

# London\_Crime\_Exam

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## 1 London Crime

### 1.1 Introduction

This data counts the number of crimes at two different geographic levels of London (LSOA and borough) by year, according to crime type. Includes data from 2008 to 2016.

This public dataset is hosted in Google BigQuery and the table has the size of 1GB.

The **aim of the work** is to explore the data through the use of BigQuery and to predict the number of crimes for a specific year, given the information about the boroughs, the total number of codes for each borough and the different major categories of crime.

```
[1]: #import libraries
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
```

```
[2]: from google.cloud import bigquery

#Create a client project
PROJECT_ID= 'london-crime-exam-cc'
client = bigquery.Client(project=PROJECT_ID)
```

```
[3]: dataset= """
SELECT *
FROM   bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa
"""

df = client.query(dataset).to_dataframe()
df.head()
```

```
[3]:   lsoa_code   borough major_category   minor_category   value  \
0  E01002702  Islington      Burglary  Burglary in Other Buildings      1
1  E01002780  Islington      Burglary  Burglary in Other Buildings      0
2  E01002730  Islington      Burglary  Burglary in Other Buildings      0
3  E01033490  Islington      Burglary  Burglary in Other Buildings      1
4  E01002694  Islington      Burglary  Burglary in Other Buildings      1
```

	year	month
0	2016	12
1	2010	11
2	2015	8
3	2016	6
4	2011	8

The dataset is composed by 13M rows and 7 columns:

- *lsoa\_code* (String): code for Lower Super Output Area in Greater London
- *borough* (String): Common name for London borough
- *major\_category* (String): High level categorization of crime
- *minor\_category* (String): Low level categorization of crime within major category
- *value* (Integer): Summary of the numbers of crimes for the month
- *year* (Integer): Year of reported counts, 2008-2016
- *month* (Integer): Month of reported counts, 1-12

```
[4]: df.info()
      df.isnull().sum()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 13490604 entries, 0 to 13490603
Data columns (total 7 columns):
#   Column          Dtype
---  -
0   lsoa_code        object
1   borough          object
2   major_category   object
3   minor_category   object
4   value            int64
5   year             int64
6   month            int64
dtypes: int64(3), object(4)
memory usage: 720.5+ MB
```

```
[4]: lsoa_code      0
      borough      0
      major_category 0
      minor_category 0
      value         0
      year          0
      month         0
      dtype: int64
```

In the dataset we do not have null values.

## 1.2 Exploratory Data Analysis

### 1.2.1 LSOA

Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOA) are a geographic hierarchy designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics in England and Wales.

They are built from groups of contiguous Output Areas and have been automatically generated to be as consistent in population size as possible, and typically contain from four to six Output Areas. *The Minimum population is 1000 and the mean is 1500.*

```
[5]: df['lsoa_code'].nunique()
```

```
[5]: 4835
```

**How many Lsoa-code per borough?** Thanks to this query we can understand the size of each borough which will be useful for interpreting subsequent results.

As we can see, the borough of **Croydon** turns out to be the one with the greatest number of codes unlike the City of London which has only 6 codes.

```
[6]: lsoa_boroughs = """
SELECT Borough, count( DISTINCT lsoa_code) AS N_codes
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`
GROUP BY borough
ORDER BY count(DISTINCT lsoa_code) desc;
      """

# Perform the query and store the result
lsoa_boroughs = client.query(lsoa_boroughs).to_dataframe()
lsoa_boroughs
```

```
[6]:
```

	Borough	N_codes
0	Croydon	220
1	Barnet	211
2	Bromley	197
3	Ealing	196
4	Enfield	183
5	Wandsworth	179
6	Lambeth	178
7	Brent	173
8	Lewisham	169
9	Southwark	166
10	Newham	164
11	Redbridge	161
12	Hillingdon	161
13	Greenwich	151
14	Havering	150
15	Bexley	146
16	Haringey	145

