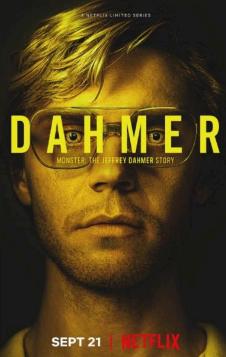
Netflix and Code

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(https://www.distractify.com/p/best-netflix-original-series-2022) Source: distractify.com (https://www.distractify.com/p/best-netflix-original-series-2022)

Overview

The Netflix TV Shows and Movies dataset is adapted from Kaggle

(https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/victorsoeiro/netflix-tv-shows-and-movies), it includes two files **credits.csv** and **titles.csv** which are used in this work for data exploration.

- · titles.csv contains information of unique show/movie titles
- · credits.csv contains the information of actors/directors in each corresponding title

o actors and directors can have a role in one or more motion pictures

This dataset was chosen for its flexibility, as it has sufficient information to analyze the data in varying ways. For instance, one can determine attribute distributions, trends and predictions, differentiation, and so forth. Moreover, this dataset stands out because it offers new and exciting insights into the framework of a widely-used platform like Netflix (i.e., a favoured pastime of many individuals). In this work, I will be demonstrating geographic mapping, attribute counts, query-like sub-setting, top films/actors, and the relationship between attributes.

titles.csv attributes:

- id¹
- title
- show type²
- · description
- · release year
- · age certification
- · runtime
- genres
- production_countries
- seasons³
- imdb id⁴
- · imdb score
- imdb_votes
- tmdb popularity⁵
- tmdb_score

credits.csv attributes:

- · person id
- id
- name
- character
- role⁶

Libraries used in this work:

```
library(tidyverse)
library(dplyr)
library(patchwork)
library(countrycode)
library(maps)
library(RColorBrewer)
library(ggmosaic)
library(flextable)
```

The Fun Stuff

```
# Load data
titles <- read_csv("titles.csv")</pre>
```

glimpse(titles)

```
## Rows: 5,850
## Columns: 15
                         <chr> "ts300399", "tm84618", "tm154986", "tm127384", "t...
## $ id
## $ title
                         <chr> "Five Came Back: The Reference Films", "Taxi Driv...
                         <chr> "SHOW", "MOVIE", "MOVIE", "MOVIE", "MOVIE", "SHOW...
## $ type
## $ description
                         <chr> "This collection includes 12 World War II-era pro...
                         <dbl> 1945, 1976, 1972, 1975, 1967, 1969, 1979, 1971, 1...
## $ release_year
## $ age_certification
                         <chr> "TV-MA", "R", "R", "PG", NA, "TV-14", "R", "R", "...
## $ runtime
                         <dbl> 51, 114, 109, 91, 150, 30, 94, 102, 110, 104, 158...
                         <chr> "['documentation']", "['drama', 'crime']", "['dra...
## $ genres
## $ production_countries <chr>> "['US']", "['US']", "['US']", "['GB']", "['GB', '...
## $ seasons
                         ## $ imdb id
                         <chr> NA, "tt0075314", "tt0068473", "tt0071853", "tt006...
## $ imdb score
                         <dbl> NA, 8.2, 7.7, 8.2, 7.7, 8.8, 8.0, 7.7, 7.7, 5.8, ...
## $ imdb_votes
                         <dbl> NA, 808582, 107673, 534486, 72662, 73424, 395024,...
## $ tmdb popularity
                         <dbl> 0.600, 40.965, 10.010, 15.461, 20.398, 17.617, 17...
## $ tmdb_score
                         <dbl> NA, 8.179, 7.300, 7.811, 7.600, 8.306, 7.800, 7.5...
```

head(titles, 4)

id <chr></chr>	title <chr></chr>	type <chr></chr>	•
ts300399	Five Came Back: The Reference Films	SHOW	
tm84618	Taxi Driver	MOVIE	
tm154986	Deliverance	MOVIE	
tm127384	Monty Python and the Holy Grail	MOVIE	
4 rows 1-3 of 15 columns			

Find duplicate data
sum(duplicated(titles))

[1] 0

Consider the the magnitude of `NA` values in each attribute
colSums(is.na(titles))

```
##
                      id
                                          title
                                                                  type
##
                       0
                                              1
##
            description
                                  release_year
                                                    age_certification
##
                      18
##
                 runtime
                                         genres production_countries
##
                       0
                                              0
                                        imdb id
##
                 seasons
                                                           imdb score
##
                    3744
                                            403
                                                                   482
##
              imdb_votes
                               tmdb_popularity
                                                           tmdb_score
##
                     498
                                             91
                                                                   311
```

