

Netflix Data Analysis

SUMMARY

1. Project Overview & Data Preparation

The notebook explores a movie dataset containing approximately **9,827 unique titles**. The analysis follows a structured data science workflow:

- **Data Cleaning:** The initial dataset was checked for integrity, finding no missing values or duplicates. Non-essential columns for numerical analysis (like **Overview** and **Poster_Url**) were removed to streamline the processing.
- **Time-Series Prep:** The **Release_Date** column was converted to a datetime object, allowing for analysis by release year.
- **Genre Normalization:** Since movies often belong to multiple genres (e.g., "Action, Adventure"), the notebook "exploded" these strings into individual rows. This increased the analysis depth from 9.8k movies to over **25,552 genre-specific entries**.

2. Performance Distribution (Graph Percentage)

The analysis categorized movies into four tiers based on their **Vote_Average** using quartile ranges. This ensures a balanced view of how the library performs.

- **Rating Categories:** The distribution is nearly equal across the four tiers, with **"Not Popular"** (lowest quartile) and **"Popular"** (highest quartile) each representing roughly **25%** of the dataset.
- **Genre Frequency:** **Drama** is the most dominant genre in the collection, accounting for approximately **14.5%** of all genre mentions, followed by Comedy and Action.

3. Key Findings

- **The "Blockbuster" Effect:** While the average popularity score is around **40.3**, top-tier films like *Spider-Man: No Way Home* reach scores over **5,000**. This indicates that a very small percentage of content drives the vast majority of user engagement.
- **Rating Stability:** The average movie rating sits at **6.4/10**, which is a healthy benchmark for a large-scale streaming library.
- **Content Volume:** The library is heavily weighted towards Drama and Comedy, which provide consistent volume, while Action and Sci-Fi drive peak popularity.

4. Recommendations

Based on the data trends, here are some strategic recommendations:

1. **Invest in "Tentpole" Genres:** While Drama is frequent, the "Popularity" outliers are almost exclusively **Action, Adventure, and Sci-Fi**. To drive new subscriptions and viral engagement, investment should remain heavy in these high-impact genres.
2. **Optimize the "Average" Tier:** Roughly 50% of the library falls into the "Below Average" or "Average" categories. Implementing a better recommendation engine for these "middle-tier" movies can increase their "Popularity" and "Vote Count" by helping niche audiences find them.
3. **Genre Diversification:** Given that Drama makes up the largest share of the library, there is an opportunity to diversify into underrepresented genres like **Animation or Mystery**, which often show high engagement relative to their lower production volume.
4. **Data-Driven Licensing:** Use the **Vote_Average** quartiles to identify "hidden gems"—movies with high ratings but low popularity—and feature them in "Trending" or "Top Picks" to maximize existing assets.