17	Hackney	144
18	Tower Hamlets	144
19	Waltham Forest	144
20	Hounslow	142
21	Harrow	137
22	Camden	133
23	Westminster	128
24	Merton	124
25	Islington	123
26	Sutton	121
27	Richmond upon Thames	115
28	Hammersmith and Fulham	113
29	Barking and Dagenham	110
30	Kensington and Chelsea	103
31	Kingston upon Thames	98
32	City of London	6

### 1.2.2 Borough

London boroughs are the administrative subdivisions of the neighborhood into which the British metropolis is divided; each of them has its own mayor and its own council.

```
[7]: boroughs = """
SELECT DISTINCT Borough
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`;
      """

# Perform the query and store the result
boroughs = client.query(boroughs).to_dataframe()
boroughs
```

```
[7]:
```

	Borough
0	City of London
1	Brent
2	Barnet
3	Bexley
4	Camden
5	Ealing
6	Harrow
7	Merton
8	Newham
9	Sutton
10	Bromley
11	Croydon
12	Enfield
13	Hackney
14	Lambeth

```

15         Haringey
16         Havering
17         Hounslow
18         Lewisham
19         Greenwich
20         Islington
21         Redbridge
22         Southwark
23         Hillingdon
24         Wandsworth
25         Westminster
26         Tower Hamlets
27         Waltham Forest
28     Barking and Dagenham
29     Kingston upon Thames
30     Richmond upon Thames
31     Hammersmith and Fulham
32     Kensington and Chelsea

```

How many crimes there are per borough?

```

[8]: crimes_per_borough = """
SELECT Borough, sum ( value) as Crimes
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`
GROUP BY borough
ORDER BY sum( value) desc;
      """

crimes_per_borough = client.query(crimes_per_borough).to_dataframe()
crimes_per_borough

```

```

[8]:
      Borough  Crimes
0     Westminster  455028
1         Lambeth  292178
2         Southwark  278809
3         Camden  275147
4         Newham  262024
5         Croydon  260294
6         Ealing  251562
7         Islington  230286
8     Tower Hamlets  228613
9         Brent  227551
10        Hackney  217119
11        Lewisham  215137
12        Haringey  213272
13         Barnet  212191
14     Hillingdon  209680

```

15	Wandsworth	204741
16	Waltham Forest	203879
17	Enfield	193880
18	Hounslow	186772
19	Hammersmith and Fulham	185259
20	Bromley	184349
21	Redbridge	183562
22	Greenwich	181568
23	Kensington and Chelsea	171981
24	Barking and Dagenham	149447
25	Havering	138947
26	Harrow	116848
27	Merton	115654
28	Bexley	114136
29	Sutton	100987
30	Richmond upon Thames	96771
31	Kingston upon Thames	89306
32	City of London	780

Are the crimes more common in the most populous boroughs? Westminster, Lambeth, Southwark, Camden, Newham and Croydon result to be the Borough with the most committed crimes, but are these city also the most popular and so we could think to a relationship between the population dimensions and the committed crimes.

```
[9]: crime_code_per_borough = """
SELECT Borough, sum ( value) as Crimes, count( DISTINCT lsoa_code) AS N_codes
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`
GROUP BY borough
ORDER BY N_codes desc;
      """

crime_code_per_borough = client.query(crime_code_per_borough).to_dataframe()
crime_code_per_borough
```

```
[9]:
```

	Borough	Crimes	N_codes
0	Croydon	260294	220
1	Barnet	212191	211
2	Bromley	184349	197
3	Ealing	251562	196
4	Enfield	193880	183
5	Wandsworth	204741	179
6	Lambeth	292178	178
7	Brent	227551	173
8	Lewisham	215137	169
9	Southwark	278809	166
10	Newham	262024	164
11	Redbridge	183562	161

