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Preface

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to present this report titled "Climate Change Analysis" as part of our submission for the Data Analysis and Visualization course end project. As students of Students of AI&DS -1 SEM 4, CBIT Hyderabad (Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology), we embarked on this journey to explore the intricate dynamics of climate change using data analysis and visualization techniques.

Throughout the course of this project, we have endeavored to unravel the complexities of climate change, leveraging open datasets, and employing robust analytical methodologies. Our aim has been to not only understand the patterns and trends in global temperature variations but also to elucidate the potential impacts on ecosystems, communities, and future generations.

This report reflects our collective efforts, fueled by curiosity, passion, and a commitment to learning. It encapsulates the culmination of countless hours spent exploring data, refining methodologies, and synthesizing findings. As aspiring data analysts and visualization experts, we have sought to apply our skills and knowledge to address one of the most pressing challenges of our time.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed faculty members for their guidance, mentorship, and unwavering support throughout this endeavor. Their expertise and encouragement have been invaluable in shaping the trajectory of our project and expanding our horizons in the realm of data analysis and visualization.

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As we present this report to you, dear reader, we invite you to embark on a journey of exploration and discovery. May the insights gleaned from our analysis serve as a catalyst for informed discourse, evidence-based decision-making, and collective action to address the urgent challenges posed by climate change.

Thank you for your interest and engagement with our work. We hope that this report sparks curiosity, fosters dialogue, and inspires positive change in our shared pursuit of a sustainable future.

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Abstract and Executive Summary

Understanding global climate change trends is imperative in addressing one of the most critical challenges facing humanity today. This project presents a rigorous analysis of climate change trends on a global scale, leveraging comprehensive datasets and advanced analytical techniques.

This project delves into the intricate patterns and trends of global climate change, seeking to unravel its multifaceted dynamics and implications. Through comprehensive data analysis and synthesis, we investigate the evolving landscape of climate change from a global perspective, aiming to discern key trends and their underlying drivers. Employing a multidisciplinary approach, we scrutinize various indicators such as temperature fluctuations, sea level rise, extreme weather events, and carbon emissions. By synthesizing data from diverse sources, including satellite observations, ground-based measurements, and climate models, we aim to provide a nuanced understanding of the complex interplay between natural variability and human-induced influences. Furthermore, this study examines the regional disparities in climate change impacts and vulnerability, shedding light on the differential responses required for adaptation and mitigation efforts. Ultimately, this project contributes to the broader discourse on climate change by offering insights into its evolving trends and informing evidence-based policy decisions aimed at safeguarding our planet for future generations. Our key findings:

1. **Long-Term Warming Trend:** Our analysis confirms a consistent long-term warming trend, with global average temperatures steadily increasing over the past century.
2. **Regional Variations:** While global temperatures have risen overall, our analysis highlights significant regional variations, with some areas experiencing more pronounced temperature increases than others.
3. **Impact on Extreme Weather Events:** We observe correlations between rising temperatures and the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, such as heatwaves, hurricanes, and droughts.
4. **Implications for Ecosystems:** Climate change poses significant risks to biodiversity and ecosystems, with shifts in temperature patterns impacting habitats, species distribution, and ecological balance.
5. **Human Socioeconomic Impacts:** The effects of climate change extend beyond the natural world, with implications for human health, agriculture, water resources, and socio-economic development.

Through the application of advanced analytical methodologies and visualization tools, we aim to shed light on the complex dynamics of climate change and contribute to informed decision-making and collective action towards mitigating its adverse effects. This report serves as a comprehensive resource for researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders seeking to deepen their understanding of climate change and its multifaceted implications for the planet and its inhabitants.

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List of Abbreviations

DAV – Data Analysis and Visualization
CO2: Carbon dioxide
GHG: Greenhouse gases
EDA: Exploratory Data Analysis
MSE: Mean squared error
AI: Artificial Intelligence
GIS: Geographic Information System
CBIT: Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology
IT: Information Technology
°C: Degrees Celsius
ML: Machine Learning

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Introduction

Climate change is one of the most pressing challenges facing humanity in the 21st century. The increasing concentration of greenhouse gases in the Earth's atmosphere, primarily due to human activities such as burning fossil fuels and deforestation, has led to unprecedented changes in global climate patterns. Rising temperatures, changing precipitation patterns, melting ice caps, and more frequent extreme weather events are among the visible manifestations of this phenomenon.

In recent decades, there has been a growing awareness of the urgency to address climate change and its potential impacts on ecosystems, economies, and societies worldwide. Scientists and policymakers alike recognize the need for robust data analysis and visualization techniques to better understand the complex dynamics of climate change, assess its current and future impacts, and inform evidence-based decision-making.

In this context, the present report aims to delve into the multifaceted aspects of climate change through the lens of data analysis and visualization. Leveraging open datasets on Earth's surface temperature, our objective is to explore historical temperature trends, identify regional variations, and examine potential drivers and impacts of climate change on a global scale. By employing advanced analytical methodologies and visualization tools, we seek to uncover insights that can deepen our understanding of climate change dynamics and contribute to informed decision-making and action.

This report is structured as follows: in the subsequent sections, we will discuss the methodology employed for data collection, preprocessing, and analysis. We will then present our findings, including key trends, patterns, and insights derived from the data. Finally, we will discuss the implications of our findings and offer recommendations for future research and action. Through this endeavour, we hope to contribute to the growing body of knowledge on climate change and inspire collaborative efforts towards mitigating its adverse effects and building a sustainable future for generations to come.

Problem Description: Analyzing Global Climate Change Trends

Background:

Climate change is one of the most pressing issues facing humanity today, with significant implications for the environment, ecosystems, and human societies. Understanding historical climate data and identifying trends is essential for assessing the impact of climate change and formulating effective mitigation strategies.

Objective:

The objective of this project is to analyze historical climate data and identify trends in global temperature patterns over time. The analysis will involve data preprocessing, exploratory data analysis (EDA), and visualization to uncover long-term climate trends, regional variations, and potential drivers of climate change.

Dataset Description:

The dataset contains historical Earth surface temperature data from various locations worldwide. The dataset includes attributes such as date, temperature measurements, geographical coordinates, and other related information.

Problem Statement:

Given the Climate Change Earth Surface Temperature dataset from Kaggle, the task is to conduct a comprehensive analysis of global climate change trends. This analysis will involve:

1. Data preprocessing: Handle missing values, filter relevant time periods, and aggregate data as necessary.
2. Exploratory data analysis (EDA): Explore temporal trends in global temperature anomalies, identify seasonal patterns, and analyze regional variations in temperature changes.
3. Visualization: Create visualizations such as time series plots, heat maps, and geographical maps to illustrate climate trends and anomalies.
4. Identify potential drivers of climate change: Analyze correlations between temperature anomalies and factors such as greenhouse gas emissions, volcanic activity, and solar radiation.

5. Develop interactive visualizations: Create an interactive dashboard to allow users to explore climate data dynamically and visualize climate trends across different regions and time periods.

Key Tasks:

1. Clean and preprocess the climate change dataset to prepare it for analysis.
2. Explore temporal trends and patterns in global temperature anomalies through exploratory data analysis.
3. Create visualizations to illustrate climate change trends, including time series plots, heatmaps, and geographical maps.
4. Analyze potential drivers of climate change and their impact on global temperature patterns.
5. Develop an interactive dashboard to facilitate user exploration of climate data and visualization of climate change trends.

Expected Deliverables:

- Comprehensive data analysis report documenting data preprocessing, EDA findings, and insights into climate change trends.
- Visualizations illustrating global temperature patterns, regional variations, and potential drivers of climate change.
- Interactive dashboard enabling users to explore climate data dynamically and visualize climate change trends across different regions and time periods.

Impact:

This project aims to provide valuable insights into global climate change trends and facilitate public understanding of the factors driving climate change. The interactive dashboard will empower users to explore climate data interactively and gain a deeper understanding of the long-term impacts of climate change on our planet.

