Data Analyst Nanodegree #Project 1

Explore Weather Trends

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Introduction

In this project, I will analyse local and global temperature data and compare the temperature trends where I live to overall global temperature trends.

What Software Do I need?

To complete this project, I used the following:

- SQL
- MS Excel

Extracting Data

To start I wrote an SQL query to retrieve all the temperature data from:

Selecting Nearby City (Patna)

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SELECT*FROM city_list
WHERE country='India';
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> City Database

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SELECT*FROM city_data

WHERE country='India' AND city='Patna';
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Global Database

SELECT*FROM global_data;

Upon retrieving the data, it was extracted on a CSV file for further evaluation.

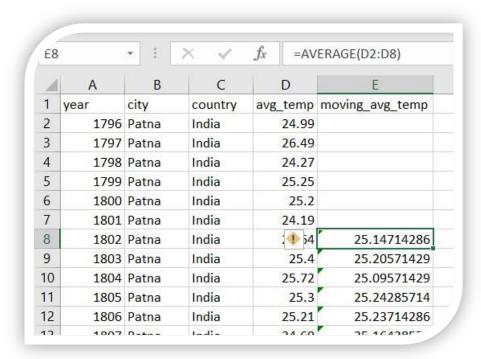
Data Selection & Manipulation

Once the data has been extracted on CSV, it was possible to further evaluate the data on Microsoft Excel. To provide a more accurate and useful dataset for comparison a range of the common years only was chosen.

Moreover, due to fluctuations in yearly averages, the data was evaluated considering moving averages (7-years) to provide smoother results during data visualization.

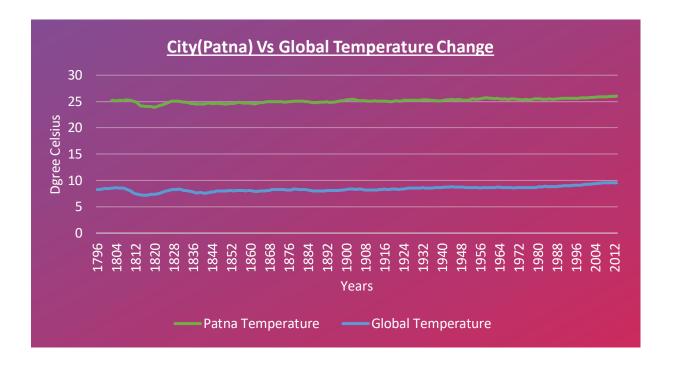
Steps to get moving averages:

- Select the location where moving data is to be stored(E8).
- Apply average function in it
- Select the range D2:D8 (for 7 years moving avg.)
- Press enter (Moving_avg for 7 years will be generated)
- Now drag the function from cell(E8) down.

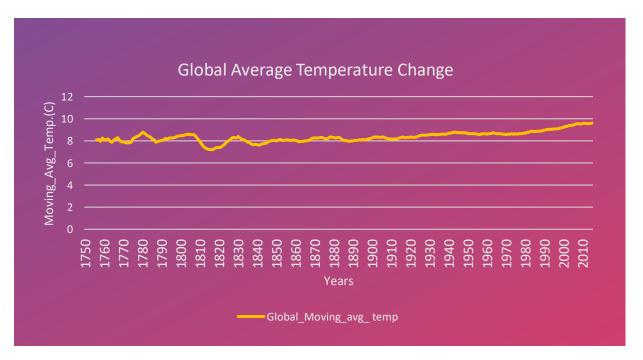


Data Visualization

Once the dataset was ready, then it was all about visuals. The first chart shows a comparison between the global and local temperature set across the years.



The second plot shows the global average temperature range across all the years to view a trend for the entire dataset.



Correlation coefficients are used in statistics to measure how strong a relationship is between two variables.

There are several types of correlation coefficient formulas. One of the most commonly used formulas is Pearson's correlation coefficient formula:

$$r = \frac{n(\sum xy) - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{\sqrt{[n\sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2][n\sum y^2 - (\sum y)^2]}}$$

Observations

Similarities:-

- On the short term, both lines are volatile, but on the long term, both display a slow increase trend.
- ♣ Both graphs show increase in average temperature with time, which means earth is getting hotter.

Differences:-

- ♣ Local average temperature is observed to be hotter than the global average temperature.
- ♣ Global moving average temperature is increasing at faster rate in comparison to local moving average temperature.

Overall:-

- ♣ Patna's weather has been warmer than the global average in the past couple hundred years.
- ♣ A significant rise in the yearly average temperature can be observed in Patna in the past couple of decades.
- ♣ The yearly average temperature seems to be increasing abnormally on a global scale in the last 2-3 decades.

CONCLUSION:

World is getting hotter!!