12	Hillingdon	209680	161
13	Greenwich	181568	151
14	Havering	138947	150
15	Bexley	114136	146
16	Haringey	213272	145
17	Hackney	217119	144
18	Tower Hamlets	228613	144
19	Waltham Forest	203879	144
20	Hounslow	186772	142
21	Harrow	116848	137
22	Camden	275147	133
23	Westminster	455028	128
24	Merton	115654	124
25	Islington	230286	123
26	Sutton	100987	121
27	Richmond upon Thames	96771	115
28	Hammersmith and Fulham	185259	113
29	Barking and Dagenham	149447	110
30	Kensington and Chelsea	171981	103
31	Kingston upon Thames	89306	98
32	City of London	780	6

### 1.2.3 Major Category

```
[10]: major_c = """
SELECT DISTINCT Major_Category
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`;
      """

# Perform the query and store the result
major_category = client.query(major_c).to_dataframe()
major_category
```

```
[10]:      Major_Category
0  Violence Against the Person
1      Theft and Handling
2              Drugs
3  Other Notifiable Offences
4              Robbery
5      Criminal Damage
6              Burglary
7      Sexual Offences
8      Fraud or Forgery
```

```
[11]: major_c_count = """
SELECT Major_Category, sum ( value) as Crimes
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`
```

```
GROUP BY Major_Category
ORDER BY Crimes desc;
"""

crimes_per_major_c = client.query(major_c_count).to_dataframe()
crimes_per_major_c
```

```
[11]:
```

	Major_Category	Crimes
0	Theft and Handling	2661861
1	Violence Against the Person	1558081
2	Burglary	754293
3	Criminal Damage	630938
4	Drugs	470765
5	Robbery	258873
6	Other Notifiable Offences	106349
7	Fraud or Forgery	5325
8	Sexual Offences	1273

**What are the top three Major Category for each Borough?** Both this query and the one regarding the Minor Category, that will see later, can be usefull to the administration and management of police security plans to create or improve key departments, suitable for the most widespread crimes.

```
[12]: most_common_crime = """
SELECT
    Borough, Major_category, Crimes
FROM (SELECT borough, major_category,
    RANK() OVER(PARTITION BY borough ORDER BY sum(value) DESC) AS_
↪rank_per_borough,
    sum(value) AS Crimes
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`
GROUP BY borough, major_category )
WHERE rank_per_borough <= 3
ORDER BY Borough Desc;
"""

most_common_crime = client.query(most_common_crime).to_dataframe()
most_common_crime
```

```
[12]:
```

	Borough	Major_category	Crimes
0	Westminster	Theft and Handling	277617
1	Westminster	Violence Against the Person	71448
2	Westminster	Drugs	34031
3	Wandsworth	Theft and Handling	92523
4	Wandsworth	Violence Against the Person	45865
..	...	...	...
94	Barnet	Violence Against the Person	46565



95	Barnet	Burglary	36981
96	Barking and Dagenham	Theft and Handling	50999
97	Barking and Dagenham	Violence Against the Person	43091
98	Barking and Dagenham	Criminal Damage	18888

[99 rows x 3 columns]

### 1.2.4 Minor Category

```
[13]: minor_c = """
SELECT DISTINCT Minor_Category
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`
ORDER BY Minor_Category;
      """

# Perform the query and store the result
minor_c = client.query(minor_c).to_dataframe()
minor_c
```

```
[13]:
```

	Minor_Category
0	Assault with Injury
1	Burglary in Other Buildings
2	Burglary in a Dwelling
3	Business Property
4	Common Assault
5	Counted per Victim
6	Criminal Damage To Dwelling
7	Criminal Damage To Motor Vehicle
8	Criminal Damage To Other Building
9	Drug Trafficking
10	Going Equipped
11	Handling Stolen Goods
12	Harassment
13	Motor Vehicle Interference & Tampering
14	Murder
15	Offensive Weapon
16	Other Criminal Damage
17	Other Drugs
18	Other Fraud & Forgery
19	Other Notifiable
20	Other Sexual
21	Other Theft
22	Other Theft Person
23	Other violence
24	Personal Property
25	Possession Of Drugs
26	Rape

```

27             Theft From Motor Vehicle
28             Theft From Shops
29     Theft/Taking Of Motor Vehicle
30             Theft/Taking of Pedal Cycle
31             Wounding/GBH

