BMI6016 - Data Wrangling

Spatial and Temporal Analysis of Influenza Virus Occurrence

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Background and Motivation

Influenza viruses are constantly evolving by undergoing genetic changes over time through genetic drift or recombination events. The WHO Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS) conducts year-round surveillance of circulating influenza strains to monitor changes in the genome of these viruses. The information collected by the GISRS from studying influenza genome trajectory plays an important role in public health by helping to determine whether current vaccines and antiviral drugs are effective against circulating influenza strains or if there is a need to develop new treatments [1].

Influenza viruses have been responsible for some of the deadliest pandemic events in human history and the nature of its genome plasticity and abundance of natural hosts make it a perpetual threat [2]. Genomic sequencing has led to profound insights into the global pattern identification of circulating and evolving Influenza virus. These data are available online and can be used to visualize global sequence trajectories which can help us understand the spread of the Influenza virus and the changes in its genome over time and geographic location [3,4]. Given the global impact that viruses have had in recent years, government agencies and corporations worldwide have invested enormous resources to study the origins of pandemics and mitigate their effects on society. Therefore, learning how to work with viral genomic data is an important skill for a modern data scientist interested in this type of research.

Project Description

Objective

The primary goal is to prepare data that show incidence of human-associated influenza A strain subtypes with a temporal component and provide the geographic location of

countries across the globe where those subtype isolates were documented. The data will contain information regarding all H and N subtypes, as some of the most severe antigenic responses in humans are due to subtypes for which the natural reservoirs are other animals. The dataset would allow for connections between avian, swine, and human influenza subtypes. Additionally, the data would include a linkage to the isolate assignments for the relevant subtypes and the origin of the sequence data. These goals will be accomplished using publicly available influenza data from GISAID and NCBI [3,4,5].

These data could subsequently be used for a wide variety of research purposes dealing with analysis of the influenza genome. Potential useful information that could be gleaned includes mutational frequency, genomic location, and type (SNPs, duplications, recombination). These parameters could also be evaluated in a temporal and geographic context. Throughout the course of this project, we hope to become familiar with the fundamentals of data practices in this field and how to prepare these data to facilitate downstream analysis.

Dataset Information

Influenza A genomes and associated information will be obtained from GISAID or NCBI Influenza Database [3,4,5]. GISAID has a total of 348,530 Influenza A viruses and 1,627,175 sequences due to the segmented genome. The GISAID database organization runs analyses on the dataset that can be found here: https://gisaid.org/database-features/influenza-genomic-epidemiology/. By creating an account and logging in, the sequence and associated data can be directly downloaded. The download limit is 20,000 viruses and will therefore need to be executed in batches.

An alternate data source is the NCBI Influenza virus database which has a similar dataset: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/FLU/Database/nph-select.cgi?go=database

Supplementary data may be added to the dataset as needed to enrich the information and/or provide more confidence in the data quality. An example dataset could be WHO data such as found here:

https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2023/02/20/default-calendar/who-consultation-on-the-composition-of-influenza-virus-vaccines-for-use-in-the-2023-2024-northern-hemisphere-influenza-season. These data estimate global infection rates, among other information.

Project Implementation

The scope of this project is to prepare a dataset for an analysis for tracking the trajectory of influenza sequence variations. To accomplish this, we want to understand the data structure and composition, assess the data quality as it relates to the intended use, and perform some exploratory analysis and visualizations to gain an understanding of the major trends and relationships.

Imports

!pip install cmasher

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#!pip install cmasher
# Data manipulation
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import math
# Visualizations
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.widgets import Slider
from matplotlib.colors import LinearSegmentedColormap
import cmasher as cmr
from ipywidgets import interact
import ipywidgets as widgets
import folium
from IPython.display import display
from geopy.geocoders import Nominatim, Bing
# To hide the future warnings for conciseness
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
# Import data
raw data = pd.read csv("gisaid epiflu isolates human.csv")
Data Cleaning
This section outlines how the raw data was processed for the final cleaned dataset.
# Data types and null value counts
raw data.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 318710 entries, 0 to 318709
Data columns (total 64 columns):
#
     Column
                                    Non-Null Count
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                                    318710 non-null int64
 0
     Unnamed: 0
 1
     Isolate Id
                                    318710 non-null object
 2
     PB2 Segment Id
                                    138932 non-null object
 3
     PB1 Segment Id
                                    134817 non-null
                                                     object
 4
     PA Segment Id
                                    142392 non-null
                                                     object
 5
     HA Segment_Id
                                    300246 non-null
                                                     object
 6
     NP Segment Id
                                    144082 non-null
                                                     object
 7
     NA Segment Id
                                    235125 non-null
                                                     object
 8
     MP Segment Id
                                    173520 non-null
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 9
     NS Segment Id
                                    149720 non-null
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 10
    HE Segment Id
                                    538 non-null
                                                     object
 11
     P3 Segment Id
                                    315 non-null
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object

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42 Host_Age_Unit 263500 non-null o	object
43 Host_Gender 192978 non-null o	bject
44 Patient_Status 30285 non-null o	bject
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46 Outbreak 4231 non-null o	bject
47 Pathogen_Test_Info 28 non-null o	bject
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63 P3 INSDC_Upload 188 non-null object

dtypes: float $\overline{64}(6)$, int64(1), object(57)

memory usage: 155.6+ MB

Unknown

The size of the data is about 300,000 virus isolates and 64 columns. Most attributes are categorical and several have missing values.

The drug resistance data does not have any missing values, however, a quick glance through the data shows 'Unknown' values for many isolates. The counts for these are shown below. These unknown values are plotted below, conconverted to null values, and teh

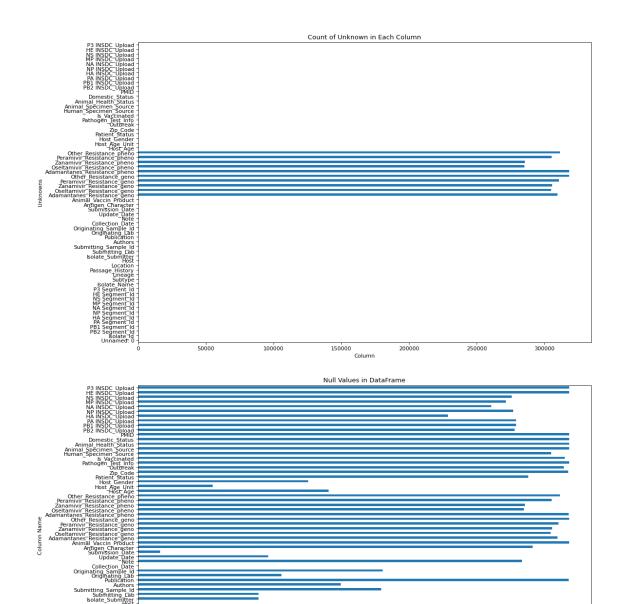
Get counts for all value types for drug resistance data
raw_data.iloc[:, 31:41].apply(pd.value_counts)

