driven Decisions in Filmmaking"

*GROUP 1 PHASE 2 PROJECT*

# OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

- ❖ The project focuses on analysing movie datasets to provide actionable insights for the creation of a new movie studio.
- ❖ Using data visualization and analysis tools, such as Tableau and models
- ❖ The project aims to identify trends and patterns in the movie industry, including top-performing genres, audience preferences and revenue-driving factors.

# BUSINESS UNDERSTANDING

- ❖ The company now sees all the big companies creating original video content and they want to get in on the fun. They have decided to create a new movie studio, but they don't know anything about creating movies.
- ❖ You are charged with exploring what types of films are currently doing the best at the box office. You must then translate those findings into actionable insights that the head of your company's new movie studio can use to help decide what type of films to create.

# DATA UNDERSTANDING

- ❖ Here will need to understand our data. This involves getting the relevant information from each dataset crucial for our analysis.
- ❖ We start by loading the various datasets reviewing their various information based on the columns and check which information is necessary for our analysis before beginning the data cleaning.

## Movie Performance Data

- **Box Office Data:** Includes revenue by day, week, or year for individual movies. Useful for analysing trends in revenue over time.

# DATA UNDERSTANDING Cont.....1.

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- **DVD/Blu-ray Sales:** Useful for understanding post-theatre revenue streams.
- **Digital Sales/Streaming Revenue:** Can show trends in digital distribution.

## ▶ 4. Market-Level Data

- **Market Share by Studio:** Helps analyse how different studios perform over time.
- **International Box Office:** Useful for cross-region comparison and global trends.

# OBJECTIVES/GOALS

## Main Objective

- To analyse movie data and uncover key patterns in revenue, popularity, ratings, and director influence across genres, providing actionable insights for business growth and strategic decision-making.

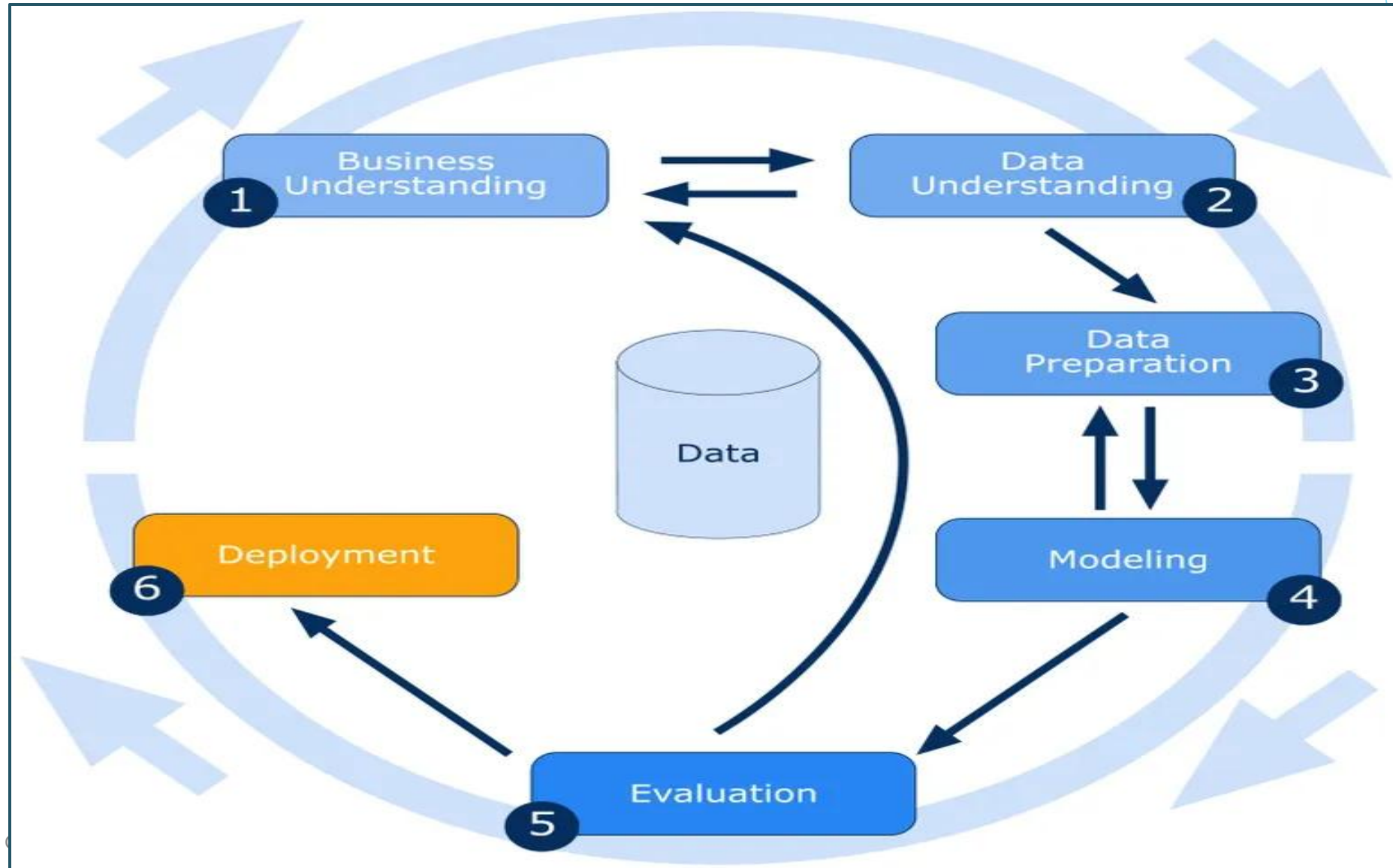


# OBJECTIVES (cont...2)

## Specific Objectives

1. Identify the movie genres that generate the highest revenue and analyse the factors contributing to their financial success.
2. Explore audience preferences to uncover the most popular genres and the drivers behind their popularity.
3. Evaluate the ratings of movies across genres to assess trends in critical and audience reception.
4. Examine the role and impact of directors on the success of specific genres.
5. Identify top-performing movies within their respective genres.
6. Highlight the most successful and influential directors based on revenue and popularity.

