Data Report

Question

How does urban green infrastructure (urban green space and urban tree cover) impact the average share of built-up areas that is open space for public use and the average share of the urban population with convenient access to these spaces?

Data Sources

SDG Data

- Source: United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)
- **Description:** This dataset includes information on the average share of built-up areas of cities that is open space for public use and the average share of the urban population with convenient access to these spaces.
- Structure and Quality: The data is structured with columns representing various metrics such as city name, country code, share of built-up area that is open space, and share of urban population with access to public spaces. The data is generally well-structured and complete, although some columns may contain missing values or inconsistent formatting.
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Green Infrastructure Data

- Source: European Environment Agency (EEA)
- **Description:** This dataset includes information on total green infrastructure, urban green space, and urban tree cover for various cities in Europe.
- Structure and Quality: The data is structured with columns for city name, total green infrastructure, urban green space, and urban tree cover. The data is generally well-structured, with clearly defined metrics.
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Data Pipeline

Technology

- Tools Used: Python, Pandas, SQLite, Seaborn, Matplotlib, Requests
- Environment: Jupyter Notebook for interactive data exploration and analysis

Transformation and Cleaning Steps

- 1. **Download Data:** Used the requests library to download the data files from the provided URLs.
- Load Data: Loaded the downloaded data files into pandas DataFrames using pd.read_excel for the Excel file and pd.read_csv for the CSV file.
- 3. Transform Data: Standardized the column names by stripping spaces, replacing special characters, and converting to lowercase.
- Save to SQLite: Saved the transformed DataFrames to an SQLite database using the to_sql method.
- 5. Standardize Location Columns: Standardized the city_name columns in both DataFrames for consistency and to facilitate merging.
- Merge DataFrames: Merged the SDG and green infrastructure DataFrames on the city_name column.

Problems Encountered and Solutions

- File Not Found: Initially encountered issues with file paths. Solved by downloading the files directly from the internet.
- Column Name Inconsistencies: Encountered inconsistencies in column names during merging. Solved by printing column names and
 ensuring the correct columns were used.
- Missing Values: Identified missing values in some columns. Addressed by inspecting and handling missing data appropriately.

Error Handling and Adaptability

- The pipeline includes checks for file existence and standardized column names to ensure consistency.
- The use of SQLite allows for efficient data storage and retrieval, making the pipeline adaptable to changes in input data structure.

Result and Limitations

Output Data

- **Description:** The output data is a merged DataFrame that combines information from both the SDG and green infrastructure datasets. It includes columns for city name, country code, share of built-up area that is open space, share of urban population with access to public spaces, total green infrastructure, urban green space, and urban tree cover.
- Structure and Quality: The merged DataFrame has 18 columns and includes data for 21 cities. The data is well-structured, though there may be some missing values in certain columns.
- Data Format: The output data is stored in an SQLite database and can be exported to CSV or Excel for further analysis.

Critical Reflection

- Potential Issues: One potential issue is the presence of missing values, which could impact the analysis. Additionally, differences in how cities are named and categorized across datasets may require additional cleaning and standardization.
- Final Report Considerations: For the final report, it will be important to address any remaining data quality issues and ensure that all transformations and analyses are well-documented. Ensuring reproducibility and transparency in the data pipeline will be key to producing a robust and reliable analysis.









