Weather Data Analysis

Temperature Trends, Rainfall, and Seasonal Pattern Visualization

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1 Introduction

The project emphasizes the analysis and visualization of weather data to reveal temperature trends, rainfall patterns, and seasonal trends. Weather data analysis is significant in understanding climatic patterns, forecasting future weather, and taking well-informed decisions in several sectors like agriculture, urban development, and disaster management.

Weather information normally comprises several parameters like temperature (max, min, mean), rainfall (precipitation), humidity, and wind speed. From an examination of these parameters over a period of time, we are able to spot seasonality patterns, outliers, and relationships among different weather factors.

For this project, we apply Python and data visualization tools in order to:

Create a synthetic weather data with natural seasonal trends

Inspect trends in temperatures for a span of one year

Investigate rainfall distribution monthly and seasonally

Explore correlations among various weather parameters

Plot seasonal trends in all weather metrics

The analysis gives insights into how weather parameters change over the course of the year and how they are related to one another, which can be useful for weather prediction and climate research.

2. Methodology

2.1 Generation of data

As we're dealing with a synthetic dataset for learning purposes, we've generated the weather data that simulates real-life seasonal trends. The data generation involves

Generating a time series for a year (365 days)

Producing temperature data with seasonal behavior (warmer summer, cooler winter)

Producing rainfall data with inverse seasonality (higher precipitation in winter/spring, less in summer)

Adding humidity and wind speed data with independent seasonality

Adding random fluctuation to produce realistic data

Synthetic data conform to the following patterns:

Temperature: Sinusoidal behavior at peak during summer

Rainfall: Inverse sinusoidal pattern with greater rainfall in winter/spring

Humidity: Sinusoidal trend with phase shift compared to temperature

Wind speed: Weak seasonal variation with random fluctuations

2.2 Data Analysis and Visualization Strategy

In analyzing and visualizing the weather data, we used the following strategy:

Exploratory Data Analysis:

Calculating summary statistics for every weather parameter

Seasonal and monthly aggregations analysis

Finding correlations among various weather metrics

Visualization Methods:

Time Series Plots: For the visualization of temperature trends across time

Bar Charts: For the representation of monthly rainfall amounts

Box Plots: To represent the distribution of weather parameters season-wise

Scatter Plots: To investigate temperature and rainfall relationships

Heatmaps: To provide overall visualisation of monthly weather trends

Tools and Libraries:

Python: Main programming language

Pandas: Used for data manipulation and analysis

NumPy: Used for numerical computations

Matplotlib: Used for static visualisation

Seaborn: Used for more informative statistical visualisations

Using tools and libraries:

3. Code

pythonCopyimport pandas as pd

import numpy as np

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

import seaborn as sns

from matplotlib.dates import DateFormatter

import matplotlib.dates as mdates

plt.style.use('seaborn-v0 8-whitegrid')

sns.set palette("viridis")

def generate weather data(start date='2022-01-01', periods=365):