Since our dataset only contains two types of motion pictures, let's consider the proportion of movies vs. TV shows using prop.table() ⁷ while resisting the urge to use a *pie chart*:

```
titles |>
  count(type) |>
  mutate(pct = scales::percent(prop.table(n)))
```

type <chr></chr>	n pct <int> <chr></chr></int>
MOVIE	3744 64%
SHOW	2106 36%
2 rows	

What is the difference between IMDb and TMDB scores across each type?

type <chr></chr>	imdb_avg_score <dbl></dbl>	tmdb_avg_score difference	
MOVIE	6.246748	6.464012 3.5%	
SHOW	6.977927	7.480413 7.2%	
2 rows			

TMDB is less of a critic...

The Production Countries of Netflix Titles

Since the production countries column looks like this:

I will be simply doing this:

```
# Extract all strings in production countries
countries <- titles$production_countries |>
    str_extract_all("[A-Z]+") |>
    unlist(recursive = TRUE)

# Create data frame of country counts
country_count <- as.data.frame(countries) |>
    count(countries, sort = TRUE)

head(country_count, 5)
```

	countries <chr></chr>	n <int></int>
1	US	2323
2	IN	622
3	GB	404
4	JP	287
5	FR	248
5 rows	s	

I am using the package countrycode (https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/countrycode/countrycode.pdf) to map the country abbreviations to a region. This mapping will allow me to merge with map data("world"):

```
# Create new column of regions
country_names <- country_count |>
  mutate(region = countrycode(sourcevar = country_count$countries, "iso2c", "country.name")) |>
  drop_na() |>
  rename("total" = "n")
```

```
head(country_names, 5)
```

	countries <chr></chr>	total i	
1	US	2323 l	United States
2	IN	622 I	India
3	GB	404 l	United Kingdom
4	JP	287	Japan
5	FR	248 I	France

Creating a Data Frame of Map Data

Using the package maps (https://eriqande.github.io/rep-res-web/lectures/making-maps-with-R.html#:~:text=The%20maps%20package%20contains%20a,maps%20in%20the%20maps%20package.), I will join my country_names dataset with the world dataset from the package.

```
world <- map_data("world")
head(world, 3)</pre>
```

	long <dbl></dbl>	lat <dbl></dbl>	group <dbl></dbl>	order region <int> <chr></chr></int>	subregion <chr></chr>
1	-69.89912	12.45200	1	1 Aruba	NA
2	-69.89571	12.42300	1	2 Aruba	NA
3	-69.94219	12.43853	1	3 Aruba	NA
3 rows					

The following code is adapted from **Sarah Penir's** article: Making Maps with ggplot2 (https://sarahpenir.github.io/r/making-maps/)

```
# Determine the set difference between the two datasets on 'region'
setdiff(country_names$region, world$region) |> print()
```

```
## [1] "United States" "United Kingdom"
## [3] "Hong Kong SAR China" "Palestinian Territories"
## [5] "Czechia" "British Indian Ocean Territory"
## [7] "Congo - Kinshasa" "St. Kitts & Nevis"
## [9] "Vatican City"
```

We need country_names\$region to match world\$region in order to do the join, so I will recode the mismatched strings:

I am going to bin each country's production counts before plotting:

```
tedious <- tedious |>
  mutate(Productions = cut(total, seq(0, 2400, 200), dig.lab = 5))
```

head(tedious, 5)

	countries <chr></chr>		region <chr></chr>	Productions <fct></fct>
1	US	2323	USA	(2200,2400]
2	IN	622	India	(600,800]
3	GB	404	UK	(400,600]
4	JP	287	Japan	(200,400]
5	FR	248	France	(200,400]
5 rc	ows			

Before we proceed with the join, let's determine the set difference once again:

```
setdiff(tedious$region, world$region) |> print()
```

```
## character(0)
```

```
sub <- left_join(world, tedious, by = "region")</pre>
```

```
## Warning in left_join(world, tedious, by = "region"): Detected an unexpected many-to-many rela
tionship between `x` and `y`.
## i Row 28281 of `x` matches multiple rows in `y`.
## i Row 72 of `y` matches multiple rows in `x`.
## i If a many-to-many relationship is expected, set `relationship =
## "many-to-many"` to silence this warning.
```

