

## Question 1 – Bash

- a) Using “echo”, print your student number to the terminal. Additionally, print out your username from the operating system. Take a screenshot and include it in your submission

```
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 ~ % echo "Student Number: 720017170"
echo "Username: $(whoami)"
Student Number: 720017170
Username: joshlegrice
```

- b) Move inside the directory DATE\_FILES, which was provided along with unit 2 of the course, which you should store somewhere on your computer.

```
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 ~ % cd /Users/joshlegrice/Desktop/University/3rd\ Year/Data\ Science\ in\ Economics/DATE_FILES
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 DATE_FILES %
```

# cd = changes the current working directory to the file path given

- c) Count the number of files in this directory.

# ls -l = Lists all files in the directory, one per line

# | allows the output of the command before to be used as the input to the next command

# wc -l = Counts the number of lines in the output of ls -l

# \$ = allow the code inside the brackets to be executed and not just echoed, like Python f string

```
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 DATE_FILES % echo "Number of files: $(ls -l | wc -l)"
Number of files:      3289
```

- d) Print the names of the first 8 files in this directory, along with information about their ownership, date, and size.

```
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 DATE_FILES % ls -lh | head -n 8
total 26312
-rw-rw-r--@ 1 joshlegrice  staff   110B 25 Jan  2024 2015_01_01.txt
-rw-rw-r--@ 1 joshlegrice  staff   110B 25 Jan  2024 2015_01_02.txt
-rw-rw-r--@ 1 joshlegrice  staff   110B 25 Jan  2024 2015_01_03.txt
-rw-rw-r--@ 1 joshlegrice  staff   110B 25 Jan  2024 2015_01_04.txt
-rw-rw-r--@ 1 joshlegrice  staff   110B 25 Jan  2024 2015_01_05.txt
-rw-rw-r--@ 1 joshlegrice  staff   110B 25 Jan  2024 2015_01_06.txt
-rw-rw-r--@ 1 joshlegrice  staff   110B 25 Jan  2024 2015_01_07.txt
```

# ls -lh = lists the contents of the directory in long (l) format and human-readable (h).

# | allows the output of the command before to be used as the input to the next command

# head -n 8 = only displays the first 8 lines of the output

- e) Move to the parent directory of this folder

```
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 DATE_FILES % cd ..
```

# cd = change directory to the file path given

# .. = indicates the parent directory of the current file

- f) Create a new directory there, named second\_10\_days

```
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 Data Science in Economics % mkdir -p second_10_days
```

# mkdir = command to make a new directory

# -p = ensures parent directories exist

# second\_10\_days = the name of the new directory

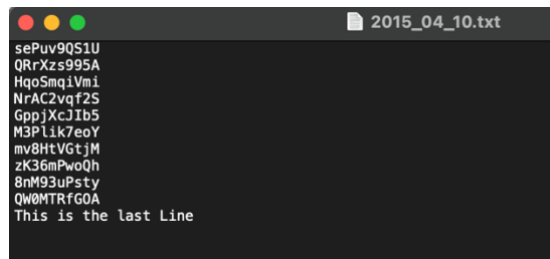
- g) Copy from the DATE\_FILES directory the files that are related to the days 10-19 of every month to the newly created directory.

```
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 Data Science in Economics % ls DATE_FILES | awk '/_[1][0-9]/ {print "DATE_FILES/"$0}' | xargs -I {} cp {} second_10_days/
```

```
# ls DATE_FILES = prints the contents of the directory DATE_FILES
# awk '/[_][1][0-9]/ {print "DATE_FILES/" $0}'
    # /[_][1][0-9]/ = Regular expression to find dates that have _10 to _19
    # {print "DATE_FILES/" $0} = prints out the entire file path of the selected files
# xargs -l {} cp {} second_10_days/
    # xargs = processes each file one by one
    # -l {} = allows {} to be replaced with filename
    # cp {} second_10_days/ = copies selected file to second_10_days
```

- h) Move inside second\_10\_days directory, and append the line “This is the last Line” to the end of file 2015\_04\_10**

```
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 second_10_days % cd /Users/joshlegrice/Desktop/University/3rd\ Year/Data\ Science\ in\ Economics/second_10_days
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 second_10_days % echo "This is the last Line" >> 2015_04_10.txt
```

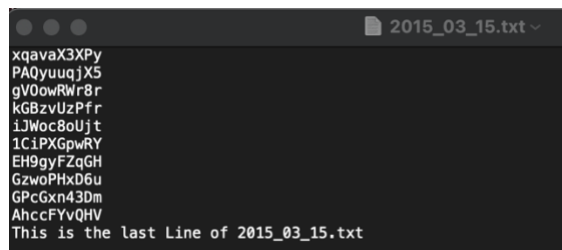


```
sePuv9Q51U
QRrXzs995A
HqoSmqiVmi
NrAC2vqf2S
GppjXcJIb5
M3Plik7eoY
mv8HitVGtjM
zK36mPwoQh
8nM93uPsty
QW0MTRfG0A
This is the last Line
```

```
# cd ..... = moves to the file path shown
# echo "This is the last Line" = outputs the text This is the last Line
# >> 2015_04_10.txt = appends the echoed text into the file 2015_04_10.txt
```

- i) Write a one-line command to append the line “This is the last Line of X”, where X is the name of the file, to the end of every file in the directory second\_10\_days**

```
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 second_10_days % find . -type f -exec bash -c 'echo "This is the last Line of $(basename "$1")" >> "$1" _ {} \;
```



```
xqavaX3XPY
PAQyuujX5
gV0owRwr8r
kGBzvUzPfr
iJWoc8oUjt
1CiPXGpwRY
EH9gyFZqGH
GzwoPHxD6u
GPcGxn43Dm
AhccFYvQHV
This is the last Line of 2015_03_15.txt
```

```
# find . = recursively searches the current directory
# -type f = only searches files not directories
# -exec bash -c = runs a bash command for each file found
# echo "This is the last Line of $(basename "$1")" = outputs 'This is the last Line of (only the name of the file)'
# >> "$1" _ {} \; = appends the output of the echo into the file.
```

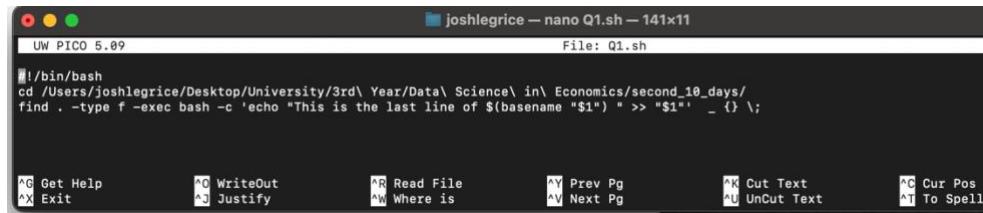
- j) Using Bash: create a bash file Q1.sh. Write your code from (i) to it. Run the file Q1.sh including a screenshot showing how this runs on your system. Please explain any steps needed to run this file.**

Had to place the .sh file into another directory as if placed in the second\_10\_days directory, it would write into the Q1.sh file with 'this is the last Line of Q1.sh'

