https://catalog.data.gov/dataset/meteorite-landings

Why I chose this dataset

• I chose this dataset because I've always wanted to be able to understand if there is any relevance in how meteorites cluster and land in the same areas. Later, you will see my mapping result of meteorite geolocations. I also use OLS regression to depict if a meteors mass varies based on its Geo Location.

Preprocessing

- I had to load the data, which was very big compared to the datasets I am used to.
- I filtered the relevant columns like Geo Location into GeoLat and GeoLong. I feel that this minimized the complexity of the cluster process.
- I handled NaN values by replacing them with the mean / or dropping them.
- I just learned why I need to choose my own "n_ clusters" during this assignment, we don't want overfitting or underfitting when dealing with our data.

Data Definitions

name:

• The name of the meteorite.

id:

A unique identifier that is assigned to each meteorite entry in the dataset.

nametype:

• Indicates the type of name (e.g., "Valid" signifies that the meteorite name is officially recognized).

recclass:

The classification of the meteorite is based on its chemical and mineral composition.

mass (g):

• The weight of the meteorite in grams, representing the total mass of the specimen.

fall:

• Describes whether the meteorite fell to Earth (e.g., "Fell") or was found (e.g., "Found").

year:

• The year in which the meteorite was observed to fall or was discovered.

reclat:

The latitude at which the meteorite was found or observed, given in decimal degrees.

reclong:

• The longitude at which the meteorite was found or observed, also in decimal degrees.

GeoLat:

• The extracted latitude value from the GeoLocation string, presented in decimal degrees.

GeoLong:

• The extracted longitude value from the GeoLocation string, also in decimal degrees.

Yes, I know some of the columns in this dataset may not be utilized such as: name, name type, etc. However, I decided to keep most columns so I can work on this more in-depth after the assignment due date.

Starting DF of the Meteorite Landings.

```
Initial DataFrame:
      name id nametype
                              recclass mass (g)
                                                  fall
                                                          year
                                                                  reclat
                                                                            reclong
                                                                                              GeoLocation
    Aachen
                    Valid
                                           21.0
                                                  Fell
                                                        1880.0 50.77500
                                                                            6.08333
                                                                                        (50.775, 6.08333)
                   Valid
                                                        1951.0 56.18333
                                                                           10.23333
                                   Н6
                                           720.0
                                                 Fell
                                                                                     (56.18333, 10.23333)
    Aarhus
                                                                                       (54.21667, -113.0)
(16.88333, -99.9)
      Abee
                    Valid
                                   EH4 107000.0
                                                  Fell
                                                        1952.0
                                                                54.21667 -113.00000
  Acapulco 10
                   Valid Acapulcoite
                                                        1976.0 16.88333 -99.90000
                                          1914.0
                                                 Fe11
   Achiras 370
                    Valid
                                           780.0 Fell 1902.0 -33.16667 -64.95000
                                                                                       (-33.16667, -64.95)
```

Showing the NA values, I later imputed them.

```
Missing Values:
name
id
                  0
nametype
                  0
recclass
mass (g)
fall
                  0
year
                291
reclat
reclong
                7315
GeoLocation
dtype: int64
```

Cleansed DF

	name	id	nametype	recclass	mass (g)	fall	year	reclat	reclong	GeoLat	GeoLong
0	Aachen	1	Valid	L5	21.0	Fell	1880.0	50.77500	6.08333	50.77500	6.08333
	Aarhus	2	Valid	H6	720.0	Fell	1951.0	56.18333	10.23333	56.18333	10.23333
	Abee		Valid	EH4	107000.0	Fell	1952.0	54.21667	-113.00000	54.21667	-113.00000
	Acapulco	10	Valid	Acapulcoite	1914.0	Fell	1976.0	16.88333	-99.90000	16.88333	-99.90000
	Achiras	370	Valid	L6	780.0	Fell	1902.0	-33.16667	-64.95000	-33.16667	-64.95000
45711	Zillah 002	31356	Valid	Eucrite	172.0	Found	1990.0	29.03700	17.01850	29.03700	17.01850
45712	Zinder	30409	Valid	Pallasite, ungrouped	46.0	Found	1999.0	13.78333	8.96667	13.78333	8.96667
45713	Zlin	30410	Valid	H4	3.3	Found	1939.0	49.25000	17.66667	49.25000	17.66667
45714	Zubkovsky	31357	Valid	L6	2167.0	Found	2003.0	49.78917	41.50460	49.78917	41.50460
45715	Zulu Queen	30414	Valid	L3.7	200.0	Found	1976.0	33.98333	-115.68333	33.98333	-115.68333
[45716	rows x 11 c	olumns	1								

OLS Regression Results

		OLS Regre	ssion R	esults				
Dep. Varial	ole:	mass (g)	R-sq	 uared:		0.001		
Model:		OLS	Adj.	R-squared:		0.001		
Method:		Least Squares	F-st	atistic:		19.92		
Date:	S	un, 03 Nov 2024	Prob	(F-statistic	:):	2.24e-09		
Time:		14:48:04	Log-	Likelihood:		-6.7107e+05		
No. Observa	ations:	45716	AIC:			1.342e+06		
Df Residua	ls:	45713	BIC:			1.342e+06		
Df Model:		2						
Covariance	Type:	nonrobust						
	coef	std err		P> t	[0.025	0.975]		
const	2.974e+04	3766.889	7.895	0.000	2.24e+04	3.71e+04		
GeoLat	332.8197	78.323	4.249	0.000	179.305	486.334		
GeoLong	-56.3071	45.042	-1.250	0.211	-144.590	31.976		
Omnibus:	========	 166648.304	Durb:	======== in-Watson:	======	 1.991		
Prob(Omnib	us):	0.000	Jarq	ue-Bera (JB):	8852	88523317787.188		
Skew:		77.002	Prob	(JB):		0.00		
Kurtosis:		6818.371	Cond	. No.		150.		

