

Analysis of CO2 Emissions and Urban Population

Growth

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ABSTRACT

This analysis utilizes clustering and fitting methods to explore the relationship between CO2 emissions and urban population growth using World Bank data. The results reveal distinct clusters of countries based on these indicators, providing insights into global patterns and trends for climate change mitigation and sustainable urban planning.

INTRODUCTION

Understanding the relationship between CO2 emissions and urban population growth is crucial for effective climate change mitigation and sustainable urban planning. In this analysis, we explore the dataset on CO2 emissions and urban population from the World Bank and employ clustering and fitting methods to identify patterns and trends.

METHODS:

Clustering: We use K-Means clustering to group countries based on their normalized values for CO2 emissions per capita and the growth rate of urban population. By examining the resulting clusters, we can identify distinct patterns of CO2 emissions and urbanization across countries and regions.

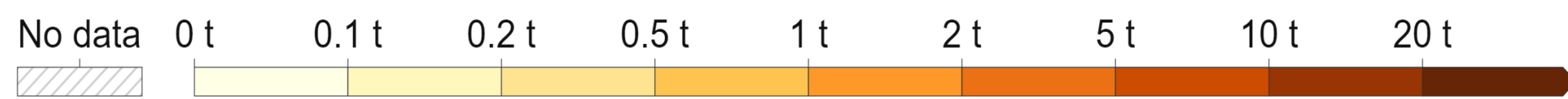
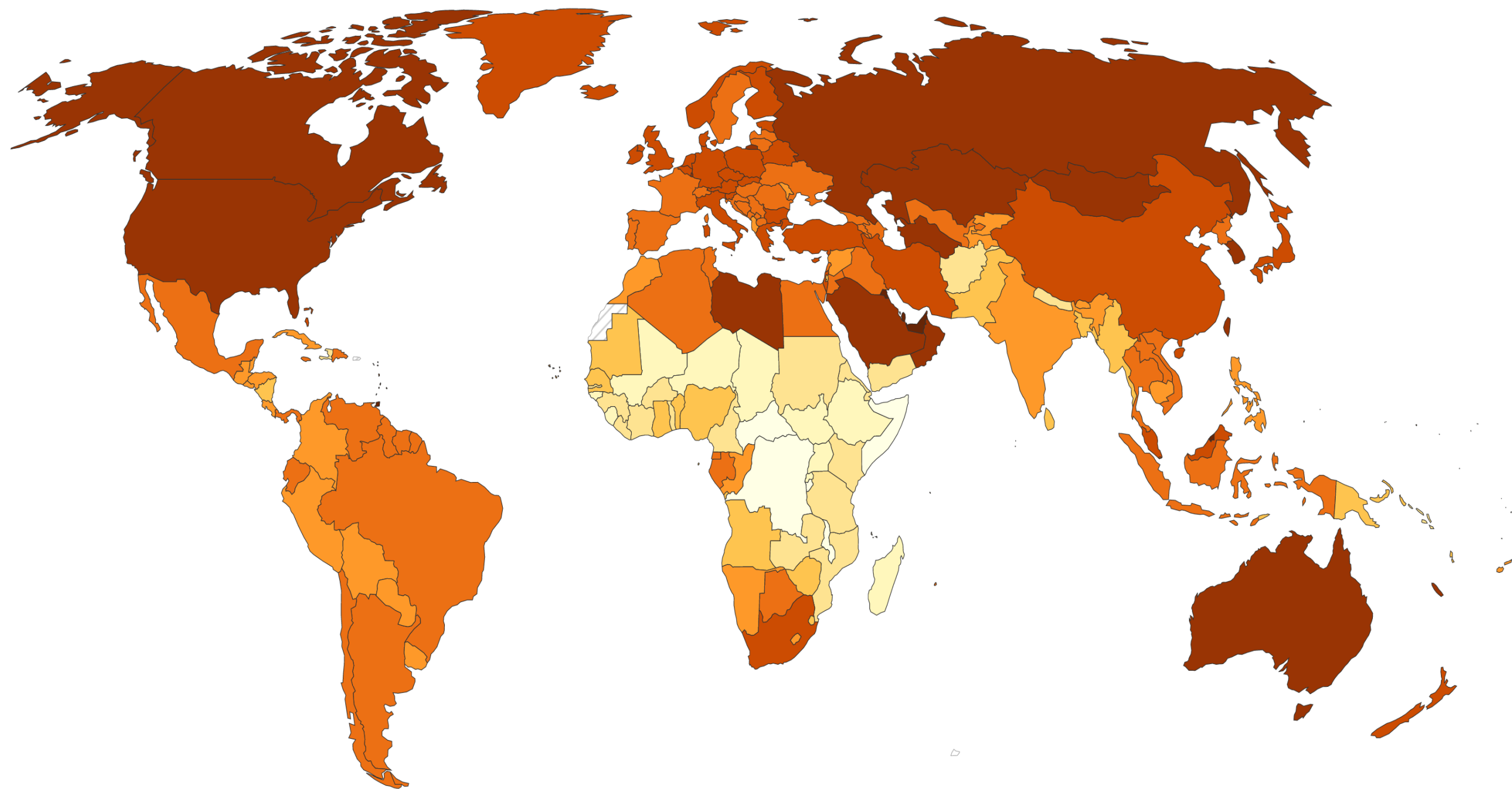
Fitting: We fit regression models to the time series data of CO2 emissions and urban population growth for each country. Using simple functions such as linear regression, we will analyze the relationship between these variables and predict future CO2 emissions based on projected urban population growth.

