

CSCI 403

Database Management

Final Project

1. Dataset

In this project, we used population and GDP (Gross Domestic Product) per capita data from 1960 to 2018 for G7 countries consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States. Since we pulled the data from World Bank Open Data archive there was no restrictions on it.

The interesting thing about the data is that we could use it to predict future life standards of G7 countries using one of the machine learning technics: Linear Regression. Using past 59 years of data for each country, we tried to predict the situation in 2060.

2. Approach

2.1 Bulk-Loading (See `bulkLoad.py` and `tables.psql`)

First of all, we have downloaded the data from the World Bank Open Data archive as csv files. One of the files had country names and their populations from 1960 to 2018 and the other one had country names and their GDP per capita for the same years.

We needed to bulk-load this data into our database. To do that, first we created 2 tables for each csv file according to their column names. Then, we used a library named “psycopg2”. We used “copy_from” method from that library cursor object to be able to copy data from the csv file to the database.

While copying the data, we dealt with many situations such as not all the data available for each country for every year. So, we needed empty cells to be converted to null values. Also, some countries had long names which were separated by commas and those were problematic for the csv structure. To overcome this problem, we erased all the commas from country names.

2.2 Extracting Data for G7 Countries (See tables.psql)

We copied the data to the database but that is not enough because we do not need to have all the countries data instead, we need 7 specific country data. So, we decided to create 2 new tables named `g7_gdp` and `g7_population`. We wrote a PostgreSQL script to extract data from our main tables for these 7 countries.

2.3 Linear Regression (See linearRegression.py)

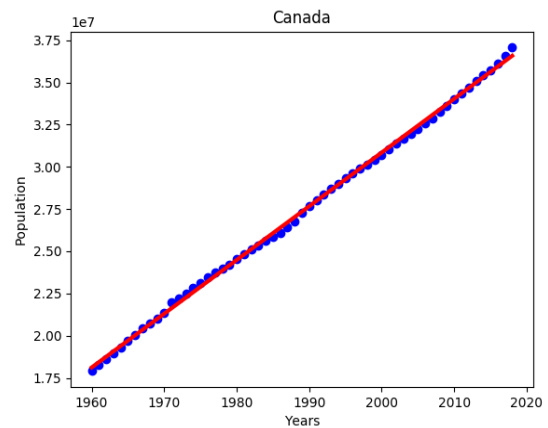
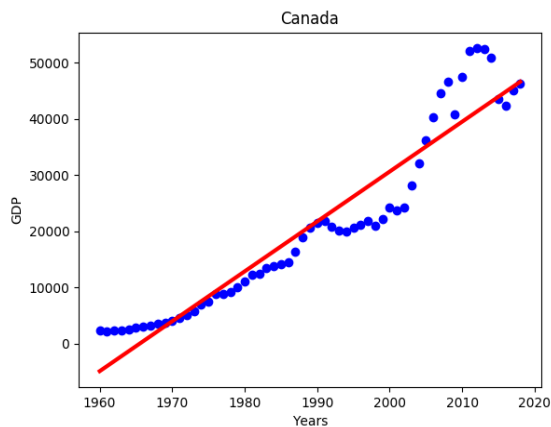
Linear Regression is a famous technic in machine learning that aims to fit a line to spread data points by defining an error function and minimizing it. We used “sklearn” library to use Linear Regression module. This module needed x and y values for the data. So, we created the dates array using python range function. Then for the data points, we created select queries that takes country name as parameter. Using sklearn library functions we fitted a line to the data points for each country and showed it using matplotlib. We saved all the figures for future analysis.