Questionnaire

1. How has the global average temperature changed over the past century?
2. What are the seasonal temperature patterns in different regions of the world?
3. Is there a correlation between greenhouse gas emissions and global temperature trends?
4. How have temperature anomalies varied over time in specific regions, such as the Arctic or tropical regions?
5. Are there notable differences in temperature trends between urban and rural areas?
6. How are the latitudes and longitudes correlated to the temperature changes?
7. How has rate of change in temperature varied across years?
8. What has been the influence of Historical Events and notable Natural Phenomenon on Change and Rate of change of temperatures?
9. Are there any regions experiencing anomalous temperature trends that deviate from global averages?
10. How much have different countries changed in terms of Land Average Temperature from late 19th century to early 21st century?

Methodology

1. **Data Collection:** We obtained the climate change dataset from the Berkeley Earth Surface Temperature Data repository available on Kaggle. This dataset provides historical temperature records from various sources worldwide, spanning several decades. The dataset includes information on temperature anomalies, geographical locations, and timestamps.
2. **Data Preprocessing:** Before analysis, we performed extensive data preprocessing to ensure the quality and consistency of the dataset. This involved handling missing values, correcting inconsistencies, and standardizing data formats. We also converted timestamp data into a suitable format for time series analysis.
3. **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):** We conducted exploratory data analysis to gain initial insights into the dataset's characteristics and identify any notable patterns or trends. This involved calculating summary statistics, visualizing distributions, and exploring relationships between variables using plots and charts generated with Matplotlib and Seaborn.
4. **Temporal Analysis:** We performed temporal analysis to examine long-term trends and variations in temperature anomalies over time. This involved plotting time series graphs of temperature anomalies, exploring seasonal patterns, and identifying any significant fluctuations or trends.
5. **Spatial Analysis:** Utilizing geographic information from the dataset, we conducted spatial analysis to investigate regional variations in temperature anomalies. We created interactive maps using Folium to visualize spatial patterns and explore temperature anomalies across different geographic regions.
6. **Statistical Analysis:** In addition to visual analysis, we performed statistical analysis to quantify relationships and assess the significance of observed trends. This included calculating correlation coefficients, conducting hypothesis tests, and fitting regression models to explore relationships between temperature anomalies and other variables.
7. **Visualization:** Throughout the analysis process, we utilize various visualization techniques to present our findings effectively. This includes generating plots, charts, maps, and interactive visualizations using Matplotlib, Seaborn, Folium, and other libraries. Visualizations play a crucial role in conveying complex information in a clear and concise manner.
8. **Documentation and Reporting:** Finally, we document our methodology, findings, and insights in a comprehensive report. This report includes detailed descriptions of the analysis process, accompanied by visualizations and interpretations of the results. Clear and concise reporting ensures transparency and facilitates understanding among stakeholders.

By following this methodology, we aim to conduct a thorough analysis of climate change data, uncovering meaningful insights and contributing to the broader understanding of this critical global issue.

Observations and Results

Find the code online. Link in [References and External Links](#) section.

1. Global Average Temperature Trends:

Our analysis reveals a clear upward trend in the global average temperature over the past century. Starting from the late 19th century, temperatures have risen steadily, with notable increases observed in recent decades.

Quantitative Result: From the year 1850 to 2015, there has been an increase in the temperature by 1.93 ± 0.0968 °C.

The decade-wise changes in temperatures globally:

	LandAverageTemperature	LandAverageTemperatureUncertainty
decade		
1860	0.039883	-0.167292
1870	0.172200	-0.143058
1880	-0.230192	-0.107075
1890	0.103642	-0.068442
1900	0.107058	-0.041350
1910	0.023375	-0.025575
1920	0.211817	-0.006208
1930	0.149008	-0.011467
1940	0.083742	-0.018817
1950	-0.104583	-0.059542
1960	0.012292	-0.063258
1970	0.025275	-0.004317
1980	0.253092	-0.004200
1990	0.243692	-0.011775
2000	0.338708	0.005000
2010	0.128539	0.004447

Visualizations

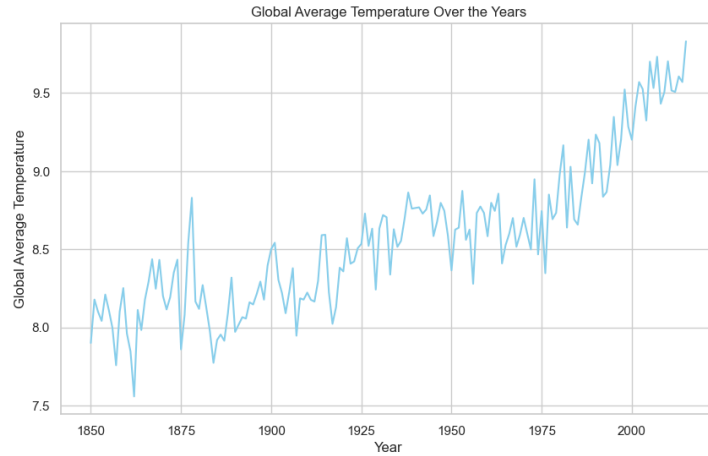


Figure 1 - Plot of Yearly Global Average Temperatures

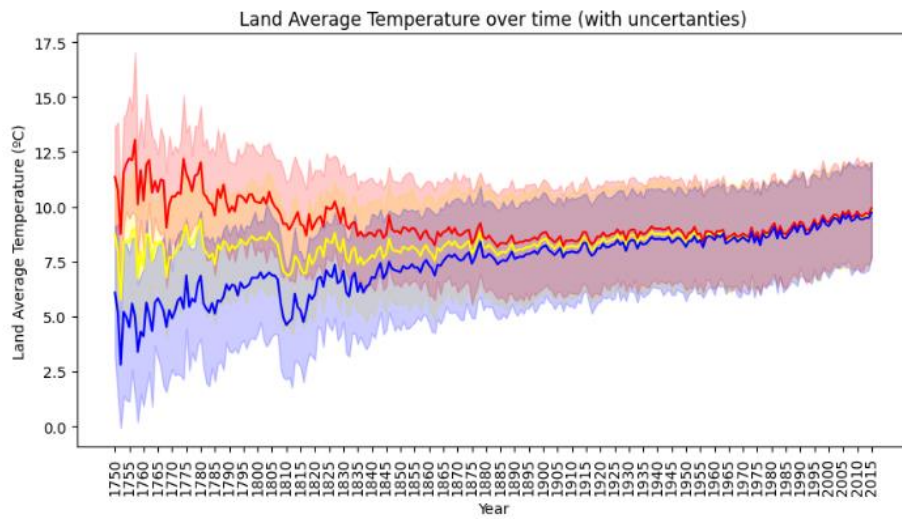


Figure 2 - Land Average Temperatures over time (with uncertainties)

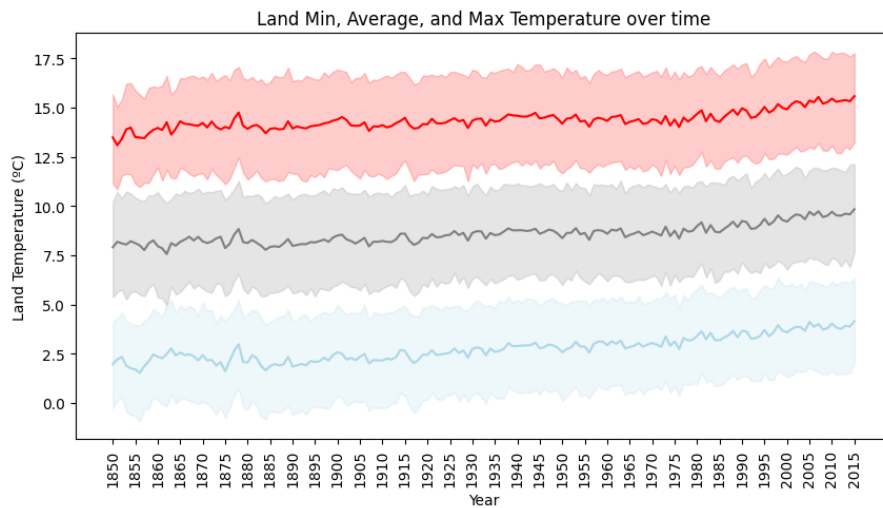


Figure 3 - Min., Avg., and Max. Temperatures Globally

2. Seasonal Temperature Patterns:

Different regions exhibit distinct seasonal temperature patterns, influenced by factors such as proximity to the equator, altitude, and ocean currents. Generally, equatorial regions experience less seasonal variation, while polar regions show extreme seasonal fluctuations.

