Lab - Coursework 2 practice (marked group work)

Marked group work

This exercise is part of Coursework 2 and to be completed as a group work:

- Form your own groups;
- Each group will produce a data visualisation report as described below;
- Each group has to present the result in the lab next week:
 - Vega-lite visualisation in browser (not the online editor)
 - PowerPoint slide addressing marking criteria;
 - These need to be submitted after the demonstration;
- The result will be marked, following the same marking scheme as Coursework 2:
 - All the group members receive the same mark;
 - Member not present at the demonstration will receive zero mark.

Dataset

- The social-economical metrics of many countries over time;
- Available on the module page under 'CW2 group work' in the 'Assessment and Feedback' section.

The original talk by Prof. Hans Rosling in his 2006 TED talk analysing the same dataset: https://www.ted.com/talks/hans_rosling_shows_the_best_stats_you_ve_ever_seen

Tasks: Use Vega-Lite to create visualisations that answer the following analysis questions:

- 1. What is the general trend of changes in the social-economical metrics within the period covered in the dataset?
 - This can be in the context of a country or a region;
 - This can be the relationship between different metrics.
- 2. Are there any anomalies that does not fit the general trend?
- You must use Vega-Lite to create the visualisations;
- You are free to apply any pre-processing and/or non-visual analysis to help answer these questions.

Submission

- All the necessary files should be included in a zip file (max 10MB), including the PowerPoint, html/css/javascript, external library, and dataset (please include the original data files used in the visualisations).
- You are free to use any third-party library or API to help with the analysis. Make sure the required files are included in the submission.

Requirements

- There should be at least one Vega-lite visualisation for each analysis question. Usually,
 2-3 visualisations (including dashboard) is expected for each questions.
 - The number of visualisation depends on the number of findings in the answer: for example if three patterns are found for Question 1, one or more visualisations are expected for each pattern.
- Besides the visualisations, the answer to each question should include text that describes and discusses:
 - What the finding is (a pattern, an anomaly, etc.);
 - How the finding can be seen from the visualisation;
 - How the visualisation design support the analysis, i.e. what the data and analysis task are and how the visualisation is designed to match and support them.
 - Any advanced Vega-lite visualisation features used, such as multi-layer, chart concatenation, and interaction.
 - Any additional (non-visual) analysis used and how it contributed to the answer.

Marking scheme (total 5%)

The quality of the findings, i.e., how insightful is the finding (1%)

- What is the finding, i.e., what message the visualisation aims to convey;
- Insightful finding receives higher mark: for example, findings that considers multiple
 aspects of the data, such as time, location, and measurements is more interesting than
 those with less aspects;
- Visualisation that clearly shows the intended finding receives higher mark.

The effectiveness of the visualisation design (2%):

Why such visual mapping is effective for the given data (what) and analysis (why), e.g.,

- Why is the chart type most appropriate for the analysis?
- Why are the choice of mark and channel the most effective?
- Is there any additional feature, such as sorting/filtering, dashboard or interactions, is used to improve the visualisation?

The quality of the visualisation and analysis code (2%):

- The quality of HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and most importantly Vega-lite code;
- Usage of advanced features such as multiple views/dashboard and interaction receives higher mark;
- Usage of additional analysis (such as statistical analysis) that contributes to the analysis (needs to be demonstrated) receives higher mark.