Global Temperature Analysis with KNIME

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1. Overview

This project solves a real-world data analytics case using the KNIME platform, focusing on temperature trends across countries over the past 270 years.

Given a dataset (in 2 CSV files) representing the history of temperatures of the world in around 270 years

2. Key Tasks

Using KNIME Analytics Software:

- 6. Output a table that has the overall average of each country
- 7. Classify the countries Temperature into "Low/Mid/High"
- 8. Output a table that has the difference between the average of the country in each year and the average global temp in the last 24 years
- 9. Output a table that shows the top 5 countries that have the largest difference from the global Temp
- 10. Draw a histogram for the yearly global temperatures
- 11. Draw a chart to compare between any city and global average temperature over the past years

3. Tools & Resources Used

- 1. KNIME Analytics Platform
- 2. Google
- 3. YouTube
- 4. NodePit
- 5. ChatGPT, DeepSeek

4. Workflow Summary

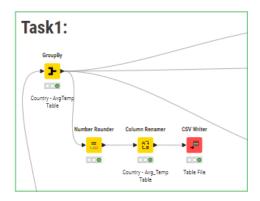
Task1: Output a table that has the overall average of each country

Challenges & Decisions:

- There were missing values in avg_temp column from city_data table so they were excluded during aggregation by GroupBy node
- Used Number Rounder to standardize temperature format for cleaner output

Nodes Used: CSV Reader, GroupBy, Number Rounder, Column Renamer, CSV Writer

Workflow:



Output File: Task1 Table.csv

Sample Output:



Task2: Classify the countries Temperature into "Low/Mid/High"

Challenges & Decisions:

- Used **GroupBy & Expression** nodes to get Min, Max, Range and Bin limits
- Used Number Rounder to standardize temperature format for cleaner output

Method 1: Using Numeric Binner

Challenges & Decisions:

- The input values for bin limits in Numeric Binner need to be entered manually
- So I used GroupBy & Expression nodes to get Min, Max, Range and Bin limits

Nodes Used: CSV Reader, GroupBy, Expression, Numeric Binner, Column Renamer, CSV Writer

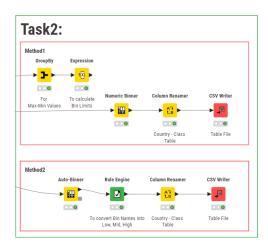
Method 2: Using Auto Binner

Challenges & Decisions:

- The Auto Binner does the calculations itself by specifying number of bins but can't write manual bin naming
- So I needed to use Rule Engine node to convert bin names into readable labels(Low, Mid, High)

Nodes Used: CSV Reader, GroupBy, Auto Binner, Rule Engine, Column Renamer, CSV Writer

Workflow:



Output File: "Task2 Table1.csv" & "Task2 Table2.csv"

Sample Output:



Task3: Output a table that has the difference between the average of the country in each year and the average global temp in the last 24 years

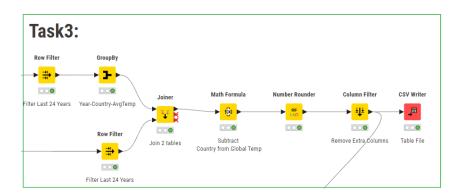
Challenges & Decisions:

Used Row Filter node to get the data of last 24 years from city_data and global_data tables

- There were some countries recorded their temp in the same year multiple times in City_data table, so I used **GroupBy** node grouping by **year & country** columns aggregating **avg_temp**
- Used Joiner node to get one table having year, country, country and global temperatures
- City_table ends at 2013 year and global_table ends at 2015 so I decided to eliminate the extra 2
 years in global_table while using Joiner configuration
- Used Math Formula node to get the difference between the two temperature columns

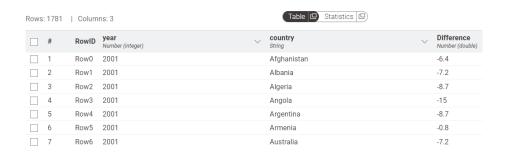
Nodes Used: CSV Reader, GroupBy, Row Filter, Joiner, Math Formula, Number Rounder, Column Filter CSV Writer

Workflow:



Output File: Task3 Table.csv

Sample Output:



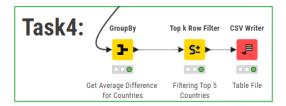
Task4: Output a table that shows the top 5 countries that have the largest difference from the global Temp

Challenges & Decisions:

- Used GroupBy node to get the average temperature difference for each country in the last 24
 years
- Used **Top K Filter** node to get the top 5 countries with largest differences

Nodes Used: Same as task3, GroupBy, Top K Row Filter, CSV Writer

Workflow:



Output File: Task4 Table.csv

Sample Output:



Task5: Draw a histogram for the yearly global temperatures

Challenges & Decisions:

- Used Histogram (JavaScript) node
- After several trials I used 10 bins for better resolution and readability of the temperature distribution over the last years

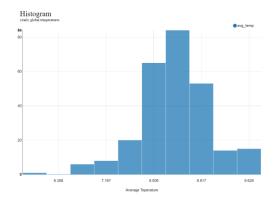
Nodes Used: CSV Reader, Histogram (JavaScript), Image Writer (Port)

Workflow:



Output File: Task5 Image.svg

Sample Output:



Task6: Draw a chart to compare between any city and global average temperature over the past years

Challenges & Decisions:

- Used Alexandria city to compare with global temperatures using **GroupBy & Row Filter** nodes
- Used Row Filter node to eliminate years with empty records for Alexandria
- Used Line Plot (JavaScript) node for side-by-side trend comparison

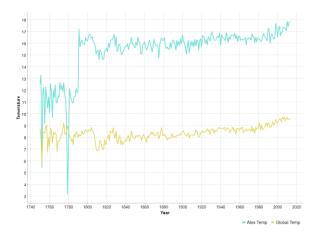
Nodes Used: CSV Reader, GroupBy, Row Filter, Joiner, Column Renamer, Line Plot (JavaScript), Image Writer (Port)

Workflow:



Output File: Task6 Image.svg

Sample Output:



5. Conclusion

- Efficiently used KNIME for full-cycle data analysis and visualization
- Applied advanced data manipulation techniques to extract key insights
- Created clear visualizations to highlight global and regional temperature trends
- Compared local vs. global data to identify meaningful patterns
- Demonstrated strong analytical thinking and fast adaptation to new tools