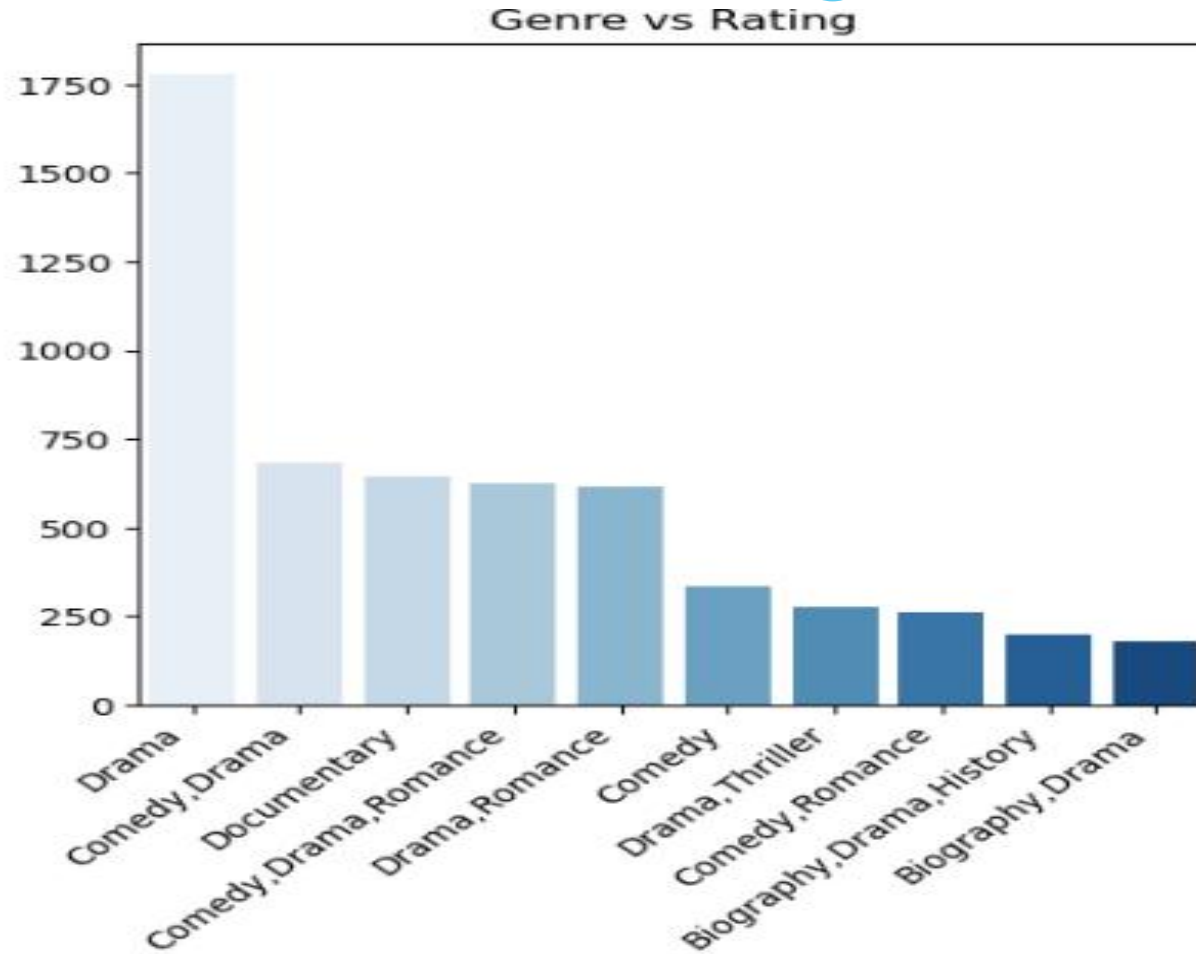
# METHODOLOGY



# DATA CLEANING REPORT

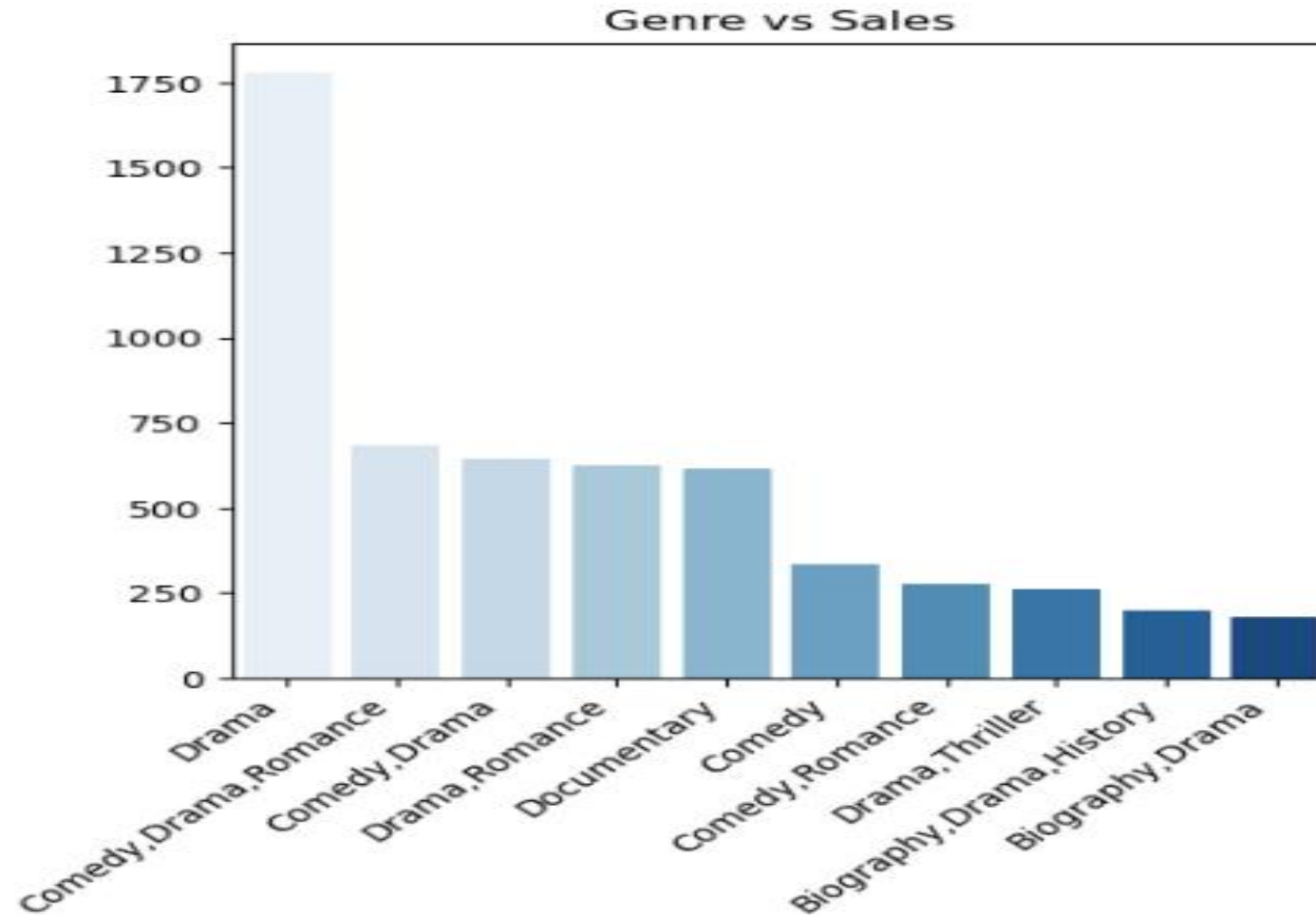
- ❖ Modified columns names
- ❖ Changed column data types
- ❖ Removed duplicates
- ❖ Removed outliers
- ❖ Replaced/Drop null values
- ❖ Feature engineering