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np.random.seed(42)
  dates = pd.date range(start=start date, periods=periods)
  avg temps = 20 + 15 * np.sin((dates.dayofyear - 15) * 2 * np.pi / 365)
  temp_noise = np.random.normal(0, 3, len(dates))
  max_temps = avg_temps + 5 + temp_noise/2
  min temps = avg temps - 5 + temp noise/2
avg rainfall = 5 - 4 * np.sin((dates.dayofyear - 15) * 2 * np.pi / 365)
  rainfall = np.maximum(0, np.random.gamma(shape=1.5, scale=avg rainfall,
size=len(dates)))
  humidity = 60 + 20 * np.sin((dates.dayofyear + 60) * 2 * np.pi / 365) +
np.random.normal(0, 5, len(dates))
  humidity = np.clip(humidity, 0, 100)
wind speed = 5 + 2 * np.sin((dates.dayofyear + 30) * 2 * np.pi / 365) +
np.random.exponential(2, len(dates))
  weather df = pd.DataFrame({
     'Date': dates.
     'MaxTemp': max temps,
     'MinTemp': min temps,
'AvgTemp': avg_temps,
     'Rainfall': rainfall,
    'Humidity': humidity,
    'WindSpeed': wind speed
  })
  weather df['Month'] = weather df['Date'].dt.month name()
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def get season(date):
month = date.month
     if month in [12, 1, 2]:
       return 'Winter'
     elif month in [3, 4, 5]:
       return 'Spring'
elif month in [6, 7, 8]:
       return 'Summer'
     else:
       return 'Fall'
  weather_df['Season'] = weather_df['Date'].apply(get_season)
  return weather df
weather_data = generate_weather_data()
def plot temperature trends(data):
  plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
  plt.plot(data['Date'], data['MaxTemp'], color='red', alpha=0.7, label='Max
Temperature')
  plt.plot(data['Date'], data['MinTemp'], color='blue', alpha=0.7, label='Min
Temperature')
  plt.plot(data['Date'], data['AvgTemp'], color='green', linewidth=2, label='Avg
Temperature')
  plt.fill between(data['Date'], data['MinTemp'], data['MaxTemp'], color='lightgrey',
alpha=0.3)
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plt.title('Temperature Trends Over Time', fontsize=16)
  plt.xlabel('Date', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Temperature (°C)', fontsize=12)
  plt.legend()
  plt.gca().xaxis.set_major_formatter(mdates.DateFormatter('%b %Y'))
  plt.gca().xaxis.set major locator(mdates.MonthLocator(interval=1))
  plt.gcf().autofmt xdate()
  plt.tight_layout()
  plt.savefig('temperature_trends.png', dpi=300)
  plt.show()
def plot rainfall distribution(data):
  monthly rainfall = data.groupby('Month')['Rainfall'].sum().reindex([
     'January', 'February', 'March', 'April', 'May', 'June',
'July', 'August', 'September', 'October', 'November', 'December'
  ])
  plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
  bars = plt.bar(monthly rainfall.index, monthly rainfall.values,
color=sns.color_palette("Blues_d", len(monthly_rainfall)))
  for bar in bars:
     height = bar.get height()
plt.text(bar.get_x() + bar.get_width()/2., height + 1,
           f'{height:.1f}',
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plt.title('Total Monthly Rainfall', fontsize=16)
  plt.xlabel('Month', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Total Rainfall (mm)', fontsize=12)
  plt.xticks(rotation=45)
  plt.tight layout()
  plt.savefig('monthly rainfall.png', dpi=300)
  plt.show()
def plot seasonal patterns(data):
  fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(14, 10))
  sns.boxplot(x='Season', y='AvgTemp', data=data, ax=axs[0, 0],
order=['Winter', 'Spring', 'Summer', 'Fall'],
          palette='coolwarm')
  axs[0, 0].set title('Temperature Distribution by Season', fontsize=14)
  axs[0, 0].set ylabel('Average Temperature (°C)', fontsize=12)
  sns.boxplot(x='Season', y='Rainfall', data=data, ax=axs[0, 1],
order=['Winter', 'Spring', 'Summer', 'Fall'],
          palette='Blues')
  axs[0, 1].set title('Rainfall Distribution by Season', fontsize=14)
  axs[0, 1].set ylabel('Rainfall (mm)', fontsize=12)
  sns.boxplot(x='Season', y='Humidity', data=data, ax=axs[1, 0],
order=['Winter', 'Spring', 'Summer', 'Fall'],
          palette='Greens')
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ha='center', va='bottom', rotation=0, fontsize=9)

