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Abstract

This work provides an in-depth analysis of global intelligence, examining the links between average IQ scores and a range of socioeconomic factors across continents. To uncover patterns and relationships in the data, the study combines statistical and visual techniques..

Global IQ analysis

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# Table of abbreviations

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| Abbreviation | Definition |
| HDI | Human development Index |
| GHI | Gross National Income |
| IQ | Intelligence Quotient |
| IQR | Interquartile Range |

# Introduction

## Description

Curios about what variables influence a person's intelligence, I scoured the web for datasets that would assist me identify patterns to answer questions about the distribution of IQ and what characteristics influence it. I combined 2 [TK] datasets containing data about Human Development Index (United Nations Development Programme, 2023) and IQ (Data Pandas, 2019) by country to create the final dataframe that I will be analysing.

The reasoning behind choosing those datasets is based on the belief that a detailed knowledge of the counties' aspects may provide insight into the complex relationships that exist between development, education, and general well-being of citizens. Through examining metrics like life expectancy, the HDI, literacy rates and others we hope to find relationships and trends that contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of a country's position in the world.

## Hypothesis

I believe there is a positive correlation between 1st and 3rd world countries in their average IQ and other socio-economic factors within the dataset.

## Data Overview

After removing erroneous and null data, I was left with 154 countries that had information about their region, which can be seen in figure 1.

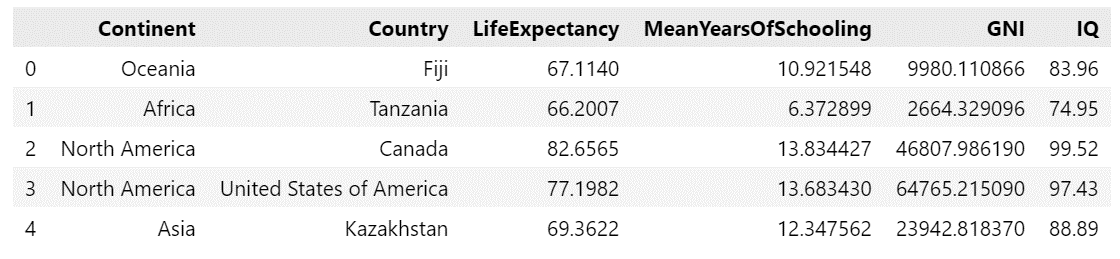


Table 1 - Dataset example

### Data limitations

Although asking everyone on the planet for their IQ and unique living characteristics would be valuable for a thorough examination, it is both impractical and impossible. To overcome such limitations and provide a representative sample, using pre-made datasets from reliable sources such as the UNDP website and others becomes a practical alternative. These datasets are selected, providing a broad comprehensive overview of many countries, allowing for a more efficient and viable examination of socioeconomic variables without the enormous work of evaluating each individual.

# Data analysis

Firstly, I wanted to see the distribution of average IQ amongst all countries visually. By colouring each country on a global IQ map, with yellow representing the most intelligent and black representing the least intelligent, which is shown on figure 2, we are clearly able to see the differences between continents. There is a significant gap between a first-world country like the United States, where the average IQ is 97.43, and a third-world country like Ghana or Togo, where the average IQ is 58.16 and 59.83, respectively.

