Investigate_a_Dataset

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1 Project: Investigate TMDB Movie Data

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Introduction

1.1.1 Setup the imports and load the data

```
In [48]: import pandas as pd
         import numpy as np
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         import seaborn as sns
         %matplotlib inline
         df_movies = pd.read_csv("tmdb-movies.csv")
         # Glancing at few lines of data for a basic understanding
         df movies.head(2)
Out[48]:
                                                                       original_title \
                id
                      imdb_id popularity
                                              budget
                                                          revenue
         0 135397 tt0369610
                                32.985763
                                           150000000
                                                      1513528810
                                                                       Jurassic World
             76341 tt1392190
                                28.419936 150000000
                                                       378436354 Mad Max: Fury Road
                                                          cast
           Chris Pratt|Bryce Dallas Howard|Irrfan Khan|Vi...
           Tom Hardy | Charlize Theron | Hugh Keays-Byrne | Nic...
                                 homepage
                                                  director
                                                                        tagline \
           http://www.jurassicworld.com/ Colin Trevorrow
                                                              The park is open.
              http://www.madmaxmovie.com/
                                             George Miller What a Lovely Day.
                                                                    overview runtime \
                . . .
```

```
0
                 Twenty-two years after the events of Jurassic ...
                                                                         124
                 An apocalyptic story set in the furthest reach...
1
                                                                         120
                                       genres
 Action | Adventure | Science Fiction | Thriller
1 Action|Adventure|Science Fiction|Thriller
                                 production_companies release_date vote_count \
 Universal Studios | Amblin Entertainment | Legenda...
                                                             6/9/15
                                                                          5562
1 Village Roadshow Pictures | Kennedy Miller Produ...
                                                            5/13/15
                                                                          6185
   vote_average release_year
                                  budget_adj
                                               revenue_adj
0
                              1.379999e+08
                                              1.392446e+09
            6.5
                         2015
                         2015 1.379999e+08 3.481613e+08
            7.1
[2 rows x 21 columns]
```

1.1.2 Description of the dataset

The dataset analysed here is taken from TMDB dataset (originally taken from this kaggle data set). It has about 10K+ entries and has multiple dependent variables such as revenue, vote_count, vote_average and popularity. Some of the fields such as cast are a list of strings concatenated with pipeline (|) character. This dataset has movies spanned over for nearly 40 years since 1960.

1.1.3 Things to explore

- Looking at the initial snapshot, we can probably try to use the revenue metric as our dependent variable as this would gauge the performance of the movie. We can keep other variables in mind such as vote_average, vote_count and popularity which can be considered as the dependent variable as well.
- After we decide on a dependent variable, we can choose to explore the correlation of this variable against other independent variables such as
 - runtime
 - genres
 - cast
 - director
 - production studio
- We can build concrete questions once we dive deep in to the actual dataset.

Data Wrangling

```
imdb_id
                        10856 non-null object
popularity
                        10866 non-null float64
                        10866 non-null int64
budget
                         10866 non-null int64
revenue
                         10866 non-null object
original_title
                         10790 non-null object
cast
                         2936 non-null object
homepage
director
                        10822 non-null object
                        8042 non-null object
tagline
keywords
                        9373 non-null object
                         10862 non-null object
overview
runtime
                         10866 non-null int64
genres
                         10843 non-null object
production_companies
                        9836 non-null object
release_date
                         10866 non-null object
vote_count
                        10866 non-null int64
                        10866 non-null float64
vote_average
                        10866 non-null int64
release_year
budget_adj
                         10866 non-null float64
                         10866 non-null float64
revenue_adj
dtypes: float64(4), int64(6), object(11)
```

memory usage: 1.7+ MB

1.1.4 Preliminary observations from dataset

Looking at the output of the info() call we can make the following deductions:

- Homepage label is null for 75% of the movies. Overviewfield is missing for few moviesas well.
 Both these columns do not provide any insights to the context of our analysis here, and we should be able to safely drop these columns.
- Imdb_id is null for 10 movies but our analysis should be unaffected by presence (or absence) of this field.
- Production companies column also has null values for some of the movies.
- Only 23 movies (out of 10866) are missing the genres field. 76 movies are missing the cast field. 48 movies are missing the director information. We should be able to safely drop the rows with missing genres, cast and director as well.
- Lot of entries are missing the keyword & production fields. It is not possible to fill the data with any trivial pandas or python functions (for e.g.: mean() does not make any sense here). However, It would not be wise to drop the rows. For what its worth, we can perform some tentative analysis for the rows that have empty keyword (or production_companies) fields with low accuracy.

