Correlation between number of train stations and number of cars in a county?

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Main Question

Is there a correlation between the number of train stations per square km and the number of cars per 1000 residents in a county?





Motivation

Car: 147g CO₂ per person and km





Train: 37g CO₂ per person and km

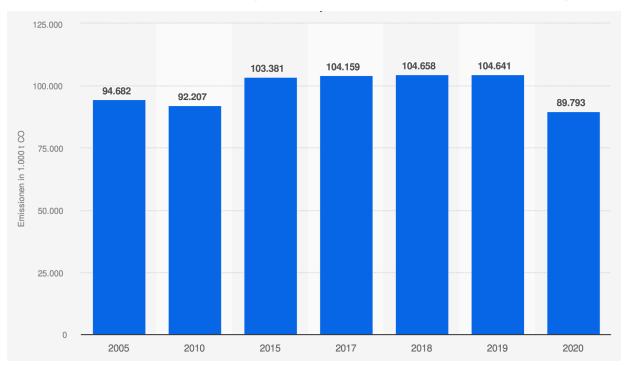
Plane: 230g CO₂ per person and km





Motivation

CO₂ emissions by private cars in Germany:







Main Datasources

1. Train stations per zip code

Source: <u>Deutsche Bahn</u>

Type: CSV

• License: CC BY 4.0

2. Number of cars per county

Source: Mobilithek

Type: CSV

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3. Residents and area per zip code

Source: <u>Suche Postleitzahl</u>

Type: CSV

License: ODbL





Problem

Train station data only exists per zip code



Number of cars data only exists per county





Helper Datasource

Allocation table for zip code and county

Source: <u>Suche Postleitzahl</u>

Type: CSV

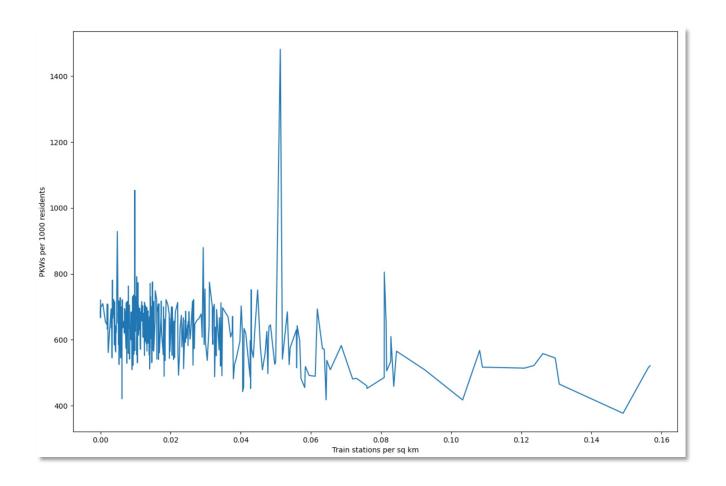
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Shows the county for every zip code





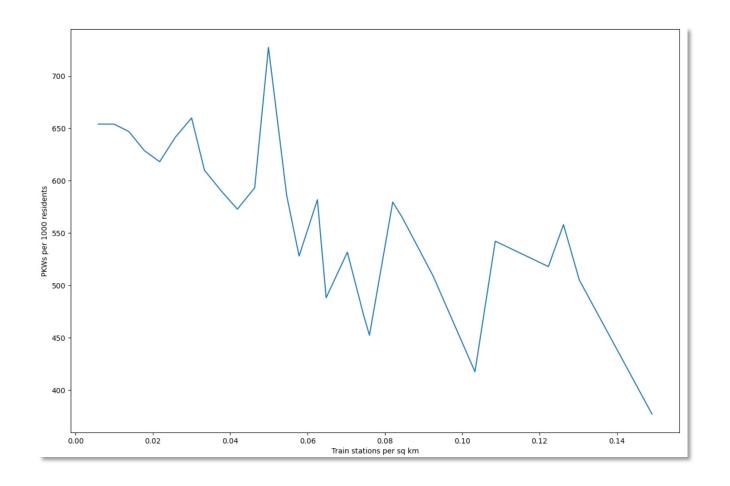
Diagrams - RAW Data







Diagrams - Averaged



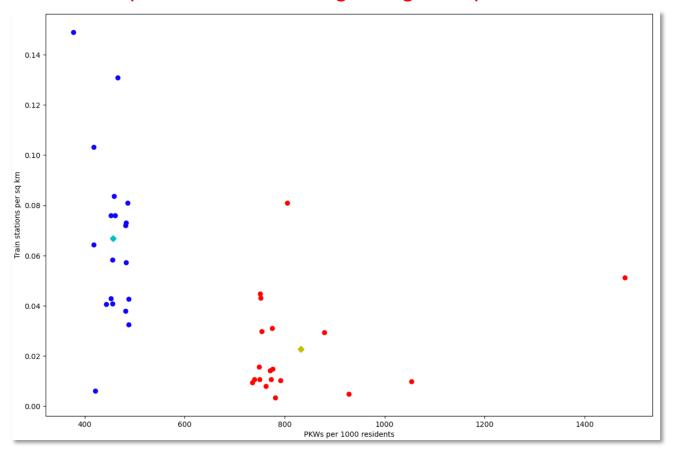




Diagrams – Extreme values

Blue: Less 5% of counties regarding cars per 1000 residents

Red: Top 5% of counties regarding cars per 1000 residents



Cyan: Average value of blue points

Yellow: Average value of red points



Conclusion

- Resulting diagrams are not as clearly as hoped
- Tendency, that increasing number of train stations would lead to decreasing number of cars
- Especially in the diagram with the extreme values, we can see a big difference

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