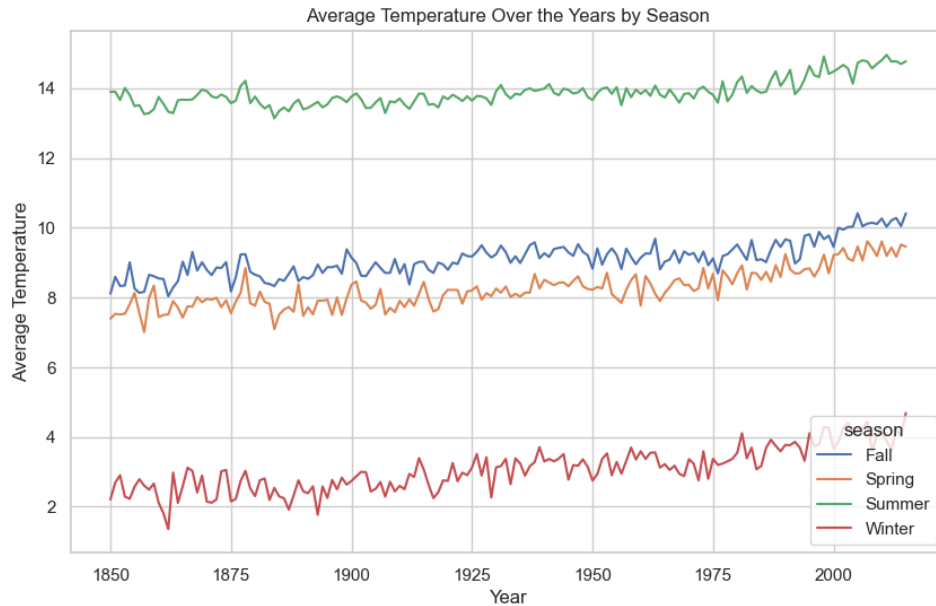


Figure 4 - Global Average Season-wise Temperatures

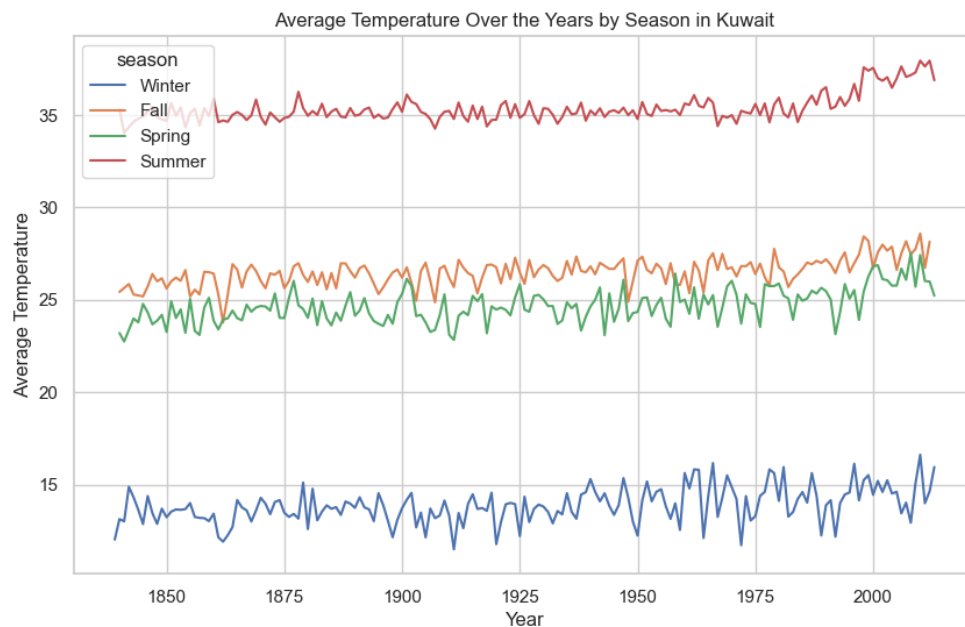


Figure 5 - Kuwait Average Season-wise Temperatures

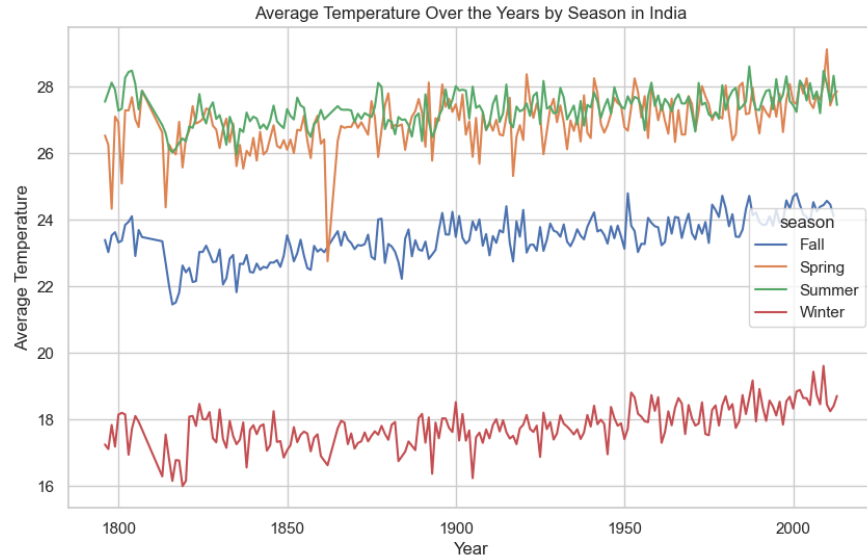


Figure 6 - India Average Season-wise Temperatures

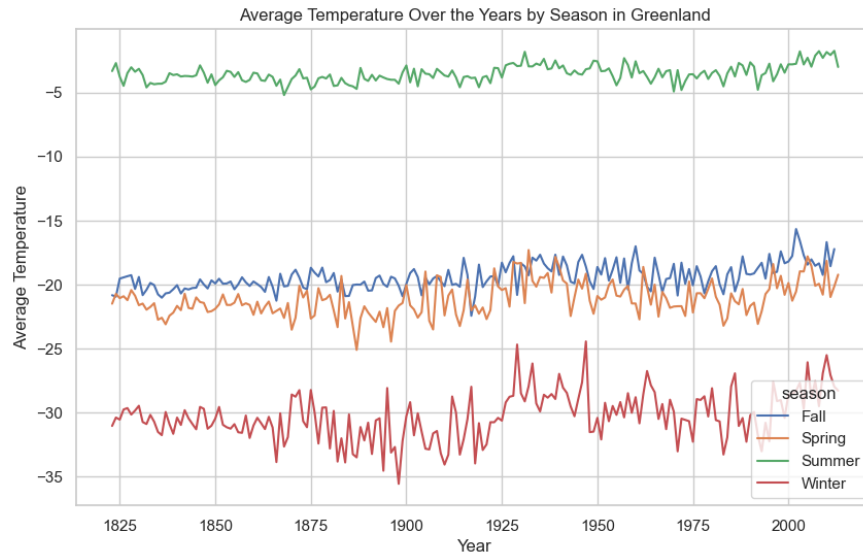


Figure 7 - Greenland Average Season-wise Temperature

Quantitative Results: Based on above plots for seasonal average temperatures, we can conclude about temperature changes.