First step = Open an .sh file

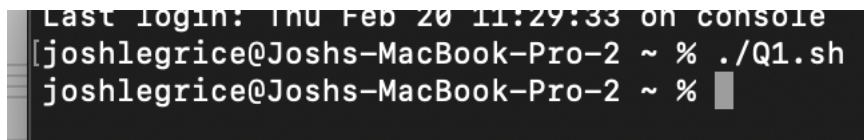
```
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 ~ % nano Q1.sh
```

Second step = Write code in .sh file



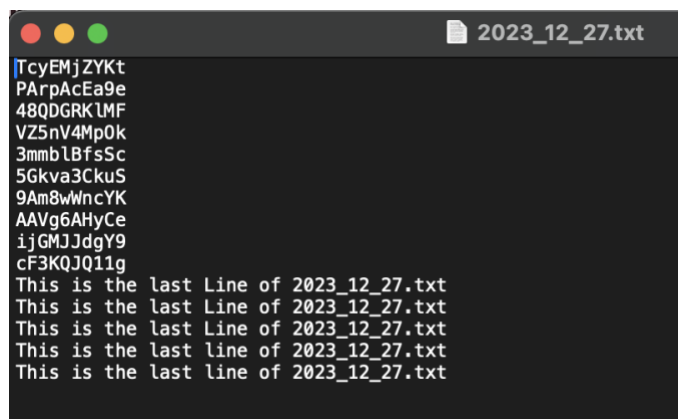
```
joshlegrice — nano Q1.sh — 141x11
UW PICO 5.09 File: Q1.sh
#!/bin/bash
cd /Users/joshlegrice/Desktop/University/3rd\ Year/Data\ Science\ in\ Economics/second_10_days/
find . -type f -exec bash -c 'echo "This is the last line of ${basename "$1"}" >> "$1" _ {} \;
```

Final Step = Run .sh file



```
Last login: Thu Feb 20 11:29:33 on console
[joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 ~ % ./Q1.sh
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 ~ %
```

Output in an example file – I ran it a lot to make sure it worked



```
2023_12_27.txt
TcyEMjZYKt
PArpAcEa9e
48QDGRKLMF
VZ5nV4Mp0k
3mmblBfsSc
5Gkva3CkuS
9Am8wWncYK
AAVg6AHyCe
ijGMJJdgY9
cF3KQJQ11g
This is the last Line of 2023_12_27.txt
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This is the last line of 2023_12_27.txt
```

## Question 2 – SQL

- a) Create a new database in SQLite named Q2.db

```
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 Assignment % sqlite3 Q2.db
SQLite version 3.43.2 2023-10-10 13:08:14
Enter ".help" for usage hints.
sqlite>
```

- b) Create two tables named US\_Code and US\_Pop with column headings that match these two data frames

```
CREATE TABLE US_Code (
  CountryCode VARCHAR(5),
  ZipCode VARCHAR(10) PRIMARY KEY,
  City VARCHAR(100),
  StateFull VARCHAR(50),
  State2 VARCHAR(5),
  CountyFull VARCHAR(100),
  FIPSCountyCode VARCHAR(10),
  MunicipalityFull VARCHAR(100),
  MunicipalityCode VARCHAR(10),
  Latitude REAL,
  Longitude REAL,
  Accuracy INTEGER
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE US_Pop (
  ID INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
  Geo_ID VARCHAR(20),
  Zip VARCHAR(10),
  Gender VARCHAR(10),
  AgeRange VARCHAR(20),
  Population INTEGER,
  FOREIGN KEY (Zip) REFERENCES US_Code(ZipCode)
);
```

- c) Insert the data from the two files into the two tables. Make sure you don't insert the column heading from the file US\_population.csv. Explain how you did this.

```
sqlite> .mode tabs
sqlite> .import US_codes.txt US_Code
US_codes.txt:41098: INSERT failed: UNIQUE constraint failed: US_Code.ZipCode
US_codes.txt:41439: INSERT failed: UNIQUE constraint failed: US_Code.ZipCode
US_codes.txt:41440: INSERT failed: UNIQUE constraint failed: US_Code.ZipCode
```

# Had to remove duplicates before loading in the US\_Code data due to the above error

```
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 Assignment % awk -F'\t' '{print $2}' US_codes.txt | sort | uniq -d
09464
96860
96863
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 Assignment % awk -F'\t' '!seen[$2]++' US_codes.txt > US_codes_cleaned.txt
```

# awk -F'\t' '{print \$2}' US\_codes.txt = Extracts the second column from the .txt file which is ZipCode

# sort = sorts the values within the column

# uniq -d = identifies and prints only the duplicate values = Used to visualise all duplicate values

# awk -F'\t' '!seen[\$2]++' US\_codes.txt = collects all the non-duplicates in the column into an array

# > US\_codes\_cleaned.txt = saves the contents of the previous output into a new file

```
sqlite> .mode tabs
sqlite> .import US_codes_cleaned.txt US_Code
sqlite> select * from US_Code Limit 5;
```

```
sqlite> .mode box
sqlite> Select * from US_Code limit 5;
```

CountryCode	ZipCode	City	StateFull	State2	CountyFull	FIPSCountyCode	MunicipalityFull	MunicipalityCode	Latitude	Longitude	Accuracy
US	99553	Akutan	Alaska	AK	Aleutians East	013			54.143	-165.7854	1
US	99571	Cold Bay	Alaska	AK	Aleutians East	013			55.1858	-162.7211	1
US	99583	False Pass	Alaska	AK	Aleutians East	013			54.841	-163.4368	1
US	99612	King Cove	Alaska	AK	Aleutians East	013			55.0628	-162.3856	1
US	99661	Sand Point	Alaska	AK	Aleutians East	013			55.3192	-160.4914	1

# .mode tabs to set the delimiter to tabs to distinguish columns

# Remove headers from the US\_populations.csv

```
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 Assignment % tail -n +2 US_population.csv > US_population_cleaned.csv
joshlegrice@Josh-MacBook-Pro-2 Assignment %
```

# tail -n +2 = starts at line 2 and collects all rows

# > US\_population\_cleaned.csv = moves the new data into the new file

# I had trouble with importing the data straight into the US\_Pop table due to this error

```
[sqlite> .mode csv
sqlite> .import US_Pop_Clean.csv US_Pop
```

```
US_Pop_Clean.csv:125718: expected 6 columns but found 5 - filling the rest with NULL
US_Pop_Clean.csv:125718: INSERT failed: datatype mismatch
US_Pop_Clean.csv:125719: expected 6 columns but found 5 - filling the rest with NULL
US_Pop_Clean.csv:125719: INSERT failed: datatype mismatch
```

# So, I imported the data into a temporary table and then copied the data into US\_Pop

```
CREATE TABLE temp_US_Pop (
  Geo_ID VARCHAR(20),
  Zip VARCHAR(10),
  Gender VARCHAR(10),
  AgeRange VARCHAR(20),
  Population INTEGER
);
```

```
sqlite> .mode csv
sqlite> .import US_population_cleaned.csv temp_US_Pop
sqlite> .mode box
sqlite> Select * from temp_US_Pop limit 5;
```