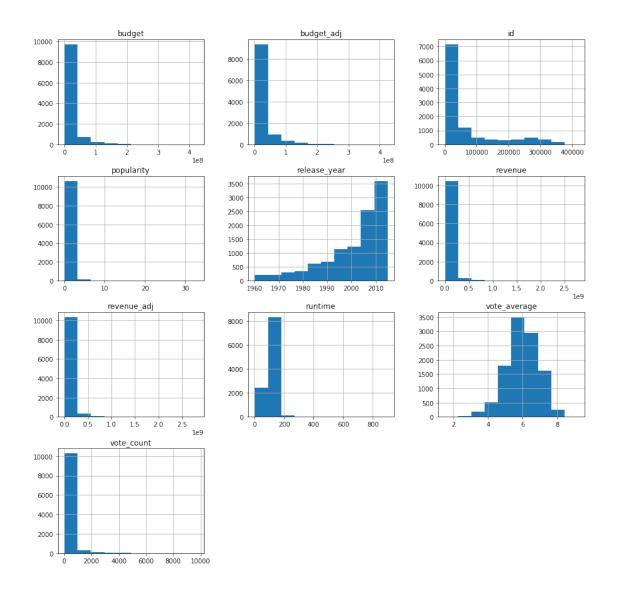
```
In [50]: #For finding out any data discrepencies.
         df_movies.describe()
Out [50]:
                                 popularity
                           id
                                                    budget
                                                                 revenue
                                                                               runtime
                               10866.000000
                 10866.000000
                                             1.086600e+04 1.086600e+04 10866.000000
         count
                 66064.177434
                                   0.646441
                                             1.462570e+07 3.982332e+07
                                                                            102.070863
         mean
```

std min 25% 50%	92130.136561 5.000000 10596.250000 20669.000000	1.000185 0.000065 0.207583 0.383856	3.091321e+07 0.000000e+00 0.000000e+00 0.000000e+00	1.170035e+08 0.000000e+00 0.000000e+00 0.000000e+00	31.381405 0.000000 90.000000 99.000000
75%	75610.000000	0.713817	1.500000e+07	2.400000e+07	111.000000
max	417859.000000	32.985763	4.250000e+08	2.781506e+09	900.000000
	vote_count	vote_average	release_year	budget_adj	${\tt revenue_adj}$
count	10866.000000	10866.000000	10866.000000	1.086600e+04	1.086600e+04
mean	217.389748	5.974922	2001.322658	1.755104e+07	5.136436e+07
std	575.619058	0.935142	12.812941	3.430616e+07	1.446325e+08
min	10.000000	1.500000	1960.000000	0.00000e+00	0.000000e+00
25%	17.000000	5.400000	1995.000000	0.00000e+00	0.000000e+00
50%	38.000000	6.000000	2006.000000	0.00000e+00	0.000000e+00
75%	145.750000	6.600000	2011.000000	2.085325e+07	3.369710e+07
max	9767.000000	9.200000	2015.000000	4.250000e+08	2.827124e+09

1.1.5 Deeper analysis into the dataset

Now that we have a brief understanding of the dataset and its columns, we can delve deeper in to each of the features provided and plan our cleanup process.

```
In [51]: df_movies.hist(figsize=[15, 15]);
```



Duplicated data

• Using the duplicated() method call it is evident that only one entry is duplicated and this can be dropped.

```
    std
    1.000185

    min
    0.000065

    25%
    0.207583

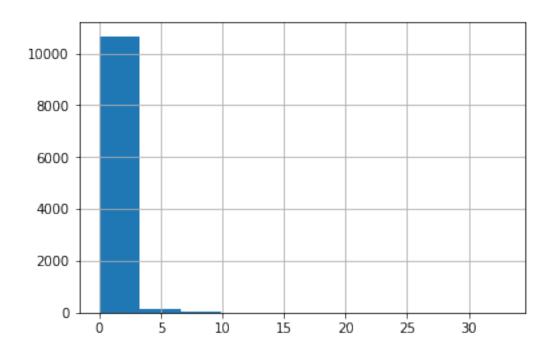
    50%
    0.383856

    75%
    0.713817

    max
    32.985763
```

Name: popularity, dtype: float64

popularity < 1 : 9110
popularity > 1 : 1756
popularity > 10 : 11



Errant popularity data

• Using feature based analysis we can see that there is significant discrepancy in the popularity column. Looking at the popularity statistics:

mean 0.646441 std 1.000185

```
min 0.000065
25% 0.207583
50% 0.383856
75% 0.713817
max 32.985763
```

