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Lab 2: Lab Worksheet

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Question 1

Using the figure characterizing the seasonal cycle, describe our local climate using specific information from your data (i.e.min, max, ranges).

The original dataset has daily average temperatures spanning from January 1st 1959 to December 31st 2016. The figure characterizing the seasonal cycle has the domain Months from 1 to 12, and range Air Temperature (Celsius) from about -15 to 28. It appears to be the warmest during mid July with max temperature at 28 degrees Celsius and min temperature at 10 degrees Celsius. It is the coldest around December, with max temperature at 12 degrees Celsius and min temperature at -14 degrees Celsius.

Question 2

Compare the monthly mean, min and max air temperature with the climate statistics published by Environment Canada. How well do your calculated values match Environment Canada's?

My calculated values matches the Environment Canada's values quite well, the monthly mean, min and max air temperature are closely related.

Question 3

Can you see any trend in the monthly temperature anomaly? Does it surprise you? What type of plot, or analyses, would you do to enhance a trend or the absence of a trend?

There is a slight upward trend in the monthly temperature anomaly from 1959 to 2016. There are oscillation for every few repeating months, and once in a while there is an outlier.

Question 4

What are the main factors that could control temperature anomalies in Vancouver? What type of plot or analyses would you do to show that there is an actual relationship between these controls and temperature anomalies?

The station location or elevation will have an effect on the data. The anomaly could be affected by CO_2 contents in the air. During the COVID lockedown there may be less cars on the road, so less CO_2 than usual.