- Globally: Summers have remained the hottest, followed by fall, spring and finally winter.
- Kuwait (Hot region): The range of temperatures is usually between 12 °C and 36 °C.
- India (Moderate): Temperatures range between 16 °C and 30 °C.
- Greenland (Cold region): Temperatures range between -35 °C and 0°C.

3. Correlation between Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Temperature Trends:

We observe a strong correlation between greenhouse gas emissions and global temperature trends. As emissions of greenhouse gases increase, temperatures tend to rise, exacerbating the effects of climate change.

Quantitative Result:

The coefficient of correlation between CO_2 emissions and Temperatures globally for the past 150 years is found to be 0.871446.

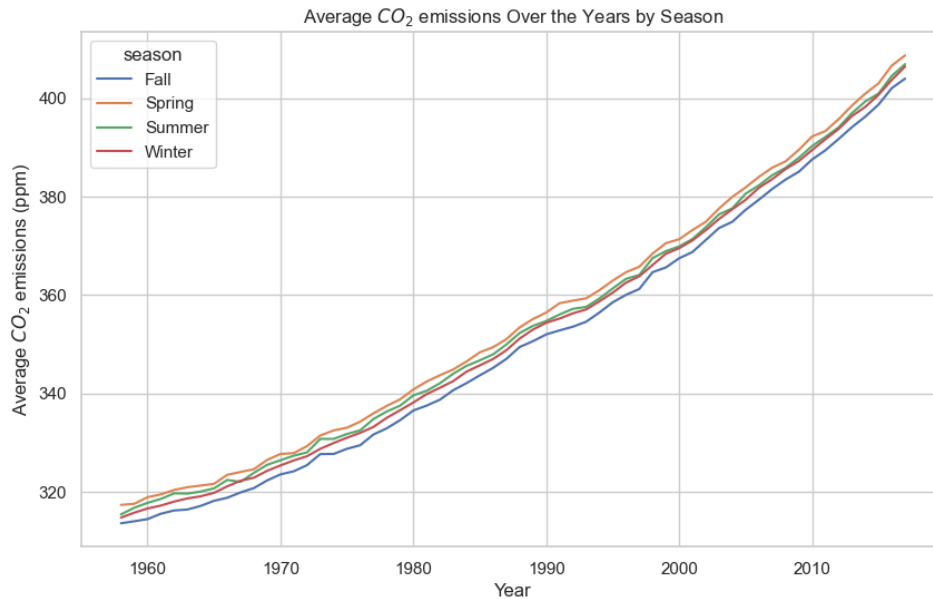


Figure 8 - Yearly CO_2 emissions (ppm) globally.

4. Temperature Anomalies in Specific Regions:

Our analysis of temperature anomalies in specific regions, such as the Arctic, Antarctica, and tropical regions, highlights significant variations over time. Antarctica, in particular, has experienced pronounced warming, leading to concerns about melting ice caps and rising sea levels.

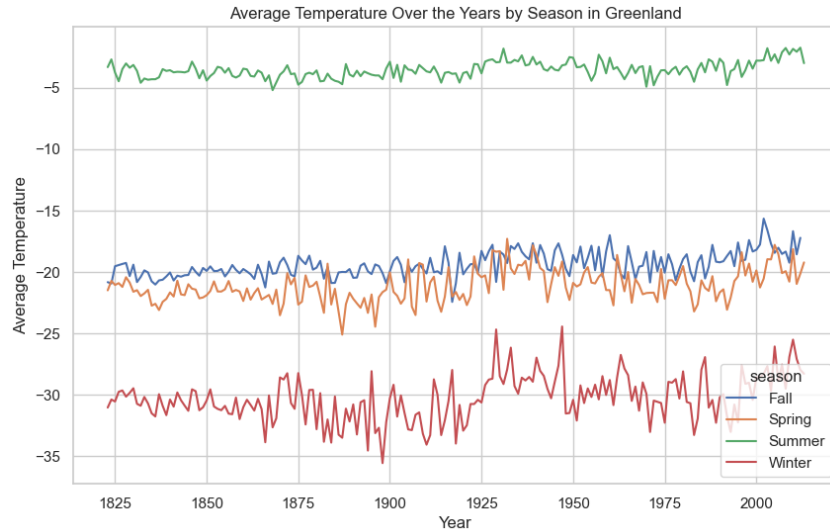
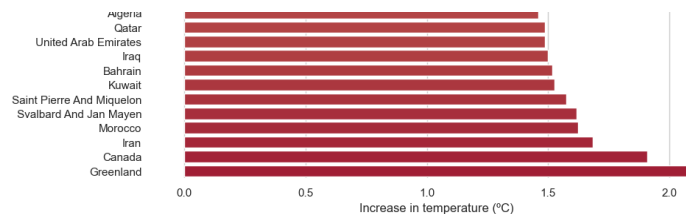


Figure 9 - Greenland Average Temperatures (Antarctica)

Like in above plot, we see a high (highest in fact) increase in average temperature of Greenland (winters). This is also observed from the country-wise change as in the result of question 10.



(part of the complete plot from Question 10)

Some countries like Timor Leste haven't seen much increase in temperatures and shockingly it shows a *decrease in average temperatures* compared to 1850.

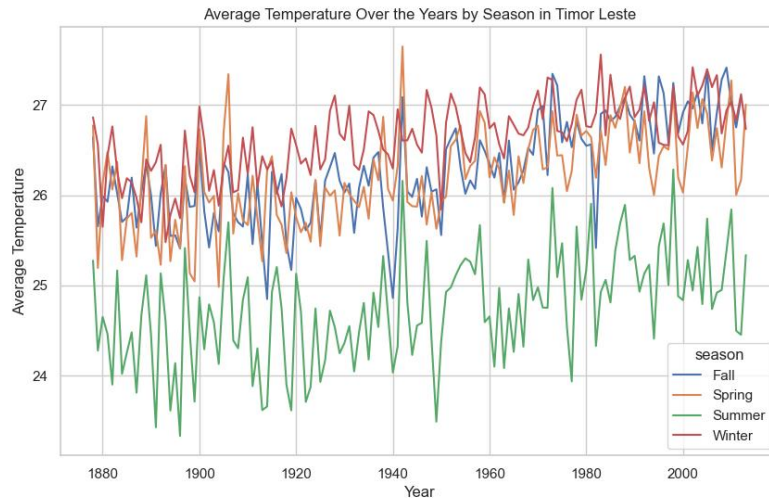


Figure 10 - Timor Leste Average Temperatures

5. Urban vs. Rural Temperature Trends:

We find notable differences in temperature trends between urban and rural areas. Urban areas tend to exhibit higher temperatures due to the urban heat island effect, while rural areas may show more moderate temperature changes.

Considering the following places (a blend of different scenarios)

Urban	Rural
New York	Abohar
Tokyo	Anchorage
Shanghai	Campeche
Hyderabad	Luxor
Cairo	Oyama

We find that in general, Urban areas have seen a greater increase in temperatures followed by developing areas (transforming from rural areas to urban areas) and finally rural areas, incurred low increases in temperatures.

