Analysis of Life Expectancy and Fertility Rate

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Introduction

This report examines the relationship between life expectancy and fertility rates across various regions for the years 1960 and 2020. Utilizing datasets provided by the World Bank and complemented by R vector data, we have created scatterplots that categorize countries by region, thereby allowing for a comparative analysis across two distinct time points in history.

```
#import and read file
setwd("/Users/badboihy/Downloads/Visualizing & Analyzing Data with R - Methods & Tools/Assignments")
foo <-read.csv("Datset IA.csv")</pre>
head(foo,5)
##
            Country.Name Country.Code
                                           Region Year Fertility.Rate
                   Aruba
                                 ABW The Americas 1960
                                                               4.820
## 2
             Afghanistan
                                             Asia 1960
                                                               7.450
                                 AFG
## 3
                  Angola
                                 AGO
                                           Africa 1960
                                                               7.379
## 4
                 Albania
                                 ALB
                                           Europe 1960
                                                               6.186
## 5 United Arab Emirates
                                 ARE
                                     Middle East 1960
                                                               6.928
str(foo)
                   374 obs. of 5 variables:
  'data.frame':
                          "Aruba" "Afghanistan" "Angola" "Albania" ...
   $ Country.Name
                   : chr
   $ Country.Code
                   : chr
                          "ABW" "AFG" "AGO" "ALB" ...
                          "The Americas" "Asia" "Africa" "Europe" ...
   $ Region
##
   $ Year
                          : int
                         4.82 7.45 7.38 6.19 6.93 ...
   $ Fertility.Rate: num
```

```
#Changing integer into factor
factor(foo$Year)
```

```
## Levels: 1960 2020
foo$Year <- factor(foo$Year)</pre>
str(foo)
       374 obs. of 5 variables:
## 'data.frame':
## $ Country.Name : chr "Aruba" "Afghanistan" "Angola" "Albania" ...
## $ Country.Code : chr "ABW" "AFG" "AGO" "ALB" ...
      : chr "The Americas" "Asia" "Africa" "Europe" ...
## $ Region
      : Factor w/ 2 levels "1960", "2020": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ Fertility.Rate: num 4.82 7.45 7.38 6.19 6.93 ...
#exploring data set
nrow(foo)
## [1] 374
ncol(foo)
## [1] 5
tail(foo)
   Country.Name Country.Code
##
               Region Year Fertility.Rate
## 369
      Samoa
           WSM
              Oceania 2020
                      4.147
## 370
           YEM Middle East 2020
                      4.284
    Yemen, Rep.
## 371
   South Africa
           ZAF
               Africa 2020
                      2.387
           COD
               Africa 2020
## 372 Congo, Dem. Rep.
                      6.103
## 373
           ZMB
      Zambia
               Africa 2020
                      5.429
## 374
     Zimbabwe
           ZWE
               Africa 2020
                      3.977
summary(foo)
```

```
Country.Code
## Country.Name
                                            Region
                                                              Year
## Length:374
                      Length:374
                                         Length:374
                                                             1960:187
## Class :character
                      Class :character
                                         Class : character
                                                             2020:187
## Mode :character Mode :character
                                         Mode :character
##
##
##
## Fertility.Rate
## Min.
           :1.124
## 1st Qu.:2.243
## Median :3.994
## Mean :4.191
## 3rd Qu.:6.252
## Max. :8.187
# Creating Data Frame
foo df <- data.frame(Country_Code, Life_Expectancy_At_Birth_1960, Life_Expectancy_At_Birth_2020)
head(foo_df)
     Country_Code Life_Expectancy_At_Birth_1960 Life_Expectancy_At_Birth_2020
##
## 1
                                       65.56937
                                                                    75.32866
## 2
              AFG
                                       32.32851
                                                                    60.02827
## 3
              AGO
                                       32.98483
                                                                    51.86617
## 4
              ALB
                                      62.25437
                                                                    77.53724
## 5
              ARE
                                       52.24322
                                                                    77.19563
## 6
              ARG
                                       65.21554
                                                                    75.98610
#Renaming the columns in data frames
colnames(foo_df)<-c("Code", "Life_Expectancy_1960", "Life_Expectancy_2020")</pre>
head(foo_df)
     Code Life_Expectancy_1960 Life_Expectancy_2020
## 1 ABW
                     65.56937
                                          75.32866
## 2 AFG
                     32.32851
                                          60.02827
## 3 AGO
                     32.98483
                                          51.86617
## 4 ALB
                     62.25437
                                          77.53724
## 5 ARE
                     52.24322
                                          77.19563
## 6 ARG
                     65.21554
                                          75.98610
# Merging data frames
head(foo)
##
             Country.Name Country.Code
                                            Region Year Fertility.Rate
## 1
                   Aruba
                            ABW The Americas 1960
                                                                 4.820
## 2
                                              Asia 1960
              Afghanistan
                                  AFG
                                                                 7.450
## 3
                  Angola
                                  AGO
                                            Africa 1960
                                                                 7.379
## 4
                                 ALB
                                                                 6.186
                  Albania
                                            Europe 1960
## 5 United Arab Emirates
                                 ARE Middle East 1960
                                                                 6.928
```