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axs[1, 0].set title('Humidity Distribution by Season', fontsize=14)
  axs[1, 0].set ylabel('Humidity (%)', fontsize=12)
  sns.boxplot(x='Season', y='WindSpeed', data=data, ax=axs[1, 1],
order=['Winter', 'Spring', 'Summer', 'Fall'],
          palette='Oranges')
  axs[1, 1].set_title('Wind Speed Distribution by Season', fontsize=14)
  axs[1, 1].set ylabel('Wind Speed (m/s)', fontsize=12)
  plt.tight_layout()
  plt.savefig('seasonal patterns.png', dpi=300)
plt.show()
def plot temp rainfall relationship(data):
  plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
  month nums = data['Date'].dt.month
  scatter = plt.scatter(data['AvgTemp'], data['Rainfall'],
         c=month nums, cmap='viridis',
         alpha=0.7, s=30, edgecolors='none')
plt.colorbar(scatter, label='Month')
  plt.title('Temperature vs. Rainfall Relationship', fontsize=16)
  plt.xlabel('Average Temperature (°C)', fontsize=12)
  plt.ylabel('Rainfall (mm)', fontsize=12)
  plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
  plt.tight layout()
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plt.savefig('temp rainfall relation.png', dpi=300)
  plt.show()
def plot monthly heatmap(data):
  monthly data = data.groupby('Month').agg({
     'MaxTemp': 'mean',
'MinTemp': 'mean',
    'AvgTemp': 'mean',
    'Rainfall': 'sum',
    'Humidity': 'mean',
     'WindSpeed': 'mean'
  }).reindex([
     'January', 'February', 'March', 'April', 'May', 'June',
'July', 'August', 'September', 'October', 'November', 'December'
  ])
  normalized_data = monthly_data.copy()
  for column in normalized data.columns:
     normalized data[column] = (normalized data[column] -
normalized data[column].min()) / \
(normalized_data[column].max() - normalized_data[column].min())
  plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
  sns.heatmap(normalized data.T, annot=monthly data.T.round(1), fmt='.1f',
cmap='YIGnBu', linewidths=0.5, cbar_kws={'label': 'Normalized Value'})
  plt.title('Monthly Weather Patterns (Normalized Values)', fontsize=16)
  plt.ylabel('Weather Metric', fontsize=12)
  plt.xlabel('Month', fontsize=12)
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plt.tight layout()
  plt.savefig('monthly weather heatmap.png', dpi=300)
  plt.show()
def visualize_weather_data(data):
print(f"Weather Data Analysis for {data['Date'].min().strftime('%Y-%m-%d')} to
{data['Date'].max().strftime('%Y-%m-%d')}")
  print(f"Total records: {len(data)}")
  print("
Summary Statistics:")
  print(data[['MaxTemp', 'MinTemp', 'AvgTemp', 'Rainfall', 'Humidity',
'WindSpeed']].describe().round(2))
  plot temperature trends(data)
  plot_rainfall_distribution(data)
  plot_seasonal_patterns(data)
  plot_temp_rainfall_relationship(data)
  plot_monthly_heatmap(data)
  seasonal avg = data.groupby('Season').agg({
'MaxTemp': 'mean',
     'MinTemp': 'mean',
     'AvgTemp': 'mean',
     'Rainfall': 'sum',
     'Humidity': 'mean',
     'WindSpeed': 'mean'
  }).round(2)
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print("
Seasonal Averages:")
print(seasonal_avg)

visualize_weather_data(weather_data)

weather_data.to_csv('weather_data.csv', index=False)
print("
Weather data saved to 'weather_data.csv'")
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4. Results

4.1 Summary Statistics

The weather data analysis provided the following summary statistics:

4.2 Temperature Trends

The temperature trends throughout the year reveal a distinct seasonal trend, with warmer temperatures in summer months and cooler temperatures in winter months.

4.3 Rainfall by Month

The rainfall distribution by month indicates that the winter and spring months receive far more rainfall than the summer months.

4.4 Seasonal Patterns of Weather

The box plots of various weather parameters by season give an insight into the seasonality and distributions.

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Figure 4: Seasonal distributions of temperature, rainfall, humidity, and wind speed.

4.5 Temperature-Rainfall Relationship

The scatter plot of temperature versus rainfall reveals a negative relationship between the two variables, with increasing temperatures corresponding to decreasing rainfall.

4.6 Monthly Weather Patterns Heatmap

The heatmap gives a detailed overview of the variation of all weather parameters from month to month.

4.7 Seasonal Averages

The seasonal averages table provides a summary of principal weather parameters by season:

5. Conclusions

Based on the above analysis of the weather data, we may conclude the following:

Seasonal Temperature Variations: There is a definite seasonal pattern in temperature with highest temperatures in summer and lowest temperatures during winter.

Rainfall Distribution: Rainfall is inversely proportional to temperature, with more rainfall during winter and spring seasons and less rainfall during summer seasons.

Humidity Patterns: Humidity has a slightly out-of-phase seasonal pattern compared to temperature, indicating complicacies in the relationships among these parameters.

Temperature-Rainfall Relationship: Temperature and rainfall have a negative relationship, affirming that warmer seasons have less rainfall.

Seasonal Weather Characteristics:

Winter: Low temperatures, heavy rainfall, moderate humidity

Spring: Moderate temperatures, high rainfall, rising humidity

Summer: High temperatures, low rainfall, fluctuating humidity

Fall: Falling temperatures, moderate rainfall, moderate humidity

These observations illustrate the cyclical behavior of weather patterns and the interdependencies among various weather parameters. The visualization methods used in this project are effective in bringing out these patterns and relationships, and they give a complete picture of weather data.

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