```

```

[14]: minor_c_count = """
SELECT Minor_Category, sum ( value) as Crimes
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`
GROUP BY Minor_Category
ORDER BY Crimes desc;
      """

crimes_per_minor_c = client.query(minor_c_count).to_dataframe()
crimes_per_minor_c

```

```

[14]:

```

	Minor_Category	Crimes
0	Other Theft	980085
1	Theft From Motor Vehicle	569956
2	Burglary in a Dwelling	491282
3	Harassment	458124
4	Assault with Injury	451001
5	Possession Of Drugs	431948
6	Common Assault	413690
7	Theft From Shops	345142
8	Other Theft Person	308842
9	Criminal Damage To Motor Vehicle	265463
10	Burglary in Other Buildings	263011
11	Personal Property	237578
12	Theft/Taking Of Motor Vehicle	216538
13	Theft/Taking of Pedal Cycle	168974
14	Criminal Damage To Dwelling	154116
15	Other Criminal Damage	145356
16	Wounding/GBH	125556
17	Other Notifiable	100819
18	Other violence	70778
19	Criminal Damage To Other Building	66003
20	Motor Vehicle Interference & Tampering	56224
21	Offensive Weapon	37983
22	Drug Trafficking	35819
23	Business Property	21295
24	Handling Stolen Goods	16100
25	Going Equipped	5530
26	Counted per Victim	3840
27	Other Drugs	2998
28	Other Fraud & Forgery	1485
29	Other Sexual	1005

30	Murder	949
31	Rape	268

What are the top three Minor Category for each Borough?

```
[15]: most_common_minor_crime = """
SELECT
    Borough,Minor_Category,Crimes
FROM (SELECT borough,Minor_Category,
    RANK() OVER(PARTITION BY borough ORDER BY sum(value) DESC) AS rank_per_borough,
    sum(value) AS Crimes
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`
GROUP BY borough, Minor_Category )
WHERE rank_per_borough <= 3
ORDER BY Borough;
"""

most_common_minor_crime = client.query(most_common_minor_crime).to_dataframe()
most_common_minor_crime
```

```
[15]:
```

	Borough	Minor_Category	Crimes
0	Barking and Dagenham	Other Theft	16740
1	Barking and Dagenham	Assault with Injury	13719
2	Barking and Dagenham	Burglary in a Dwelling	12885
3	Barnet	Other Theft	29966
4	Barnet	Burglary in a Dwelling	26165
..	...	...	...
94	Wandsworth	Theft From Motor Vehicle	22222
95	Wandsworth	Burglary in a Dwelling	15166
96	Westminster	Other Theft	142032
97	Westminster	Other Theft Person	56756
98	Westminster	Theft From Shops	35929

[99 rows x 3 columns]

### 1.2.5 Value, Year and Month

```
[16]: df['year'].min(),df['year'].max()
```

```
[16]: (2008, 2016)
```

```
[17]: value_c = """
SELECT Year, Month, sum(value) as Crimes
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`
GROUP BY year, month
ORDER BY year,month asc;
```

```

"""

# Perform the query and store the result
value_c = client.query(value_c).to_dataframe()
value_c

```

```

[17]:
   Year  Month  Crimes
0   2008     1   65419
1   2008     2   62626
2   2008     3   61343
3   2008     4   59640
4   2008     5   62587
..    ...    ...    ...
103  2016     8   62666
104  2016     9   61412
105  2016    10   63405
106  2016    11   61064
107  2016    12   62455

```

[108 rows x 3 columns]

Thanks to the lineplot we can verify the trend of the occurrence of crimes along the time axis available to us. As we can see, the trend undergoes a sudden and abrupt decrease during the year 2013-2014. This could be due to an effective reduction in crime or to a failure to record some data, also due to the fact that from 2014 onwards we are witnessing again an increase in crime which returns to around 61,000 cases.

```

[19]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))
      sns.lineplot(x='Year', y='Crimes', data= value_c)
      plt.show()