ARG The Americas 1960

3.109

6

Argentina

head(foo_df) Code Life_Expectancy_1960 Life_Expectancy_2020 ## ## 1 ABW 65.56937 75.32866 ## 2 AFG 32.32851 60.02827 ## 3 AGO 32.98483 51.86617 ## 4 ALB 62.25437 77.53724 ## 5 ARE 52.24322 77.19563 ## 6 ARG 65.21554 75.98610 foo_merged <- merge(foo, foo_df, by.x="Country.Code", by.y="Code")</pre> head(foo_merged) Country.Code Country.Name ## Region Year Fertility.Rate ## 1 ABW Aruba The Americas 1960 4.820 ## 2 ABW Aruba The Americas 2020 1.669 ## 3 AFG Afghanistan Asia 2020 5.050 ## 4 AFG Afghanistan Asia 1960 7.450 ## 5 AGO Africa 2020 6.165 Angola ## 6 AGO Angola Africa 1960 7.379 ## Life_Expectancy_1960 Life_Expectancy_2020 ## 1 65.56937 75.32866 ## 2 65.56937 75.32866 ## 3 32.32851 60.02827 ## 4 32.32851 60.02827 ## 5 32.98483 51.86617 ## 6 32.98483 51.86617 tail(foo_merged) ## Country.Code Country.Name Region Year Fertility.Rate Life_Expectancy_1960 ## 369 ZAF South Africa Africa 2020 2.387 49.03629 ## 370 ZAF South Africa Africa 1960 49.03629 6.173 ## 371 ZMB Zambia Africa 2020 5.429 45.10980 ## 372 ZMB Zambia Africa 1960 7.018 45.10980 ## 373 ZWE Zimbabwe Africa 1960 7.158 51.54246 Zimbabwe Africa 2020 ## 374 ZWE 3.977 51.54246 Life_Expectancy_2020 ## 369 56.73659 ## 370 56.73659 ## 371 59.23737 ## 372 59.23737 ## 373 55.63300 ## 374 55.63300 str(foo_merged) ## 'data.frame': 374 obs. of 7 variables: "ABW" "ABW" "AFG" "AFG" ... ## \$ Country.Code : chr ## \$ Country.Name "Aruba" "Aruba" "Afghanistan" "Afghanistan" ... : chr "The Americas" "The Americas" "Asia" "Asia" ... ## \$ Region : chr

```
## $ Year : Factor w/ 2 levels "1960","2020": 1 2 2 1 2 1 2 1 1 2 ...
## $ Fertility.Rate : num  4.82 1.67 5.05 7.45 6.17 ...
## $ Life_Expectancy_1960: num  65.6 65.6 32.3 32.3 33 ...
## $ Life_Expectancy_2020: num  75.3 75.3 60 60 51.9 ...
```

#Locate missing data complete.cases(foo merged)

!complete.cases(foo_merged)

```
[1] FALSE FALSE
                                        [13] FALSE F
                                       [25] FALSE F
                                    [37] FALSE FALSE
                                    [49] FALSE FALSE
                                       [61] FALSE FALSE
##
                                       [73] FALSE F
                                      [85] FALSE F
                                   [97] FALSE F
## [109] FALSE FALSE
## [121] FALSE FALSE
## [133] FALSE FALSE
## [145] FALSE FALSE
## [157] FALSE FALSE
## [169] FALSE FALSE
## [181] FALSE FALSE
## [193] FALSE FAL
```

```
## [205] FALSE FAL
```

foo_merged[!complete.cases(foo_merged),]