• Further looking at the histogram for the popularity column leads us to believe that this may be an errant data. While the max is 32, most of the movies are concentrated in the interval of 0 to 1. We can drop this column as it may not provide valuable insights. My best guess is that this errant data could have been generated by merging multiple datasets which used popularity on various scales such as 0 to 1 (could have been simplified percentile rating), 1 to 10 (like the standard IMDb rating) and 0 to 100 (as a rotten tomatoes pure percentile rating). However, this is a strong assumption to make and thus we can't use it to cleanup the popularity field. In conclusion, it is better to drop this column.

```
In [55]: df_movies.query("runtime == 0").count()
Out[55]: id
                                    31
         imdb_id
                                    31
         popularity
                                    31
         budget
                                    31
         revenue
                                    31
                                    31
         original_title
         cast
                                    31
                                     6
         homepage
         director
                                    29
         tagline
                                     5
         keywords
                                    15
         overview
                                    29
         runtime
                                    31
                                    30
         genres
                                    13
         production_companies
         release_date
                                    31
         vote_count
                                    31
                                    31
         vote_average
         release_year
                                    31
         budget_adj
                                    31
         revenue_adj
                                    31
         dtype: int64
```

1.1.6 Cleanup runtime data

There are 31 entries with zero runtime value. It may not be wise to substitute these with mean (or median) as it may affect with the accuracy of analysis process. It is better to just drop these entries as the count is quite low (< 0.01 percent).

```
zero budget count : 5696
zero revenue count : 6016
```

1.1.7 Surprising revelations

Looking at the output of above query and learning that half of our dataset has entries with zero revenue, we might want to re-evaluate our questions. Since more than half of the entries have zero as the revenue, we cannot reasonably substitute the empty values with mean (or median). Hence, we might consider the next best metric to gauge the movie's performance which is the average vote count. Let's look at the statistics for average vote count:

```
In [57]: df_movies["vote_average"].describe()
Out [57]: count
                  10866.000000
         mean
                       5.974922
         std
                       0.935142
                      1.500000
         25%
                       5.400000
         50%
                       6.000000
         75%
                       6.600000
                      9.200000
         max
         Name: vote_average, dtype: float64
```

Looking at above stats, the minimum value is nonzero and highest is close to 10 (this could be because it was taken on a scale of 0 - 10 as a standard imdb rating). Hence we can **consider this as the dependent variable**

1.1.8 Patterns to explore

Now that we decided on a depedent variable, we can explore following patterns

- Explore the frequency of top:
- genres
- cast
- director
- keywords
- production_companies
- Explore the correlation of vote_average against:
- genres of the movies
- runtime of the movies
- release_date of the movies
- cast, director: these are special fields because each entry has multiple values seperated by
- production_companies : nearly half of our dataset has missing value for production_companies. We would perform analysis but it may be highly inaccurate.
- Explore the correlation of vote_count against:
- release_date of the movies (movies being released in holiday seasons could have high watching rate)

Data Cleaning

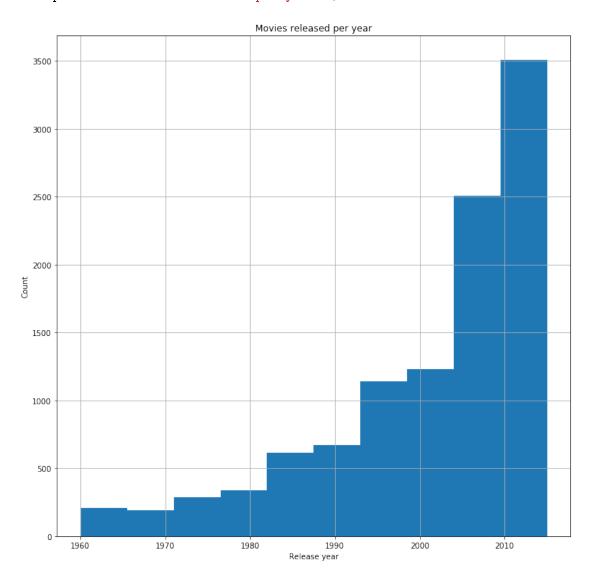
Now that we have explored the dataset and found multiple optimizations that can perform, let's go ahead and apply all of these cleanup operations on our dataset so that can we can make our analysis on a clean dataframe.

```
In [58]: # drop the duplicate rows.
         df_movies.drop_duplicates(inplace=True)
         # drop non insightful columns
         drop_columns = ["homepage", "overview", "popularity"]
         # drop columns inplace and ignore any errors (makes it easy to rerun)
         df_movies.drop(columns=drop_columns, inplace=True, errors="ignore")
         # drop rows whose genres field is null
         df_movies.dropna(axis=0, how="all", subset=["genres"], inplace=True)
         # drop rows whose director field is null
         df_movies.dropna(axis=0, how="all", subset=["director"], inplace=True)
         # drop rows whose cast field is null
         df_movies.dropna(axis=0, how="all", subset=["cast"], inplace=True)
In [59]: # drop rows whose runtime field is null
         runtime_zero = df_movies.query("runtime == 0")
         df_movies.drop(index=runtime_zero.index, inplace=True, errors="ignore")
         df_movies.shape
Out[59]: (10703, 18)
In [60]: # Assert that there are no movies with empty genres
         assert df_movies["genres"].isnull().sum() == 0
         # Assert that there are no movies with empty genres
         assert df_movies["director"].isnull().sum() == 0
         # Assert that there are no movies with empty genres
         assert df_movies["cast"].isnull().sum() == 0
         # Assert that there are no movies with zero runtime
         assert df_movies.query("runtime == 0").empty
```