Geo_ID	Zip	Gender	AgeRange	Population
8600000US61747	61747	female	30--34	50
8600000US64120	64120	male	85--	5
8600000US95117	95117	male	30--34	1389
8600000US74074	74074	female	60--61	231
8600000US58042	58042	female	0--4	56

# Inserting data from temp table to US\_Pop

```
sqlite> INSERT INTO US_Pop (Geo_ID, Zip, Gender, AgeRange, Population)
...> SELECT Geo_ID, Zip, Gender, AgeRange, Population FROM temp_US_Pop;
sqlite> Select * from US_Pop Limit 5;
```

ID	Geo_ID	Zip	Gender	AgeRange	Population
1	8600000US61747	61747	female	30--34	50
2	8600000US64120	64120	male	85--	5
3	8600000US95117	95117	male	30--34	1389
4	8600000US74074	74074	female	60--61	231
5	8600000US58042	58042	female	0--4	56

d) Write an SQL query to print the total population per gender (using the US\_Pop table only)

```
[sqlite> SELECT Gender, SUM(Population) as Total_Population
...> FROM US_Pop
...> GROUP BY Gender;
```

Gender	Total_Population
female	378160746
male	365004493

- e) Write an SQL query to print the total population per gender but join the two tables. If you see any difference in your results between this question and part (d), explain why this occurs.

```
sqlite> SELECT Gender, SUM(Population) AS Total_Population
...> FROM US_Pop
...> INNER JOIN US_Code ON US_Code.ZipCode = US_Pop.Zip
...> GROUP BY Gender;
```

Gender	Total_Population
female	345258967
male	333951977

The difference is because INNER JOIN only includes records where zip codes exist in both US\_Pop and US\_Code, excluding unmatched zip codes from US\_Pop. This results in a lower total population in part (e) compared to part (d).

- f) Write an SQL query to print the total population per age group (use the US\_Pop table only).

```
sqlite> SELECT AgeRange, SUM(Population) AS Total_Population
...> FROM US_Pop
...> GROUP BY AgeRange;
```

AgeRange	Total_Population
0--4	48634771
10--14	49651810
15--17	31218634
18--19	21963734
20--20	10881126
21--21	10489720
22--24	30562377
25--29	50678918
30--34	47975723
35--39	48599887
40--44	50422779
45--49	54820056
5--9	48857962
50--54	53572750
55--59	47232435
60--61	17228473
62--64	23364196
65--66	12840592
67--69	17217450
70--74	22319761
75--79	17642946
80--84	13798224
85--	13190915



- g) Write an SQL query to print the Top 10 largest states (full name) in terms of population size

```
sqlite> SELECT c.StateFull, SUM(p.Population) AS Total_Population
...> FROM US_Pop p
...> JOIN US_Code c ON p.Zip = c.ZipCode
...> GROUP BY c.StateFull
...> ORDER BY Total_Population DESC
...> LIMIT 10;
```

StateFull	Total_Population
California	88526840
Texas	59743982
New York	46247865
Florida	44945558
Illinois	30596527
Pennsylvania	30255696
Ohio	27462317
Michigan	23490804
Georgia	23123141
North Carolina	22670061

- h) Write an SQL query to print the number of existing counties (not countries) in the database

```
sqlite> SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT CountyFull) AS Total_Counties
...> FROM US_Code;
```

Total_Counties
1853

- i) Write an SQL query to print the total population per gender and age group for any counties containing "Middlesex" in their name.

```
sqlite> SELECT p.Gender, p.AgeRange, SUM(p.Population) AS Total_Population
...> FROM US_Pop p
...> JOIN US_Code c ON p.Zip = c.ZipCode
...> WHERE c.CountyFull LIKE 'MMiddlesex%'
...> GROUP BY p.Gender, p.AgeRange
...> ORDER BY p.Gender, p.AgeRange;
```

Gender	AgeRange	Total_Population
female	0--4	388
female	10--14	734
female	15--17	496
female	18--19	251
female	20--20	173
female	21--21	87
female	22--24	343
female	25--29	532
female	30--34	419
female	35--39	695
female	40--44	1021
female	45--49	1365
female	50--54	1610
female	55--59	1049
female	60--61	406
female	62--64	863
female	65--66	639
female	67--69	713
female	70--74	873
female	75--79	680
female	80--84	492
female	85--	684
male	0--4	532
male	10--14	712
male	15--17	518
male	18--19	275
male	20--20	184
male	21--21	147
male	22--24	477
male	25--29	405
male	30--34	501
male	35--39	763
male	40--44	976
male	45--49	1261
male	50--54	1541
male	55--59	1253
male	60--61	455
male	62--64	801
male	65--66	580
male	67--69	777
male	70--74	756
male	75--79	551
male	80--84	477
male	85--	244

## Question 3 + 4

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### Question 3 - See QMD for Code

(a) Import each dataset into memory as a separate data frame, keeping all countries as your sample.

```
plt.rcParams.update({'font.size': 14})

# Loading in the Data
Health_Data = pd.read_csv('Health.csv', index_col=None)
Infant_Data = pd.read_csv("Infant.csv", index_col=None)

# Replace .. with NA
Health_Data.replace("..", pd.NA, inplace=True)
Infant_Data.replace("..", pd.NA, inplace=True)

# Removing unnecessary columns
Health_Data = Health_Data.drop(columns=['Series Name', 'Series Code'])
Infant_Data = Infant_Data.drop(columns=['Series Name', 'Series Code'])

# Remove names in []
Health_Data.columns = Health_Data.columns.str.replace(r'\[.*\]', '', regex=True)
Infant_Data.columns = Infant_Data.columns.str.replace(r'\[.*\]', '', regex=True)

print(Infant_Data.head())
print(Health_Data.head())
```

	Country Name	Country Code	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	\
0	Afghanistan	AFG	92	89.3	86.6	83.7	80.9	78	75.1	
1	Albania	ALB	24	22.9	21.6	20.4	19.1	17.8	16.5	
2	Algeria	DZA	35.6	34.3	33	31.6	30.3	29	27.8	
3	American Samoa	ASM	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	



4	Andorra	AND	6.5	6.3	6	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.1
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	2007	...	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
0	72.3	...	56.2	54.6	53	51.5	50.1	48.8	47.4	46.1	44.8	<NA>
1	15.3	...	8.8	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.4	<NA>
2	26.6	...	22	21.7	21.4	21	20.6	20.1	19.7	19.2	18.7	<NA>
3	<NA>	...	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>
4	4.9	...	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.1	3	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.6	<NA>

[5 rows x 26 columns]

	Country Name	Country Code	2000	2001	2002	\
0	Afghanistan	AFG	<NA>	<NA>	17.00758553	
1	Albania	ALB	65.1501236	73.78884125	78.99478149	
2	Algeria	DZA	62.11769485	67.33850098	66.94760132	
3	American Samoa	ASM	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	
4	Andorra	AND	1287.00280762	1336.21142578	1486.171875	

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	\
0	17.81492424	21.42946434	25.10707283	28.91982269	32.71720505	
1	106.29218292	138.11340332	152.12762451	166.81382751	212.61096191	
2	76.23547363	93.02433014	101.30373383	117.43313599	151.77920532	
3	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	
4	1772.71337891	1990.0748291	2214.64697266	2139.27539063	2489.43115234	

