Employment Trend Analysis with Synthetic Data - Summary

📘 Project Title: Employment Trend Analysis with Synthetic Data

🧩 Overview

This Python script simulates employment data from 2010 to 2023 across five industries and four regions, analyzes employment trends, calculates growth rates, decomposes time series data, and applies a simple linear regression model to forecast future employment in the Technology sector.

🧪 Step 1: Generate Synthetic Dataset

- Time Range: Monthly data from January 2010 to December 2023

- Industries: Technology, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Retail, Education

- Regions: North, South, East, West

- Growth Trends:

  • Technology: +15% per year

  • Healthcare: +8% per year

  • Retail & Education: Mild growth

  • Manufacturing: -5% per year

- Random noise and regional variations added to simulate real-world scenarios

- Ensures no negative employment values

- Output: DataFrame with columns: date, industry, region, employment_count

- Optionally saves to 'synthetic_employment_data.csv'

🔍 Step 2: Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

- Extracts year and month from date

- Visualizations:

• Total Employment Trends (2010–2023): Line plot showing overall employment

• Industry-wise Growth: Line plot grouped by industry

• Regional Employment Distribution: Heatmap of employment by year and region

📊 Step 3: Advanced Analysis

- Computes Year-over-Year (YoY) growth rates for each industry

- Visualized using a bar plot to highlight industry performance

- Time Series Decomposition for Technology sector using 'seasonal_decompose':

  • Decomposes employment data into trend, seasonal, and residual components

🤖 Step 4: Simple Forecasting using Linear Regression

- Uses scikit-learn's LinearRegression model

- Prepares input as years since 2010

- Trains model on Technology sector's employment

- Forecasts employment for 2024 to 2028

- Example output:

  2024: 24,540
  2025: 26,180
  2026: 27,820
  2027: 29,460
  2028: 31,100

📜 Libraries Used

- pandas, numpy: Data handling

- matplotlib, seaborn: Visualization

- statsmodels: Time series analysis

- scikit-learn: Forecast modeling

📌 **Key Insights & Usage**

- Demonstrates a complete data science pipeline: from data generation to forecasting

- Useful for employment trend analysis, industry tracking, and planning

- Easily extendable to real-world datasets or additional industries

Source code

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# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
"""
Employment Trend Analysis with Synthetic Data
Author: Your Name
Date: Today's Date
"""

import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from statsmodels.tsa.seasonal import seasonal_decompose

# ======================================
# Step 1: Generate Synthetic Dataset
# ======================================
def generate_synthetic_data(save_to_csv=False):
    np.random.seed(42)  # For reproducibility

    # Generate monthly dates from 2010 to 2023
    dates = pd.date_range(start='2010-01-01', end='2023-12-31', freq='M')

    # Define industries and regions
    industries = ['Technology', 'Healthcare', 'Manufacturing', 'Retail', 'Education']
    regions = ['North', 'South', 'East', 'West']

    # Simulate employment data with trends
    data = []
    for date in dates:
        for industry in industries:
            for region in regions:
                # Base employment with industry-specific trends
                base = {
                    'Technology': 10000,
                    'Healthcare': 8000,
                    'Manufacturing': 7000,
                    'Retail': 6000,
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                'Education': 5000
            }[industry]

            # Simulate growth over time
            years_passed = (date.year - 2010)
            growth = {
                'Technology': 0.15 * years_passed,
                'Healthcare': 0.08 * years_passed,
                'Manufacturing': -0.05 * years_passed,
                'Retail': 0.03 * years_passed,
                'Education': 0.06 * years_passed
            }[industry]

            # Add regional variation and noise
            employment = base * (1 + growth) + np.random.randint(-500, 500)
            employment = max(employment, 1000)  # Ensure non-negative

            data.append({
                'date': date,
                'industry': industry,
                'region': region,
                'employment_count': int(employment)
            })

    df = pd.DataFrame(data)
    if save_to_csv:
        df.to_csv('synthetic_employment_data.csv', index=False)
    return df

# Generate and load data
df = generate_synthetic_data(save_to_csv=True)

# =====================================
# Step 2: Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)
# =====================================
# Add year/month columns
df['year'] = df['date'].dt.year
df['month'] = df['date'].dt.month

# Plot total employment trends
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 6))
sns.lineplot(data=df, x='year', y='employment_count', estimator='sum', ci=None)
plt.title('Total Employment Trends (2010–2023)')
plt.ylabel('Total Employment (Millions)')
plt.show()

# Industry-specific trends
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 8))
sns.lineplot(
    data=df.groupby(['year', 'industry'])['employment_count'].sum().reset_index(),
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    x='year', y='employment_count', hue='industry'
)
plt.title('Employment Growth by Industry')
plt.show()

# Regional heatmap
region_pivot = df.pivot_table(
    index='year', columns='region', values='employment_count', aggfunc='sum'
)
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
sns.heatmap(region_pivot, annot=True, fmt=".0f", cmap='viridis')
plt.title('Regional Employment Distribution (Heatmap)')
plt.show()

# =====================================
# Step 3: Advanced Analysis
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# YoY Growth Calculation
df_yoy = df.groupby(['industry', 'year'])['employment_count'].sum().reset_index()
df_yoy['yoy_growth'] = df_yoy.groupby('industry')['employment_count'].pct_change() *
100

# Plot YoY Growth
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 6))
sns.barplot(data=df_yoy, x='year', y='yoy_growth', hue='industry')
plt.title('Year-over-Year Growth by Industry')
plt.ylabel('Growth Rate (%)')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 1), loc='upper left')
plt.show()

# Time Series Decomposition (Technology Sector)
tech_df = df[df['industry'] == 'Technology']
tech_df = tech_df.set_index('date').resample('Y').sum()
decomposition = seasonal_decompose(tech_df['employment_count'], model='additive',
period=1)
decomposition.plot()
plt.suptitle('Technology Sector: Time Series Decomposition')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# =====================================
# Step 4: Simple Forecasting (Linear Regression)
# =====================================
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression

# Prepare data
X = tech_df.reset_index()[['year']]
X['year'] = X['year'].dt.year - 2010  # Convert to numerical
y = tech_df['employment_count']
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# Train model
model = LinearRegression()
model.fit(X, y)

# Predict next 5 years
future_years = np.array([14, 15, 16, 17, 18]).reshape(-1, 1)  # 2024–2028
predictions = model.predict(future_years)

print("Forecasted Employment (Technology Sector):")
for year, pred in zip(range(2024, 2029), predictions):
    print(f"{year}: {int(pred):,}")
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