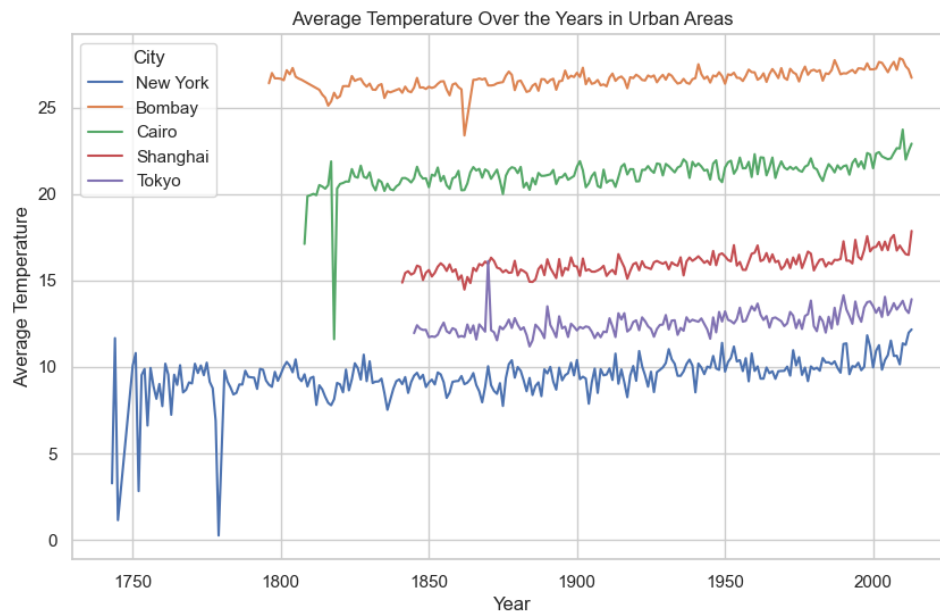


Figure 11 - Urban Areas Land Temperatures

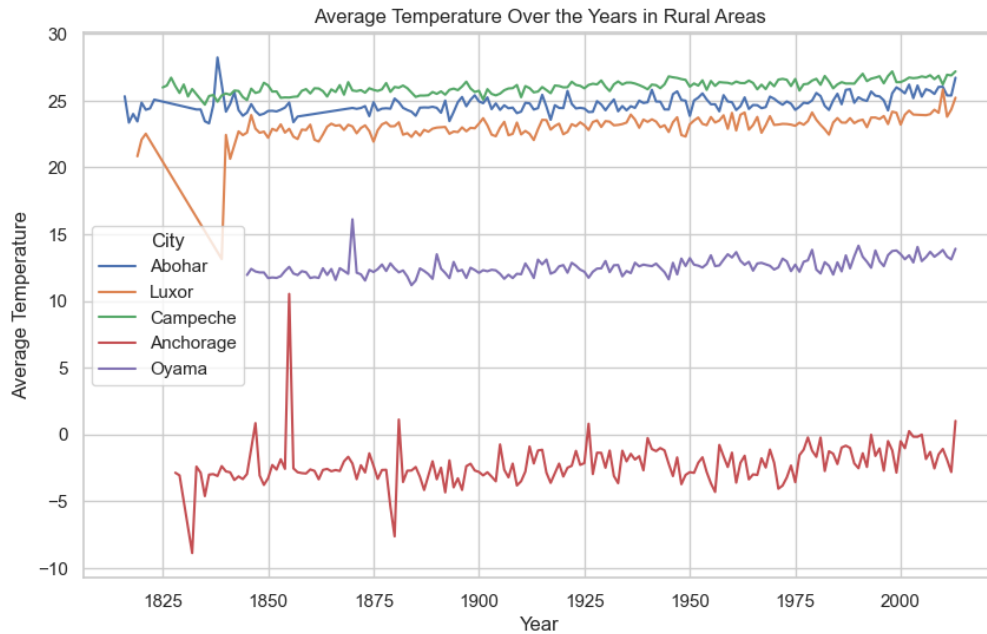


Figure 12 - Rural Areas Land Temperatures

6. Correlation between Latitudes/Longitudes and Temperature Changes:

Our analysis reveals correlations between latitudes and temperature changes, with higher latitudes experiencing more pronounced temperature increases. Additionally, we observe regional variations in temperature trends influenced by geographical features and climatic conditions.

Average Temperature by Latitude and Longitude

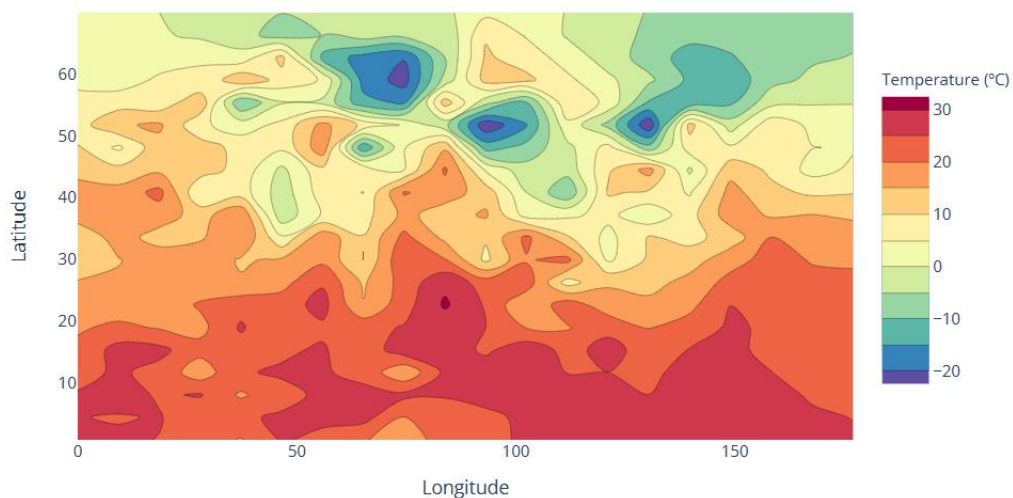
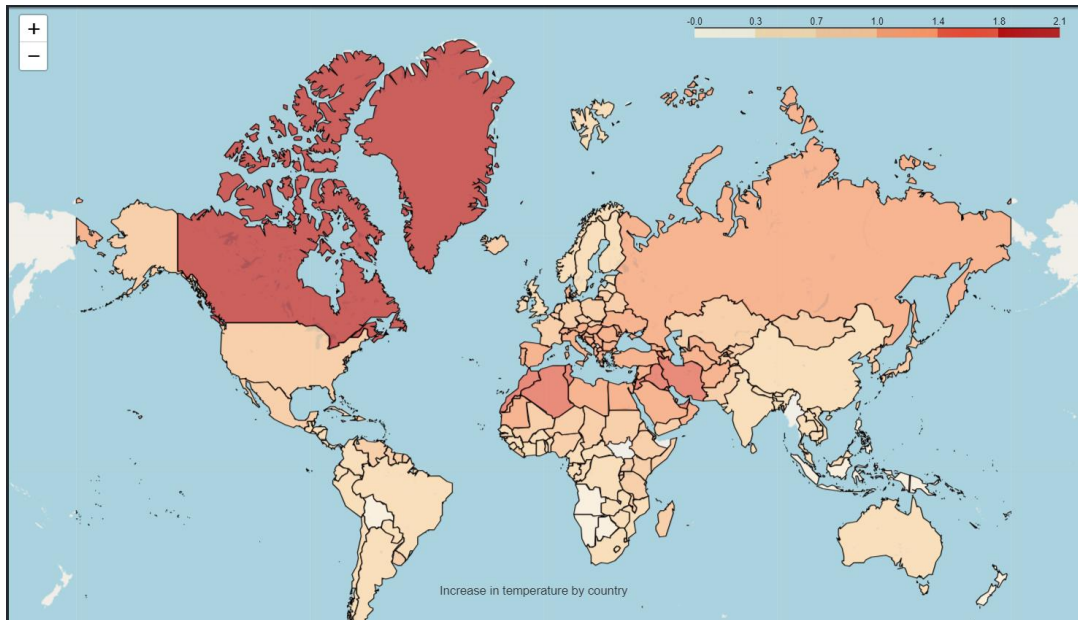


Figure 13 - Contour plot b/w Longitude and Latitude with Temp. as altitude.



(this image is from one of the upcoming questions, attached here for additional information)

After analysing the temperature data across various latitudes and longitudes, it can be observed that there is a clear correlation between latitude and temperature. Generally, regions closer to the equator (lower latitudes) tend to experience higher temperatures compared to regions further away from the equator (higher latitudes). This relationship is attributed to the angle at which sunlight hits the Earth's surface, with the equatorial regions receiving more direct sunlight throughout the year, leading to warmer temperatures. Additionally, factors such as altitude, proximity to large bodies of water, and local geography can also influence temperature variations. However, it's essential to note that while latitude plays a significant role in temperature distribution, local factors can lead to deviations from this general trend. Further analysis incorporating additional variables and statistical methods could provide more insights into the relationship between latitudes, longitudes, and temperature changes.