	...	2014	2015	2016	2017	\
0	...	60.18957901	60.05854034	61.48645782	66.90921783	
1	...	295.12359619	255.35635376	277.04321289	297.4619751	
2	...	361.15942383	292.275177	261.40023804	265.83843994	
3	...	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	
4	...	3089.84301758	2688.20629883	2755.44848633	2873.29614258	

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
0	71.33430481	74.23410797	80.28805542	81.31976318	<NA>	<NA>
1	351.3012085	367.75839233	396.88024902	464.74285889	<NA>	<NA>
2	266.46469116	235.99041748	206.03512573	204.56661987	<NA>	<NA>
3	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>
4	3164.38842773	3026.59741211	3269.29736328	3505.99145508	<NA>	<NA>

[5 rows x 26 columns]

(b) If data are not already stored in this way, please reshape data so that they consist of a single line of data for each country and year.

```
# Pivoting the Data into a long format
Health_Data_long = pd.melt(Health_Data,
    id_vars=['Country Name', 'Country Code'],
    var_name='Year',
    value_name='Heathcare Expenditure (USD)')
Infant_Data_long = pd.melt(Infant_Data,
    id_vars=['Country Name', 'Country Code'],
    var_name='Year',
    value_name='Infant Mortality Rates (per 1,000 live births)')
```

	Country Name	Country Code	Year	Heathcare Expenditure (USD)
0	Afghanistan	AFG	2000	<NA>
1	Albania	ALB	2000	65.1501236
2	Algeria	DZA	2000	62.11769485
3	American Samoa	ASM	2000	<NA>
4	Andorra	AND	2000	1287.00280762

	Country Name	Country Code	Year	Infant Mortality Rates (per 1,000 live births)
0	Afghanistan	AFG	2000	92
1	Albania	ALB	2000	24
2	Algeria	DZA	2000	35.6
3	American Samoa	ASM	2000	<NA>
4	Andorra	AND	2000	6.5

(c) Calculate the total number of countries observed in each data frame Calculate the total number of years observed in each data frame.

```
# Counts the number of unique contries
num_countries_FDI = Health_Data_long["Country Name"].nunique()

# Outputs the number of unique countries using an f string
print(f"Total number of unique countries in Health_Data: {num_countries_FDI}")

num_years_FDI = Health_Data_long["Year"].nunique() # Counts the number of unique years
print(f"Total number of unique years observed in Health_Data: {num_years_FDI}")
```

```

num_countries_GDP = Infant_Data_long["Country Name"].nunique()
print(f"Total number of unique countries in Infant_Data: {num_countries_GDP}")

num_years_GDP = Infant_Data_long["Year"].nunique()
print(f"Total number of unique years observed in Infant_Data: {num_years_GDP}")

```

```

Total number of unique countries in Health_Data: 217
Total number of unique years observed in Health_Data: 24
Total number of unique countries in Infant_Data: 217
Total number of unique years observed in Infant_Data: 24

