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4th Year Data Science Project Proposal

Investigating Baltimore Arrest Rates

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# Purpose and goals

The purpose of this project is to investigate Baltimore crime / arrests and provide statistics and predictions for Baltimore police department to increase their effectiveness.

The students will also attempt to illustrate the dangerous zones in Baltimore using google maps and the frequency of arrests.

Machine learning can be used to attempt to predict feature crime locations and rates.

# Project strategy

The students will retrieve the data from the Baltimore police department API [1][2], process the data using python and display several statistical graphs using Flask, Jinja 2 templates and JavaScript.

# Scope

The data retrieved has 36,853 entries of arrests as of 20th September 2018. The data spans up from 1st January 2017 to August 2018.

# Deliverables

A flask-based web-application displaying statistics and predictions in html format.

# Functional interfaces

The web-application will attempt to contain the following features:

* Heat-like map of Baltimore showing where crime is most common.
* Various graphs demonstrating the data
* Prediction of crime occurrence in the city for the following months.
* Suggestions on preventing crime.

# The data

The data is received in JSON format and filtered using a python script to suit developer’s needs. Below is a sample entry from the 36,853 records.

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| [  {  "sid": 1,  "id": "0609AFCF-A239-4115-B74E-80272A1FE44A",  "position": 1,  "created\_at": 1514490052,  "created\_meta": "883136",  "updated\_at": 1514490052,  "updated\_meta": "883136",  "meta": null,  "Arrest": "17201066",  "Age": "30",  "Sex": "M",  "Race": "B",  "ArrestDate": "2017-12-23T00:00:00",  "ArrestTime": "23:24",  "ArrestLocation": "900 STOLL ST",  "IncidentOffense": "4ECOMMON ASSAULT ",  "IncidentLocation": "900 STOLL ST",  "Charge": "1 1415",  "ChargeDescription": "2ND DEG ASSAULT",  "District": "Southern",  "Post": "913",  "Neighborhood": "Brooklyn",  "Longitude": "-76.598589000000",  "Latitude": "39.230243000000",  "Location 1": [  null,  "39.230243000000",  "-76.598589000000",  null,  false  ]  }  ] |

# Standards

The python code will follow the pep-8[3] standard.

# Reference/research documents

[1] BPD Arrests | Open Baltimore | City of Baltimore's Open Data Catalog. 2018. *BPD Arrests | Open Baltimore | City of Baltimore's Open Data Catalog*. [ONLINE] Available at: <https://data.baltimorecity.gov/Public-Safety/BPD-Arrests/3i3v-ibrt>. [Accessed 20 September 2018]

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