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,	Adamantanes_Resistance_geno	Oseltamivir_Resistance_geno
\ Inconclusive	NaN	8
Resistant	8814.0	562
Sensitive	125.0	13236
Unknown	309771.0	304904
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Inconclusive	1	6 14
Resistant	51	7 29
Sensitive	3292	9 32979
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Peramivir Resistance pheno Other Resistance pheno
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Resistant
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Sensitive
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Unknown
# Create a dictionary to hold the counts of 'Unknowns' for each column
counts = \{\}
for column name in raw data.columns:
    column = raw_data[column_name]
    count = (column == 'Unknown').sum()
    counts[column name] = count
# Convert the dictionary to a pandas Series and plot a bar graph
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 10), dpi=80)
counts series = pd.Series(counts)
counts series.plot(kind='barh')
plt.xlabel('Column')
plt.ylabel('Unknowns')
plt.title('Count of Unknown in Each Column')
plt.show()
# Much of the drug resistance data is unknown. Convert to NaN values.
mod1 = raw data.copy()
mod1.replace('Unknown', np.nan, inplace = True)
# Get null value totals
null = mod1.isnull().sum()
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 10), dpi=80)
null.plot(kind='barh')
plt.title('Null Value Counts After Unknowns Converted to Null Values')
plt.xlabel('Null Value Count')
plt.ylabel('Column Name')
plt.show()
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Get counts for all value types for drug resistance data
raw_data.iloc[:, 31:41].apply(pd.value_counts)

\	Adamantanes_Resistance_geno	Oseltamivir_Resistance_geno
Inconclusive	NaN	8
Resistant	8814.0	562
Sensitive	125.0	13236

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Zanamivir Resistance geno
                                          Peramivir Resistance geno
Inconclusive
                                      11
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Resistant
                                      35
                                                               411.0
                                                              7622.0
Sensitive
                                   12879
Unknown
                                  305785
                                                            310677.0
              Other Resistance geno
                                      Adamantanes Resistance pheno
Inconclusive
                                 NaN
Resistant
                                 8.0
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Sensitive
                               260.0
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Unknown
                            318442.0
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Inconclusive
                                         16
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Resistant
                                        517
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Sensitive
                                      32929
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Unknown
                                     285248
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              Peramivir Resistance pheno Other Resistance pheno
Inconclusive
                                      NaN
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The final dataset will use a subset of these attributes. However, to preserve some of the information for potential use in analysis, we split the data into different types of information. These could be written to csv files if needed at any step of an analysis.

303.0

12951.0

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7161.0

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Resistant

Sensitive

Unknown

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'Animal_Vaccin_Product', 'Adamantanes_Resistance_geno',
                  'Oseltamivir Resistance geno',
'Zanamivir_Resistance_geno', 'Peramivir_Resistance_geno',
                  'Other Resistance geno',
'Adamantanes_Resistance_pheno', 'Oseltamivir_Resistance_pheno',
                  'Zanamivir Resistance pheno',
'Peramivir Resistance pheno', 'Other Resistance pheno']
phenotype info = raw data[phenotype info columns]
# Patient info. Information regarding the human host demographics and
epidemiology
patient info columns = ['Isolate Id', 'Host Age', 'Host Age Unit',
'Pathogen Test Info', 'Animal Specimen Source',
               'Animal_Health_Status', 'Domestic Status']
patient info = raw data[patient info columns]
# Genbank info. Links to genbank accession numbers if available for
each segment per isolate ID
genbank_columns = ['Isolate_Id', 'PMID', 'PB2 INSDC_Upload', 'PB1
INSDC Upload',
                  'PA INSDC Upload', 'HA INSDC Upload', 'NP
INSDC Upload',
                  'NA INSDC Upload', 'MP INSDC Upload', 'NS
INSDC Upload',
                  'HE INSDC Upload', 'P3 INSDC Upload']
# GISAID genomic info. Links the isolate id to the segment ids which
would
segments = ['Isolate Id', 'PB2 Segment Id', 'PB1 Segment Id', 'PA
Segment_Id',
            'HA Segment Id', 'NP Segment Id', 'NA Segment_Id', 'MP
Segment_Id',
            'NS Segment Id']
segment ids = raw data[segments]
# HE and P3 segments are specific to influenza C which we are not
including. These are removed entirely.
# 'HE Segment Id', 'P3 Segment Id'
cols = ['Isolate_Id', 'Isolate_Name', 'Subtype', 'Location',
'Collection Date', 'Lineage']
mod2 = mod1[cols]
mod2.head()
         Isolate Id
                                    Isolate Name
                                                 Subtype \
0 EPI ISL 16810976 A/Petrozavodsk/CRIE/489/2023 A / H1N1
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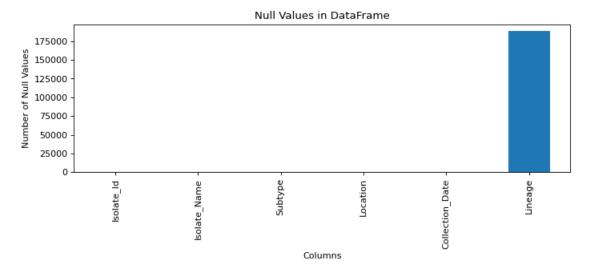
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1 EPI_ISL_16647787 A/South Africa/R06539/2022 B
2 EPI_ISL_16647783 A/South Africa/R05932/2022 A / H1N1
3 EPI_ISL_16647781 A/South Africa/R05856/2022 A / H1N1
4 EPI_ISL_16647739 A/South Africa/R07669/2022 A / H1N1
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Location Collection Date

Lineage		
<pre>0 Europe /</pre>	Russian Federation / Republic of Karelia	2022-01-03
pdm09		
1	Africa / South Africa / Mpumalanga	2022-05-17
Victoria		
2 Africa /	South Africa / Province of the Wester	2022-05-20
pdm09		
3	Africa / South Africa / Gauteng	2022-05-20
pdm09	-	
4	Africa / South Africa / Gauteng	2022-06-22
pdm09	•	

After column selection, view the missing values for the remaining columns

```
null = mod2.isnull().sum()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 3), dpi=80)
null.plot(kind='bar')
plt.title('Null Values in DataFrame')
plt.xlabel('Columns')
plt.ylabel('Number of Null Values')
plt.show()
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The only missing values are the lineage assignments. For influenza A, the subtypes are the main classification we are interested in. The lineage assignment further classifies the subtypes when applicable. For influenza B, the lineage differentiates the two clades of influenza B viruses, however, some are unclassifed.

The remaining data cleaning will filter the data to fit the intended purpose and parse the columns to facilitate easier data manipulation.