Exploratory Data Analysis

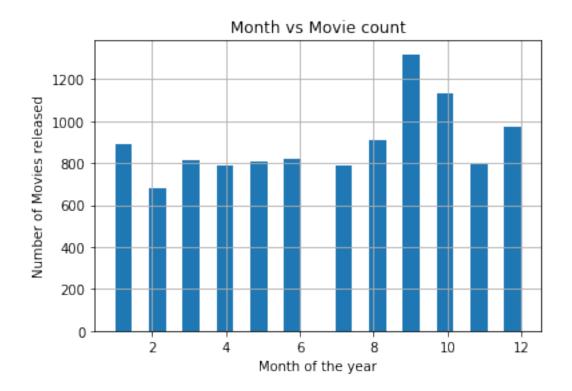
1.1.9 Number of movies released per year

```
plt.ylabel("Count")
plt.title("Movies released per year");
```



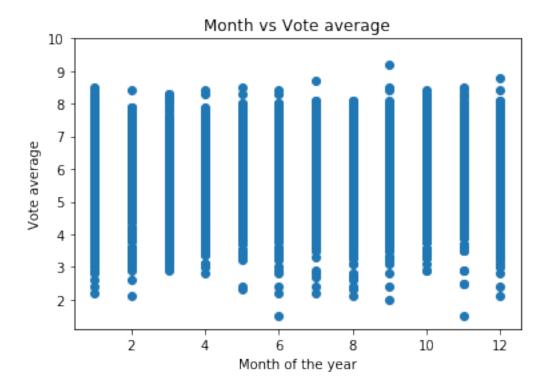
As the above graph depicts, the number of movies being released per year has consistently increased.

1.1.10 Movies being released per month



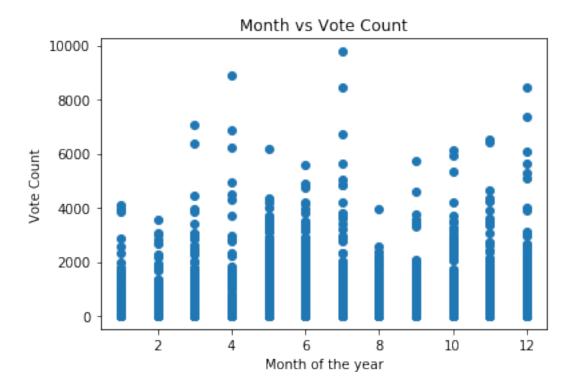
Above graph infers that most number of movies are usually released during the second half of the year (September to January season). That being said, there are no big dips in movie release count with february being the month with least number of movies.