This OLS regression uses GeoLat & Geo Long as the independent variables and mass (g) as the dependent variable. If the coefficient for GeoLat is 2.5, this suggests that for each one degree increase in latitude, the mass is expected to increase by 2.5 grams, assuming longitude remains constant. This test suggests that GeoLat is statistically significant, however GeoLong is not significant at all, so we fail to reject that null hypothesis. In the end, mass in grams of a meteor tends to change when the Latitude of it differentiates.

Contingency Table

```
import pandas as pd
  print(contingency_table)
recclass Acapulcoite Acapulcoite/Lodranite Acapulcoite/lodranite \
Fell
Found
recclass Achondrite-prim Achondrite-ung Angrite Aubrite Aubrite-an \
fall
recclass Brachinite C ... Relict H Relict OC Relict iron Stone-uncl \
fall
                                     0
                                                        40
Fell
                                    65
Found
recclass Stone-ung Unknown Ureilite Ureilite-an Ureilite-pmict Winonaite
Fell
Found
```

A contingency table here could show the distribution of meteorite falls across different meteorite classes, giving a clear picture of how often each meteorite class appears in "fell" versus "found" categories. This table can visually indicate possible dependencies between class and fall status, supplementing the Chi-square test results.

Each row under fall shows either "Fell" or "Found," with the values showing the count of each type of meteorite. For instance:

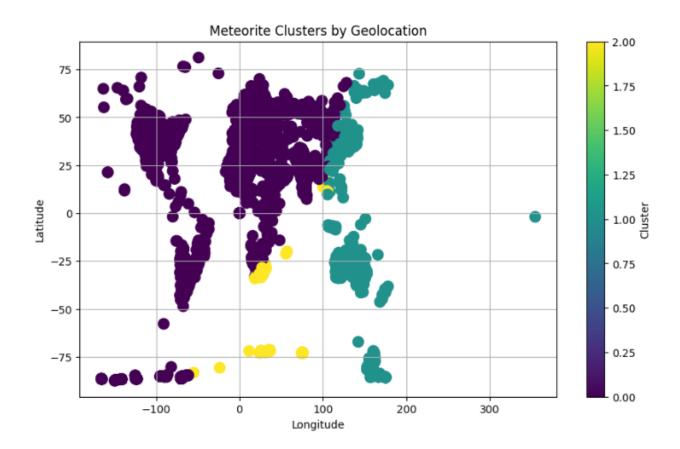
- Acapulcoite: 1 meteorite was observed falling, while 53 were discovered later.
- **Aubrite**: 9 were observed falling, and 54 were found without observation.
- **Ureilite**: 5 fell and were observed, while 295 were found without prior observation.

I attempted to create a Chi Square Test for a different analysis from the one above, I chose to use "reclass" and "fall." This test is supposed to show significance in meteorite composition and whether the meteorite was found. It claims to be SUPER significant, which I believe is helped by the lack of variation in the data. However, I plan to investigate it more.

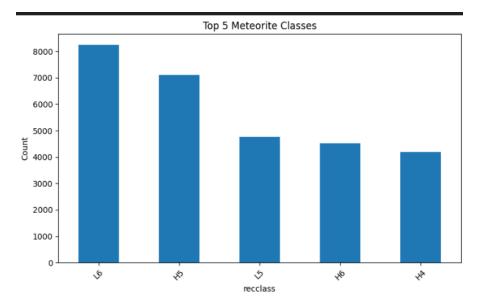
```
Chi-square Statistic: 3181.030655586693
p-value: 0.0
Degrees of Freedom: 465
Expected Frequencies:
[[1.30759472e+00 5.26924053e+01]
        [1.45288302e-01 5.85471170e+00]
        [7.26441508e-02 2.92735585e+00]
        [2.17932453e-01 8.78206755e+00]
        [7.26441508e+00 2.92735585e+02]
        [9.68588678e-02 3.90314113e+00]
        [5.56938490e-01 2.24430615e+01]
        [6.05367924e-01 2.43946321e+01]]
```

Here is an analysis I made to show meteorite clustering using GeoLat & GeoLong.

Notice anything familiar?



This is an analysis used to measure the top 5 meteorite classes captured in the CSV.



Summary: All in all, I did many tests on this Meteorite Landing data set. I learned that there are many factors that can affect how things happen, and using data to support this is

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very fun. I plan to look back on this assignment and code to see if I can do any other tests that could be a little more accurate, etc. Looking into the GeoLocation of meteorite clusters and where they are found is super cool to me and I love graphing this data to view it. Cleansing my own DF showed me that it's really important to understand your data and what YOU need to change in it to fit your needs.