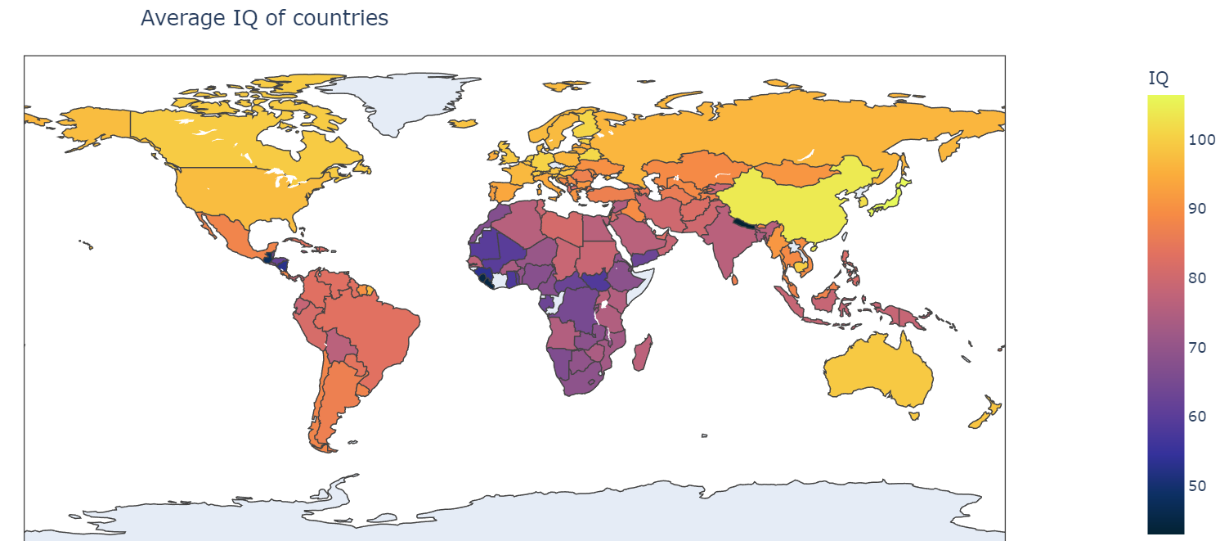


Figure 1 - Coloured world map with countries' IQ

Given that there is a large difference in IQ between India and China (76.24 and 104.1, respectively) within Asia, we cannot conclude that a continent alone drastically affects average IQ levels.

## Distribution of IQ

The distribution of the global average IQ is seen in Figure 3, where more people have IQs between 80 and 90 points, with the global average, according to the dataset, being 82 points. Examining more closely by breaking down the continents, we can find that Asia has three nations with the highest average IQs: Japan, China, and South Korea, with 106.48, 104.10, and 102.35, respectively. Europe has the highest average IQ out of all the continents. It’s important to note that North America has the highest IQR

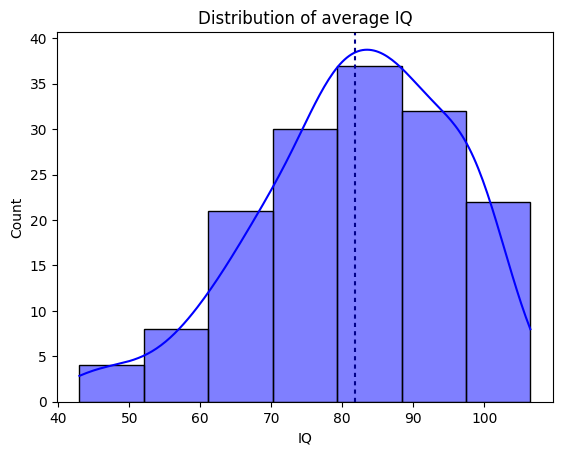


Figure 2 - Distribution of average IQ

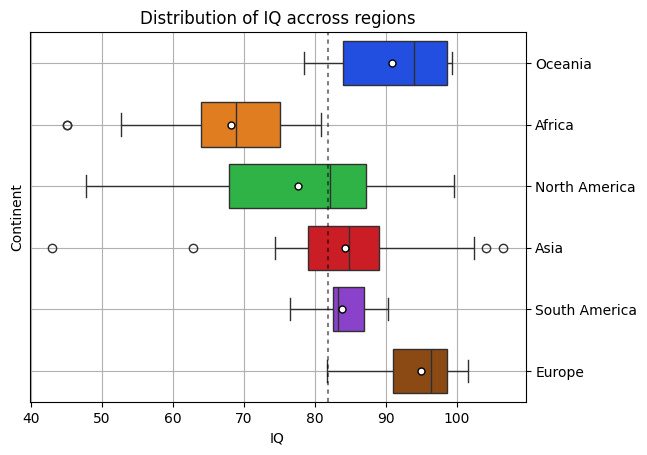


Figure 3 - Distribution of IQ for every region

## Human Development Index

To understand how HDI affects IQ, we should look at each continent separately.