1.1.11 Does movie release date month affect the vote average?



Above graph does not infer any high confident correlation between the release date month and vote average

1.1.12 Is there any relation between the vote_count and the release month of the movie?



Again, there are some outliers but there isn't any pattern between the month of the movie release data and the vote count average.

```
In [65]: # Define constants reused elsewhere:
         column_genres = "genres"
         column_vote_average = "vote_average"
         column_production_companies = "production_companies"
         column_cast = "cast"
         column_director = "director"
         \# This method is used to split values in a given column with the given seperator and the
         # value counts which would be sorted in descending order of frequency.
         def get_value_counts_in_column(name: str, df: pd.DataFrame, sep: str = "|"):
             nonna_df = df.dropna(subset=[name])
             r = nonna_df[name].str.split(sep, expand=True)
             r = r.values.flatten()
             r = r[r != np.array(None)]
             return pd.value_counts(r)
         #
         # This method creates a dataframe by taking two columns `x` and `y` in a datafram `df`.
```

1. Split the column x with the given seperator (only `/` is used in the scope of the

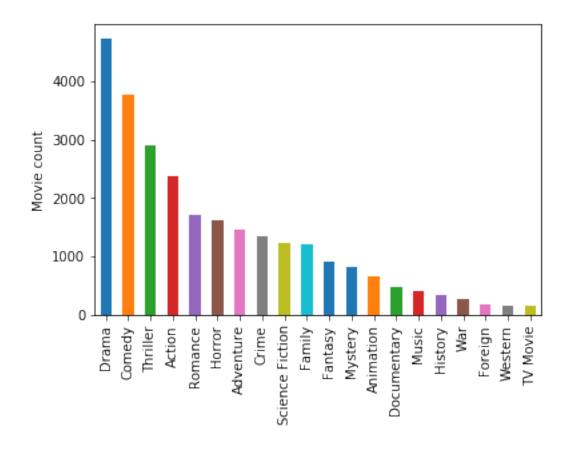
This is the breakdown of functionality of this method:

```
# 2. Expands the column in to multiple columns based on how many values are genreated
# 3. Stack the newly generated columns in to one (thus increasing the number of rows)
# 4. Call Groupby on the column x and only take entires with highest frequency (# of e
# 5. Return a dataframe with columns as x and y.
def expand_column(
    x: str, # Usually the independent variable. This column would be splitted and expan
    y : str, # Usually the dependent variable
    df : pd.DataFrame,
    count : int = -1, # Maximum number of entries to be considered. Defaults to all
    sep: str = "|", # Seperator to split values in columns. Defaults to /
    dropna: bool = True # Drop entries whose values for x are null
):
    new_df = df.copy()
    if dropna:
        new_df.dropna(subset=[x], inplace=True)
    value_counts = get_value_counts_in_column(x, new_df, sep).head(count)
    expanded_df = pd.DataFrame(new_df[x].str.split(sep).tolist(), index = new_df[y]).st
    expanded_df = expanded_df.reset_index([0, y])
    expanded_df.columns = [y, x]
    d = expanded_df.groupby(by=x).mean()
    d = d.loc[value_counts.index.values]
    new_df = pd.DataFrame(list(zip(d.index.values, d[y].values)), columns =[x, y])
    return new_df
```

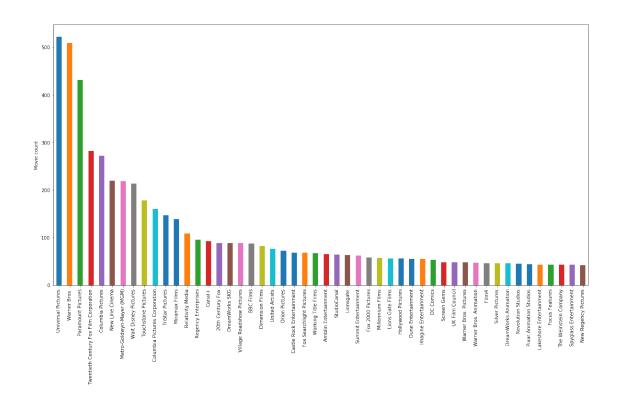
Explore How many movies are produced by (or in) each: *Genre *Director *Actor (or Actress) *Production Studio

Once we have above, we can explore the correlation of above (or say top 100 if there are too many) with vote_average

```
In [66]: get_value_counts_in_column(column_genres, df_movies).plot.bar()
    plt.ylabel("Movie count");
```

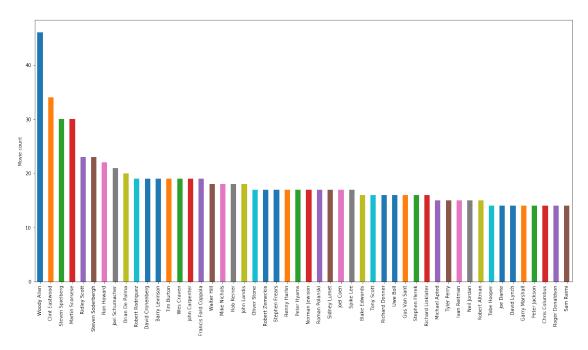


Drama and Comedy seems to be the genres with most number of movies being released. It would be interesting to see if top genres are indeed the top rated genres as well.