```



How Growth Rate has change over the years for each Major Category?

```
[20]: growing_crime = """
SELECT
    Year,
    Major_category,
    SUM(value) as `Crimes`,
    CASE WHEN SUM(value) > 0
        THEN SUM(value) / LAG(SUM(value), 1, NULL) OVER (PARTITION BY
        ↳major_category ORDER BY year ASC) - 1
        ELSE 0 END AS `Growth_rate`
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`
GROUP BY major_category, year
ORDER BY major_category, year DESC;
"""

growing_crime = client.query(growing_crime).to_dataframe()
growing_crime
```

```
[20]:
```

	Year		Major_category	Crimes	Growth_rate
0	2016		Burglary	68285	-0.031267
1	2015		Burglary	70489	-0.073160
2	2014		Burglary	76053	-0.128053
3	2013		Burglary	87222	-0.066066
4	2012		Burglary	93392	0.000825
..	...		...	...	...
76	2012	Violence Against the Person		150014	0.021191
77	2011	Violence Against the Person		146901	-0.069623
78	2010	Violence Against the Person		157894	-0.017932
79	2009	Violence Against the Person		160777	0.005837
80	2008	Violence Against the Person		159844	NaN

[81 rows x 4 columns]

### 1.3 Prediction

After having explore the data, I create a final table from which we can perform the *prediction* of the “Total Crime”.

#### 1.3.1 Final Table

The final dataset is composed by 5 variables: *Year*, *Borough*, *N\_codes* (count for each borough), *Major\_Category* and *Total\_Crime*.

It is not necessary to perform a transformation of the categorical variable into numerical ones because BigQuery ML will automatically performs a One-Hot Encoding Transformation for all models, except the Boosted Tree models for which will be applied a **Label Encoding Transformation**.

This transformation convert each unique value into a numerical value.

```
[22]: final_table = """
SELECT Year,Borough,count( DISTINCT lsoa_code) AS N_codes,Major_category,
       sum(value) AS Total_Crime
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`
GROUP BY Borough, year, major_category
ORDER BY year
"""

final_table = client.query(final_table).to_dataframe()
final_table
```

```
[22]:
```

	Year	Borough	N_codes	Major_category	Total_Crime
0	2008	City of London	6	Theft and Handling	0
1	2008	City of London	5	Criminal Damage	0
2	2008	City of London	5	Burglary	0
3	2008	Brent	173	Violence Against the Person	5690
4	2008	Brent	173	Drugs	2813
...	...	...	...	...	...
2650	2016	City of London	6	Theft and Handling	129

2651	2016	City of London	4	Other Notifiable Offences	6
2652	2016	City of London	5	Criminal Damage	2
2653	2016	City of London	4	Robbery	4
2654	2016	City of London	5	Drugs	10

[2655 rows x 5 columns]

**Gradient Boosting Regression** *The Gradient Boosting Machine* is a powerful ensemble machine learning algorithm that uses decision trees.

**Boosting** is a general ensemble technique that involves sequentially adding models to the ensemble where subsequent models correct the performance of prior models.

“**Gradient**” because it uses a gradient descent algorithm to minimize the loss when adding new models.

