HydroCrisis - Forecasting Droughts through Weather and Soil Data Using Time Series Models



About the Dataset:

- This dataset exists thanks to the generous contributions of the NASA POWER Project and the dedicated authors behind the US Drought Monitor. These groups have provided valuable data that allow us to study and predict droughts.
- The data comes from the NASA Langley Research Center (LaRC) POWER Project, funded by NASA's Earth Science/Applied Science Program. This project gathers important weather and soil information, enabling us to analyze droughts effectively.
- The US Drought Monitor, a collaboration between the National Drought Mitigation Center, the US
 Department of Agriculture, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has also
 played a key role. Their data helps us understand current drought conditions, making our
 predictions more accurate.
- We've also used the Harmonized World Soil Database, a global soil resource created by experts. This database helps us study soil properties and their connection to droughts.
- By combining these resources, we're able to explore droughts and develop methods to predict and manage them better. It's a collaborative effort that enhances our understanding of this important environmental challenge.

Objectives:

- Drought Prediction: Develop a model that can predict the likelihood of drought events based on weather and soil data.
- Early Warning System: Create an early warning system that alerts relevant stakeholders about potential drought conditions in advance.

• Data Analysis: Gain insights into the relationships between weather, soil, and drought occurrences through exploratory data analysis.

Imports

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In [2]:
        import pandas as pd
        import seaborn as sns
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import numpy as np
        import warnings
        from itertools import zip longest
        from sklearn.datasets import make_classification
        from sklearn.ensemble import IsolationForest
        from sklearn.neighbors import LocalOutlierFactor
        from sklearn.svm import OneClassSVM
        from sklearn.covariance import EllipticEnvelope
        from sklearn.cluster import DBSCAN
        from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
        from statsmodels.tsa.statespace.sarimax import SARIMAX
        from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, mean_absolute_error
        warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
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/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages/scipy/__init__.py:146: UserWarning: A NumPy version >=1.16.5 and <1.23.0 is required for this version of SciPy (detected version 1.23.5

warnings.warn(f"A NumPy version >={np_minversion} and <{np_maxversion}"</pre>

Input Data

Out[3]:		fips	date	PRECTOT	PS	QV2M	T2M	T2MDEW	T2MWET	T2M_MAX	T2M_MIN	 TS	ws
	0	1001	2000- 01-01	0.22	100.51	9.65	14.74	13.51	13.51	20.96	11.46	 14.65	
	1	1001	2000- 01-02	0.20	100.55	10.42	16.69	14.71	14.71	22.80	12.61	 16.60	
	2	1001	2000- 01-03	3.65	100.15	11.76	18.49	16.52	16.52	22.73	15.32	 18.41	
	3	1001	2000- 01-04	15.95	100.29	6.42	11.40	6.09	6.10	18.09	2.16	 11.31	
	4	1001	2000- 01-05	0.00	101.15	2.95	3.86	-3.29	-3.20	10.82	-2.66	 2.65	

5 rows × 21 columns

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In [4]: #FIPS based on County in US
    unique_fips_counts = data['fips'].value_counts()
    print("Unique FIPS Values and Their Counts:")
    print(f"Total Number of Counties present in the dataset for the US based on FIPS: {ur print("Some FIPS Values and Their Counts:")
    unique_fips_counts
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Unique FIPS Values and Their Counts: Total Number of Counties present in the dataset for the US based on FIPS: 3108

Some FIPS Values and Their Counts:

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        Name: fips, Length: 3108, dtype: int64
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The "fips" column encompasses the comprehensive list of United States FIPS codes, categorizing counties. For the scope of our project, we're focusing on a single county to develop the model. However, our preprocessing approach can be seamlessly extended to other counties, allowing us to employ a consistent time series modeling strategy.

By concentrating on one county initially, we streamline our model development process and tailor it to the unique characteristics of that specific region. This approach ensures that our model becomes finely attuned to local conditions and produces more accurate predictions for drought events.

The beauty of our methodology lies in its adaptability. Once we've perfected our preprocessing pipeline and time series model for the chosen county, we can effortlessly apply the same process to other counties. This standardized approach maintains the integrity of our analysis and enables us to efficiently scale our predictions across different regions.