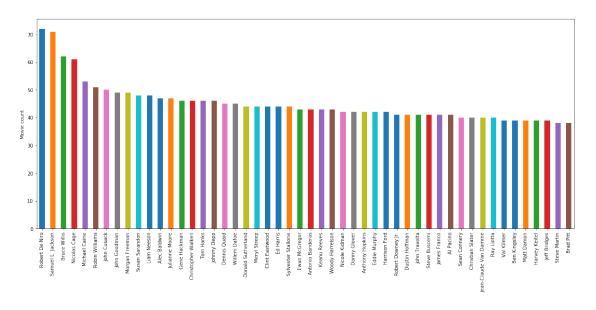


NOTE: The production studios information is missing for 10% of the entries. This is a low confidence insight

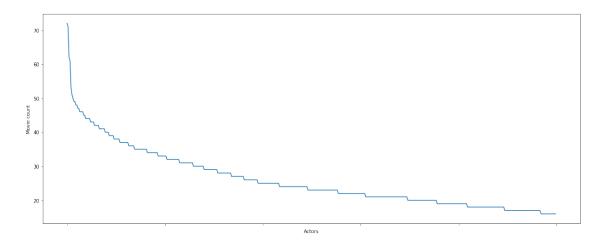
Most of the movie releases are from a handful of studios as depicted in the above graph.



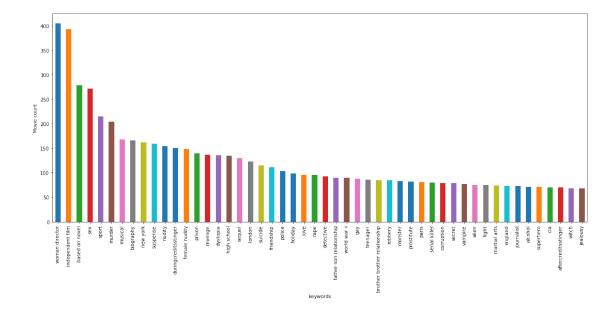
Woody Allen, Client Eastwood, Martin Scorsese and Steven Spielberg seems to be the directors with most number of movies. It would be interesting to see their correlation with vote average.



Robert De Niro, Samuel L Jackson, Bruce Wills, Nicolas Cage seems to be the top few actors. It is interesting to note that there are no actresses in top 10 (by count of movies).

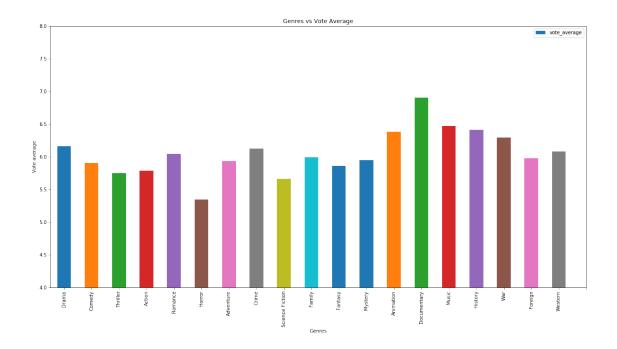


Above line graph that plots nearly 500 actors shows that most of the movies are made by limited number of actors. The diversity is less in the actors as only a handful of actors get to make more and more movies.



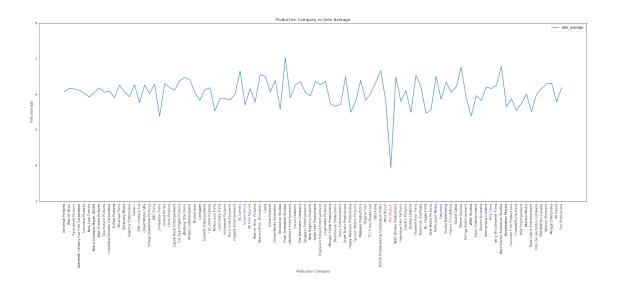
While there were no actresses in the top 10 by cast, it is interesting to see that the highest used keyword is woman director.

1.1.13 Does vote average have any correlation with genres



From one of the previous graphs, we could see that Drama, Comedy, Thriller and Action were genres with most number of movies. However, when it comes to vote_average they are almost close to the mean. Documentaries sees very less releases (by count) but it is the highest rated genre. Horror movies are the poorest rated. The behavior does not change even when looking at min or max value instead of mean. There are some outliers but they still adhere to the above correlation.