Visualizing the Global Production Count

```
pinks <- c("#FBE6C5FF","#F5BA98FF", "#FA8A76FF", "#C8586CFF", "#70284AFF")
theme1 <- theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5),</pre>
                panel.background = element_rect(fill = "white"),
                panel.border = element_blank(),
                panel.grid = element_blank(),
                axis.title = element_blank(),
                axis.text = element_blank(),
                axis.line = element_blank(),
                axis.ticks = element_blank())
w_pc <- ggplot(sub, aes(x = long, y = lat, group = group)) +</pre>
  coord fixed(1.3) +
  ylim(-55, 84) +
  geom_polygon(aes(fill = Productions), color = "white") +
  scale_fill_manual(values = pinks, na.value = "lavenderblush3") +
  labs(title = "Global Production Count")
w_pc
```

Global Production Count

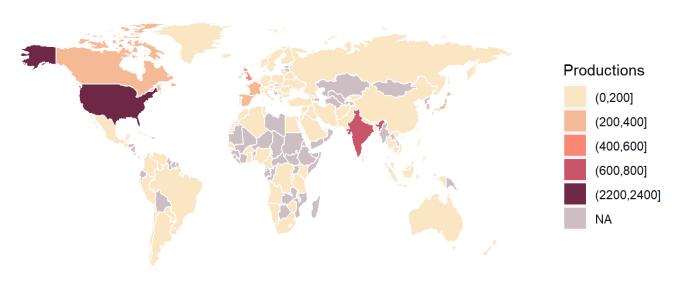


Fig 1. Count of motion pictures produced by country.

As we can see, the United States produced the most motion pictures (2200+), followed by India (600+) then the United Kingdom.

Visualizing the Distribution of Genres

```
# Extract all strings in genre column
genres <- titles$genres |>
    str_extract_all("[a-z]+") |>
    unlist(recursive = TRUE)

genre_count <- as.data.frame(genres) |>
    count(genres, sort = TRUE) |>
    mutate(pct = prop.table(n))

head(genre_count)
```

	genres <chr></chr>	n <int></int>	pct <dbl></dbl>
1	drama	2968	0.19671262
2	comedy	2325	0.15409597
3	thriller	1228	0.08138918
4	action	1157	0.07668346
5	romance	971	0.06435578
6	documentation	952	0.06309650
6 rc	ws		

```
# Extend colour palette
extendo <- colorRampPalette(brewer.pal(12, "Set3"))(nrow(genre count))</pre>
theme2 <- theme(legend.position = "none",</pre>
                panel.grid.major.x = element_line(colour = "ivory2"),
                panel.grid.minor.x = element_line(colour = "white"),
                panel.background = element rect(fill = "white"),
                plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
                axis.title.x = element_text(margin = margin(t = 20)),
                axis.title.y = element_blank())
# Plotting time
g <- ggplot(genre_count, aes(x = reorder(genres, n), y = n, fill = genres)) +</pre>
     geom bar(stat = "identity") +
     coord flip() +
     scale_fill_manual(values = extendo) +
     geom text(size = 3.5,
               hjust = "inward",
               aes(label = scales::percent(pct, accuracy = 0.1))) +
     scale_y_continuous(breaks = scales::breaks_extended(n = 9),
                         labels = scales::label comma()) +
     labs(title = "The Distribution of Genres on Netflix",
          y = "Count") +
  theme2
g
```

The Distribution of Genres on Netflix

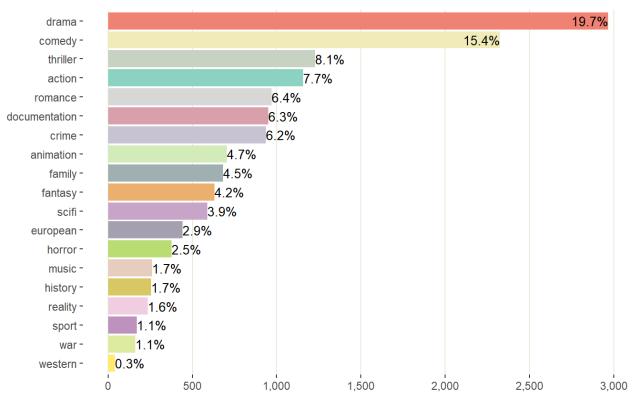


Fig 2. The distribution of unique genres on Netflix.

Drama dramatically accounts for nearly 20% of titles on Netflix. It is also funny how comedy is nearly double the proportion of the two genres preceding it!