```

**(d) Calculate the number of observations for which data is missing**

```

# Sums the number of missing values in each dataset
missing_values_Health = Health_Data_long.isna().sum().sum()
print(f"Total missing observations in Health_Data: {missing_values_Health}")

missing_values_Infant = Infant_Data_long.isna().sum().sum()
print(f"Total missing observations in Infant_Data: {missing_values_Infant}")

# Create a dataframe showing the number of missing values for each dataset
missing_values_table = pd.DataFrame({
    'Dataset': ['Health_Data', 'Infant_Data'],
    'Total Missing Observations': [missing_values_Health, missing_values_Infant]
})

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Total missing observations in Health_Data: 1099
Total missing observations in Infant_Data: 700

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**(e) Join the two files by country and year so that you have single dataframe containing both variables. Explain clearly what type of join this is, and carefully check that the number of observations resulting from the join makes sense.**

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# Merge the data on Country Name, Country code and Year
merged_data = pd.merge(Health_Data_long, Infant_Data_long, on=['Country Name',
'Country Code', 'Year'])
print(merged_data.head())

# Print the number of rows in the DataFrame
num_rows = merged_data.shape[0]
print(f"Number of rows in the DataFrame: {num_rows}")

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	Country Name	Country Code	Year	Healthcare Expenditure (USD)	\
0	Afghanistan	AFG	2000	<NA>	
1	Albania	ALB	2000	65.1501236	
2	Algeria	DZA	2000	62.11769485	
3	American Samoa	ASM	2000	<NA>	
4	Andorra	AND	2000	1287.00280762	

	Infant Mortality Rates (per 1,000 live births)
0	92
1	24
2	35.6
3	<NA>
4	6.5

Number of rows in the DataFrame: 5208

The join completed in the above code chunk is an inner join and only keeps rows that exist in both `Health_Data_long` and `Infant_Data_long`. If a country-year exists in one dataset but not the other, it will be dropped.

#### Question 4 - Investigating the Relationship Between Current Healthcare Expenditure per capita and Infant Mortality Rates from 2000 - 2022

Missing Data - Table 1

	Dataset	Total Missing Observations
0	Health_Data	1099
1	Infant_Data	700

Both datasets contained a considerable amount of missing data, illustrated in Table 1. Potentially due to countries not collecting the data or collecting the data at different year intervals. Missing data can have a large impact on data analysis if not handled properly and can lead to skewed or incorrect conclusions. The year 2023 contained no data; therefore, this column was dropped. To deal with the other missing data, I decided to drop all rows containing missing data, sometimes, this could result in a significant reduction of sample size; however, in this case, 1099 observations were removed (21.1% of the dataset) and only 27 countries were dropped, indicating this was an effective method to handling missing data as there were still 4109 observations. An alternative approach would've been mean, multiple or regression imputation if dropping rows with missing data caused a significant decrease in sample size.

Summary Statistics - Table 2

Variable	N	Mean	Median	SD	Min	Max
Healthcare Expenditure (USD)	4109.0	956.0	256.7	1685.7	4.0	12473.8