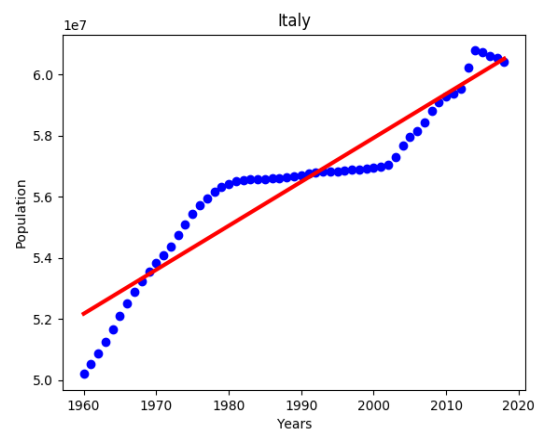
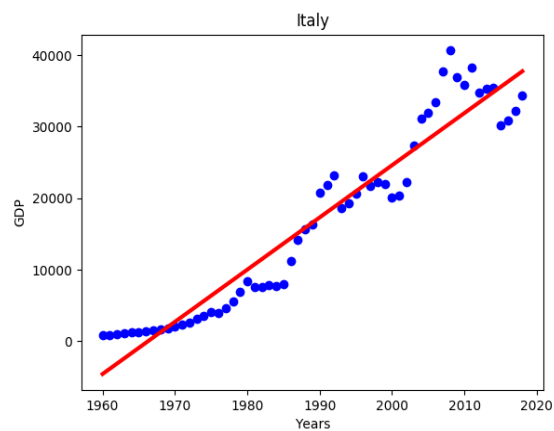
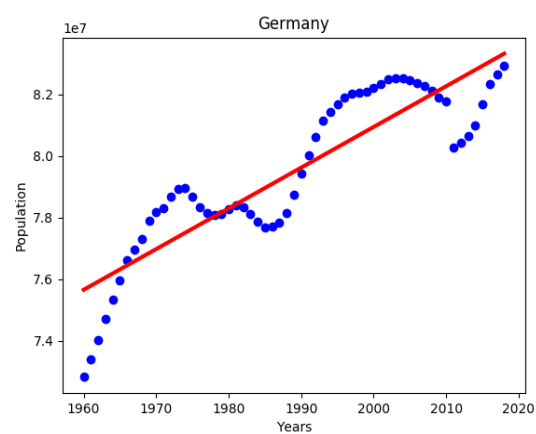
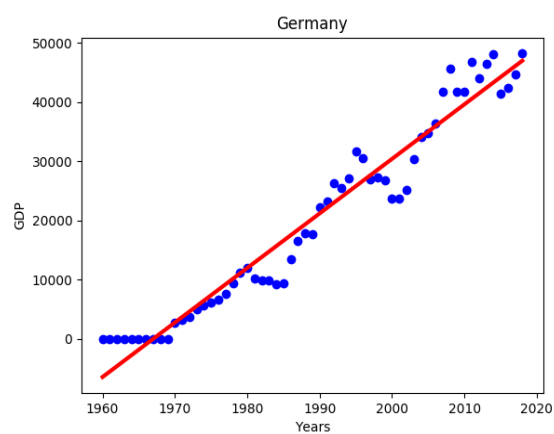
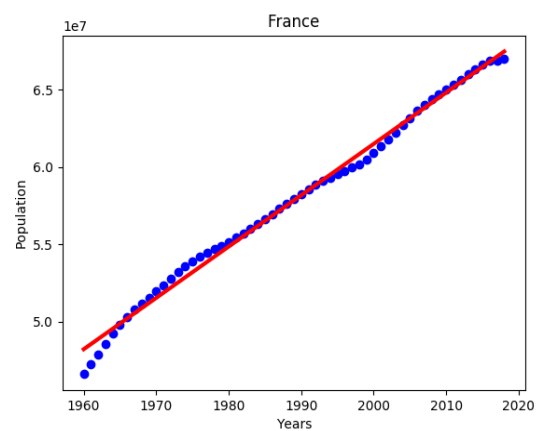
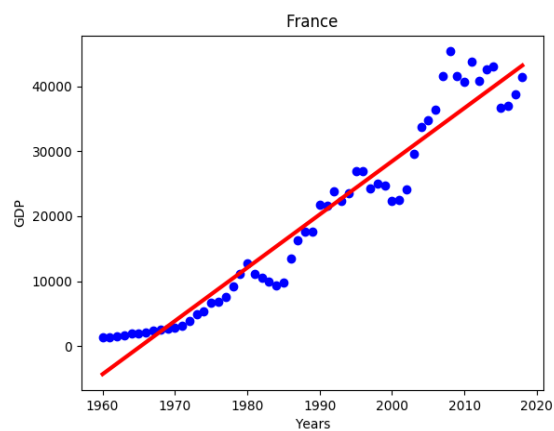
2.3 Predictions (See linearRegression.py)