Exploring Two Datasets with One Code

```
# Load some more data
credits <- read_csv("credits.csv")</pre>
```

```
glimpse(credits)
```

head(credits, 4)

person_id <dbl></dbl>	id <chr></chr>	name <chr></chr>	character <chr></chr>	role <chr></chr>
3748	tm84618	Robert De Niro	Travis Bickle	ACTOR
14658	tm84618	Jodie Foster	Iris Steensma	ACTOR
7064	tm84618	Albert Brooks	Tom	ACTOR
3739	tm84618	Harvey Keitel	Matthew 'Sport' Higgins	ACTOR
4 rows				

```
sum(duplicated(credits))
```

```
## [1] 0
```

colSums(is.na(credits))

```
## person_id id name character role
## 0 0 0 9772 0
```

Moving on to merging titles.csv and credits.csv:

```
# Merge on matching attribute column 'id'
friends <- left_join(credits, titles, by = "id")</pre>
```

I am creating a list of the top movie actors on the basis that they played a role in at least **3** movies with an average rating greater than **7**:

```
# Filter the movies by the biggest production country and a score > 7
p1 <- friends |>
 filter(str_detect(production_countries, "US")) |>
 mutate(avg_score = (tmdb_score + imdb_score) / 2 ) |>
 filter(avg_score >= 7 & type == "MOVIE")
# Filter with actors appearing at least 3 times
p2 <- p1 |>
 group_by(person_id) |>
 filter(sum(role %in% "ACTOR") >= 3) |>
 select(person_id, name, title, avg_score)
# Get the actors
p3 <- p2 |>
 select(person_id, name, title, avg_score) |>
 group_by(name) |>
 summarise(potential = mean(avg score)) |>
 arrange(desc(potential))
head(p3, 5)
```

name <chr></chr>	potential <dbl></dbl>
Joe Pesci	8.219333
Paul Herman	8.219333
Marion Cotillard	8.189500
Robert De Niro	8.129500
Cillian Murphy	8.111333
5 rows	

```
# Extract top 10 rows
top10 <- p3 |> slice(1:10)
```

The Highest Rated Movie of the Top 10 Actors

We can format data frames nicely with the flextable (https://ardata-fr.github.io/flextable-book/) package:

Actor	Top Film	Movie Score
Robert De Niro	GoodFellas	8.58
Joe Pesci	GoodFellas	8.58
Paul Herman	GoodFellas	8.58
James Russo	Once Upon a Time in America	8.38
Leonardo DiCaprio	Inception	8.60
Tom Hardy	Inception	8.60
Cillian Murphy	Inception	8.60
Marion Cotillard	Inception	8.60
Michael Caine	Inception	8.60
Miranda Nolan	Inception	8.60

The Highest Rated Movies of the Top 10 Actors

Actor	Avg. Movie Score	Top Films	Total
Leonardo DiCaprio	8.02	Blood Diamond, Catch Me If You Can, Django Unchained, Don't Look Up, Inception, The Departed, Titanic	7
Robert De Niro	8.13	Awakenings, GoodFellas, Once Upon a Time in America, Taxi Driver, The Irishman	5
Michael Caine	7.97	Dunkirk, Inception, Quincy, The Dark Knight Rises	4
Joe Pesci	8.22	GoodFellas, Once Upon a Time in America, The Irishman	3
Paul Herman	8.22	GoodFellas, Once Upon a Time in America, The Irishman	3
Marion Cotillard	8.19	Big Fish, Inception, The Dark Knight Rises	3
Cillian Murphy	8.11	Dunkirk, Inception, The Dark Knight Rises	3
Miranda Nolan	8.11	Dunkirk, Inception, The Dark Knight Rises	3
Tom Hardy	8.11	Dunkirk, Inception, The Dark Knight Rises	3
James Russo	8.08	Django Unchained, Donnie Brasco, Once Upon a Time in America	3

The actors starring in the top movies are generally those who are in the **same** set of movies.

Just for fun, let's see the rating for a great actor and director:

```
friends |>
  filter(name == "Keanu Reeves" | name == "Quentin Tarantino") |>
  group_by(name) |>
  summarise(rating = mean(imdb_score))
```

name <chr></chr>	rating <dbl></dbl>
Keanu Reeves	5.80
Quentin Tarantino	7.78
2 rows	

disappointing...

