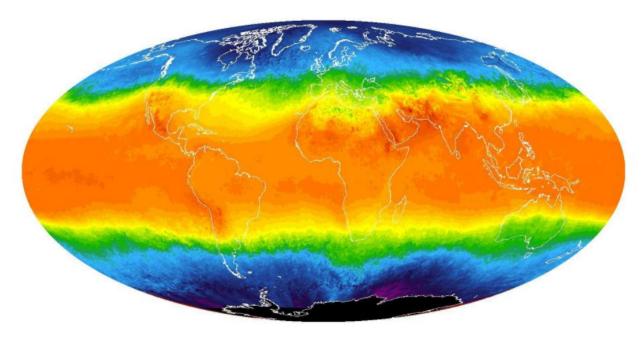
Exploring Weather Trends



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My Questions

- 1. Has it gotten hotter or colder as time has progressed?
- 2. Is New York (the city I live closest to) hotter or colder on average than the rest of the world is?
- 3. Has there ever been a point in history where New York has been hotter than San Francisco has?
- 4. Do the 10-Year Moving Averages of New York and San Francisco follow the same general pattern?

My Process

In order to prepare my data for analysis, I first extracted the data I
want to use for my analysis. I used the following SQL statements to
do so:

SELECT global_data.year AS Year, global_data.avg_temp AS Global, nyc.avg_temp AS New_York, sf.avg_temp AS San_Francisco

FROM global_data JOIN city_data nyc ON global_data.year = nyc.year JOIN city_data sf ON nyc.year = sf.year

WHERE nyc.city = 'New York' AND sf.city = 'San Francisco'

2. After extracting my desired data from SQL, I downloaded the results as CSV files and used Google Sheets to perform my analyses.

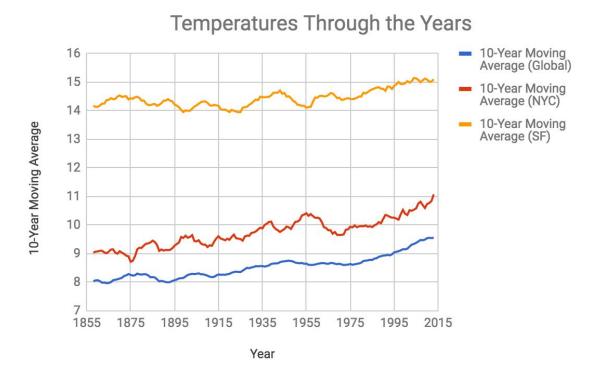
3. I then calculated a 10-year moving average (the average after 10 years) for each of the regions. In order to demonstrate how I calculated the moving average, let's say I have the following data in my spreadsheet:

year	global	10-Year Moving Average (Global)
1849	7.98	
1850	7.9	
1851	8.18	
1852	8.1	
1853	8.04	
1854	8.21	
1855	8.11	
1856	8	
1857	7.76	
1858	8.1	8.038

The formula I would use to calculate the "Global" 10-Year Moving Average in Column C would be:

=AVERAGE(B2:B11)

4. Finally, I plotted my results into a line graph on Google Sheets, as shown below:



My Insights

- 1. It has gotten hotter in all 3 regions (New York, San Francisco, Global) as time has progressed.
- 2. According to our data, New York has been hotter than the Global Average for a number of years.
- 3. There has never been a time where New York has been hotter than San Francisco, since the latter has always been significantly hotter than both New York and the Global Average.
- 4. Despite the significant differences in their temperatures, the fluctuations in New York and San Francisco's 10-Year Moving Averages follow a similar pattern.