1.1.14 Does vote average have any correlation with production companies?



Looking at above graph we can see that there are some consistent good performing studios like Pixar Animation Studios, Walt Disney Animation Studios etc. Also the top few studios (Which make the most number of movies if you refer to the earlier graphs) perform very close to average when it comes to vote_average. This is a typical Quantity vs Quality situation.

The Asylum seems to be the worst performer in top 100 production studios (by number of movies released). Again, there are some outliers (that can be seen when the above graph is replotted with min() or max() instead of mean() but those do adher to the above pattern closely. That being said, almost 40% of our dataset has null values for production_companies and this graph provides insights on only thise entries for which production studio value is present. This is a very low confidence insight.

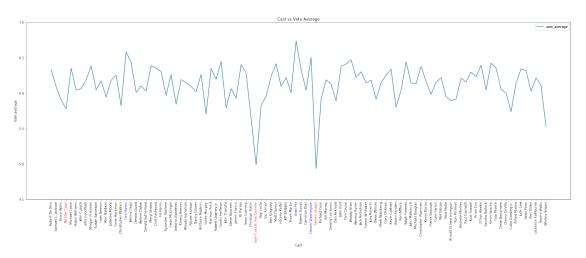
1.1.15 Does vote average have any correlation with cast?

```
In [74]: top_count = 100 # For this analysis consider only top 100 (by #number of movies) actors
    cast = expand_column(column_cast, column_vote_average, df_movies, top_count)
    cast.plot(x = column_cast, y = column_vote_average, kind="line", figsize=[30, 10])
    plt.ylim(ymin=4.5, ymax=7)
    plt.ylabel(column_vote_average)
    plt.xticks(np.arange(top_count), cast[column_cast].values, rotation=90);

# highlight dips
    plt.gca().get_xticklabels()[3].set_color("red")
    plt.gca().get_xticklabels()[41].set_color("red")
    plt.gca().get_xticklabels()[53].set_color("red")

# highlight ups
    plt.gca().get_xticklabels()[15].set_color("blue")
    plt.gca().get_xticklabels()[49].set_color("blue")
    plt.gca().get_xticklabels()[52].set_color("blue")
    plt.gca().get_xticklabels()[52].set_color("blue")
```

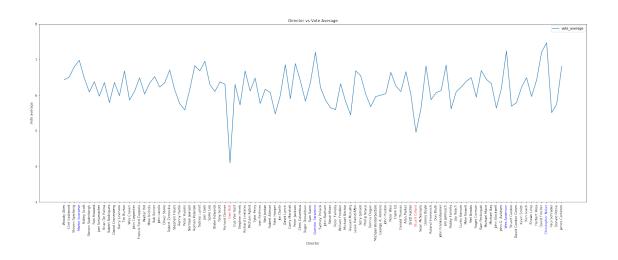
```
plt.xlabel("Cast")
plt.title("Cast vs Vote Average");
```



The graph shows that for top 100 cast, actors like Tom Hanks, Brad Pitt and Denzel Washington seem to bring in good ratings for the movie while actors like Jean-Claude Van Dammme and Steven Seagal seem to perfom poorly. Also Nicholos Cage (who was #4 in terms of most number of movies) is one of the poor players.

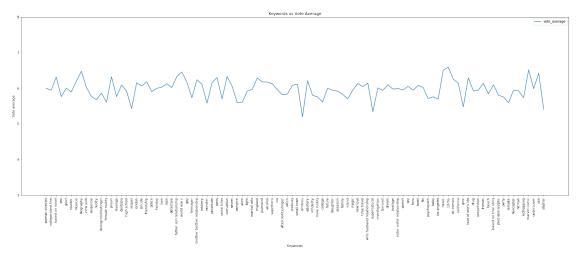
When the above graph is replotted with max() instead of mean() same pattern is observed. If it is plotted with min() values, then Adam Sandler seems to have perfored poorly (we can see a serious dip for Adam sandler in above graph as well but it becomes significant if plotted with min values)

```
In [75]: top_count = 100 # For this analysis consider only top 100 (by #number of movies) direct
         director = expand_column(column_director, column_vote_average, df_movies, top_count)
         director.plot(x = column_director, y = column_vote_average, kind="line", figsize=[30, 1
         plt.ylim(ymin=3, ymax=8)
         plt.ylabel(column_vote_average)
         plt.xticks(np.arange(top_count), director[column_director].values, rotation=90)
         # highlight dips
         plt.gca().get_xticklabels()[33].set_color("red")
         plt.gca().get_xticklabels()[70].set_color("red")
         # highlight ups
         plt.gca().get_xticklabels()[3].set_color("blue")
         plt.gca().get_xticklabels()[50].set_color("blue")
         plt.gca().get_xticklabels()[88].set_color("blue")
         plt.gca().get_xticklabels()[96].set_color("blue")
         plt.ylabel("Vote average")
         plt.xlabel("Director")
         plt.title("Director vs Vote Average");
```