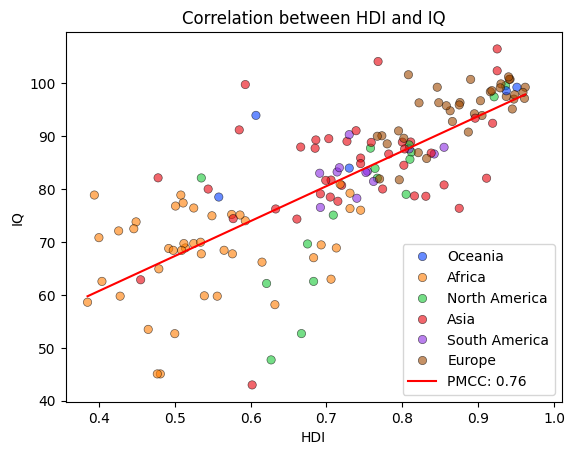


Figure 4 - Correlation between HDI and IQ coloured by continent

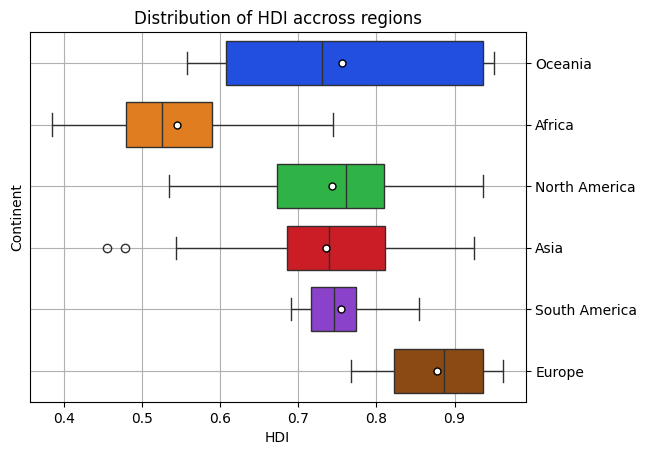


Figure 5 - Distribution of HDI across continents

Figure 5 shows that Asia has the greatest differences between average HDI. It is also the only continent to have outliers. This implies that Asia doesn’t have equal distributions of income, life expectancy, or mean years of schooling due to external circumstances that are not present in this dataset. Figure 6 support this, where countries in Asia range from 0.455 in Yamen to 0.925 in Japan. It also shows that most countries in Europe and Asia are above the regression line, meaning that those countries have higher IQ than the model suggest. In this context, these data points reflect countries with higher average IQ scores than predicted by the linear regression model, given their degree of human development. Deviations from the regression line of this kind imply that factors other than human growth, such as well-functioning educational systems or cultural influences, are responsible for the higher IQs in these particular nations.

## Gross National Income

By exploring the relationship between GNI and HDI, we can see that there is a strong positive correlation between those factors, meaning that countries that generate more money from within and by outside trading tend to have a better development.