Infant Mortality Rates (per 1,000 live births)	4109.0	26.9	17.7	25.0	1.4	138.3

Table 2 displays the summary statistics for healthcare expenditure (USD) and infant mortality rates (per 1,000 live births) across 4109 observations, revealing significant differences between countries.

Healthcare expenditure per capita showed a mean of \$956.0 but a far lower median of \$256.7, indicating a negatively skewed distribution where few countries spend significantly more. The large standard deviation (\$1,685.7) and range (\$4.0–\$12,473.8) highlight large global and temporal differences in healthcare investment.

Infant mortality rates show similar variation, with a mean of 26.9 deaths per 1,000 live births and a median of 17.7. The high standard deviation (25.0) and range (1.4–138.3) suggest major differences in healthcare quality and access.

Overall, the data underscores global disparities in healthcare funding and outcomes, suggesting that higher healthcare expenditure may be linked to lower infant mortality.

## Distribution Analysis

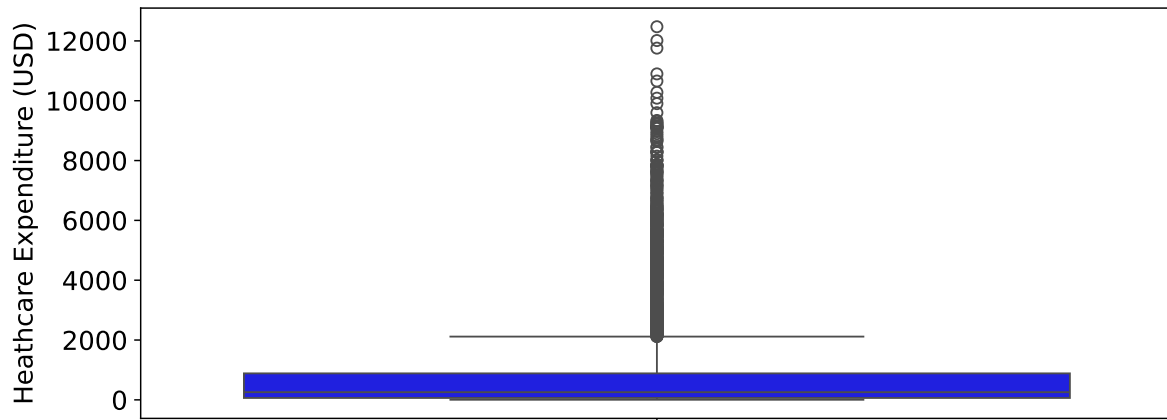


Figure 1: Box Plot of Healthcare Spend Per Capita (USD)

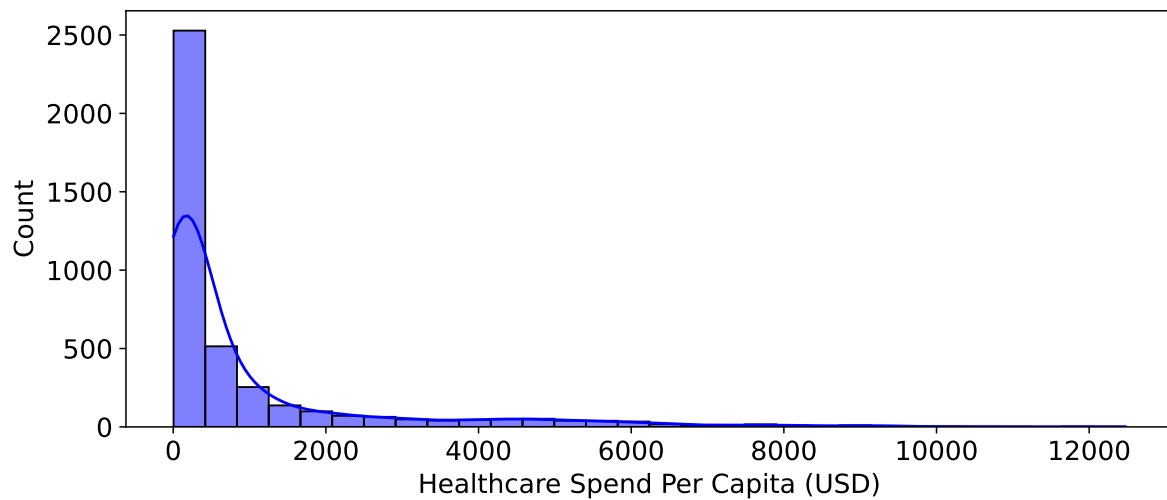


Figure 2: Histogram with Density of Healthcare Spend Per Capita (USD)

Figures 1 and 2 show the distribution of healthcare spending per capita (USD). Figure 1 shows that healthcare expenditure is highly negatively skewed, with many outliers at the upper end, supporting the analysis from the summary statistics. The median expenditure is positioned toward the lower end of the distribution, indicating that most countries spend relatively little, while a few spend significantly more. The whiskers of the box plot are short, suggesting that a large proportion of the data is concentrated within a lower range, while the numerous outliers highlight extreme spending levels in some countries.

Figure 2 reiterates the negative skew of the data. Most countries have low healthcare spending, grouped toward the left of the axis, with just a handful having exceptionally high expenditures. The density curve (smooth blue line) depicts the exponential drop in frequency as expenditure increases, emphasising that high-spending countries are exceptions rather than the rule.

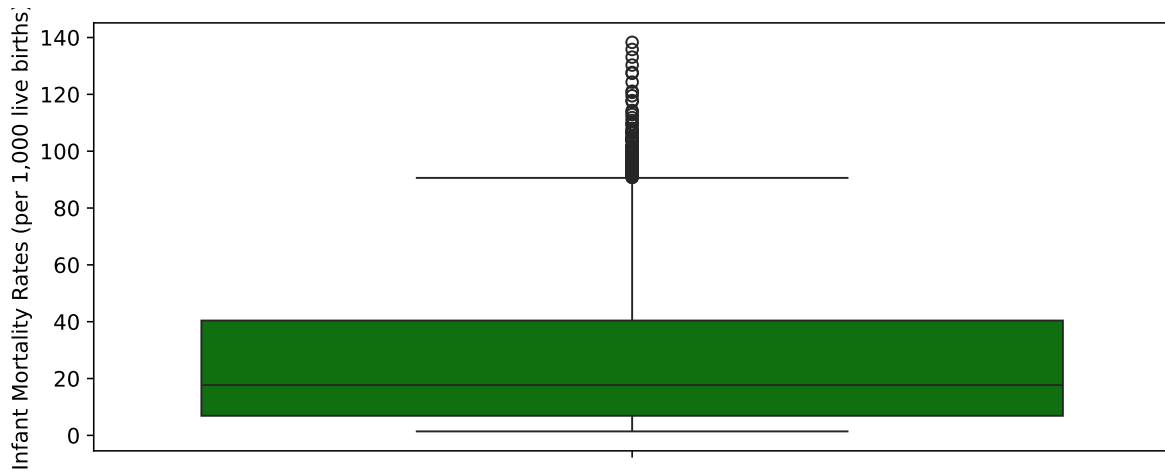


Figure 3: Box Plot of Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)

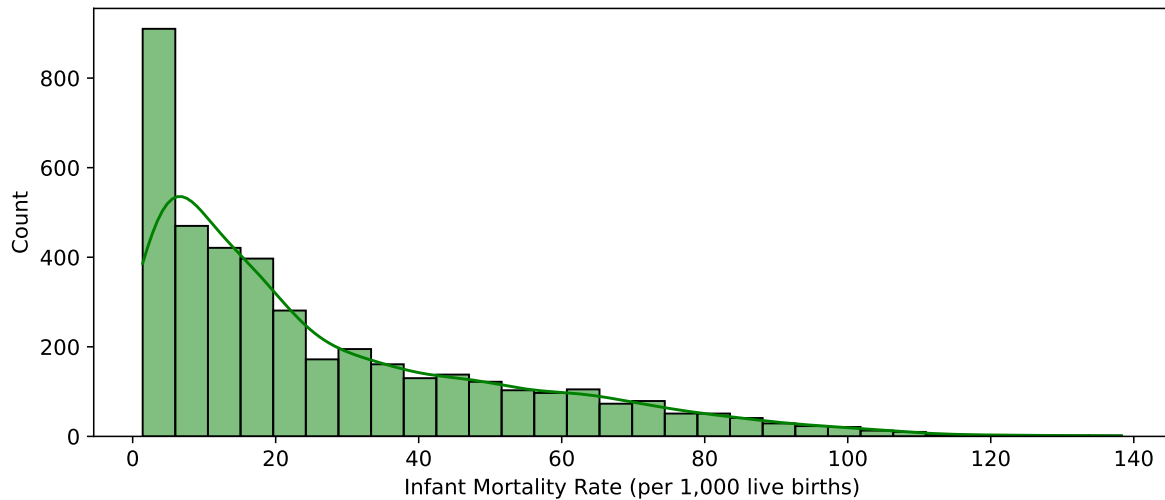


Figure 4: Histogram with Density of Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)

The distribution of the infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) seen in Figures 3 and 4 is comparable to that of healthcare spend per capita (USD).

There are several outliers in Figure 3, with specific countries having abnormally high infant death rates. The data is still negatively skewed, as seen by the median being significantly lower than the upper quartile.

This is supported by Figure 4, which displays a dramatic fall as rates rise, with most values clustering below 40 deaths per 1,000 live births. While infant mortality is low in many nations, it is much higher in others, most likely because of infrastructural constraints, economic considerations, and healthcare discrepancies.



## Correlation Analysis

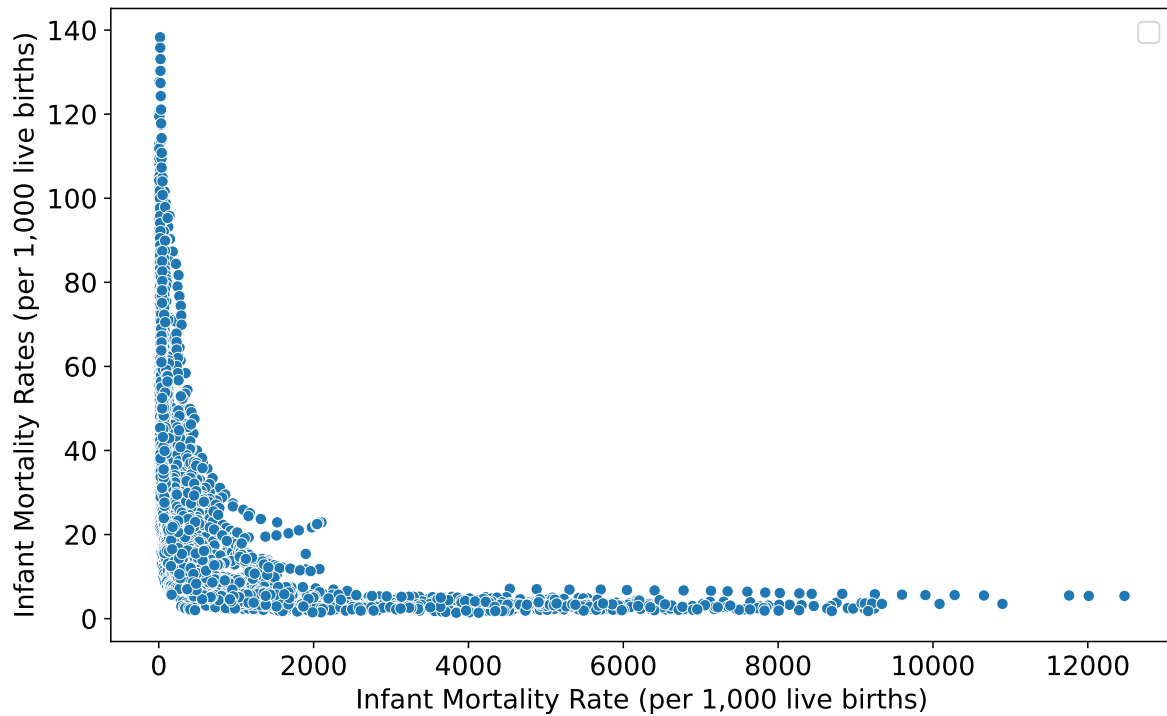


Figure 5: Scatter Plot: Healthcare Spend Per Capita vs Infant Mortality Rate