Finding the Unnecessarily Long Titles on Netflix

Motion Picture	Runtime (mins)	Runtime (hours)
Bonnie & Clyde	240	4.0
A Lion in the House	225	3.8
Lagaan: Once Upon a Time in India	224	3.7
Jodhaa Akbar	214	3.6
Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham	210	3.5
The Irishman	209	3.5
No Direction Home: Bob Dylan	208	3.5
Hum Aapke Hain Koun!	206	3.4
Jab Harry Met Sejal	200	3.3
Apocalypse Now Redux	196	3.3
Titanic	194	3.2
What's Your Raashee?	192	3.2
Wyatt Earp	191	3.2
Sivaji: The Boss	189	3.1
Swades	189	3.1
The Hateful Eight	188	3.1
RRR	187	3.1
Kal Ho Naa Ho	186	3.1
Lakshya	186	3.1

Motion Picture	Runtime (mins)	Runtime (hours)
Saladin the Victorious	186	3.1

Visualizing the Top Netflix Titles

```
# Finding the counts per year
titles |>
  count(release_year) |>
  arrange(desc(n))
```

		re	eleas	e_ye <dl< th=""><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th>n <int></int></th></dl<>					n <int></int>		
			2019						836		
		2020					8				
		2021						787			
		2018						77			
		2017							563		
		2022							371		
		2016							362		
			2015						223		
			2014						153		
				2013					135		
1-10 of 63 rows	Previous	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Next		

Since 2019-2021 has the most releases, I will explore a subset of the data:

```
# Subsetting by year and the biggest production country
top_titles <- titles |>
 filter(release_year >= 2019,
         str_detect(production_countries, "US")) |>
 arrange(desc(imdb_score)) |>
 slice(1:20)
top_titles |>
 mutate(title = fct reorder(title, imdb score)) |>
 ggplot(mapping = aes(x = imdb_score, y = title, group = 1,
                       color = type, label = round(imdb_score, 2))) +
 geom\_segment(aes(x = 8, xend = imdb\_score, yend = title), size = 0.9) +
 geom\ point(size = 4) +
 scale colour manual(values = c("#FA7E5CFF", "#D17DF9FF"), name = "Type") +
 scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(8.0, 9.2, 0.2), limits = c(8.0, 9.2)) +
 theme minimal() +
 theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5),
        axis.title.y = element_blank(),
        legend.position = c(0.9, 0.2)) +
 labs(title = "Top 20 Motion Pictures from 2019-2022",
      x = "IMDb Score")
```

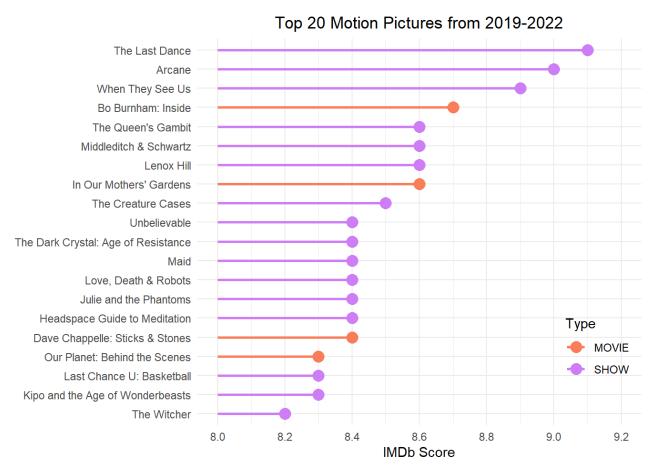


Fig 3. Top 20 titles on Netflix produced in the U.S. from 2019-2022.

Visualizing Rating vs. Runtime

I am separating the data into show releases before and after 2000. For simplicity, I am categorizing the data as pre/post Gen z. *I am aware* that Gen Z starts from 1997...

Using the ggmosaic (https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/ggmosaic/ggmosaic.pdf) package to plot:

```
traffic lights <- c("#CF597EFF", "#DE8A5AFF", "#E9E29CFF", "#9CCB86FF")
theme3 <- theme(plot.title = element text(hjust = 0.5),
                plot.background = element_blank(),
                panel.background = element blank(),
                panel.border = element_blank(),
                panel.grid.major = element blank(),
                panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
                strip.background = element blank(),
                strip.text = element_text(face = "italic"),
                axis.title.x = element_text(vjust = -1.2))
mos <- ggplot(rnr) +</pre>
  geom mosaic(aes(x = product(mins), fill = rating),
              na.rm = TRUE, offset = 0, show.legend = FALSE) +
  facet grid(.~turning point, scales = "free x") +
  scale_fill_manual(values = traffic_lights) +
  theme3 +
  labs(title = "The Distribution of Rating and Runtime",
       x = "Runtime (mins)",
       y = "Rating")
mos
```