```
# Filter the data frame to remove C subtypes. Influenza C infections
in humans are uncommon and less severe. Influenza C also has different
genome segmentation.
mod3 = mod2.loc[mod2['Subtype'] != 'C']
# Adding two new columns to the existing dataframe based on the
subtype value by splitting the string
mod3['Species'] = mod3.Subtype.str.split('/', expand=True)[0]
# unique values after split
print('after split, before strip: ', mod3['Species'].unique())
mod3['Species'] = mod3['Species'].str.strip()
# Adding two new columns to the existing dataframe.
# bydefault splitting is done on the basis of single space.
try:
    mod3['Type'] = mod3.Subtype.str.split('/', expand=True)[1]
    print('after split, before strip: ', mod3['Type'].unique())
    mod3['Type'] = mod3['Type'].str.strip()
except:
    mod3['Type'] = None
# To verify that the unique values do not have extra spaces in them
print('after strip: ', mod3['Species'].unique())
print('after strip: ', mod3['Type'].unique())
# Split to location columns
mod3['Continent'] = mod3.Location.str.split('/', expand=True)[0]
mod3['Continent'] = mod3['Continent'].str.strip()
# Adding two new columns to the existing dataframe.
# bydefault splitting is done on the basis of single space.
try:
    mod3['Country'] = mod3.Location.str.split('/', expand=True)[1]
    mod3['Country'] = mod3['Country'].str.strip()
except:
    mod3['Country'] = None
try:
    mod3['Region'] = mod3.Location.str.split('/', expand=True)[2]
    mod3['Region'] = mod3['Region'].str.strip()
except:
    mod3['Region'] = None
# To verify that there isn't extra whitespace and that the split
worked correctly
print(mod3['Continent'].unique())
print(mod3['Country'].unique()[0:10])
print(mod3['Region'].unique()[0:10])
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# Split the date into year, month, and day columns. The day column can
be dropped
mod3['Collection Year'] = mod3.Collection Date.str.split('-',
expand=True)[0].astype('Int64')
# Adding two new columns to the existing dataframe.
# bydefault splitting is done on the basis of single space.
try:
    mod3['Collection Month'] = mod3.Collection Date.str.split('-',
expand=True)[1].astype('Int64')
except:
    mod3['Collection Month'] = np.nan
print(mod3['Collection Year'].unique(), type(mod3['Collection Year']
[0]))
print(mod3['Collection Month'].unique(), type(mod3['Collection Month']
[0]))
# identify unique lineage names and counts
lineage counts = mod3['Lineage'].value counts(dropna = False)
print('Lineage value counts: \n', lineage counts)
# add binary column for each lineage
# prepopulated the whole column with zeros
mod3['pdm09'] = False
mod3['Victoria'] = False
mod3['Yamagata'] = False
mod3['seasonal'] = False
# loop through and replace with 1 or None based on lineage value
for i, virus in enumerate(mod3['Lineage']):
    if virus == 'pdm09':
        mod3.at[i, 'pdm09'] = True
    elif virus == 'Victoria':
        mod3.at[i, 'Victoria'] = True
    elif virus == 'Yamagata':
        mod3.at[i, 'Yamagata'] = True
    elif virus == 'seasonal':
    mod3.at[i, 'seasonal'] = True
    elif virus is np.NaN:
        mod3.at[i, 'pdm09'] = -1
        mod3.at[i, 'Victoria'] = -1
        mod3.at[i, 'Yamagata'] = -1
        mod3.at[i, 'seasonal'] = -1
print('\npdm09 value counts: \n', mod3['pdm09'].value counts(),
type(mod3['pdm09'][0]))
# drop parsed columns. Leaving original lineage column in, it might be
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easier to label things that way.
cleaned = mod3.drop(['Collection Date', 'Subtype', 'Location'], axis =
1)
cleaned.head()
cols = cleaned.columns
# reorder the columns
cleaned = cleaned[['Isolate_Id', 'Lineage', 'Species', 'Type',
       'Continent', 'Country', 'Region', 'Collection Year',
'Collection Month'
       'pdm09', 'Victoria', 'Yamagata', 'seasonal', 'Isolate Name']]
cleaned.info()
cleaned.head()
after split, before strip: ['A ' 'B' 'A']
after split, before strip: ['H1N1' None 'H3N2' 'H3' 'N2' 'H3N8'
' H1' ' H5N1' ' H1N2' ' H2N2'
 ' H9N2' ' N1' ' H7N7' ' H7N1' ' H7N3' ' H7N2' ' H11' ' H4' ' H13N6'
 ' H7N9' ' H3N3' ' H5N6' ' H10N7' ' H3N1' ' H10N8' ' H6N1' ' H7N4' '
 ' H5N8' ' H10N3']
after strip: ['A' 'B']
after strip: ['H1N1' None 'H3N2' 'H3' 'N2' 'H3N8' 'H1' 'H5N1' 'H1N2'
'H2N2' 'H9N2' 'N1'
 'H7N7' 'H7N1' 'H7N3' 'H7N2' 'H11' 'H4' 'H13N6' 'H7N9' 'H3N3' 'H5N6'
 'H10N7' 'H3N1' 'H10N8' 'H6N1' 'H7N4' 'N4' 'H5N8' 'H10N3'l
['Europe' 'Africa' 'Asia' 'South America' 'Oceania' 'North America'
 'Antarctica' 'Australia' '']
['Russian Federation' 'South Africa' 'China' 'France' 'Niger'
 "Lao, People's Democratic Republic" 'Brazil' 'Finland' 'Norway'
 'Switzerland'
['Republic of Karelia' 'Mpumalanga' 'Province of the Western Cape'
 'Gauteng' 'Limpopo Province' 'Province of Eastern Cape' 'Jiangsu'
 'Region Ile-de-France' None 'Estado da Bahia']
<IntegerArray>
[2022, 2005, 2002, 2003, 2004, 1968, 1932, 1943, 1972, 1977, 1934,
1954, 1950,
 1957, 1946, 1942, 1994, 1993, 1992, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1990, 1989,
1986, 1999,
 2001, 1982, 1976, 1973, 1964, 1960, 2000, 1998, 1971, 1997, 1987,
1956, 1952,
 1951, 1984, 1981, 1978, 1975, 1988, 1983, 1979, 1918, 1985, 1980,
1959, 1958,
 1970, 1969, 1963, 1961, 1967, 1966, 1965, 1962, 1919, 1933, 1940,
1955, 1947,
 1949, 1935, 1948, 1939, 1936, 1945, 1974, 1905, 1953, 1937, 2006,
2007, 2008,
 2017, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019,
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 20231
Length: 92, dtype: Int64 <class 'numpy.int64'>
<IntegerArrav>
[1, 5, 6, 3, 4, 2, <NA>, 10, 7, 11, 12, 8, 9]
Length: 13, dtype: Int64 <class 'numpy.int64'>
Lineage value counts:
             187504
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pdm09
             71023
             30768
Victoria
             22191
Yamaqata
seasonal
              6626
Name: Lineage, dtype: int64
pdm09 value counts:
 - 1
          187504
True
          71023
False
          60044
Name: pdm09, dtype: int64 <class 'bool'>
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 318710 entries, 0 to 275620
Data columns (total 14 columns):
 #
     Column
                       Non-Null Count
                                         Dtype
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 0
                        318112 non-null
     Isolate Id
                                         object
 1
     Lineage
                        130608 non-null
                                         object
 2
     Species
                       318112 non-null
                                         object
 3
     Type
                       251659 non-null
                                         object
 4
     Continent
                       318108 non-null
                                         object
 5
     Country
                       318052 non-null
                                         object
 6
                       169253 non-null
     Region
                                         object
 7
     Collection Year
                       318112 non-null
                                         Int64
 8
     Collection_Month
                       305250 non-null
                                         Int64
 9
     pdm09
                        318571 non-null
                                         object
 10
    Victoria
                       318547 non-null
                                         object
 11
     Yamagata
                        318574 non-null
                                         object
 12
     seasonal
                       318518 non-null
                                         object
 13
     Isolate Name
                       318112 non-null
                                         object
dtypes: Int64(2), object(12)
memory usage: 45.1+ MB
         Isolate Id
                      Lineage Species Type Continent
Country
   EPI ISL 16810976
                        pdm09
                                     Α
                                       H1N1
                                                Europe
                                                        Russian
Federation
1 EPI ISL 16647787
                     Victoria
                                                Africa
                                                               South
                                     В
                                        None
Africa
2 EPI ISL 16647783
                        pdm09
                                     Α
                                        H1N1
                                                Africa
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3 EPI ISL 16647781
                                     A H1N1
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The parsing step created some extra white space which was removed in the final dataset. Unique values for some of the columns are printed above to confirm that the data is plausible. Extra columns were dropped and the remaining columns were reordered.