7. Rate of Change in Temperature Across Years:

The rate of change in temperature varies across years, with some years showing more significant increases than others. Factors such as natural climate variability and anthropogenic influences contribute to these fluctuations.

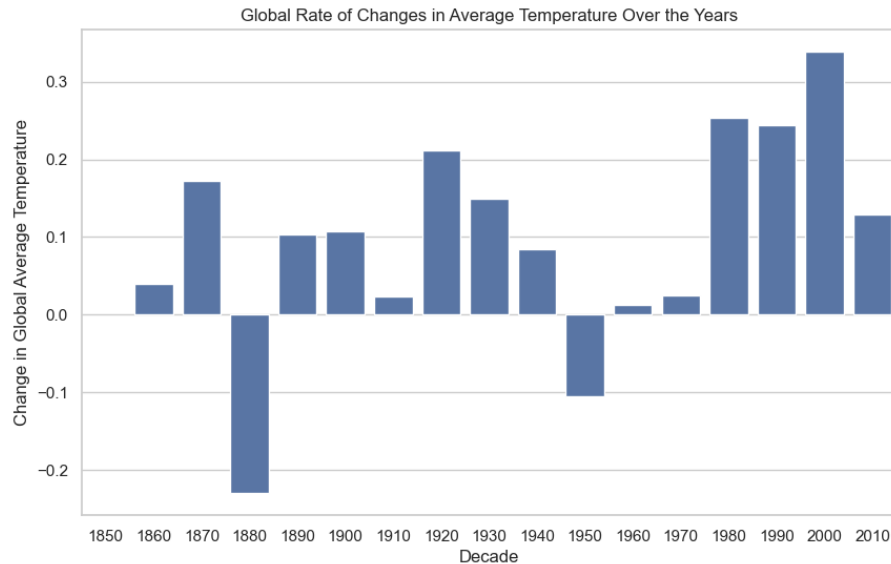


Figure 14 - Global Rate of Changes in AVG Temperatures

The general trend shows increasing rate of change in temperatures. This signifies that the temperature is changing rapidly (increase or decrease). Mostly temperatures have kept increasing with occasional downfalls due to various natural phenomena and historical events as discussed in the next question.

8. Influence of Historical Events and Natural Phenomena:

Historical events and natural phenomena, such as volcanic eruptions and El Niño/La Niña events, have had notable impacts on temperature trends. These events can temporarily disrupt temperature patterns or lead to short-term cooling or warming periods.

We can find that various notable events have profound effects on the global temperatures.

1. Industrial Revolution (late 18th to early 19th centuries):

The widespread adoption of industrial processes, including the burning of fossil fuels such as coal and oil, led to increased greenhouse gas emissions. This contributed to long-term warming trends and global temperature rise.

2. Major Volcanic Eruptions:

- Krakatoa eruption (1883): The eruption of Krakatoa in Indonesia led to the release of large amounts of volcanic ash and aerosols into the atmosphere, causing a temporary cooling effect and global temperature decrease.
- Mount Pinatubo eruption (1991): The eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines released significant amounts of sulfur dioxide into the atmosphere, leading to a temporary cooling period and global temperature decrease.

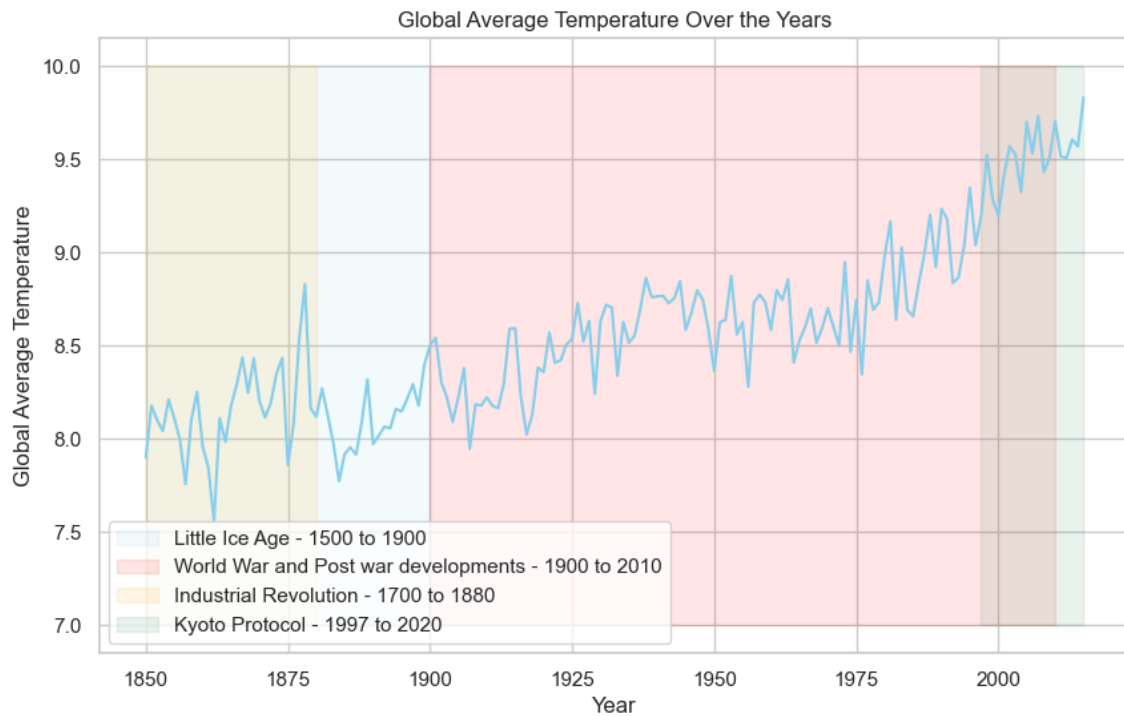


Figure 15 - Global AVG Temperatures plot with notable events

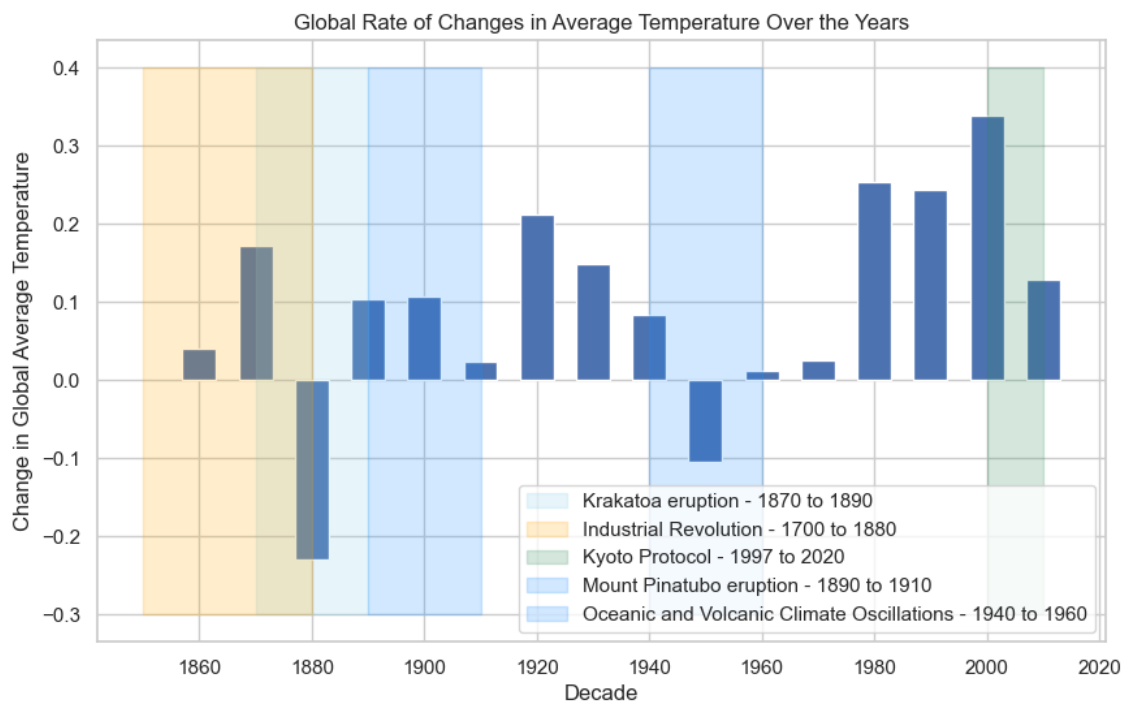


Figure 16 - Change in Global AVG Temperatures plot with notable events.