Analyzing NA Value is.na(foo_merged\$Country.Code)

```
[1] FALSE FA
##
##
                              [13] FALSE F
                              [25] FALSE F
                             [37] FALSE F
                              [49] FALSE FALSE
##
                            [61] FALSE FALSE
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## [109] FALSE FALSE
## [121] FALSE FALSE
## [133] FALSE FALSE
## [145] FALSE FALSE
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## [169] FALSE FALSE
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## [193] FALSE FALSE
## [205] FALSE FALSE
## [217] FALSE FALSE
## [229] FALSE FALSE
## [241] FALSE FALSE
## [253] FALSE FALSE
## [265] FALSE FALSE
## [277] FALSE FALSE
## [289] FALSE FAL
## [301] FALSE FALSE
## [313] FALSE FAL
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## [325] FALSE FAL
## [337] FALSE FALSE
## [349] FALSE FALSE
## [361] FALSE FAL
## [373] FALSE FALSE
foo_merged[is.na(foo_merged$Country.Code),]
## [1] Country.Code
                                                                                                Country.Name
                                                                                                                                                                        Region
## [4] Year
                                                                                                Fertility.Rate
                                                                                                                                                                       Life_Expectancy_1960
## [7] Life_Expectancy_2020
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
is.na(foo_merged$Country.Name)
                 [1] FALSE FALSE
##
              [13] FALSE F
              [25] FALSE FALSE
##
             [37] FALSE F
            [49] FALSE FALSE
            [61] FALSE FALSE
##
             [73] FALSE FALSE
## [85] FALSE FALSE
## [97] FALSE FALSE
## [109] FALSE FALSE
## [121] FALSE FALSE
## [133] FALSE FALSE
## [145] FALSE FALSE
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## [289] FALSE FALSE
## [301] FALSE FALSE
## [313] FALSE FALSE
## [325] FALSE FALSE
## [337] FALSE FALSE
## [349] FALSE FALSE
## [361] FALSE FALSE
## [373] FALSE FALSE
foo merged[is.na(foo merged$Country.Name),]
## [1] Country.Code
                                                                                                Country.Name
                                                                                                                                                                        Region
## [4] Year
                                                                                                Fertility.Rate
                                                                                                                                                                       Life_Expectancy_1960
```

```
## [7] Life_Expectancy_2020
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
is.na(foo_merged$Region)
                       [1] FALSE FA
                  [13] FALSE F
                  [25] FALSE FALSE
##
                  [37] FALSE FALSE
                  [49] FALSE FALSE
                [61] FALSE FALSE
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                [73] FALSE FALSE
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                [85] FALSE FALSE
## [97] FALSE FALSE
## [109] FALSE FALSE
## [121] FALSE FALSE
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## [169] FALSE FALSE
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## [289] FALSE FALSE
## [301] FALSE FALSE
## [313] FALSE FALSE
## [325] FALSE FALSE
## [337] FALSE FALSE
## [349] FALSE FALSE
## [361] FALSE FALSE
## [373] FALSE FALSE
foo_merged[is.na(foo_merged$Region),]
## [1] Country.Code
                                                                                                                                   Country.Name
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     Region
## [4] Year
                                                                                                                                   Fertility.Rate
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     Life_Expectancy_1960
## [7] Life_Expectancy_2020
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
is.na(foo_merged$Year)
                       [1] FALSE FALSE
##
                   [13] FALSE F
                  [25] FALSE F
                [37] FALSE FALSE
                 [49] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
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[61] FALSE F
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        [85] FALSE FALSE
       [97] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
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## [301] FALSE FALSE
## [313] FALSE FALSE
## [325] FALSE FALSE
## [337] FALSE FALSE
## [349] FALSE FALSE
## [361] FALSE FALSE
## [373] FALSE FALSE
```

foo_merged[is.na(foo_merged\$Year),]

is.na(foo_merged\$Fertility.Rate)

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[1] FALSE FA
                                   [13] FALSE F
                                [25] FALSE FALSE
                               [37] FALSE FALSE
                                  [49] FALSE FALSE
##
                                   [61] FALSE FALSE
                                  [73] FALSE FALSE
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## [193] FALSE FALSE
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## [301] FALSE FALSE
## [313] FALSE FALSE
## [325] FALSE FALSE
## [337] FALSE FALSE
## [349] FALSE FALSE
## [361] FALSE FALSE
## [373] FALSE FALSE
```

foo_merged[is.na(foo_merged\$Fertility.Rate),]

is.na(foo_merged\$Life_Expectancy_1960)