The final dataset is written to a csv file for to be imported and used for the explotatory analysis and visualizations. The data information is printed to view the datatypes and column features of the cleaned data.

Lineage	object	130608	4	pdm09
71023				
Species	object	318112	2	Α
252004				
Туре	object	251659	29	H3N2
146149				
Continent	object	318108	9	North America
95179				
Country	object	318052	200	United States
75010				
Region	object	169253	2941	Texas
5079	-			
Collection Year	Int64	318112	92	2022
40513				
Collection Month	Int64	305250	12	1
54396				
pdm09	object	318571	3	-1
187504	•			
Victoria	object	318547	3	-1
187504	,			
Yamagata	object	318574	3	-1
187504	,			
seasonal	object	318518	3	-1
187504	,			
Isolate Name	object	318112	283864	A/Wisconsin/67/2005
52	, ,			, 111 111, 11, 110
=				

A supplementary csv file is written that links the isolate to the genomic data. Due to the segmented genome, each isolate may be associated with a fasta file for each genomic segment. This may assist in any downstream genomic analysis that this data is used for.

```
# For each isolate id, a segment id is provided if there is genomic
data present. This would link to the fasta file header.
segment_ids.to_csv('segment_ids.csv', index = False)
segment_ids.head()
```

```
segment ids.head()
         Isolate Id
                                             PB2 Segment Id
   EPI ISL 16810976
                                                        NaN
  EPI_ISL_16647787
                                                        NaN
1
2
  EPI ISL 16647783
                     EPI2312576|A/South Africa/R05932/2022
  EPI ISL 16647781
                     EPI2312562|A/South Africa/R05856/2022
                     EPI2312550 | A/South Africa/R07669/2022
  EPI ISL 16647739
                          PB1 Segment Id
0
                                     NaN
   EPI2312582|A/South Africa/R06539/2022
  EPI2312575|A/South Africa/R05932/2022
```