The parameter chosen for the model are: - *Tree\_Method* : Type of tree construction algorithm. HIST is recommended for large datasets in order to achieve faster training speed and lower resource consumption. - *Data\_Split\_Method* : The method to split input data into training and evaluation sets. Training data is used to train the model. Evaluation data is used to avoid overfitting due to early stopping. ‘**AUTO\_SPLIT**’ The automatic split strategy is as follows: When there are fewer than 500 rows in the input data, all rows are used as training data. When there are between 500 and 50,000 rows in the input data, 20% of the data is used as evaluation data in a RANDOM split. When there are more than 50,000 rows in the input data, only 10,000 rows are used as evaluation data in a RANDOM split. - *Input\_Label\_Columns* : The label column name(s) in the training data.

```
[23]: model_create = """
CREATE OR REPLACE MODEL `bqml_model.Crime`
OPTIONS(MODEL_TYPE='BOOSTED_TREE_REGRESSOR',
        TREE_METHOD = 'HIST',
        DATA_SPLIT_METHOD = 'AUTO_SPLIT',
        INPUT_LABEL_COLS = ['Total_Crime'])
AS
SELECT Year,Borough,count( DISTINCT lsoa_code) AS N_codes,Major_category,
↪sum(value) AS Total_Crime
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`
GROUP BY Borough, year, major_category
ORDER BY year
"""
model_create = client.query(model_create).to_dataframe()
model_create
```

```
[23]: Empty DataFrame
Columns: []
Index: []
```

```
[24]: model_evaluate = """
SELECT *
```

```

FROM ML.EVALUATE(MODEL `bqml_model.Crime`,
    ( SELECT Year,Borough,count( DISTINCT lsoa_code) AS N_codes,Major_category,
    ↪sum(value) AS Total_Crime
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`
GROUP BY Borough, year, major_category
ORDER BY year ))
"""
model_evaluate = client.query(model_evaluate).to_dataframe()
model_evaluate

```

```

[24]:      mean_absolute_error  mean_squared_error  mean_squared_log_error  \
0                187.567068        106258.396159              0.805978

      median_absolute_error  r2_score  explained_variance
0                91.726562    0.990694            0.990696

```

- **Mean Absolute Error (MAE)** : is the average over the test sample of the absolute differences between prediction and actual observation where all individual differences have equal weight. It is negatively-oriented scores, which means lower values are better. -**Mean Squared Error (MSE)** : is the average squared difference between the estimated values and the actual value. Value lies between 0 to infinite and small value indicates better model.Sensitive to outliers, punishes larger error more. -**Mean Squared Logarithmic Error (MSLE)**: it only cares about the percentual difference between the true and the predicted value. This means that MSLE will treat small differences between small true and predicted values approximately the same as big differences between large true and predicted values. -**Median Absolute Error** : is the median of all of the absolute values of the residuals, and for this it is essentially insensitive to outliers.
- **R Squared**: measures how much of variability in dependent variable can be explained by the model. Value are between 0 to 1 and bigger value indicates a better fit between prediction and actual value.
- **Explained Variance**: it's the part of the model's total variance that is explained by factors that are actually present and isn't due to error variance.

```

[28]: model_predict = """
SELECT *
FROM ML.PREDICT(MODEL `bqml_model.Crime`,
    (SELECT Year,Borough,count( DISTINCT lsoa_code) AS N_codes,Major_category,
    ↪sum(value) AS Total_Crime
FROM `bigquery-public-data.london_crime.crime_by_lsoa`
GROUP BY Borough, year, major_category
ORDER BY year))
ORDER BY year DESC
"""
model_predict = client.query(model_predict).to_dataframe()
model_predict

```



```

[28]:      predicted_Total_Crime  Year      Borough  N_codes  \
0          261.638397  2016      City of London      6
1          227.378769  2016      City of London      6
2           30.957668  2016      City of London      5
3           6.991164  2016      City of London      4
4           6.991164  2016      City of London      4
...          ...      ...          ...      ...
2650        282.161591  2008  Kensington and Chelsea    103
2651        515.707397  2008  Kensington and Chelsea    103
2652        144.156693  2008  Kensington and Chelsea     46
2653       1801.948608  2008  Kensington and Chelsea    103
2654       1881.435303  2008  Kensington and Chelsea    103

      Major_category  Total_Crime
0  Violence Against the Person      25
1      Theft and Handling     129
2              Drugs       10
3  Other Notifiable Offences       6
4              Robbery        4
...          ...      ...
2650  Other Notifiable Offences     253
2651              Robbery     530
2652      Fraud or Forgery       85
2653      Criminal Damage    1413
2654              Burglary    1783

[2655 rows x 6 columns]

```