```
[1] FALSE FA
##
##
                              [13] FALSE F
                             [25] FALSE F
                            [37] FALSE F
                              [49] FALSE FALSE
##
                           [61] FALSE FALSE
                          [73] FALSE FALSE
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##
                            [97] FALSE F
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## [121] FALSE FALSE
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## [241] FALSE FALSE
## [253] FALSE FALSE
## [265] FALSE FALSE
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## [289] FALSE FAL
## [301] FALSE FALSE
## [313] FALSE FAL
```

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## [325] FALSE FALSE
## [337] FALSE FALSE
## [349] FALSE FALSE
## [361] FALSE FAL
## [373] FALSE FALSE
foo_merged[is.na(foo_merged$Life_Expectancy_1960),]
## [1] Country.Code
                                                                              Country.Name
                                                                                                                                         Region
                                                                              Fertility.Rate
## [4] Year
                                                                                                                                        Life_Expectancy_1960
## [7] Life_Expectancy_2020
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
is.na(foo_merged$Life_Expectancy_2020)
              [1] FALSE FALSE
##
           [13] FALSE F
           [25] FALSE FALSE
##
          [37] FALSE F
          [49] FALSE FALSE
##
          [61] FALSE FALSE
          [73] FALSE FALSE
## [85] FALSE FALSE
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## [289] FALSE FALSE
## [301] FALSE FALSE
## [313] FALSE FALSE
## [325] FALSE FALSE
## [337] FALSE FALSE
## [349] FALSE FALSE
## [361] FALSE FALSE
## [373] FALSE FALSE
foo merged[is.na(foo merged$Life Expectancy 2020),]
## [1] Country.Code
                                                                              Country.Name
                                                                                                                                         Region
## [4] Year
                                                                              Fertility.Rate
                                                                                                                                        Life_Expectancy_1960
```

```
## [7] Life_Expectancy_2020
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
head(foo_merged)
     Country.Code Country.Name
                                     Region Year Fertility.Rate
##
## 1
             ABW
                        Aruba The Americas 1960
                                                          4.820
## 2
             ABW
                         Aruba The Americas 2020
                                                          1.669
                                                          5.050
## 3
             AFG Afghanistan
                                       Asia 2020
## 4
             AFG Afghanistan
                                       Asia 1960
                                                          7.450
## 5
             AGO
                        Angola
                                     Africa 2020
                                                          6.165
## 6
              AGO
                        Angola
                                     Africa 1960
                                                          7.379
    Life_Expectancy_1960 Life_Expectancy_2020
##
## 1
                 65.56937
                                     75.32866
## 2
                 65.56937
                                      75.32866
## 3
                 32.32851
                                      60.02827
## 4
                 32.32851
                                      60.02827
## 5
                 32.98483
                                      51.86617
## 6
                 32.98483
                                      51.86617
str(foo_merged)
## 'data.frame':
                    374 obs. of
                                7 variables:
   $ Country.Code
                                 "ABW" "ABW" "AFG" "AFG" ...
                          : chr
## $ Country.Name
                                 "Aruba" "Aruba" "Afghanistan" "Afghanistan" ...
## $ Region
                                 "The Americas" "The Americas" "Asia" "Asia" ...
                          : chr
                          : Factor w/ 2 levels "1960", "2020": 1 2 2 1 2 1 2 1 1 2 ...
## $ Year
                                4.82 1.67 5.05 7.45 6.17 ...
## $ Fertility.Rate
                          : num
   $ Life_Expectancy_1960: num
                                65.6 65.6 32.3 32.3 33 ...
   $ Life_Expectancy_2020: num 75.3 75.3 60 60 51.9 ...
summary(foo_merged)
## Country.Code
                       Country.Name
                                             Region
                                                               Year
## Length:374
                       Length: 374
                                          Length: 374
                                                             1960:187
## Class :character
                       Class : character
                                          Class :character
                                                             2020:187
## Mode :character
                      Mode :character
                                          Mode :character
##
##
##
  Fertility.Rate Life_Expectancy_1960 Life_Expectancy_2020
##
## Min.
          :1.124
                  Min.
                          :28.21
                                        Min.
                                                :48.94
  1st Qu.:2.243
                  1st Qu.:43.47
                                         1st Qu.:64.44
## Median :3.994 Median :54.70
                                        Median :73.25
                                        Mean :70.76
## Mean :4.191
                   Mean :53.73
```

```
# import library
library(ggplot2)
```

Max.