EPI2312561|A/South Africa/R05856/2022 EPI2312549|A/South Africa/R07669/2022

3

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PA Segment Id
0
                                      NaN
1
   EPI2312581|A/South Africa/R06539/2022
  EPI2312574|A/South Africa/R05932/2022
   EPI2312560|A/South Africa/R05856/2022
   EPI2312551|A/South Africa/R07669/2022
                            HA Segment Id
            EPI2352050|489-H1N1-HANA HA1
   EPI2312579|A/South Africa/R06539/2022
1
   EPI2312567|A/South Africa/R05932/2022
   EPI2312555|A/South Africa/R05856/2022
   EPI2312547|A/South Africa/R07669/2022
                            NP Segment Id
0
                                      NaN
1
                                      NaN
   EPI2312577|A/South Africa/R05932/2022
   EPI2312558|A/South Africa/R05856/2022
  EPI2312554|A/South Africa/R07669/2022
                            NA Segment Id
            EPI2352043|489-H1N1-HANA \overline{N}A1
0
   EPI2312580|A/South Africa/R06539/2022
1
   EPI2312570|A/South Africa/R05932/2022
   EPI2312557|A/South Africa/R05856/2022
   EPI2312548|A/South Africa/R07669/2022
                            MP Segment Id
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   EPI2312584|A/South Africa/R06539/2022
   EPI2312578|A/South Africa/R05932/2022
   EPI2312556|A/South Africa/R05856/2022
   EPI2312552|A/South Africa/R07669/2022
                            NS Segment Id
                                      NaN
1
   EPI2312583|A/South Africa/R06539/2022
2
                                      NaN
3
   EPI2312559|A/South Africa/R05856/2022
   EPI2312553|A/South Africa/R07669/2022
```

Data Quality Assessment

The quality of the data used in this project were assessed using the framework laid out in the paper titled 'Methods and dimensions of electronic health record data quality assessment: enabling reuse for clinical research', by Weiskopf, and Weng. This paper discusses 5 important components for determining the quality of a dataset. These

components are: Completeness, Correctness, Concordance, Plausibility, and Currency. Completeness is a measure of whether or not the data is fully available, or how much data is missing. Correctness is a measure of whether or not the data contained in a dataset are true or not. Concordance in a dataset measures agreement between all the data domains contained in a dataset. Plausibility is a measure of whether or not the data fall within a reasonable expected range in a given data domain, and Concordance is a measure of whether the data captures the truth about an element at a particular moment in time.

Data Quality Before Wrangling

Based on this framework for assessing data quality, the initial dataset was of fair quality. The most glaring issue with the original dataset was with the large number of missing values. As demonstrated previously, there were quite a few columns that were missing data for most or all of the samples, such as the columns containing information about drug resistance. Becuase of this, the original dataset had a very low score for completeness. The next component in the data quality assessment, Correctness, suffers from the lack of completeness in the data. Some of the information recorded in this dataset, such as the segment data, is useful for verifying other values, such as the lineage or subtype of the viral samples. Because these values have such as high degree of missingness, in many cases verification will not be possible. Because of this, the Correctness score for this dataset is slightly lowered. The next component, Concordance, measures whether all the data elements in a dataset match up. This component also suffers from the large number of missing values because it is difficult to determine if different data elements agree if they are missing. An example is again that it is difficult to determine if the recorded lineage for a sample matches up with the genetic information if that information is missing. The dataset does score well for the last two components, Plausibility and Currency. The data contained in this dataset do appear to be plausible. All of the values recorded for influenza strain and subtype are known values. The range of dates for sample collection also appear to make sense, ranging from the year 1905 to 2022. As far as can be determined the dataset scores well for Currency, as there is a submission data recorded for almost every entry. The only issues with Currency in this dataset is that there is a value for submission date aswell as Update date. It is difficult to know whether or not the values contained in other columns contain information from the original submission date or the update date. For this reason the Currency score suffers slightly.

Data Quality After Wrangling

After this dataset was processed, the data was now of Good quality. The component with the largest difference between the initial dataset and the wrangled dataset was in Completeness. As previously discussed, the original dataset was missing a very large number of values. In the wrangled dataset, all but one of the data elements contained no missing values. The only element containing any missing values is the Lineage column. The Correctness of the wrangled data still suffers from the same issue as the original dataset, and that is that some of the values that are no longer recorded in the dataset could be useful for verifying information contained in some elements, such as the sample subtype. The Concordance of the wrangled dataset is high. There are no values in this dataset that contradict one another. Similar to the original dataset, the wrangled dataset has a high

score for Plausibility. The range of year values is the same in this final dataset, and the values for species and type of influenza are again all known values. Similar to the original dataset the wrangled dataset scores well for Currency. This final dataset does not contain two separate columns for submission date and an update date, leading to less confusion.

One final element that is important to note with regards to data quality that is not contained in the framework laid out in the paper used here is that of usability for the intended analysis. This is another area in which the processed dataset is an improvement over the original. The proposed analysis which this data was prepared for is to track the appearance of various strains of influenza virus over time and geographic location. The original dataset contained the date in one column and the entirety of the geographic information in another. In the final dataset, these values are now separated out into multiple columns each. The date information is in two columns, one for month and one for year, while the geographic data is stored in columns for continent, country and region. These changes will make the dataset more suitable for the proposed analysis because they allow for different levels of granularity. In carrying out the analysis fewer steps will be required to determine in which month different samples appeared than it would be when using the original dataset. Similarly, it would be easier to track the appearance of different strains across different levels of geography, such as country vs region, with the wrangled dataset than with the original. Because of these changes the wrangled dataset is more suitable for the proposed analysis than the original.

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Exploratory data analysis was done to investigate the dataset and perform some preliminary analyses, and act as another way to validate the data quality of the dataset. Primarily, EDA (along with the other Visualizations done later) was done to act as a proof of concept to determine if this dataset is indeed usable for it's intended purpose.

```
#read in the file and add 'datetime' col to dataset
df = pd.read csv('cleaned data 20230401.csv')
df['Date'] = pd.to_datetime({'year': df['Collection_Year'], 'month':
df['Collection Month'], 'day': 1})
df.head()
   Unnamed: 0
                     Isolate Id
                                                 Isolate Name
Lineage \
            0
              EPI ISL 16810976 A/Petrozavodsk/CRIE/489/2023
pdm09
               EPI ISL 16647787
                                   A/South Africa/R06539/2022
            1
Victoria
            2
               EPI_ISL_16647783
                                   A/South Africa/R05932/2022
pdm09
            3
               EPI ISL 16647781
                                   A/South Africa/R05856/2022
3
pdm09
               EPI ISL 16647739
                                   A/South Africa/R07669/2022
pdm09
  Species Type Continent
                                      Country
```

Region 0	\ A	H1N1	Europe	Russia	an Fe	deratio	n	Republ	ic of
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Mpumalar 2		H1N1	Africa		Sout	h Africa	a Provin	nce of the	Western
Cape 3	Α	H1N1	Africa		Sout	h Africa	a		
Gauteng 4 Gauteng	Α	H1N1	Africa		Sout	h Africa	a		
	ect	ion_Year	Collec	tion_M	onth	pdm09 \	Victoria	Yamagata	seasonal
0		2022.0			1.0	True	False	False	False
1		2022.0			5.0	False	True	False	False
2		2022.0			5.0	True	False	False	False
3		2022.0			5.0	True	False	False	False
4		2022.0			6.0	True	False	False	False
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4 2022-06-01 Static Distributions and plots

0 2022-01-01 1 2022-05-01 2 2022-05-01 3 2022-05-01

First shown are some bar graphs that show the distributions of lineages across continents and species using the whole dataset.

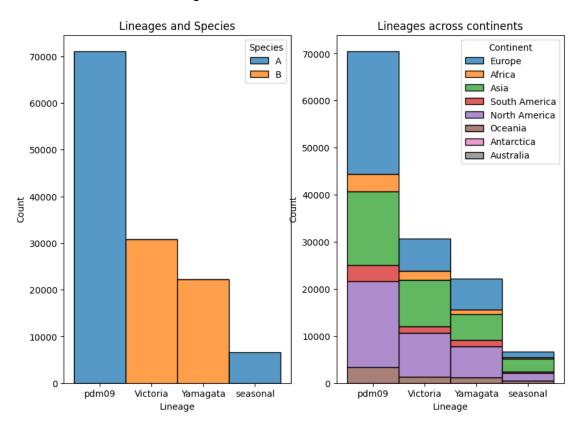
We also graphed the number of isolates, faceted by lineage, across time for the United States and the whole world. This graph is important in showing that we can look at, and perform analyses on, the dataset from a time-series viewpoint, and more specifically, a broad viewpoint across time. We can also differentiate, or group-by, different countries and compare countries this way. Since region and continent are other features included in the dataset, we could differentiate by these factors as well.