A scatter plot showing the correlation between infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) and healthcare spending per capita (USD) is shown in Figure 5. Higher healthcare spending is linked to decreased infant death rates, according to the trend, which shows a significant negative association.

However, the relationship is non-linear, with infant mortality declining sharply at lower health-care spending levels and plateauing as spending rises. This points to diminishing returns, where early increases in healthcare spending have a major positive influence on infant mortality, with the effect decreasing as spending levels rise

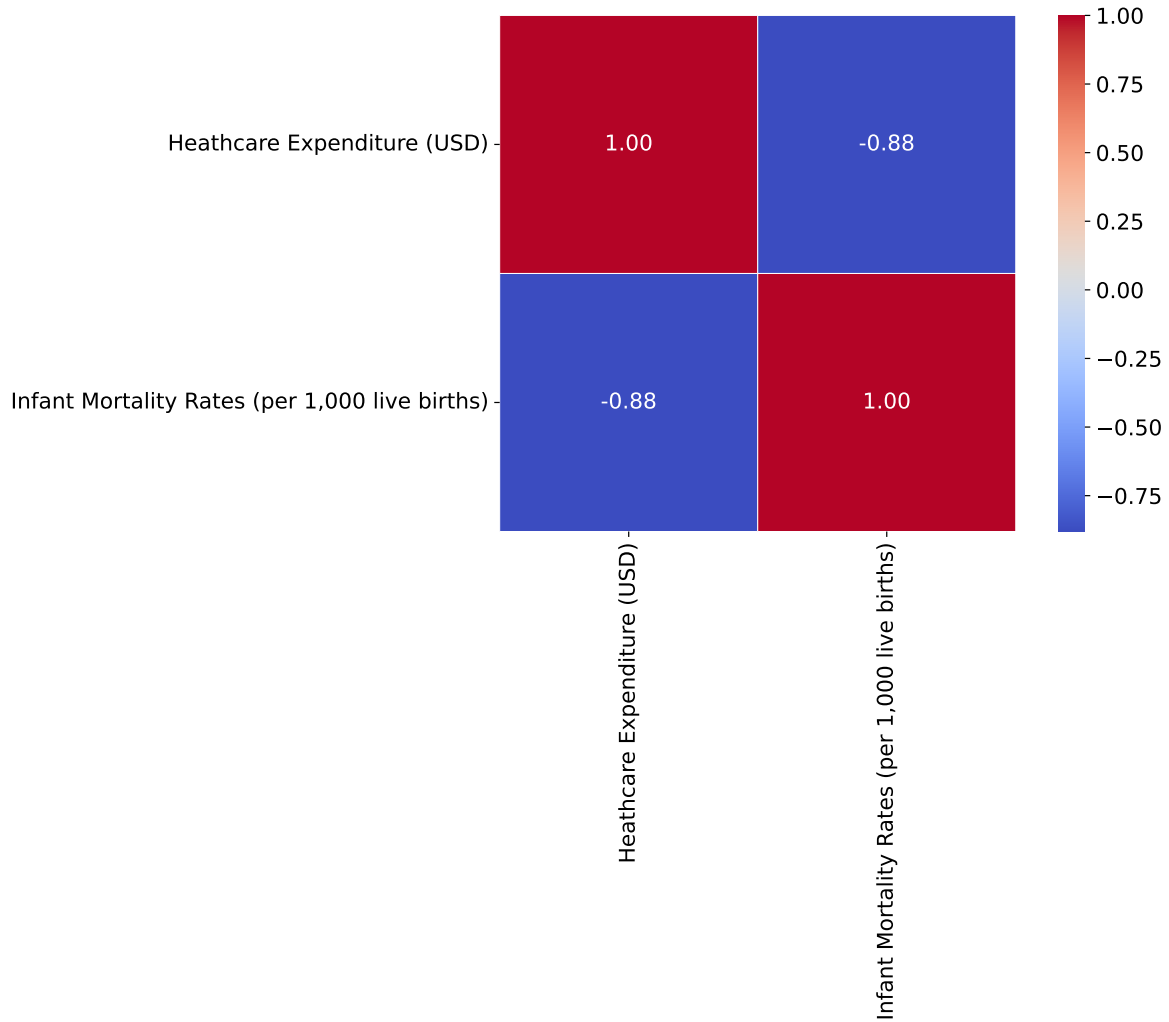


Figure 6: Correlation Matrix of Infant Mortality and Healthcare Spend per Capita

Due to this non-linearity, a correlation plot was created using Spearman's rank correlation illustrated in Figure 6. The correlation matrix confirms a strong negative correlation (-0.88) between healthcare spend per capita and infant mortality rates, indicating that as healthcare spending increases, infant mortality rates decrease, supporting the conclusions from Figure 5. The magnitude of this correlation suggests a substantial association, reinforcing the importance of healthcare investment in improving child survival outcomes. However, the correlation does not imply causation, and other socio-economic factors, such as healthcare infrastructure, accessibility, and policy effectiveness, likely influence this relationship.

## Regression Analysis

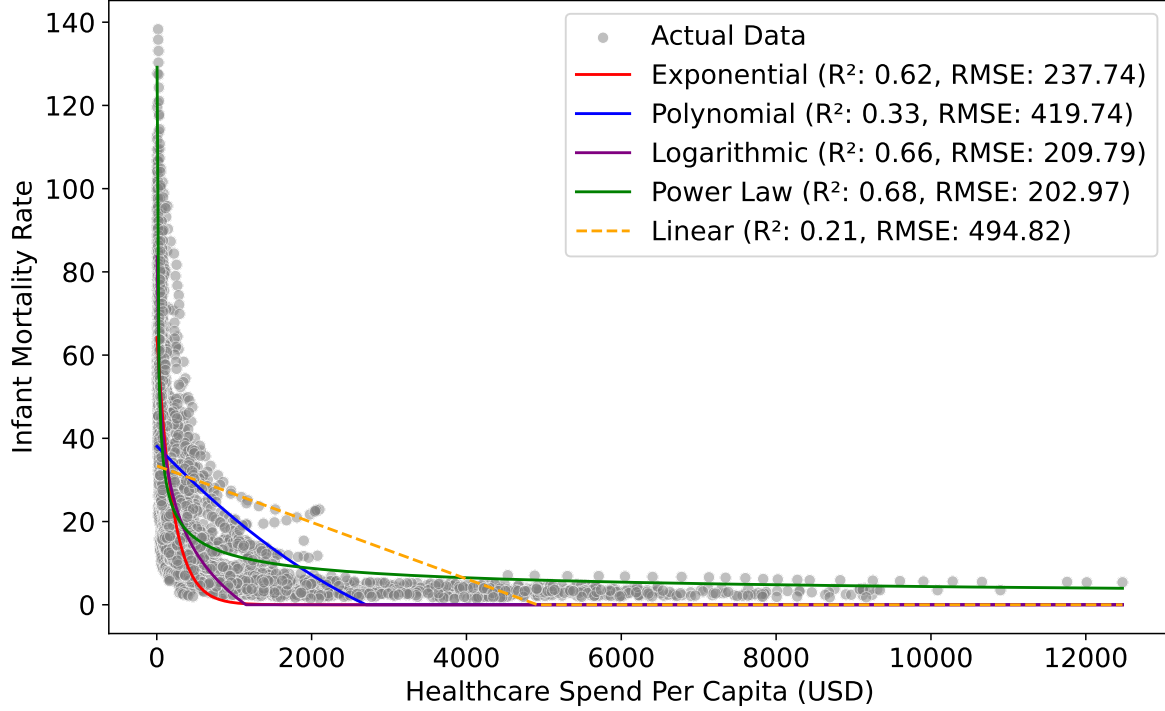


Figure 7: Comparison of Regression Models: Healthcare Spend vs Infant Mortality Rate

Figure 7 compares five regression models, exponential, polynomial, logarithmic, power law, and linear, in quantifying the relationship between healthcare spend per capita and infant mortality rates. The power law model achieves the best fit with an  $R^2$  of 0.68, revealing that 68% of the variance in infant mortality rates is explained by healthcare spending per capita, and the lowest RMSE (14.25), supporting the strong inverse relationship shown in Figure 5. Exponential and logarithmic regression perform well ( $R^2 = 0.62$  and  $0.66$ , respectively), capturing the steep initial decline before stabilizing at lower mortality levels.

Polynomial regression initially follows the trend but ultimately performs poorly, indicated by its lower  $R^2$  of 0.33. The linear model performs worst, failing to capture the non-linearity of the data. All models are constrained to prevent infant mortality predictions below 0, ensuring a realistic representation. This analysis highlights that non-linear models, particularly power law and exponential regression, provide the most accurate representation of the data, reiterating the non-linearity of the relationship between healthcare spend per capita and infant mortality rates.

## Time Series Analysis

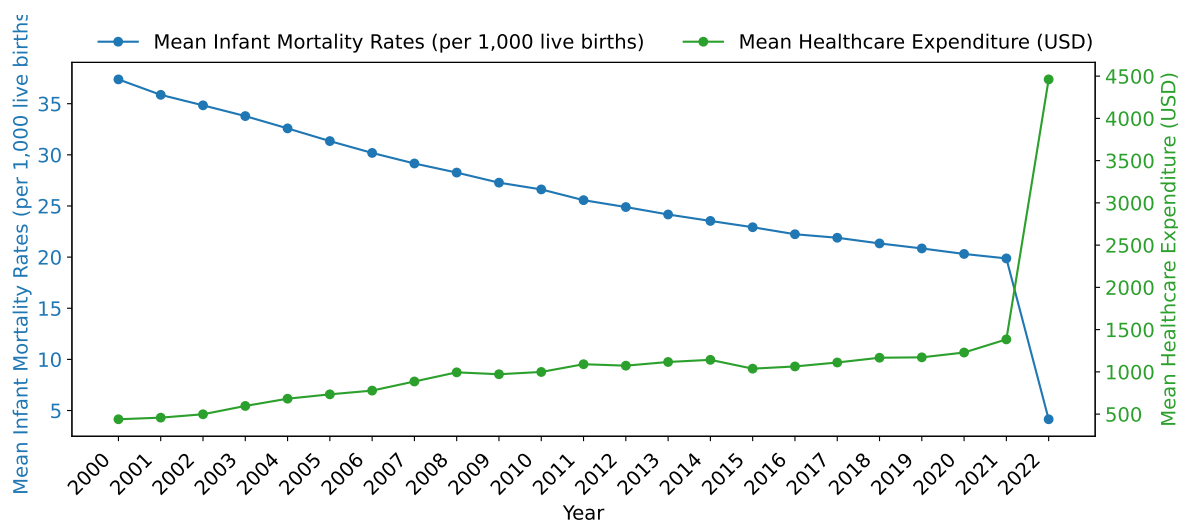


Figure 8: Time Series Analysis of Mean Infant Mortality Rates and Healthcare Expenditure

Figure 8 illustrates the negative association between mean infant mortality rates (IMR) and mean healthcare spending (USD) from 2000 to 2022. The trend indicates a continual drop in IMR, reflecting improvements in healthcare, economic development, and medical advances. Meanwhile, healthcare spending has steadily climbed, indicating greater investment in health infrastructure and services.