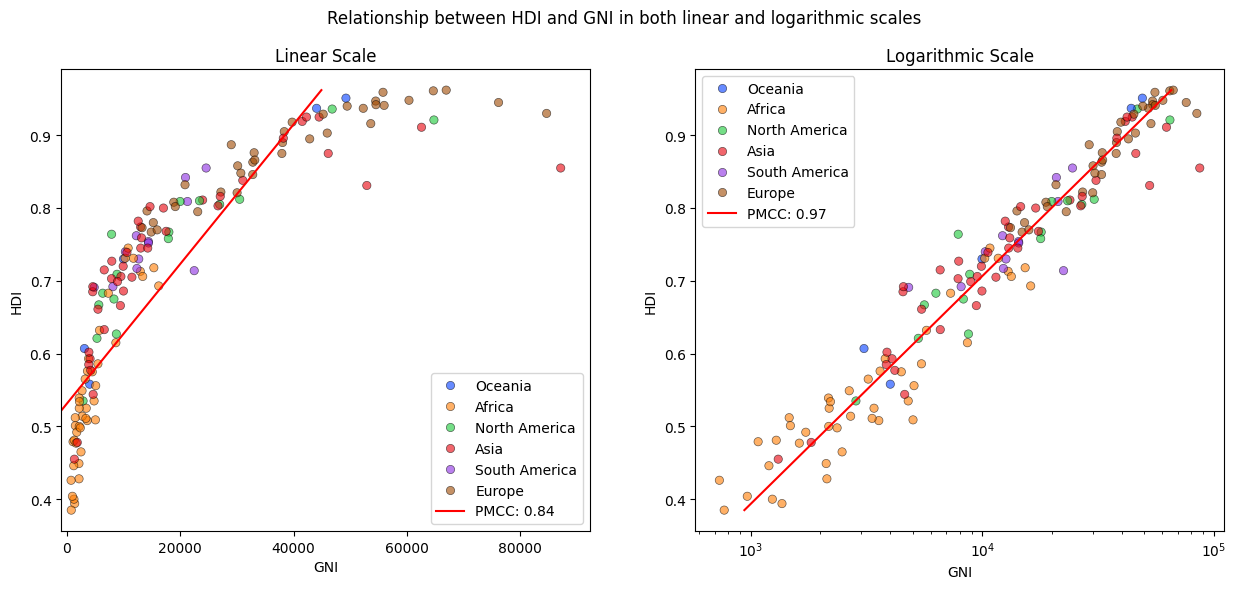


Figure 6 - Relationship between GNI and HDI in both linear and logarithmic scales

This research reveals an important and complicated link between overall human development and economic performance, with a remarkable 0.97 correlation coefficient between GNP and HDI. Figure 7 displays a close clustering of data points to graphically represent the relationship. We can easily see that Africa has the lowest average GNP as a continent, implying that most countries there earn little revenue from people and companies, as there isn't much a country can give to its residents or tourists.

## Life expectancy

## Figure 7 reveals a similar trend of content distribution: Europe, Oceania, and Asia are the top three continents for dependent variables. Both Americas had the lowest IQR, implying that they are similar in terms of health care, other socioeconomic circumstances, and lifestyle patterns that are too extensive to include in the dataset.

Figure 8 clearly shows countries organised into clusters, the largest of which being Africa, where the majority of the countries fall below the expected model. It implies that such countries' life expectancy is lower than anticipated, but so is their IQ. The graph demonstrates that there are several elements that were not considered in the study and that should be improved by integrating more datasets if I were do the project all over again.

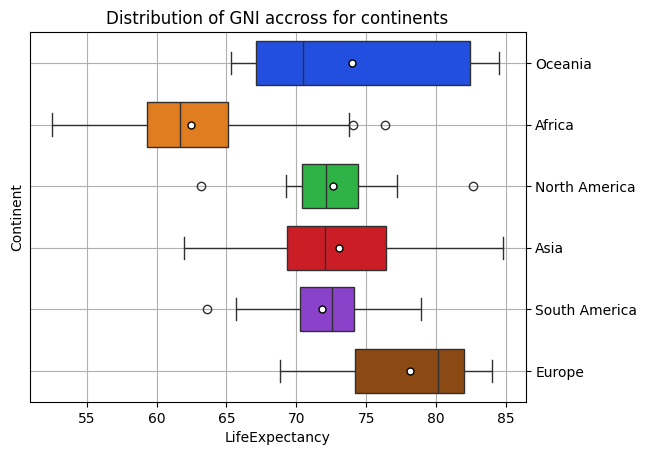


Figure - Distribution of GNI by country

Looking at clusters themselves, which are approximated with kde plot, we can notice that Asia has the most average life expectancy with a lot of outliers on both sides. Afghanistan, Pakistan and India, where it is uncommon to live in highly polluted area with poor medical help (Bhutto, 2023), are on he lower end of the scale on life expectancy, yet their IQ are around 80 points which is just below global average. This suggests that Life expectancy correlates to average IQ, but doesn’t necessarily have the biggest impact or even a causation, as studies have shown that age doesn’t necessarily affect IQ (Dickinson & Hiscock, 2010).