```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10, 7), sharey=False)
sns.histplot(data=df[['Lineage', 'Species']].dropna(), x='Lineage',
hue='Species', multiple='stack', ax=axes[0]).set(title='Lineages and
```

Species')

```
sns.histplot(data=df[['Lineage', 'Continent']].dropna(), x='Lineage',
hue='Continent', multiple='stack', ax=axes[1]).set(title='Lineages
across continents')
```

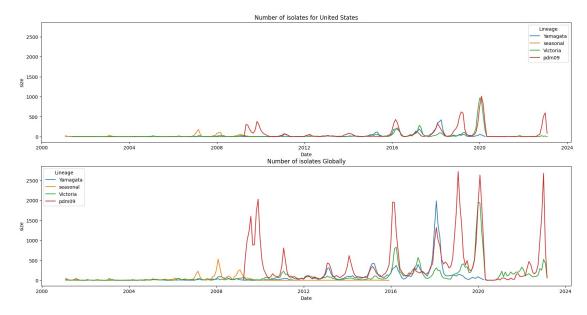
[Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Lineages across continents')]



fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 1, figsize=(20, 10), sharey=True)

```
hue_order=['Yamagata', 'seasonal', 'Victoria', 'pdm09'],
ax=axes[1]).set(title='Number of isolates Globally')
```

[Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Number of isolates Globally')]



Interactive plots

The static plots are useful in getting a broad scope, idea or perspective on the dataset. However, in order to look at a specific year, or year ranges, it would be difficult and tedious to make graphs for each year and analyze them individually. Instead, we were able to make an interactive plot, with a slider where we can easily pick which year we would like to look at. This makes it much easier to look at individual years and look at different aspects, such as total distributions of lineage and species, or a line graph showing the number of isolates across the year. Here, the interactive graph has four plots: a line graph showing the number of isolates for each lineage across the whole year, a violin plot which shows the distributions of isolate counts for each continent, and barcharts showing the total distributions of subtypes and lineages across the whole year for individual continents.

This plot currently only allows a single year to be selected, but could easily be expanded to be able to select a range of years and months, allowing more flexibility and ease of analysis of the dataset.

```
#initialize year
year = 2020

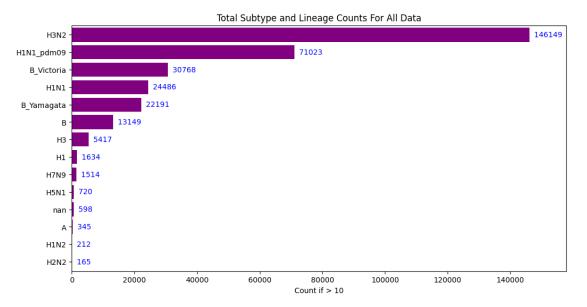
#function to update interactive plot
def update_plot(year):
    curr_df = df[df['Collection_Year'] == year]
    fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(20, 10), sharey=False)

#subplot 1
sns.lineplot(data=curr df.groupby([pd.Grouper(key='Date',
```

```
freq='M'), 'Lineage'], as index=False)[['Lineage', 'Date',
'Isolate Id']].size(),
                 x='Date',
                 y='size',
                 hue='Lineage',
                 hue_order=['Victoria', 'Yamagata', 'pdm09',
'seasonal'l.
                ax=axes[0][0]
    #subplot 2
    vp = sns.violinplot(data=curr df,
                   x= 'Collection \overline{M}onth',
                   y='Continent',
                   scale='count',
                   cut=0,
                   order=['North America', 'Asia', 'Africa', 'Europe',
'South America', 'Oceania'],
                    ax=axes[0][1]
                  )
    vp.set xticks(range(1,13))
    #subplot 3
    sns.histplot(data=curr df[['Type', 'Continent']].dropna(),
                 x='Type',
                 hue='Continent',
                 multiple='stack',
                 #palette=palette,
                 cumulative=True,
                 hue order=['North America', 'Asia', 'Africa',
'Europe', 'South America', 'Oceania'],
                 ax=axes[1][0]
                )#.set(title=f'Types across continents, year: {year}')
    #subplot 4
    sns.histplot(data=curr df[['Lineage', 'Continent']].dropna(),
                 x='Lineage',
                 hue='Continent',
                 multiple='stack',
                 #palette=palette,
                 cumulative=True,
                 hue order=['North America', 'Asia', 'Africa',
'Europe', 'South America', 'Oceania'],
                 ax=axes[1][1],
                 legend=False
                )#.set(title=f'Lineages across continents, year:
{vear}')
#add slider
slider = widgets.IntSlider(min=2000, max=2023, description='Year')
```

```
ui = widgets.HBox([slider])
out = widgets.interactive output(update plot, {'year': slider})
#display interactive plot
display(ui, out)
{"model id": "dba3629628394bd0aa7fa1825cf9ec05", "version major": 2, "vers
ion minor":0}
{"model id": "2839f534e56e4df9a35a8976a847b8b6", "version major": 2, "vers
ion minor":0}
   20
   15
  size
                                      South America
                                        Oceania
       2000-03
            2000-05
                  2000-07
Date
                       2000-09
                             2000-11
                                  2001-01
     Continent
North America
Asia
Africa
Europe
South America
Oceania
                                         350
   800
                                         300
                                         250
   600
                                        200
Count
  Count
   400
                                         150
                                         100
   200
          H3N2
# Import data
data = pd.read csv("cleaned data 20230401.csv").iloc[:, 1:]
# convert dates to Int64 so that they will appear as integers and
handle the missing values
# the default converts them to floats because of the missing values
data['Collection Year'] = data['Collection Year'].astype('Int64')
data['Collection Month'] = data['Collection Month'].astype('Int64')
# Merge the species, subtype, and lineage info to a single column,
remove extra info as needed
data['subtype'] = data['Species'].map(str) + '_' +
data['Type'].map(str) + ' ' + data['Lineage'].map(str)
data['subtype'] = data['subtype'].replace([' nan', ' seasonal',
'A '],'', regex = True)
Formatting the dates and subtype columns to visualize.
# Geographical plot for total counts per country
# region and country counts
```