A noteworthy anomaly arises in 2022 when healthcare expenditures significantly increase and infant death rates significantly decrease. This large shift may be due to pandemic-related spending, emergency health interventions, or data errors. The high rise in expenditure may signal a significant policy shift, but further research is needed to assess the long-term consequences.

Overall, Figure 8 reinforces the strong negative correlation between healthcare investment and infant mortality reduction illustrated by Figures 6 and 7. However, the presence of diminishing returns suggests that beyond a certain threshold, additional spending alone may not yield proportional improvements, emphasizing the need for efficient resource allocation and targeted healthcare policies to maximize impact.

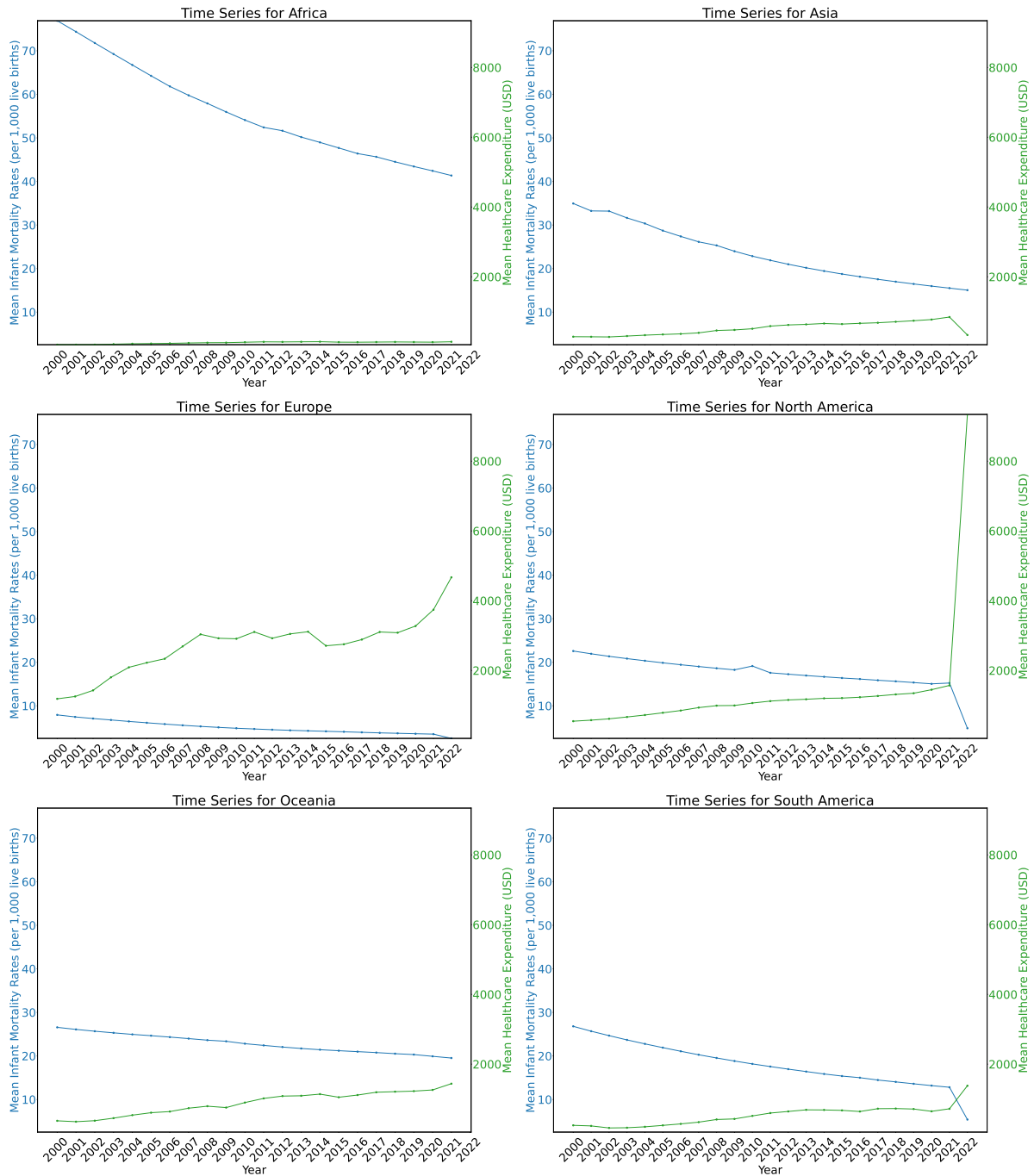


Figure 9: Time Series Analysis of Mean Infant Mortality Rates and Healthcare Expenditure By Continent

Figure 9 shows continent-specific trends in IMR and mean healthcare spending (USD) from 2000 to 2022. The constant negative relationship across each location suggests an association between increasing healthcare investment and reduced infant mortality.

Africa and Asia have had considerable drops in IMR, indicating significant improvements in healthcare despite relatively little investment. Europe and North America, with larger beginning expenditures, experienced lower IMR decreases, indicating declining returns on investment. South America and Oceania follow similar trends but have different purchasing preferences.

Healthcare expenditure rose significantly in 2022 in North and South America, most likely because of pandemic-related measures. This substantial rise in spending corresponds to a transient acceleration in IMR decreases, implying short-term healthcare gains.

Overall, Figure 9 highlights regional differences in healthcare availability and efficiency. While investment is critical to lowering infant mortality, the impact of expenditure varies by location.

## **Conclusion**

This analysis confirms a strong negative relationship between healthcare expenditure and infant mortality rates across global regions. Countries with higher healthcare investment generally experience lower infant mortality, though the impact varies based on economic and healthcare infrastructure factors.

The non-linear nature of this relationship indicates diminishing returns, where initial increases in spending lead to substantial improvements, but further investments yield smaller reductions in infant mortality. Logarithmic and time-series analyses further reinforce this pattern, highlighting long-term declines in infant mortality alongside growing healthcare expenditure.

Regional disparities remain significant, with high-income regions investing more per capita while achieving lower mortality rates, whereas lower-income regions show greater relative improvements despite lower absolute spending. The 2022 anomaly suggests short-term shifts in healthcare spending and outcomes, likely due to pandemic-driven policies.

While healthcare expenditure is a crucial driver of infant survival, efficient allocation, accessibility, and policy effectiveness remain key determinants of long-term health improvements worldwide.