# Comparison between genre and rating



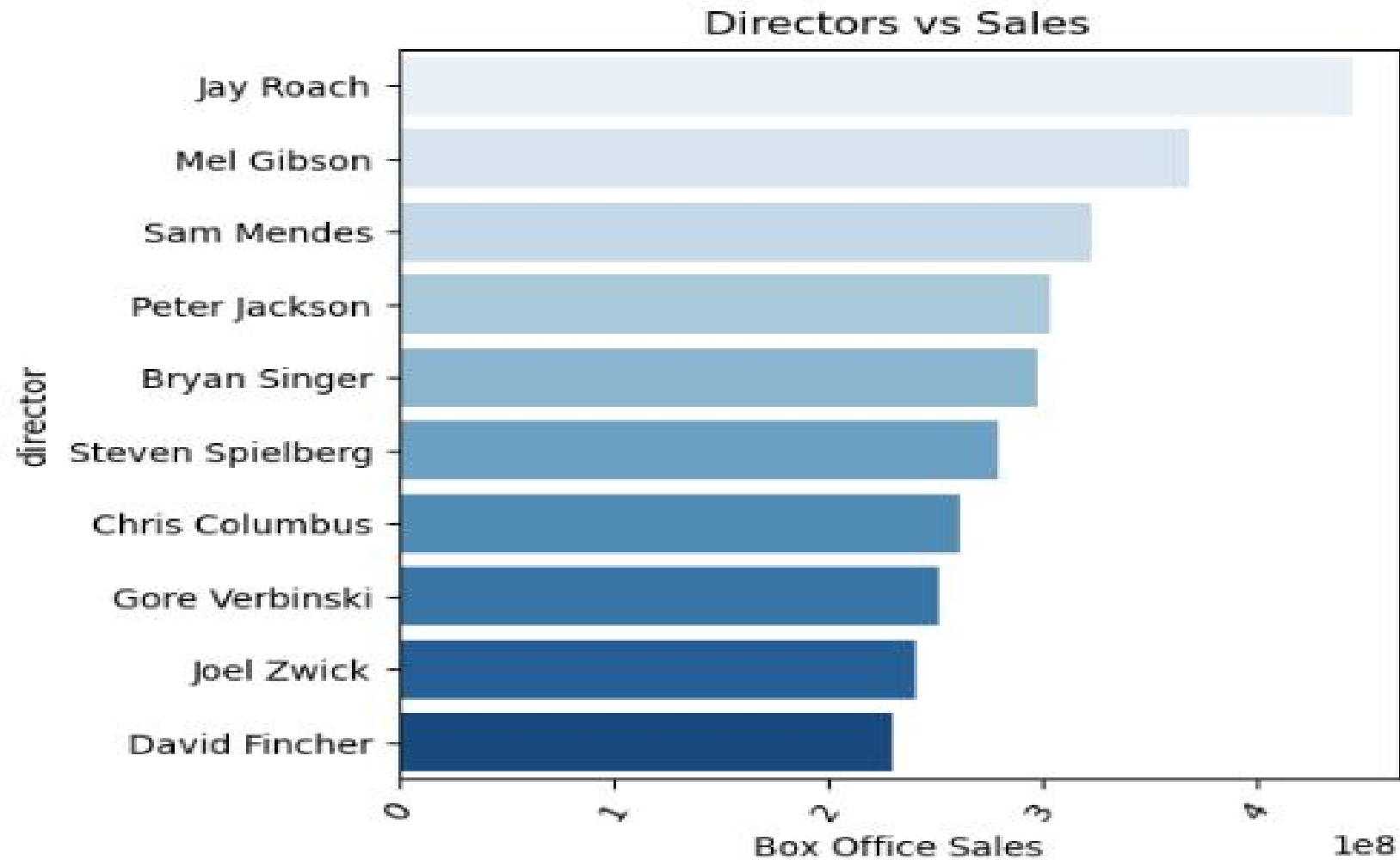
The highly rated genre is drama.

# Comparison between genre and sales



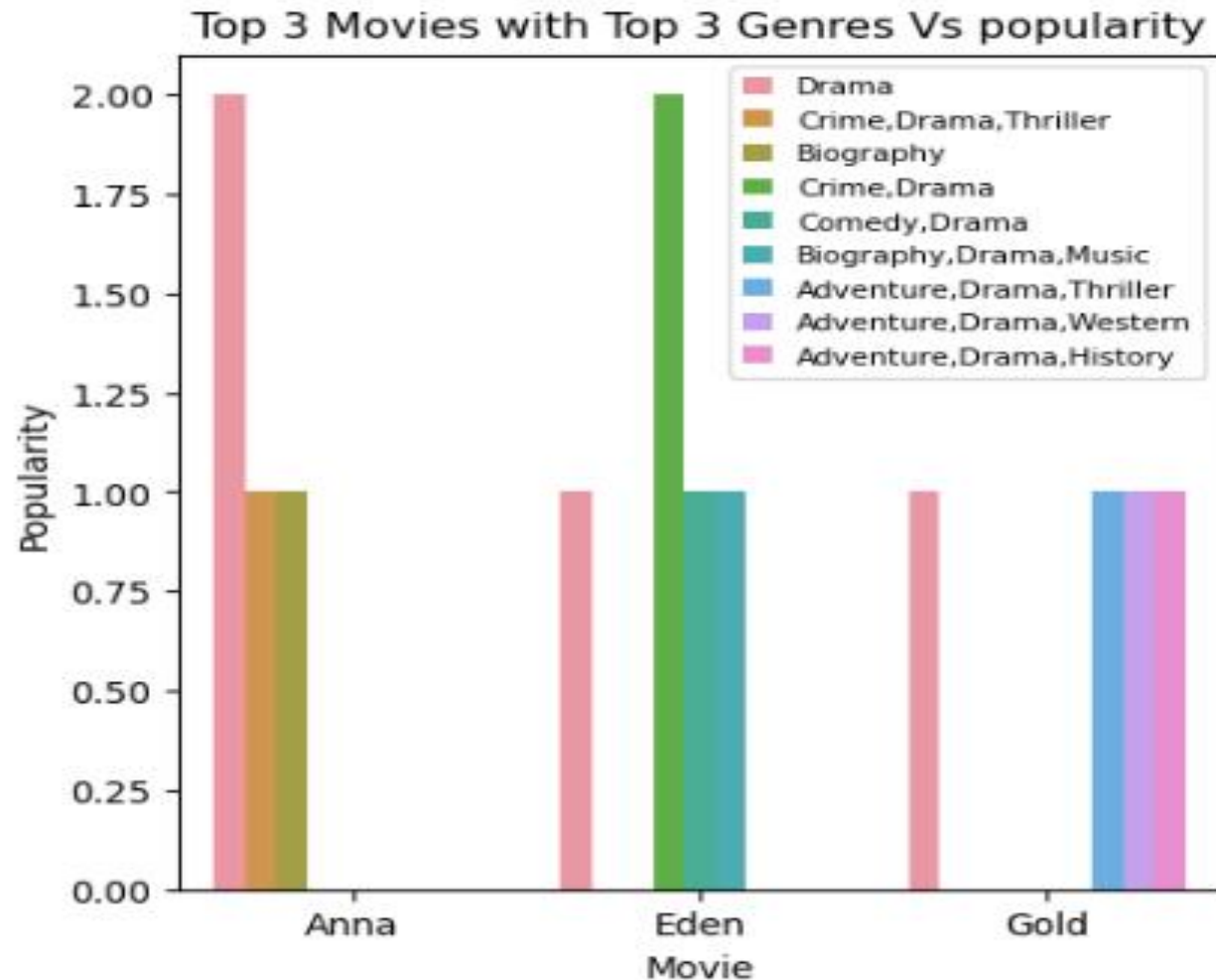
Highest sales were from comedy, followed by drama.