```
counts = data.groupby(['Species', 'subtype'], dropna = False, as index
= False).size()
counts = counts.sort values('size', ascending =
True).set index('subtype')
low count = counts.loc[counts['size'] <= 100]</pre>
print('The following lineages are represented 10 or fewer times in the
dataset:\n\n', list(low count.index))
The following lineages are represented 10 or fewer times in the
dataset:
 ['H7N1', 'H4', 'H3N1', 'H6N1', 'H11', 'H5N8', 'N4', 'H13N6', 'H10N7', H3N3', 'H7N4', 'H7N3', 'H7N2', 'H10N8', 'H3N8', 'H10N3', 'N1',
'H3N3', 'H7N4',
'H5N6', 'H7N7', 'N2', 'H9N2']
# Remaining Lineages Composition in Dataset
high count = counts.loc[counts['size'] > 100]
plt.figure(figsize = (12, 6))
plt.barh(high count.index, high count['size'], height = 0.8, color =
'purple')
plt.margins(0.08, 0.01)
for index, value in enumerate(high count['size']):
    plt.text(value, index,
                ' + str(value), va = 'center', color = 'blue')
plt.title('Total Subtype and Lineage Counts For All Data')
plt.xlabel('Count if > 10')
plt.show()
```



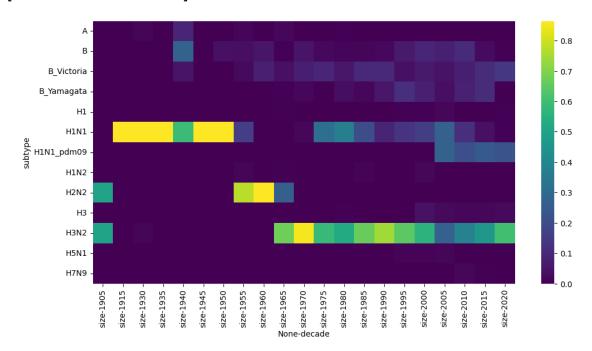
proportion of subtypes documented over decades. proportions chart
and total data counts, not separated by location.
geographical plot for total counts per country

```
# region and country counts
time = data.groupby(['subtype', 'Collection_Year'], dropna = False,
as index = False).size().set index('subtype')
keep = set(time.index) - set(low count.index)
time = time.loc[list(keep)].reset index().sort values('size',
ascending = False)
time['decade'] = time['Collection Year'] - (time['Collection Year']%5)
time = time[['subtype', 'decade', 'size']].groupby(['subtype',
'decade'], dropna = False, as index = False).sum()
time['subtype total'] = time['size']
time = time.sort values('size', ascending = False)
time.head()
        subtype
                 decade
                          size
                                subtype total
117
           H3N2
                   2015
                         67264
                                         67264
118
           H3N2
                   2020
                         40762
                                         40762
82
     H1N1 pdm09
                   2015
                         34980
                                         34980
116
           H3N2
                   2010
                         18586
                                         18586
52
                   2015
                         15685
     B Yamaqata
                                         15685
# Pivot the dataframe by the 5-year interval and get proportions for
each subtype per time interval.
time pivot = time.pivot table(index=['subtype'], columns=['decade'],
addfunc=sum, values = ['size']).fillna(0)
time pivot = time pivot.div(time pivot.sum(0), axis=1)
plt.figure(figsize = (12, 6))
sns.heatmap(time pivot, robust = True, cmap = 'viridis')
time pivot.head()
           size
decade
           1905 1915
                          1930 1935
                                          1940 1945
                                                         1950
                                                                   1955
1960
subtype
            0.0
                 0.0 0.012195
                                0.0 0.090909
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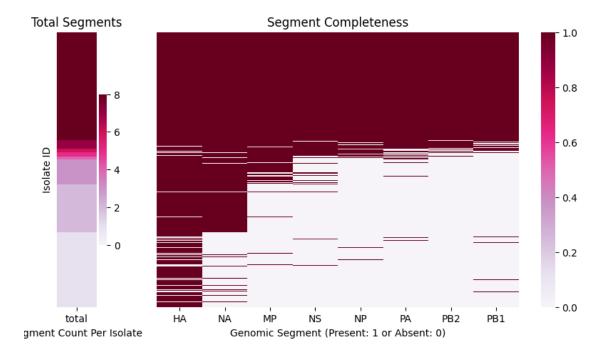
\ decade 1995 subtype	1965		:	1975	:	1980	1	1985	1990
A 0.000722	0.014851		0.000	9000	0.006	5349	0.000	0000	0.000914
B 0.057720	0.004950		0.01	7857	0.012	2698	0.013	363	0.017367
B_Victoria 0.034271	0.034653		0.089	9286	0.050	9794	0.097	7996	0.100548
B_Yamagata 0.115079 H1 0.005772	0.004950		0.000	9000	0.028	3571	0.015	590	0.053931
	0.004950		0.000	9000	0.003	3175	0.000	0000	0.000000
decade subtype	2000		2005	:	2010	2	2015	2	2020
Α	0.001433	0.00	0518	0.00	1132	0.001	L077	0.001	1271
В	0.089430	0.07		0.10		0.024	_	0.006	
B_Victoria	0.058119	0.04		0.07		0.105		0.136	
B_Yamagata H1	0.075923 0.006242	0.03		0.080		0.107 0.003		0.001	
117	0.000272	0.01	3000	0.00		0.00.		0.00.	J_J_T

[5 rows x 21 columns]



Segment completeness analysis
seg_ids = pd.read_csv('segment_ids.csv')

```
seg tf = seg ids.iloc[:, 1:].notnull().astype('int')
seg tf['total'] = seg tf.sum(axis = 1)
seg_tf.loc['total'] = seg_tf.sum(axis = 0)
seg tf = seg tf.sort values(by = 'total', ascending =
False).sort values(by = 'total', axis = 1, ascending = False)
seg tf = seg tf.iloc[1: , :]
seg tf.columns = [col.split(maxsplit = 1)[0] for col in
list(seg tf.columns)]
print(seg_tf.columns)
cmap = cmr.get_sub_cmap('PuRd', 0.1, 1.0)
fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(10, 5),
gridspec kw={'width ratios': [.1, .9]})
sns.heatmap(seg tf[['total']], ax = ax[0], yticklabels = False, cmap =
'PuRd')
sns.heatmap(seg tf.iloc[:, 1:], ax = ax[1], yticklabels = False, cmap
= 'PuRd')
ax[0].set xlabel('Segment Count Per Isolate')
ax[0].set ylabel('Isolate ID')
ax[0].set title('Total Segments')
ax[1].set xlabel('Genomic Segment (Present: 1 or Absent: 0)')
ax[1].set title('Segment Completeness')
Index(['total', 'HA', 'NA', 'MP', 'NS', 'NP', 'PA', 'PB2', 'PB1'],
dtvpe='object')
Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Segment Completeness')
```



Visualization

In the visualization part, we created two types of maps, one was a world map which had multiple cities and variant names plooted in it. The second map was a choropleth map which showed the density of patients based on country.