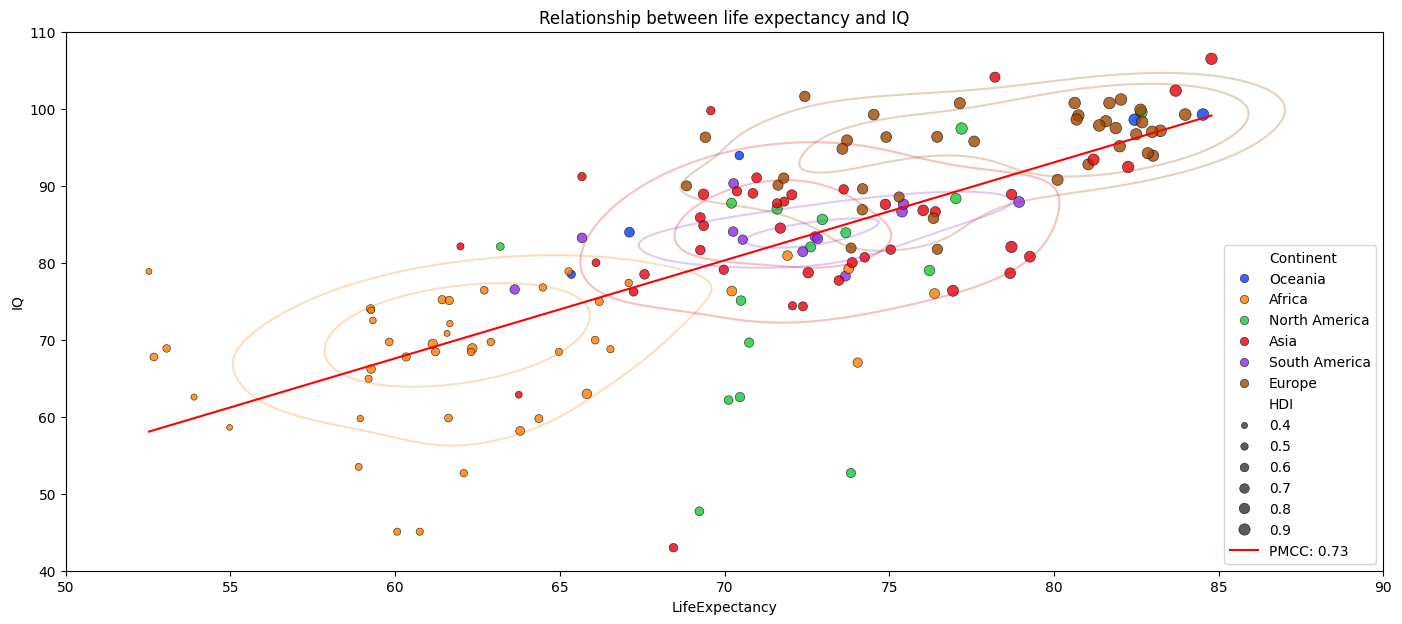


Figure - Relationship between life expectancy and IQ

# Conclusion

To summarise, there is a correlation between the 1st and 3rd world countries in terms of IQ and how various socio-economic factors affect them. A comprehensive analysis shows that Africa is consistently the last in the rating comparing in any analysis due to its lack of resources to trade with other countries and lack of tourism. The research shows that there is a strong correlation between economic success and overall human development, with a strong positive correlation of 0.97 between the GNI and HDI. The large range of values in the dataset led to the choice to scale GNI logarithmically, which results in a more balanced visualisation.

[TK]

Country has more income -> people have more spare income -> able to spend more on education -> higher IQ on average

Use ReadMe. Use libraries and all

Unittest for plots (saved as jpeg?)

Gold standard: When we simulate, pipeline should return correct values

Code separate from test suite

Test suite for reading data?

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