# Comparison between directors and sales



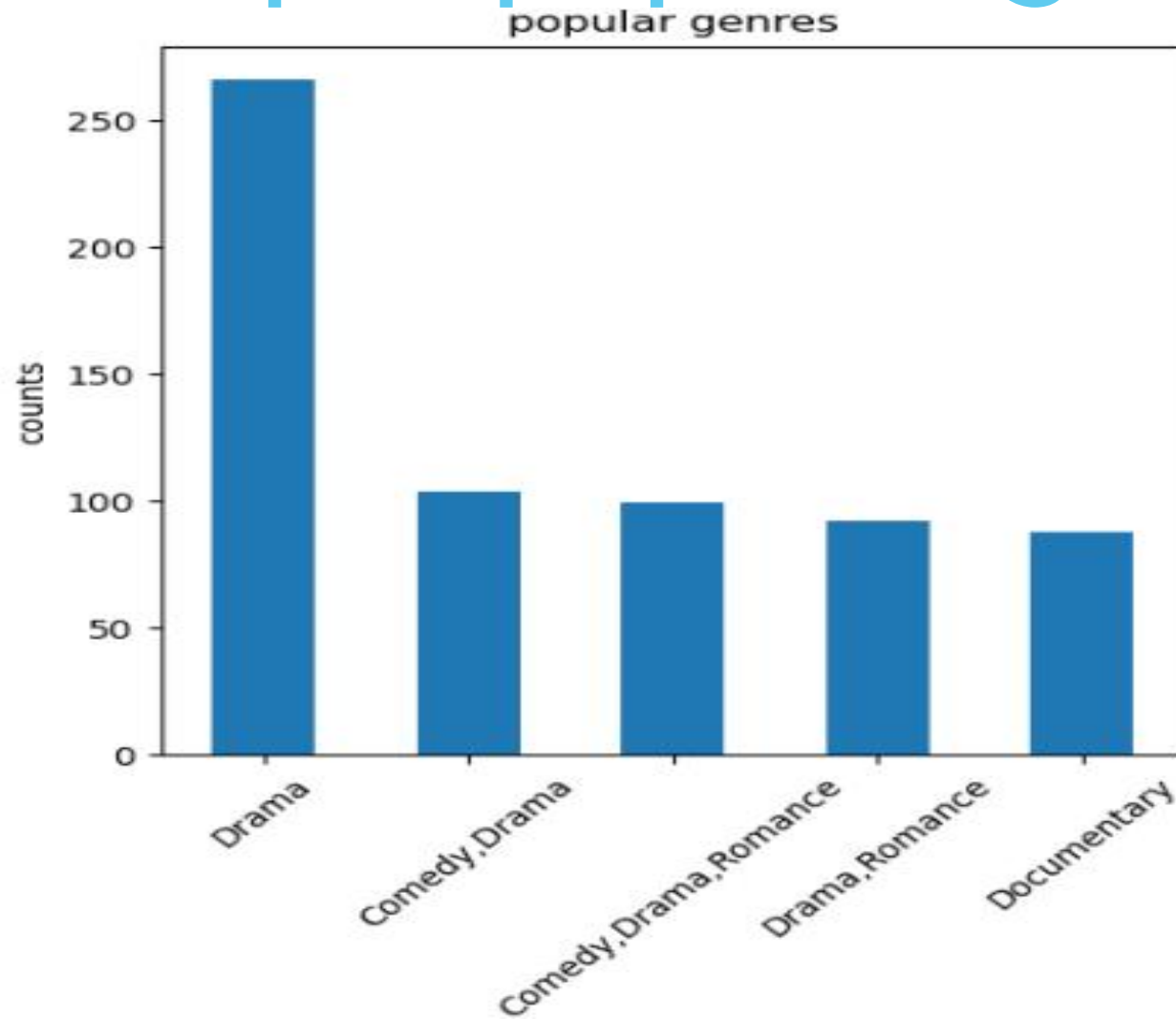
Movies and films from Jay roach made highest sales followed by Mel Gibson and Sam Mendes.

# Top 3 movies with top 3 genres and popularity



Dramas from Anna were the most popular as well as crime, drama, thriller from Eden Movies.

# Top 5 popular genres

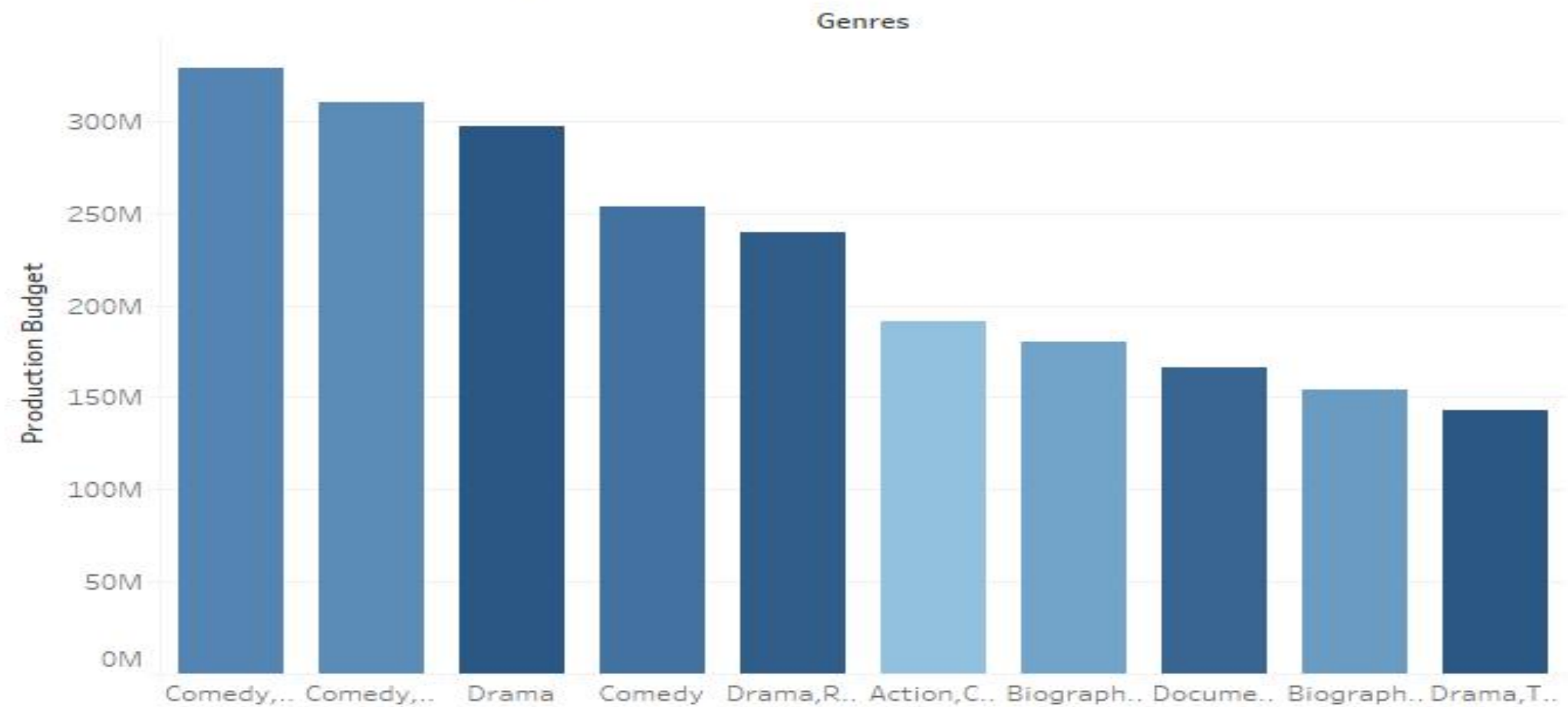


Drama was the most popular genre doubling the other categories.