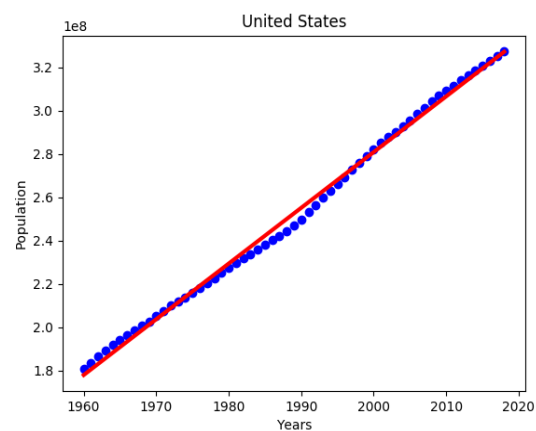
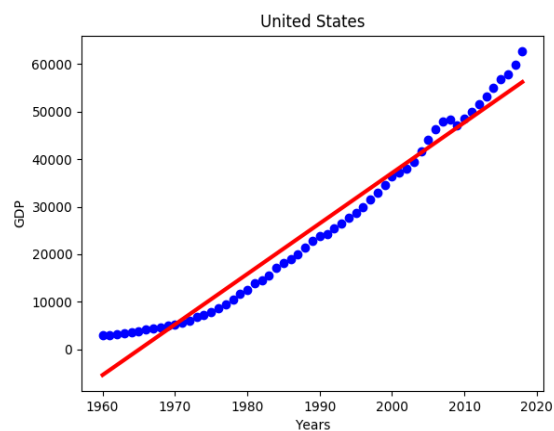
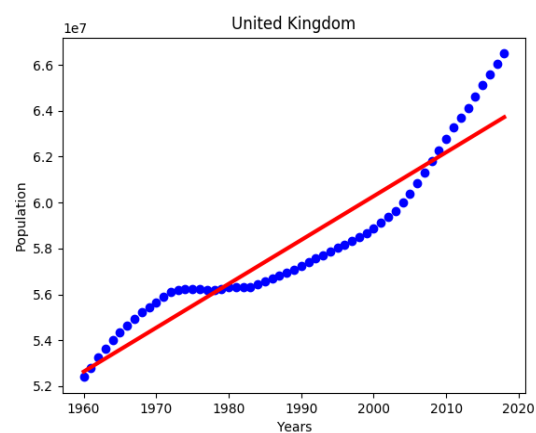
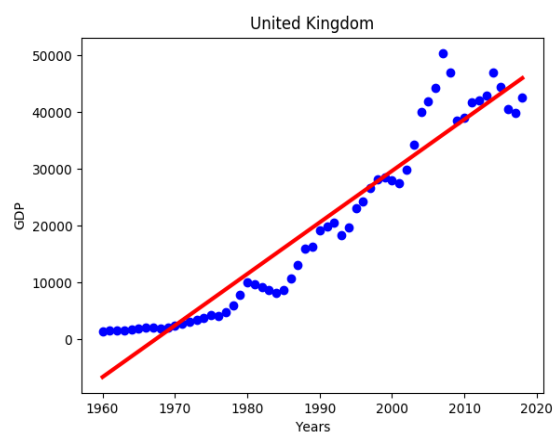
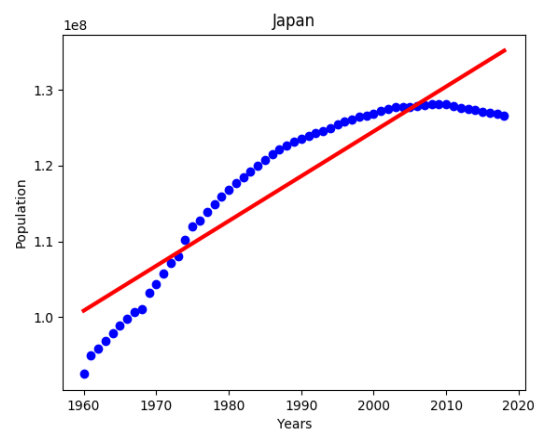
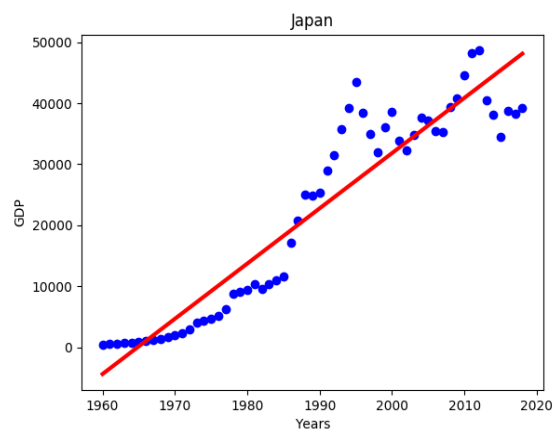
After training the linear model that takes year as a parameter, now we are capable of predicting future values for both GDP and populations of countries. The only thing we need to do is to use the models to predict results for countries by giving it a date!