3rd Qu.:6.252

:8.187

3rd Qu.:64.12

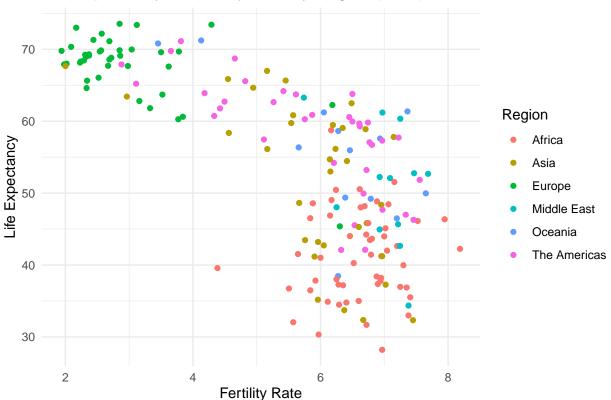
:73.55

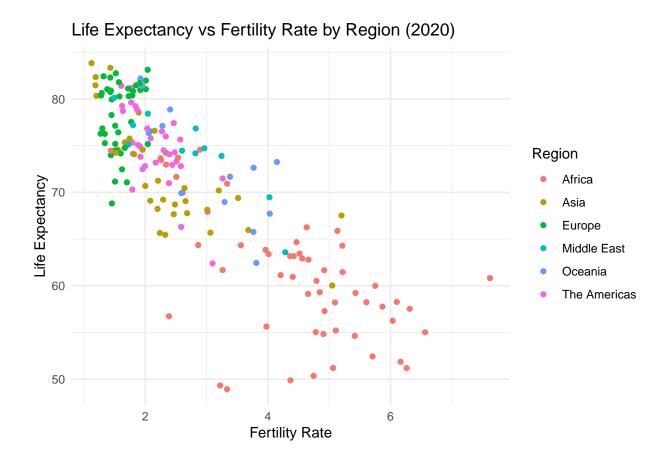
Max.

3rd Qu.:76.84

Max. :83.83

Life Expectancy vs Fertility Rate by Region (1960)





Methodology

The data were imported and merged using R, ensuring all values for the years 1960 and 2020 were accurate and accounted for. The 'Year' variable was converted to a factor to facilitate clear categorization in the scatterplots. After cleaning and preparing the data, scatterplots were generated to visualize the relationship between the two variables, with color coding by region.

Findings

Fertility Rate

There has been a universal decline in fertility rates from 1960 to 2020. In 1960, many regions had higher fertility rates, with several countries exceeding six children per woman. By 2020, there is a significant shift towards lower fertility rates, with the majority of countries falling below three children per woman.

Life Expectancy

Life expectancy has increased across all regions between 1960 and 2020. This improvement is particularly notable in regions that had lower life expectancies in 1960, such as Africa and Asia. By 2020, the life expectancy in these regions had risen considerably, closing the gap with Europe and The Americas.

Regional Variance

In 1960, stark differences in life expectancy were evident between regions. By 2020, these disparities had reduced, suggesting that improvements in healthcare, education, and economic conditions have had a global impact. However, regional differences still persist, indicating that not all areas have benefited equally from these advancements.

Correlation between Variables

The data from 1960 indicated a strong inverse correlation between fertility rate and life expectancy, which aligns with the demographic transition model. By 2020, this correlation seems to have weakened, as countries with lower fertility rates continue to have varying life expectancies.

Outliers and Distribution

Both scatterplots show outliers that may reflect unique regional challenges or successes. The distribution of data points in 2020 is more concentrated around lower fertility rates and higher life expectancies, indicating a shift towards smaller family sizes and longer life spans on a global scale.

Conclusions

The analysis of the World Bank data has revealed significant changes in fertility rates and life expectancy over the last 60 years. The global trends suggest a positive outlook with increased life expectancy and reduced fertility rates, contributing to the aging population phenomenon. The narrowed disparity between regions highlights the effectiveness of international health initiatives and economic development programs.

Recommendations

Further investigation into the socio-economic factors influencing these trends is recommended to identify successful policies and practices. Additionally, regions with lower improvements should be analyzed to tailor interventions that address specific challenges. Lastly, as the global population ages, planning for the implications of an older demographic will become increasingly crucial for policy-makers.

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This report was made possible through the data provided by the World Bank and the diligent application of statistical analysis using R. The insights derived from this work will contribute to informed decision-making for future health and economic policies.