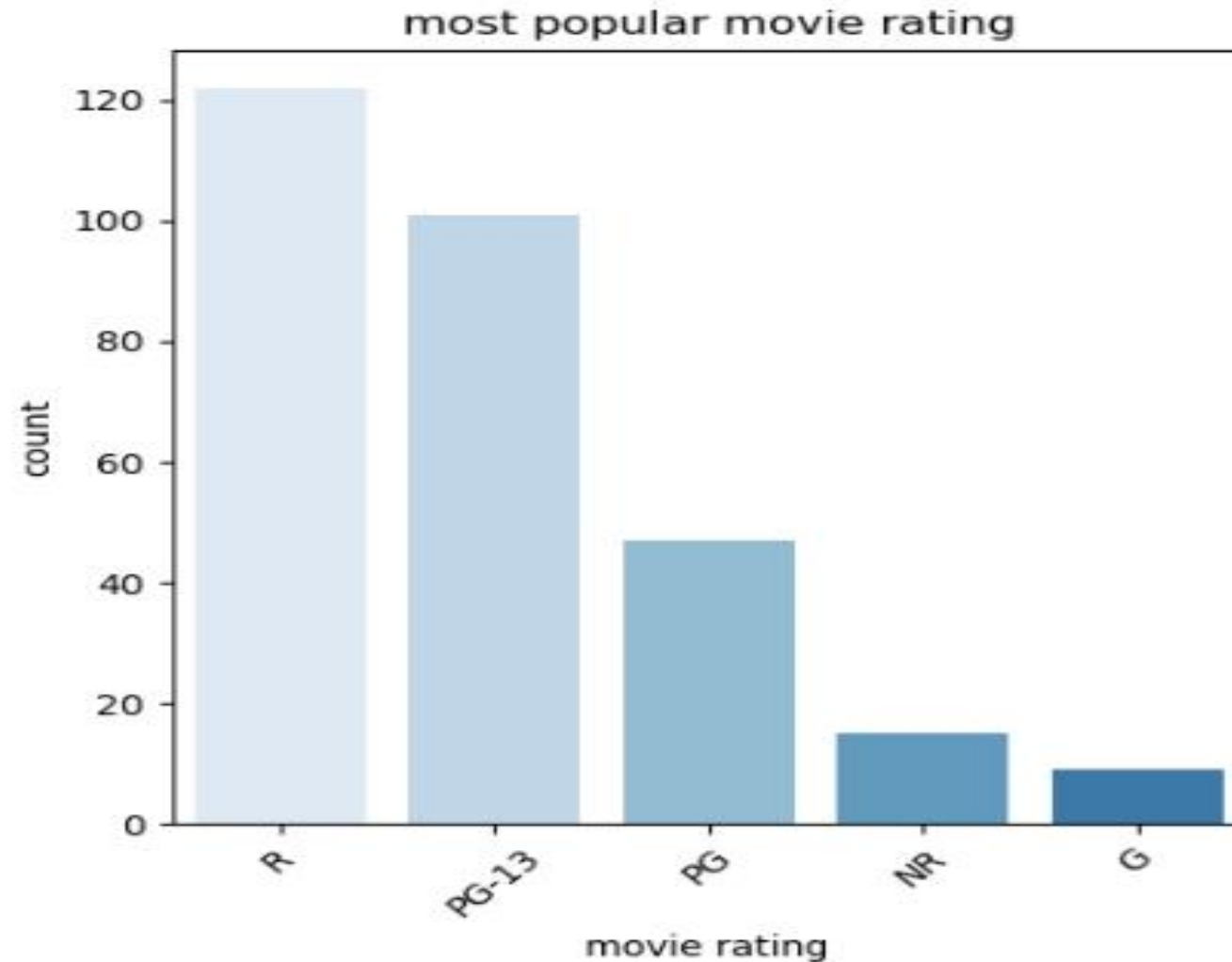
# Comparison between genre and production budget

Genre vs Production budget



Comedy ,drama were costly in budget but gave the highest returns on investment.

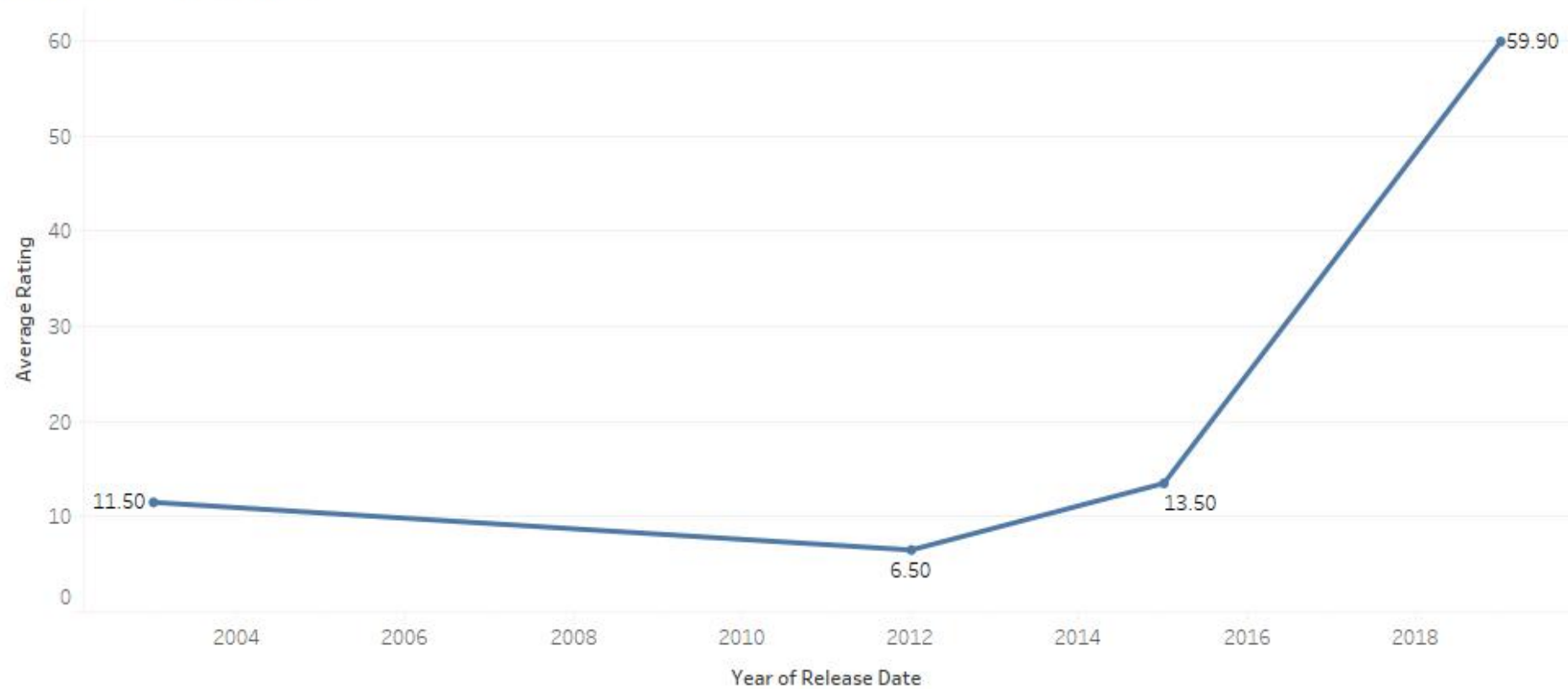
# Top 5 most popular movie rating



R,PG-13,PG IN Descending order of popularity.