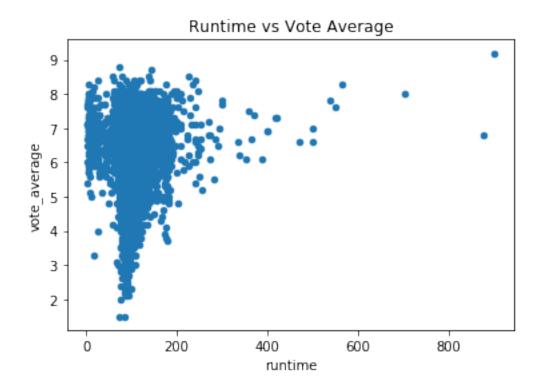
Martin Scorsese, Quentin Tarantino, Wes Anderson, Christopher Nolan seems to be highest performing directors in terms of ratings while Uwe Boll and Stuart Gillard seems to be the low performing directors.

While there are some directors who do consistently well with vote average there are some who do poorly. But as a overall theme most of the directors lie in the average range of 5.5 to 7.



Although the keyword frequency graph provided an interesting insight that the top keywords was women director the correlation graph does not show any strong pattern in keywords and vote average relation.

1.1.16 How does vote_average vary w.r.t runtime



There is a highly even distribution of movie runtimes between 0 and 200 minutes. Most of the movies lie in this range with few outliers execeeding 200 range and even fewer exceeding 400 minute range. Longer movies (> 400) almost always perform higher in vote_average. This could be probably because most of these are documentaries. That being said runtime does not provide any strong correlation with vote average except for the thought that very long movies recevie good ratings.

Conclusions

1.1.17 Limitations

- 1. The dataset has null values for revenue columns for nearly 40% of the entries.
- 2. The dataset has null values for production_companies for nearly 1k entries (10% of the size).
- 3. The conclusions drawn above are done after the data has been cleaned(ie dropping null, missing values), if there were complete data the conclusions might have a slight impact.

4. We considered vote_average, vote_countas our dependent variable to guage a movies's performance, however, ratings could have been given by biased section of followers and revenue would have been a more accurate metric to consider.

1.1.18 Recap of findings from our investigation

- The number of movies being released per year has consistently increased.
- Most number of movies are usually released during the second half of the year (September to January holiday season).
- Does movie release date month affect the vote average: NO.
- Any relation between the vote_count and the release month of the movie : NO.
- Drama, Comedy, Action and Thriller seems to be the most common genres.
- Universal Pictures, Paramount, and Warner Bros seems to be the production companies with highest releases.
- Woody Allen, Client Eastwood, Martin Scorsese and Steven Spielberg seems to be the directors with most number of movies.
- Robert De Niro, Samuel L Jackson, Bruce Wills, Nicolas Cage seems to be the top few actors. It is interesting to note that there are no actresses in top 10 (by count of movies). Also the diversity is missing in the sense that only a handful of actors get to perform in most number of movies.
- woman director is the most common keyword.

Multi-Variate Analysis

- Documentaries is the highest rated genre while Horror is the lowest rated genre.
- Pixar Animation Studios, Walt Disney Animation Studios, and Marvel seems to be the production studios making movies with highest ratings while The Asylum seems to be the poorest performer.
- Actors like Tom Hanks, Brad Pitt, and Denzel Washington seem to bring in good ratings for the movie while actors like Jean-Claude Van Damme and Steven Seagal seem to perfom poorly. Also Nicholos Cage (who was #4 in terms of most number of movies) is one of the poor players.
- Martin Scorsese, Quentin Tarantino, Wes Anderson, Christopher Nolan seems to be highest performing directors in terms of ratings while Uwe Boll and Stuart Gillard seems to be the low performing directors.
- Most number of movies have a runtime in range of [50, 150]. Runtime does not have any strong correlation with vote average, however, extremely long runtimes (> 400) have always good vote averages.