How do changes in ex vary between countries?

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# Introduction

This notebook will compare annual changes in life expectancy at both birth () and at age 65 () in the UK and UK nations, with other select European nations, including a ‘Synthetic Germany’ created from a weighted average of East and West German data for common years. The method for creating this ‘Synthetic Germany’ is also described in this and linked documents.

# Methods

## Data

Data were extracted from the [Human Mortality Database](https://mortality.org/) via the R package [HMDHFDplus](http://www.demogr.mpg.de/en/projects_publications/publications_1904/mpidr_technical_reports/reading_human_fertility_database_and_human_mortality_database_data_into_r_5438.htm).

The following countries are included in the comparison:

* England & Wales (GBRTENW)
* Scotland (GBR\_SCO)
* UK as a whole (GBR\_UK)
* France (FRANTP)
* Spain (ESP)
* Italy (ITA)
* Germany
  + Total Germany (DEUTNP)
  + East Germany (DEUTE)
  + West Germany (DEUTW)
  + Simulated/Synthetic Germany

## Analysis

For each of these countries, and for males and females separately, we are interested in the annual changes in life expectancy at birth () and life expectancy at age 65 (), from 1980 to the last available year for each country.

countries\_of\_interest <- c(  
 "GBRTENW",  
 "GBR\_SCO",  
 "GBR\_UK",  
 "FRATNP",  
 "ESP",  
 "ITA",  
 "DEUTNP",  
 "DEUTE",   
 "DEUTW"  
)  
  
hmd\_ex\_selected\_countries <-   
 hmd\_lt %>%   
 filter(code %in% countries\_of\_interest) %>%   
 filter(Age %in% c(0, 65)) %>%   
 select(code, Year, Age, sex, ex) %>%   
 rename(x = Age, year = Year)  
  
hmd\_ex\_selected\_countries

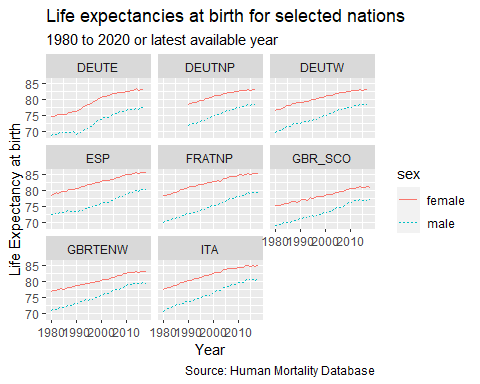
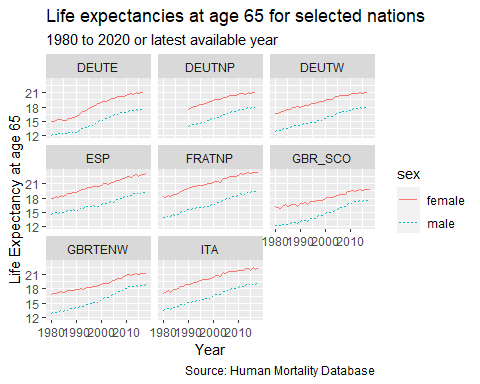
## # A tibble: 3,820 x 5  
## code year x sex ex  
## <chr> <int> <int> <chr> <dbl>  
## 1 DEUTNP 1990 0 female 78.4  
## 2 DEUTNP 1990 65 female 17.6  
## 3 DEUTNP 1991 0 female 78.7  
## 4 DEUTNP 1991 65 female 17.8  
## 5 DEUTNP 1992 0 female 79.1  
## 6 DEUTNP 1992 65 female 18.1  
## 7 DEUTNP 1993 0 female 79.2  
## 8 DEUTNP 1993 65 female 18.1  
## 9 DEUTNP 1994 0 female 79.5  
## 10 DEUTNP 1994 65 female 18.4  
## # ... with 3,810 more rows

# Results

## Descriptive Results /Starter Eyeballing

### Life expectancy trends

The following shows life expectancy at birth and at age 65 for selected nations:

Some insightful comment about what’s going on.

Scotland looks pretty bad compared with the other countries.

# Discussion

# Bibliography