3. Results

3.1 Linear Regression Lines







3.2 Current Analysis and Predictions for 2060 for each Country in G7:

For this analysis, we will use the ratio of current and predicted values for each country. We would expect predicted GDP per capita to be much greater than the current GDP per capita and a smaller growth in the population for an economy that will be much better than today. So, we want Current GDP per capita / Predicted GDP per capita to be as smaller as possible and Current population / Predicted Population as bigger as possible. Therefore, the countries that have $(\text{Current GDP per capita} / \text{Predicted GDP per capita}) / (\text{Current population} / \text{Predicted Population})$ as a very small value will be a better place to live in the future than today.

Canada:

- Current GDP per capita: 46210.54762
- Predicted GDP per capita: 83911.48634488
- Current GDP per capita / Predicted GDP per capita = 0.55
- Current population: 37058856
- Predicted population: 49941029
- Current population / Predicted Population = 0.74
- $(\text{Current GDP per capita} / \text{Predicted GDP per capita}) / (\text{Current population} / \text{Predicted Population}) = 0.74$

France:

- Current GDP per capita: 41463.64402
- Predicted GDP per capita: 77549.00154831
- Current GDP per capita / Predicted GDP per capita = 0.53
- Current population: 66987244
- Predicted population: 81397535
- Current population / Predicted Population = 0.82
- $(\text{Current GDP per capita} / \text{Predicted GDP per capita}) / (\text{Current population} / \text{Predicted Population}) = 0.65$

Germany:

- Current GDP per capita: 48195.5799
- Predicted GDP per capita: 85686.94616482
- Current GDP per capita / Predicted GDP per capita = 0.56
- Current population: 82927922
- Predicted population: 88891603
- Current population / Predicted Population = 0.93
- (Current GDP per capita / Predicted GDP per capita) / (Current population / Predicted Population) = 0.60

Italy:

- Current GDP per capita: 34318.35112
- Predicted GDP per capita: 68404.58506032
- Current GDP per capita / Predicted GDP per capita = 0.50
- Current population: 60431283
- Predicted population: 66574480
- Current population / Predicted Population = 0.90
- (Current GDP per capita / Predicted GDP per capita) / (Current population / Predicted Population) = 0.56

Japan:

- Current GDP per capita: 39286.73765
- Predicted GDP per capita: 86081.63207218
- Current GDP per capita / Predicted GDP per capita = 0.46
- Current population: 126529100
- Predicted population: 1.59996004e+08
- Current population / Predicted Population = 0.79
- (Current GDP per capita / Predicted GDP per capita) / (Current population / Predicted Population) = 0.58

United Kingdom:

- Current GDP per capita: 42491.36444
- Predicted GDP per capita: 84113.41592733
- Current GDP per capita / Predicted GDP per capita = 0.51
- Current population: 66488991
- Predicted population: 71747047
- Current population / Predicted Population = 0.93
- (Current GDP per capita / Predicted GDP per capita) / (Current population / Predicted Population) = 0.55

United States:

- Current GDP per capita: 62641.01457
- Predicted GDP per capita: 100888.4400335
- Current GDP per capita / Predicted GDP per capita = 0.62
- Current population: 327167434
- Predicted population: 4.35082527e+08
- Current population / Predicted Population = 0.75
- (Current GDP per capita / Predicted GDP per capita) / (Current population / Predicted Population) = 0.83

4. Technical Challenges

While doing the project, we faced many technical challenges such as empty data points, commas in the country names, outlier data points, bulk-loading format errors, finding the proper library to bulk-load the csv files to the database etc.

5. Concluding Remark

In general, it is a time-consuming task to prepare a dataset as an input to a machine learning algorithm. We have benefitted from both Python and PostgreSQL features to make this process really easy and we made logical guests for the statistical values that indicates the future of G7 countries.