RESULTS

Our analysis reveals distinct clusters of countries based on their CO2 emissions and urban population growth. For instance, one cluster may consist of countries with high CO2 emissions and rapid urban population growth, while another cluster may comprise countries with low emissions and slower urbanization. We present these findings using a cluster membership plot.

Per capita CO2 emissions, 2021

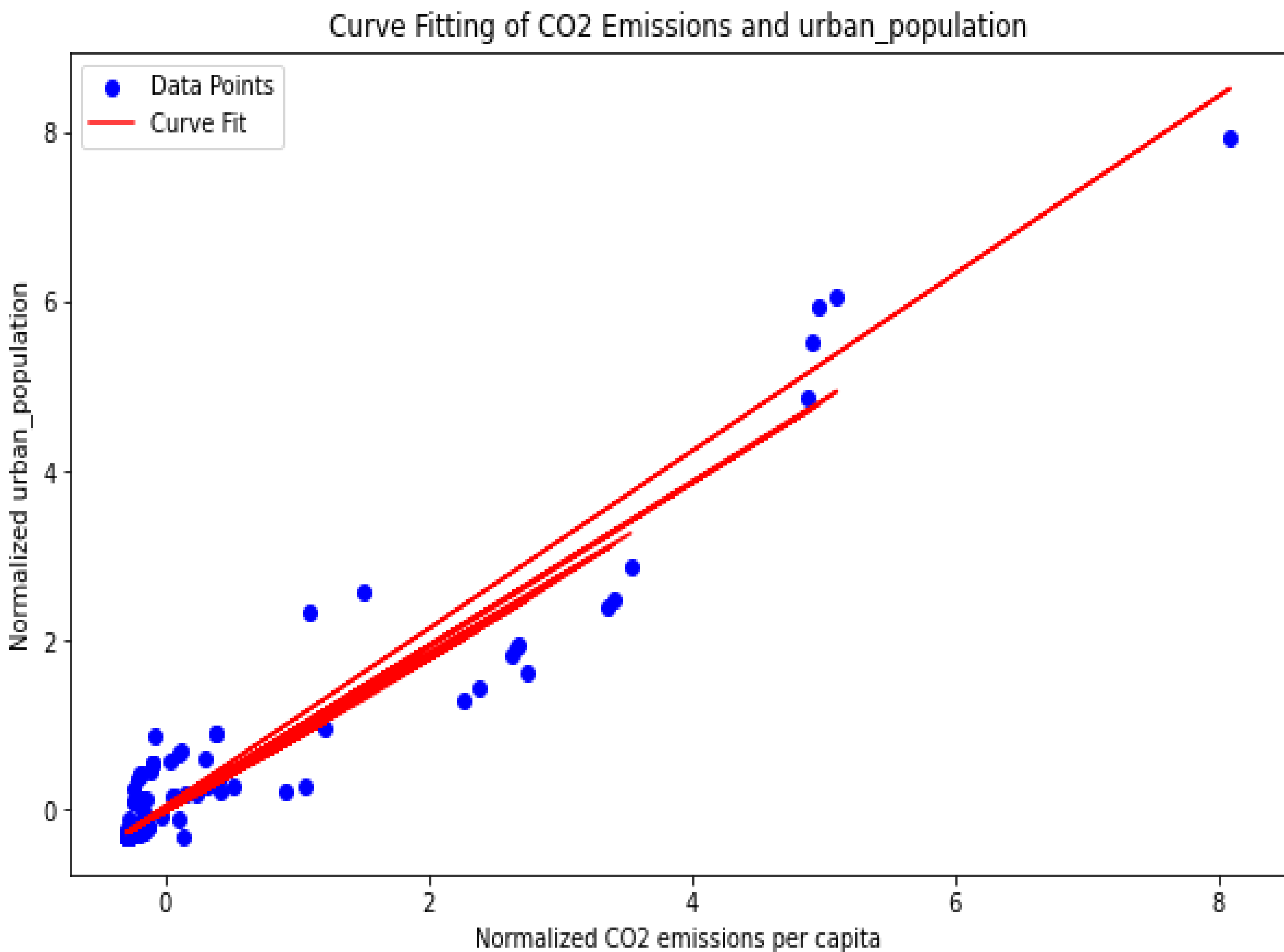
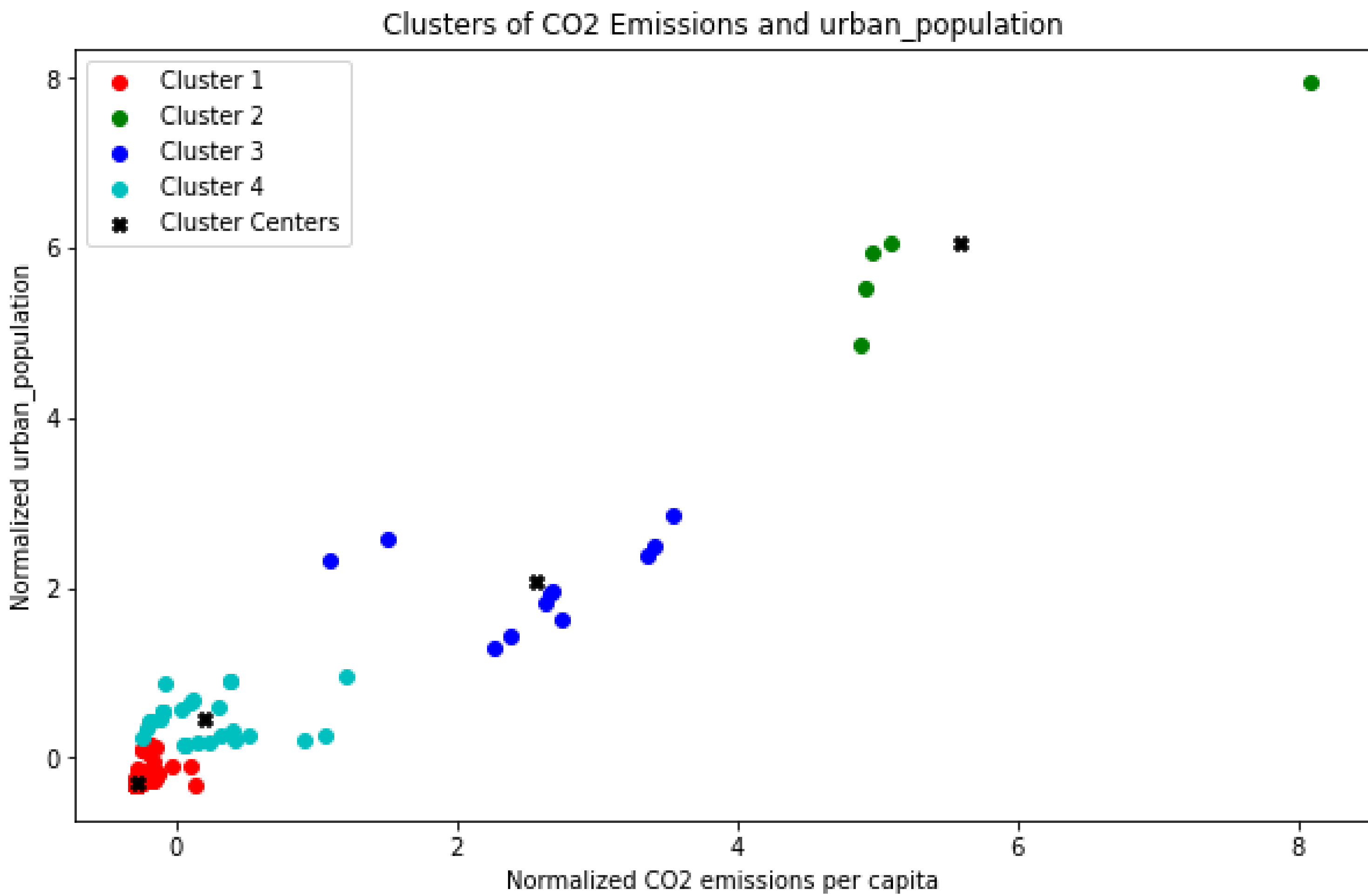
Carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from fossil fuels and industry¹. Land use change is not included.



Source: Our World in Data based on the Global Carbon Project (2023)

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1. Fossil emissions: Fossil emissions measure the quantity of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emitted from the burning of fossil fuels, and directly from industrial processes such as cement and steel production. Fossil CO₂ includes emissions from coal, oil, gas, flaring, cement, steel, and other industrial processes. Fossil emissions do not include land use change, deforestation, soils, or vegetation.



The analysis of CO2 emissions and urban population growth highlights the importance of sustainable urban development in mitigating climate change. By clustering countries based on these indicators and fitting regression models, we gain insights into the diverse patterns and trends worldwide. This knowledge can inform policymakers and urban planners in designing effective strategies for reducing CO2 emissions and promoting sustainable urbanization.