Lego

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0.1 Introduction

Everyone loves Lego (unless you ever stepped on one). Did you know by the way that "Lego" was derived from the Danish phrase leg godt, which means "play well"? Unless you speak Danish, probably not.

In this project, we will analyze a fascinating dataset on every single lego block that has ever been built!

0.2 Reading Data

This comprehensive database of lego blocks is provided by Rebrickable. The data is available as csv files and the schema is shown below.

Let us start by reading in the colors data to get a sense of the diversity of lego sets!

```
In [2]: # Import modules
       import pandas as pd
       import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        # Read colors data
       colors = pd.read_csv('datasets/colors.csv')
        # Print the first few rows
       colors.head()
Out[2]:
          id
                        name
                                 rgb is_trans
          -1
                     Unknown 0033B2
       0
       1
                       Black 05131D
                                            f
       2
           1
                        Blue 0055BF
                                            f
       3
           2
                       Green 237841
                                            f
           3 Dark Turquoise 008F9B
                                            f
```

0.3 Exploring Colors

Now that we have read the colors data, we can start exploring it! Let us start by understanding the number of colors available.

```
In [3]: # How many distinct colors are available?
# -- YOUR CODE FOR TASK 3 --
num_colors = colors.rgb.count()
num_colors
```

0.4 Transparent Colors in Lego Sets

The colors data has a column named is_trans that indicates whether a color is transparent or not. It would be interesting to explore the distribution of transparent vs. non-transparent colors.

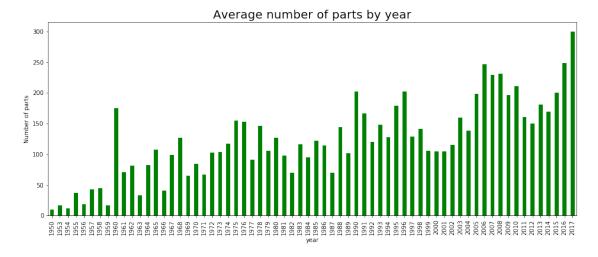
```
In [4]: # colors_summary: Distribution of colors based on transparency
        # -- YOUR CODE FOR TASK 4 -
        colors_summary = colors.groupby('is_trans').count()
        colors_summary
Out [4]:
                    id name
                              rgb
        is_trans
        f
                  107
                         107
                              107
                    28
                          28
                               28
        t
```

0.5 Explore Lego Sets

Another interesting dataset available in this database is the sets data. It contains a comprehensive list of sets over the years and the number of parts that each of these sets contained.

Let us use this data to explore how the average number of parts in lego sets has varied over the years.

```
In [5]: %matplotlib inline
    # Read sets data as `sets`
    sets = pd.read_csv('datasets/sets.csv')
    # Create a summary of average number of parts by year: `parts_by_year`
    parts_by_year = sets.groupby('year')['num_parts'].mean()
    # Plot trends in average number of parts by year
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(16,6))
    parts_by_year.plot.bar(ax=ax,color = 'green')
    ax.set_title("Average number of parts by year", fontsize= 20)
    ax.set_ylabel("Number of parts")
    plt.show()
```



0.6 Lego Themes Over Years

Lego blocks ship under multiple themes. Let us try to get a sense of how the number of themes shipped has varied over the years.

0.7 Wrapping It All Up!

Lego blocks offer an unlimited amoung of fun across ages. We explored some interesting trends around colors, parts and themes.