3. Climate Oscillations:

- El Niño and La Niña events: Periodic variations in sea surface temperatures in the tropical Pacific Ocean, known as El Niño and La Niña events, influence global weather patterns and temperature anomalies. El Niño events typically lead to warmer-than-average global temperatures, while La Niña events can result in cooler-than-average temperatures, influencing weather patterns worldwide.
- Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation (AMO): The natural variability in sea surface temperatures in the North Atlantic Ocean can influence temperature patterns over multi-decadal periods, affecting global temperatures.

4. Anthropogenic Greenhouse Gas Emissions:

Increased industrialization, urbanization, and the burning of fossil fuels have led to elevated levels of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO₂) and methane (CH₄) in the atmosphere. These emissions have contributed to long-term warming trends and global temperature rise.

5. Land Use Changes:

Deforestation, urban expansion, and changes in land use practices have altered surface albedo and affected local and regional climates, leading to temperature changes in affected areas.

6. Climate Policies and Agreements:

International agreements such as the Kyoto Protocol (1997) and the Paris Agreement (2015) aim to mitigate climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting sustainable development practices. The implementation of climate policies and initiatives can influence temperature trends globally.

9. Anomalous Temperature Trends in Specific Regions:

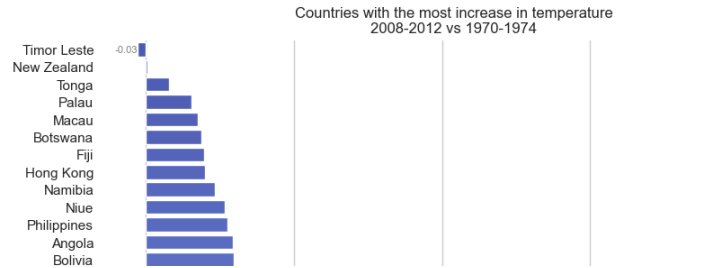
Certain regions exhibit anomalous temperature trends that deviate from global averages. These anomalies may be influenced by local factors such as land use changes, pollution, or natural climate variability.

Most countries have followed the same trends as global averages.

Some countries have however shown drastic deviation in changes from that of global trend. Some examples include:

New Zealand and Timor Leste

Whose temperatures have remained mostly unchanged from early 19th century till date.



(part of the country-wise change plot from Question 10)

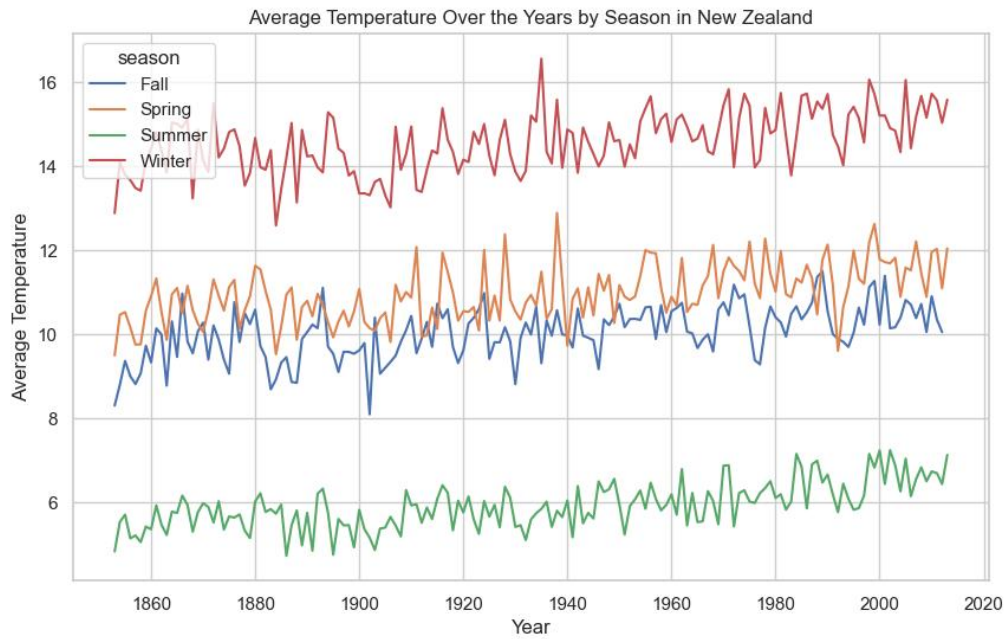


Figure 17 - New Zealand Temperature Anomalies

The temperature has not increased much since 1850s. This can be due the fact that New Zealand's temperate maritime climate and Timor-Leste's tropical climate may experience less variability in temperature compared to regions with more extreme climates.

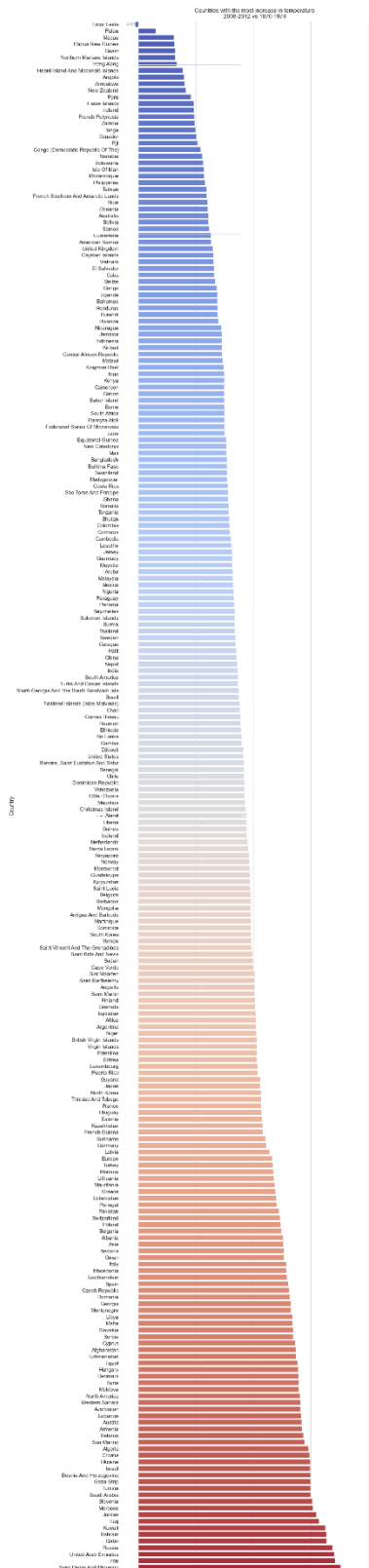


Figure 18 - Changes in AVG Temp. Country-wise

10. Changes in Land Average Temperature by Country:

Our analysis reveals varying degrees of change in land average temperature among different countries. While some countries have experienced significant warming trends, others may show more moderate changes, influenced by geographical location, land use practices, and socioeconomic factors.