# Yearly release timing analysis

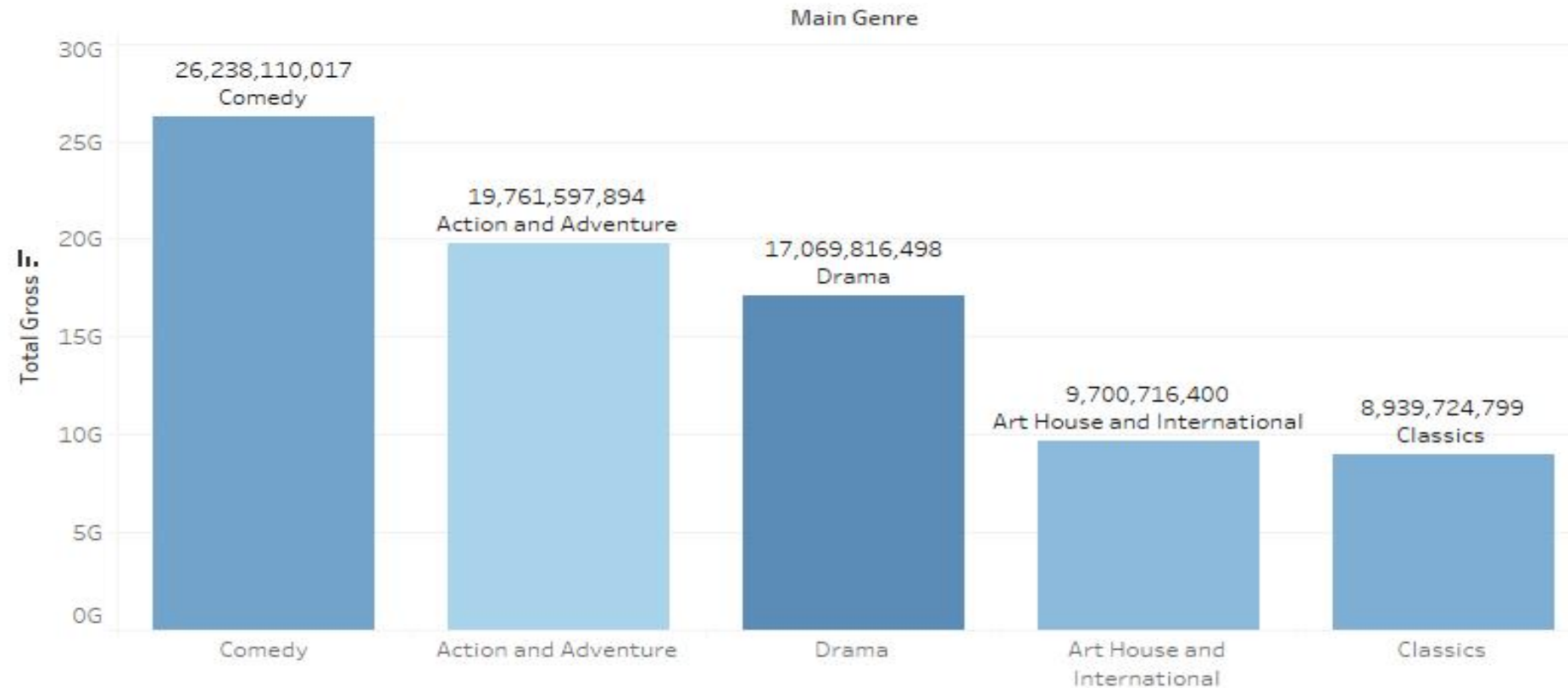
Release Timing Analysis



Time series showed an upward trend in terms of Rating worth investing.

# Comparison between genres and total gross

Genres vs total gross



Drama, action and adventure, comedy showed an increasing trend in terms of gross profits.

# RESULTS/FINDINGS

- ❖ ROI Leaders: Action and Adventure genres lead in return on investment (ROI), making them highly profitable.
- ❖ Budget Allocation: Production budgets are highest for Comedy and Drama, reflecting their revenue potential.
- ❖ Studio Performance: Universal Pictures has the highest average ratings, showcasing its strong audience appeal.
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# RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Prioritize Action and Comedy genres for future productions, as they have proven to be the most lucrative and widely appreciated.
2. Partner with top-rated directors (e.g., Steven Spielberg, Clint Eastwood) and writers (e.g., Woody Allen) to enhance critical and audience reception.
3. Optimize movie runtimes based on audience preferences; longer runtimes for Action and Adventure, and shorter runtimes for genres like Animation.
4. Leverage Universal Pictures for distribution due to their strong track record in generating high ratings.

# DATA PREPROCESSING REPORT

- ❖ In this preprocessing step, the '*genres*' column, which contains categorical data representing movie genres, is label-encoded using the LabelEncoder from scikit-learn.
- ❖ Used label encoding to transform into each unique genre into a numerical value.
- ❖ The encoded values are stored in a new column, *genres\_encoded*, within the dataframe. This step helps prepare the dataset for modeling by converting the categorical target variable into a format suitable for algorithmic processing.

# HYPOTHESIS TESTING REPORT

1. Testing the nature of the data.
2. Setting confidence interval.
3. Checking on the statistics of the average rating and total gross.
4. Stating the Null and alternative hypothesis.
5. Fail to reject the null hypothesis or not.