The Distribution of Rating and Runtime

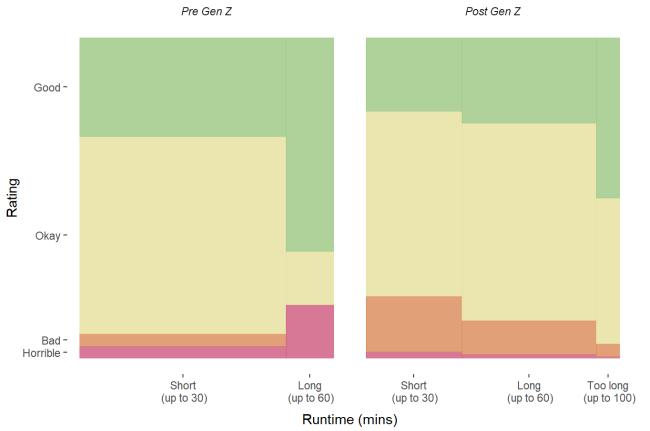


Fig 4. The distribution of the number of ratings and runtime of shows released before and after year 2000.

As we can see, the majority of shows released before 2000 are under 30 minutes, with a small portion of shows ranging from 30-60 minutes. In contrast, after 2000, we can see that we have a larger majority of shows up to 60 minutes in length, and shows over 1 hour in runtime begin to appear. Although the runtime and rating do not have a strong correlation, we can see that the addition of more shows in post *Gen Z* account for more **bad** ratings and less **horrible** ratings.

Visualizing the Runtime Over the Years

```
titles$release_year |> range()

## [1] 1945 2022
```

Finding the average runtime across each type over the year range:

```
# Store avg. runtime mean of movies and shows
runtime_mean <- titles |>
  group_by(type) |>
  summarise(r_mean = mean(runtime, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  print()
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 × 2
## type r_mean
## <chr> <dbl>
## 1 MOVIE 98.2
## 2 SHOW 39.0
```

How does the runtime of TV shows and movies change over the years?

```
# Plot with y-line representing the mean runtime
rs <- ggplot(titles, aes(x = release year, y = runtime, colour = type)) +
 geom_point(aes(colour = type, alpha = 0.5)) +
 geom smooth(method = "loess", span = 0.7, show.legend = FALSE) +
 geom_hline(data = runtime_mean, aes(yintercept = r_mean, col = type),
             linetype = "solid", size = 1, color = c("black")) +
 scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(1970, 2020, 10), limits = c(1970, 2022)) +
 scale colour manual(values = c("coral", "mediumorchid")) +
 facet_wrap(.~type, scales = "free_y") +
 theme_minimal() +
 theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, vjust = 1.2),
        axis.title.x = element_text(vjust = -1.2),
        legend.position = "none") +
 labs(x = "Release Year",
      y = "Runtime (mins)",
      colour = "Type",
      title = "Runtime of Motion Pictures by Year")
rs
```

```
## `geom_smooth()` using formula = 'y ~ x'
```

Runtime of Motion Pictures by Year



Fig 5. The changes in runtime of shows and movies by release year from 1970-2022.

- In this visual, I have used a loess regression line⁸ to fit the scattered data points.
- I have also included a black geom hline() on the y-axis to represent the average runtime for each facet.
- Evidently, movies released from 1970-2010 are longer than the total average runtime. The runtime peaks
 around 2000 and by ~2015, the runtime falls below the average and increases again closer to 2022.
- In contrast, we can see that the runtime for **TV shows** gradually increases around the year 2000 and surpasses the average as we get closer to 2020.
- If we compare this observation to **Fig 4.** in Visualizing Rating vs. Runtime, the facet for runtime after year 2000 conveys the same trend: a significant portion of TV shows released after 2000 have longer runtimes (around 60 minutes).

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- 1. The title ID on JustWatch (https://www.justwatch.com/)↩
- 2. SHOW or MOVIE ←
- 3. The number of seasons of a show ←

- 4. The IMDb ID on IMDb (https://www.imdb.com/)↩
- 5. The TMDB rating on TMDB (https://www.themoviedb.org/?language=en-CA)↩
- 6. ACTOR or DIRECTOR←
- 7. The function calculates the value of each entry in a table as a proportion of all values ↔
- 8. Locally weighted smoothing: used in regression analysis to fit a line through a plot (e.g. scatter) to define a relationship between attributes and predict trends↔