We used folium and geo pandas library to plot the two maps. The world map is an interactive map, so we can click on the point on the graph and check the variant name accordingly.

```
one = df[['Country', 'Collection Year', 'Type']]
one = one.dropna()
one
# Create a Bing geocoder object with your Bing Maps API key
geolocator = Bing(api key='API-KEY-HERE')
# Create a Folium Map object
world map = folium.Map(location=[0, 0], zoom start=2)
# Define a function to get coordinates for a location
def get coordinates(location):
    try:
        geo location = geolocator.geocode(location)
        latitude = geo location.latitude
        longitude = geo_location.longitude
        return [latitude, longitude]
    except Exception as e:
        print(f'Error getting coordinates for {location}: {e}')
        return None
```

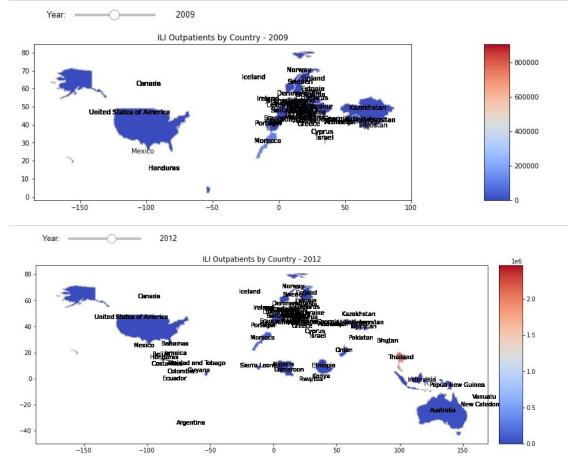
```
# Add markers for each country and region
for index, row in one.iterrows():
    coords = get coordinates(row['Country'])
    if coords:
        # Convert Type value to string and concatenate with ' - '
        type str = str(row['Type']) if pd.notna(row['Type']) else ''
        folium.Marker(location=coords, popup=row['Country'] + ' - ' +
type str).add to(world map)
# Define a function to update the map based on the selected year
def update map(year):
    filtered data = one[one['Collection Year'] == year]
    world map = folium.Map(location=[0, 0], zoom start=2)
    for index, row in filtered data.iterrows():
        coords = get coordinates(row['Country'])
        if coords:
            type str = str(row['Type']) if pd.notna(row['Type']) else
1.1
            folium.Marker(location=coords, popup=row['Country'] + ' -
+ type str).add to(world map)
    display(world map) # Display the updated map
# Get unique years for the year widget
years = one['Collection Year'].unique()
# Create a widget for selecting the year
year widget = widgets.Dropdown(options=years, description='Year:',
style={'description width': 'initial'})
# Define a callback function for the widget
def on year change(change):
    update map(change.new)
# Attach the callback function to the widget
year widget.observe(on year change, names='value')
# Display the initial map and year widget
display(world map)
display(year widget)
```



As we can see in the screenshot, whenever we click on a point on the map, we get a interactive pop-up which shows the country and city name.

```
# Specify a different file path to save the map HTML file
file path =
'C:/Users/sukru/Downloads/cleaned data 20230401/world map.html'
# Save the map as an HTML file in the specified file path
world map.save(file path)
CHOROPLETH
df = pd.read csv("VIW FID EPI.csv")
d = df[['ILI_OUTPATIENTS', 'COUNTRY_AREA_TERRITORY', 'ISO_YEAR']]
d.dropna()
import geopandas as gpd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import geopandas.tools
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1 import make_axes_locatable
from ipywidgets import interact, widgets
# Read the dataframe
df = d
# Load world shapefile
world = gpd.read file(gpd.datasets.get path('naturalearth lowres'))
# Define function to create choropleth map
def create choropleth(year):
    # Filter data based on selected year
    filtered df = df[df['ISO YEAR'] == year]
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# Merge world shapefile with filtered dataframe
    merged = world.merge(filtered df, left on='name',
right on='COUNTRY AREA TERRITORY')
    # Create a choropleth map
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(15, 15))
    divider = make axes locatable(ax)
    cax = divider.append_axes("right", size="5%", pad=0.1)
    merged.plot(column='ILI OUTPATIENTS', cmap='coolwarm',
linewidth=0.8, ax=ax, edgecolor='0.8', legend=True, cax=cax)
    # Add labels to the map
    merged.apply(lambda x: ax.annotate(text=x['name'],
xy=x.geometry.centroid.coords[0], ha='center', fontsize=10),axis=1)
    ax.set title(f'ILI Outpatients by Country - {year}')
    plt.show()
# Create an interactive year selection widget
year slider = widgets.IntSlider(min=df['ISO YEAR'].min(),
max=df['ISO YEAR'].max(), step=1, description='Year:')
interact(create choropleth, year=year slider)
                     2009
                   ILI Outpatients by Country - 2009
  80
                                                             800000
   70
```



We created the choropleth map using geo pandas library. We also used the ipywidgets to create a slider to change the years. Since 2009 was a pandemic year, we were not able to capture that properly. This is maybe due to fact that there were lot of missing values in the dataset. In 2012, we can see a slight increase in cases in Thailand.

Discussion and Conclusions

Based on the data quality assessment, we found that there are some gaps in the dataset. After data cleaning, however, the most essential features for our purpose have high completeness. The data wrangling steps parsed some columns into separate attributes to make filtering and exploring the data easier for this analysis. The wrangled data will also facilitate subsetting the fasta files associated with the dataset for any downstream genomic analysis.

Through some preliminary data exploration, we looked at spatial and temporal trends in the dataset. One major finding is that the geographical representation is quite skewed towards westernized countries. For example, there are relatively few sequences Africa compared to Europe and North America. Additionally, the data quantity changes significantly once sequencing becomes available and the cost is lowered. It is unclear whether the population infection rates mirror the proportions in the dataset in recent years; however, they almost certainly are not representative of the infection rates the earlier years.

Fit-for-Use Assessment

Exploratory data analysis revealed patterns that are helpful for understanding the data. The dataset is ideal for understanding the sequence divergence of influenza virus, especially in more recent years due to the large amount of data (e.g., tracking an emerging pandemic. Historic data can also be used for this purpose, but the scope may be more limited due to the smaller sample sizes. For example, you might be able to compare H1N1 sequences during the 2009 pandemic to the 1918 pandemic sequences.

The data has limited use for true epidemiological studies where accurate infection rates with each subtype are required. It may be useful to support such a study, but would need additional information to link with the sequence data. Despite this limitation, major historical events, such as the major pandemics and season strain shifts, are visible in the dataset.

Additionally, the genome completeness may limit the use for some sequence-related studies since some of the more conserved segments are missing a lot of data, such as the matrix protein. These more conserved regions may be a good marker for evolutionary changes that are more independent from the surface protien selective pressure.

Conclusion

Overall, the dataset is high quality as long as the limitations are carefully considered before use in a study, the dataset is suitable for a variety of genomic applications.

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