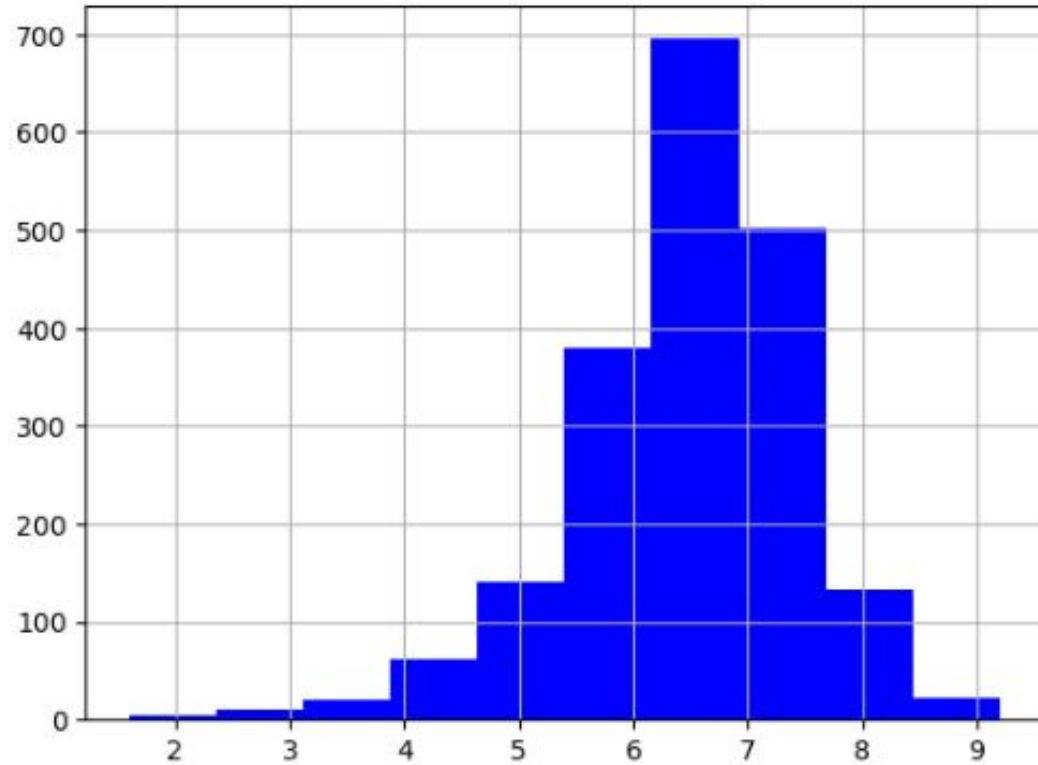
# Testing the nature of the data

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merged_movies_final_df.describe()
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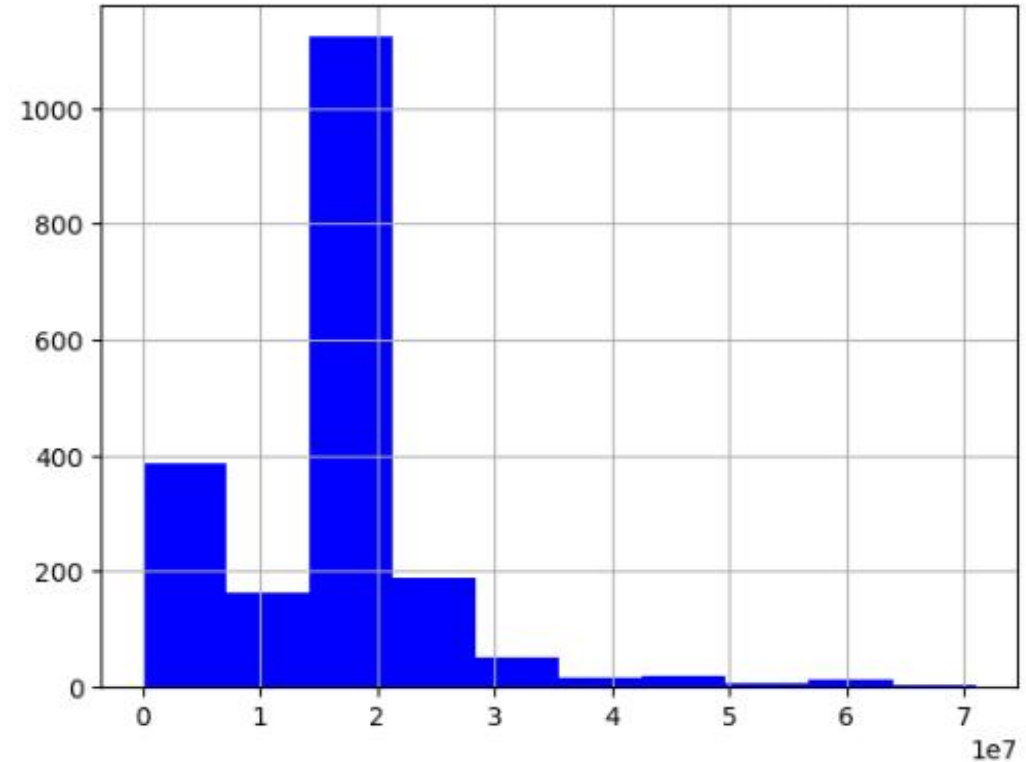
	average_rating	domestic_gross	foreign_gross	year	total_gross
count	1970.000000	1.970000e+03	1.970000e+03	1970.000000	1.970000e+03
mean	6.460812	2.005813e+06	1.474976e+07	2014.114721	1.675557e+07
std	0.999176	3.573622e+06	8.693627e+06	2.366826	9.497521e+06
min	1.600000	1.000000e+02	6.000000e+02	2010.000000	1.080000e+04
25%	5.900000	5.950000e+04	7.000000e+06	2012.000000	1.102500e+07
50%	6.600000	3.280000e+05	1.890000e+07	2014.000000	1.895730e+07
75%	7.100000	2.000000e+06	1.890000e+07	2016.000000	1.970000e+07
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# Statistics of the average rating and total gross.