Machine learning algorithms shed light on the future as the day goes on. As humankind, if we manage to develop these algorithms to an optimal level and use them in a good way, we will reach to the top of civilization.

6. Addendum

6.1 table.psql

```
CREATE TABLE population
(
  country TEXT PRIMARY KEY,
  year_1960 NUMERIC,
  year_1961 NUMERIC,
  year_1962 NUMERIC,
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  year_1964 NUMERIC,
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);  
  
CREATE TABLE gdp  
(  
    country TEXT PRIMARY KEY,  
    year_1960 NUMERIC,  
    year_1961 NUMERIC,  
    year_1962 NUMERIC,  
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year_2017 NUMERIC,  
year_2018 NUMERIC  
);  
  
CREATE TABLE g7_population AS  
SELECT * FROM population WHERE country = 'France' or country = 'United States' or  
country = 'Japan' or country = 'United Kingdom' or country = 'Italy' or  
country = 'Canada' or country = 'Germany';  
  
CREATE TABLE g7_gdp AS  
SELECT * FROM gdp WHERE country = 'France' or country = 'United States' or  
country = 'Japan' or country = 'United Kingdom' or country = 'Italy' or  
country = 'Canada' or country = 'Germany';
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DROP TABLE gdp;  
DROP TABLE population;  
DROP TABLE g7_gdp;  
DROP TABLE g7_population;
```

6.2 bulkLoad.py

```
import psycopg2  
import getpass  
  
# Bulkloading population and gdp csv files into the database.  
  
# Credentials  
user = input("Username: ")  
secret = getpass.getpass()  
db = psycopg2.connect(user=user, password=secret,  
                       host='bartik.mines.edu', database='csci403')  
  
cursor = db.cursor()  
  
# Copying the data from the CSV file to the database  
with open('population.csv', 'r') as f:  
    next(f) # Skip the header row.  
    cursor.copy_from(f, 'population', sep=',', null='')  
    db.commit()  
  
# Same for gdp  
with open('gdp.csv', 'r') as f:  
    next(f)  
    cursor.copy_from(f, 'gdp', sep=',', null='')  
    db.commit()
```

6.3 linearRegression.py

```
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
import numpy as np  
import psycopg2  
import getpass  
  
# Linear regression using sklearn library  
def regress(country, toBePredicted, data):  
    years = np.arange(1960, 2019)  
    years = years.reshape(-1, 1)  
  
    reg = LinearRegression().fit(years, data)
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pred = reg.predict(years)
# Plotting the data points and the line that is fitted
plt.xlabel('Years')
plt.ylabel(toBePredicted)
plt.title(country)
plt.scatter(years, data, color='blue')
plt.plot(years, pred, color='red', linewidth=3)
plt_name = 'plots/' + country + toBePredicted
plt.savefig(plt_name)
plt.show()
return reg

# Get population data for a specific G7 country from the database
def getPopulationDataForCountry(country):

    query = """SELECT * FROM population WHERE country = %s"""

    cursor.execute(query, (country,))
    resultset = cursor.fetchall()
    return resultset

# Get GDP data for a specific G7 country from the database
def getGdpDataForCountry(country):

    query = """SELECT * FROM gdp WHERE country = %s"""

    cursor.execute(query, (country,))
    resultset = cursor.fetchall()
    return resultset

# Using linear regression models, predict the future population and gdp values for a
country given a specific year
def predict(country, year):
    gdp = getGdpDataForCountry(country)[0][1:]
    population = getPopulationDataForCountry(country)[0][1:]
    regGdp = regress(country, "GDP", gdp)
    regPopulation = regress(country, "Population", population)

    print(country)
    print("GDP per capita predicted value for 2060: ")
    print(regGdp.predict(np.array(year).reshape(1,1)))
    print("Population predicted value for 2060: ")
    print(int(regPopulation.predict(np.array(year).reshape(1,1))))

    return regGdp.predict(np.array(year).reshape(1,1)),
    regPopulation.predict(np.array(year).reshape(1,1))
```

```
# Credentials
user = input("Username: ")
secret = getpass.getpass()
db = psycopg2.connect(user=user, password=secret,
                      host='bartik.mines.edu', database='csci403')

cursor = db.cursor()

# G7 countries
countries = ['France', 'United States', 'Japan', 'United Kingdom', 'Italy', 'Canada',
            'Germany']

for country in countries:
    predict(country, 2060)
```