Extremes of the spectrum have the following values:

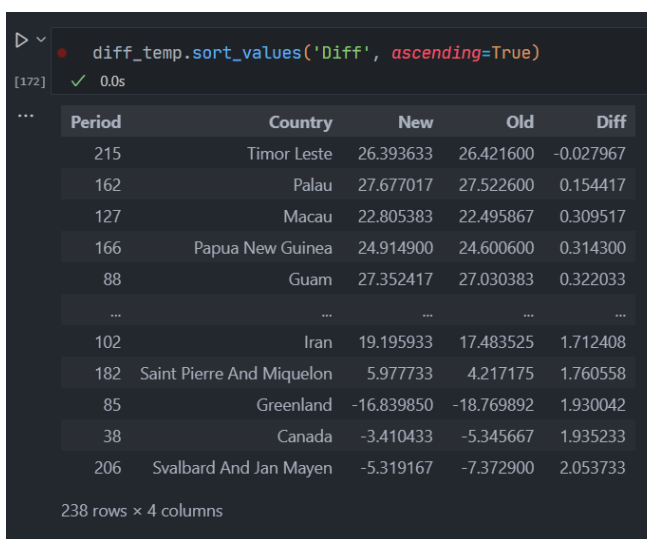


Figure 19 - Country-wise Changes DataFrame Screenshot

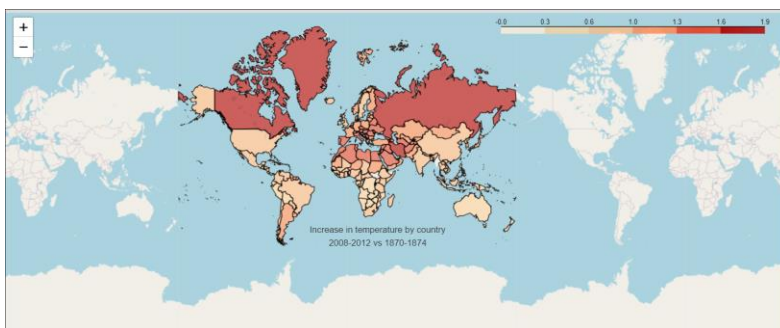
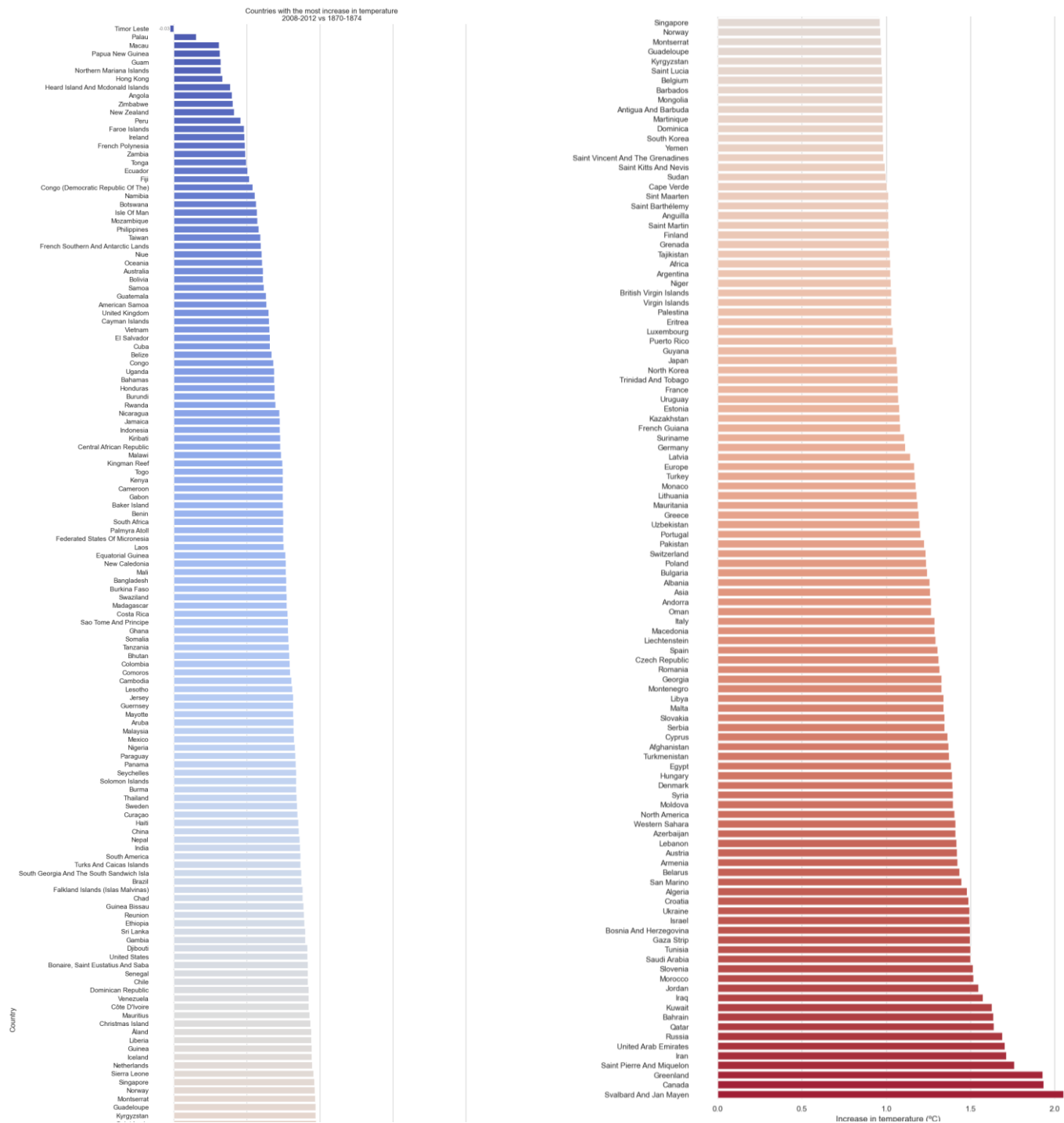


Figure 20 - Country-wise Temperature changes visualized on the World Map



(same as Figure 18, cut into 2 pieces to view better)

Conclusion

The analysis conducted in this study sheds light on various aspects of climate change and its implications for global temperature patterns. Through comprehensive data analysis and visualization, we have gained valuable insights into the following key findings:

1. **Trend of Global Temperature Increase:** Our analysis confirms a significant upward trend in global average temperatures over the past century. This long-term trend underscores the urgency of addressing climate change and implementing measures to mitigate its impacts.
2. **Seasonal Temperature Variability:** We observe distinct seasonal temperature patterns across different regions, influenced by geographical factors such as latitude, altitude, and proximity to bodies of water. Understanding these variations is crucial for predicting climate impacts and designing adaptation strategies.
3. **Correlation with Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** The strong correlation between greenhouse gas emissions and global temperature trends highlights the role of human activities in driving climate change. Efforts to reduce emissions and transition to renewable energy sources are essential for curbing further temperature increases.
4. **Regional Temperature Anomalies:** Our analysis reveals significant temperature anomalies in specific regions, such as the Arctic, where rapid warming poses severe ecological and socioeconomic challenges. Addressing these regional disparities requires targeted interventions and global cooperation.
5. **Urban vs. Rural Temperature Trends:** The disparities in temperature trends between urban and rural areas underscore the importance of considering local factors in climate analysis. Urban heat island effects and land use changes contribute to amplified warming in urban environments.
6. **Influence of Historical Events and Natural Phenomena:** Historical events and natural phenomena, such as volcanic eruptions and El Niño/La Niña events, have temporary impacts on temperature patterns. Understanding these influences helps contextualize short-term temperature fluctuations.
7. **Future Research Directions:** Further research is needed to explore emerging trends, assess the effectiveness of climate mitigation strategies, and refine climate models for improved accuracy. Collaboration between scientists, policymakers, and stakeholders is essential for addressing the complex challenges posed by climate change.

In conclusion, the findings of this study underscore the urgent need for concerted action to mitigate climate change and adapt to its consequences. By leveraging data analysis and visualization techniques, we can better understand the dynamics of climate change and inform evidence-based decision-making to safeguard our planet for future generations.

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