Average rating

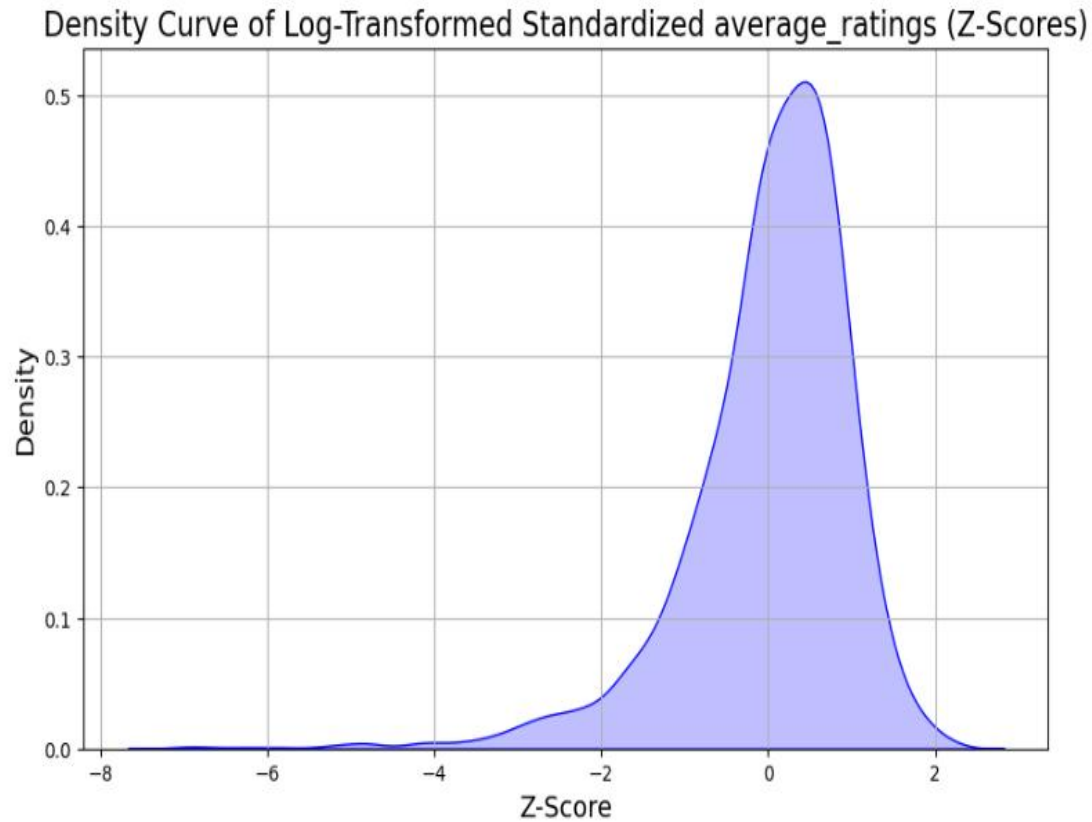


Total gross

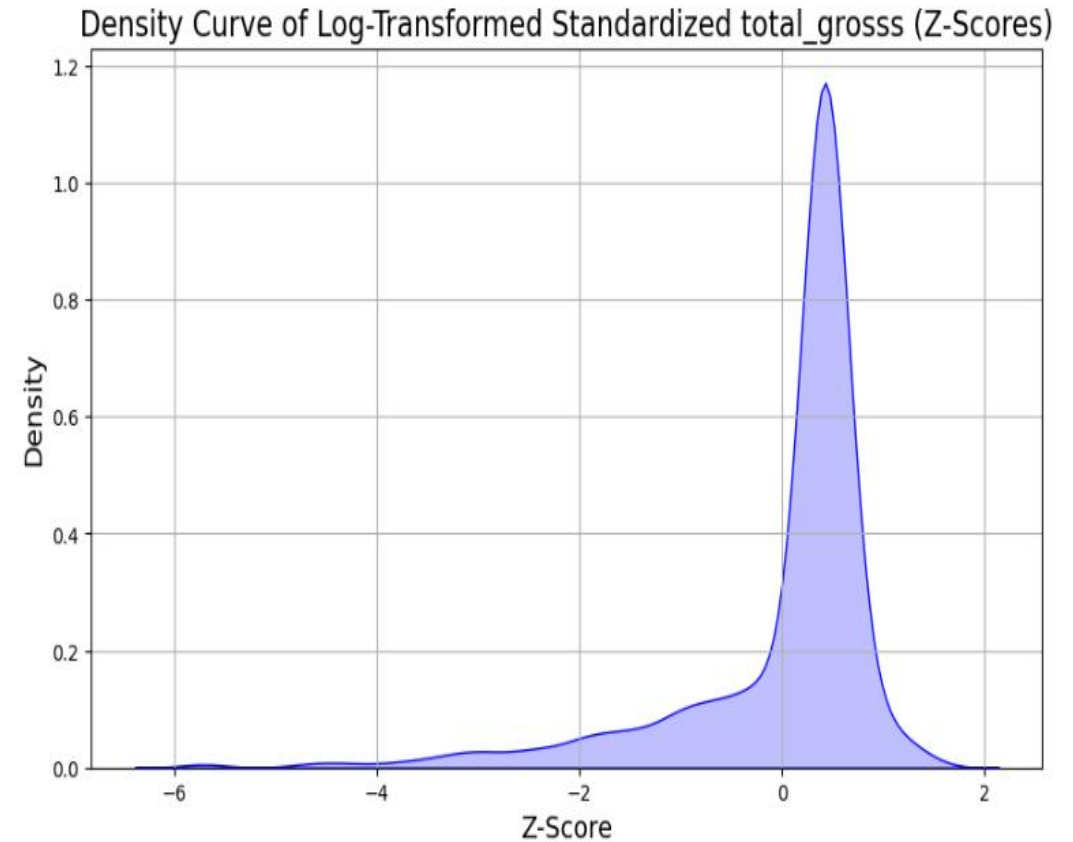


# Statistics of the average rating and total gross after log transformation and standardization.

Average rating



Total gross



# Null and alternative hypothesis.

## Average rating

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print("Null hypothesis\n log_average_rating_mean = ", log_average_rating_mean)
print("Alternative hypothesis\n log_average_rating_mean > ", log_average_rating_mean)
```

Null hypothesis

log\_average\_rating\_mean = 1.99944225935456

Alternative hypothesis

log\_average\_rating\_mean > 1.99944225935456

Sample Mean: 1.9994422593545513

Z-Statistic: 0.0

P-Value: 0.5

Fail to reject the null hypothesis: There is no significant evidence  
that the mean is greater than 1.9994422593545513 at 95% confidence interval

## Total gross

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print("Null hypothesis\n log_total_gross_mean = ", log_total_gross_mean)
print("Alternative hypothesis\n log_total_gross_mean > ", log_total_gross_mean)
```

Null hypothesis

log\_total\_gross\_mean = 16.269271504462125

Alternative hypothesis

log\_total\_gross\_mean > 16.269271504462125

Sample Mean: 16.269271504462154

Z-Statistic: 0.0

P-Value: 0.5

Fail to reject the null hypothesis: There is no significant evidence  
that the mean is greater than 16.269271504462154 at 95% confidence interval

# MODELLING

## Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) Regression

This is a linear regression model implemented using `sm.OLS` from the `Statsmodels` library. While OLS regression is generally used for continuous variables, it is applied here to the encoded categorical variable `'genres_encoded'` to examine the relationship between the independent variables (`'total_gross'`, `'average_rating'`, etc.) and the dependent variable. The `result.summary()` function generates a comprehensive statistical summary of the OLS regression, which includes key metrics such as coefficients, p-values, R-squared, and other diagnostic statistics to evaluate model performance.

## Logistic Regression Model

Logistic Regression is used for predicting categorical outcomes, making it suitable for multi-class classification. In this case, the model is trained on the features `'total_gross'` and `'average_rating'` to predict the encoded `'genres'` variable.

The data is split into training and testing sets (80% for training and 20% for testing), and the logistic regression model is fitted to the training data using `model.fit()`. This approach is typical for classification tasks where the goal is to estimate the probability of each class.



# MODELING REPORT

## Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) Regression

Out[125]: OLS Regression Results

Dep. Variable:	total_gross	R-squared (uncentered):	1.000
Model:	OLS	Adj. R-squared (uncentered):	1.000
Method:	Least Squares	F-statistic:	5.507e+32
Date:	Sat, 18 Jan 2025	Prob (F-statistic):	0.00
Time:	18:06:18	Log-Likelihood:	32030.
No. Observations:	1970	AIC:	-6.405e+04
Df Residuals:	1967	BIC:	-6.404e+04
Df Model:	3		
Covariance Type:	nonrobust		

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
average_rating	-3.893e-10	1.44e-10	-2.703	0.007	-6.72e-10	-1.07e-10
domestic_gross	0.3333	9.08e-17	3.67e+15	0.000	0.333	0.333
foreign_gross	0.3333	5.79e-17	5.76e+15	0.000	0.333	0.333
total_gross	0.6667	4.69e-17	1.42e+16	0.000	0.667	0.667

Omnibus:	181.928	Durbin-Watson:	0.453
Prob(Omnibus):	0.000	Jarque-Bera (JB):	603.703
Skew:	-0.440	Prob(JB):	8.08e-132
Kurtosis:	5.565	Cond. No.	1.79e+16

### Notes:

- [1]  $R^2$  is computed without centering (uncentered) since the model does not contain a constant.
- [2] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.
- [3] The smallest eigenvalue is 4.09e-15. This might indicate that there are strong multicollinearity problems or that the design matrix is singular.

# MODELING REPORT

## Logistic Regression Model

The logistic regression model's performance is suboptimal, as reflected by the following key observations:

1. High Errors: The MAE (65.66), MSE (8101.98), and RMSE (90.01) indicate significant prediction errors on average.
2. Negative  $R^2$  (-0.378): The negative  $R^2$  suggests the model performs worse than simply predicting the mean of the target variable.

**Model Improvements Needed:** The model likely requires better feature engineering, data preprocessing, and possibly a different model approach to improve accuracy and fit.

# CONCLUSION

- ❖ From the analysis, it is clear that the Drama genre enjoys the highest ratings, but its box office success fluctuates over time. While the Adventure, Comedy, and Sci-Fi genres remain the highest-selling genres, this is likely due to their broad appeal and entertainment value.
- ❖ Directors like Clint Eastwood(with strong reputations) and Jay Roach(on sales) contribute significantly to the sales, with their strong reputations and professional standards. The ratings analysis also highlights the R rating's popularity, reflecting the tastes of adult audiences.
- ❖ Overall, the variability in movie sales and ratings over the years is likely driven by factors such as market dynamics, audience preferences, and the quality of direction and production.



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# The Future?

We are certain that these insights would go along way to have an impact on the business ;In future think of partnering with me for further insightful analysis for impactful data driven strategies bridging the gap between numbers and meaningful decisions.

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# Questions?