To associate each FIPS code with its corresponding county, you can refer to the comprehensive list provided on Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_United_States_FIPS_codes_by_county)

This resource offers a detailed breakdown of FIPS codes, enabling you to easily identify and match specific codes to their respective counties. By leveraging this information, you can accurately determine which county each FIPS code pertains to, thereby enhancing the interpretability and relevance of your analysis for different regions.

Out[5]:

	fips	date	PRECTOT	PS	QV2M	T2M	T2MDEW	T2MWET	T2M_MAX	T2M_MIN	
2216970	12133	2000- 01-01	0.27	101.56	10.79	16.27	15.34	15.34	22.99	11.85	 16
2216971	12133	2000- 01-02	0.28	101.63	11.30	17.25	16.11	16.11	23.60	12.81	 17
2216972	12133	2000- 01-03	0.94	101.35	11.14	17.52	15.83	15.82	23.99	12.71	 17
2216973	12133	2000- 01-04	5.40	101.23	8.79	15.50	10.88	10.89	20.30	5.72	 15
2216974	12133	2000- 01-05	0.00	102.05	3.45	5.69	-1.17	-1.11	12.28	0.57	 6
5 rows × 21 columns											

Initial Exploration

	fips	PRECTOT	PS	QV2M	T2M	T2MDEW	T2MWET	T2M_M
count	6210.0	6210.000000	6210.000000	6210.000000	6210.000000	6210.000000	6210.000000	6210.0000
mean	12133.0	3.806164	101.211016	11.555084	19.411485	14.822718	14.829671	25.0960
std	0.0	8.394451	0.476185	4.765635	7.552779	7.584027	7.570020	7.179ŧ
min	12133.0	0.000000	99.110000	1.710000	-4.060000	-10.010000	-9.700000	-1.4100
25%	12133.0	0.000000	100.900000	7.470000	13.872500	9.482500	9.490000	20.2900
50%	12133.0	0.310000	101.180000	11.735000	20.535000	16.550000	16.550000	26.1900
75%	12133.0	3.810000	101.500000	15.797500	26.050000	21.330000	21.330000	30.7900
max	12133.0	100.760000	103.410000	20.900000	32.840000	25.830000	25.830000	40.2700
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Note: I will convert the date into date type in the preprocessing.

Out[7]:	Numerical Columns	Categorical Columns
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1	fips	date
2	PRECTOT	
3	PS	
4	QV2M	
5	T2M	
6	T2MDEW	
7	T2MWET	
8	T2M_MAX	
9	T2M_MIN	
10	T2M_RANGE	
11	TS	
12	WS10M	
13	WS10M_MAX	
14	WS10M_MIN	
15	WS10M_RANGE	
16	WS50M	
17	WS50M_MAX	
18	WS50M_MIN	
19	WS50M_RANGE	
20	score	

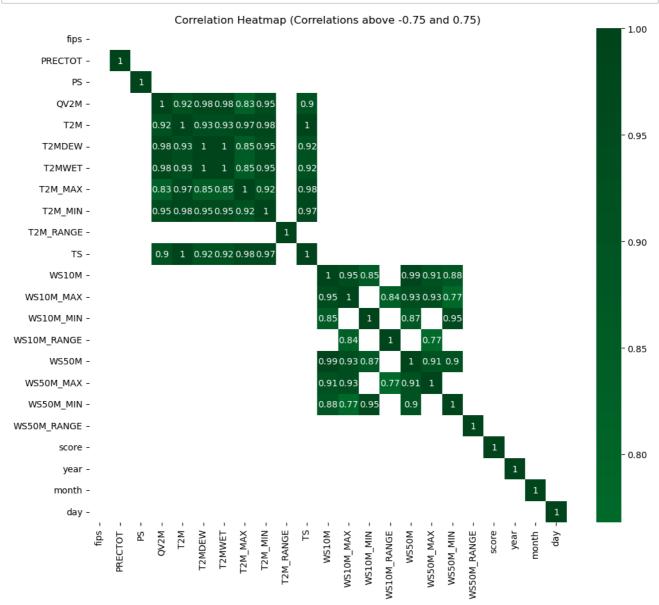
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In [8]: #Checking for the Null
         data_ts.isnull().sum()
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         score
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         dtype: int64
In [9]: #Duplicates from the dataset
         data_ts[data_ts.duplicated()]
Out[9]:
           fips date PRECTOT PS QV2M T2M T2MDEW T2MWET T2M_MAX T2M_MIN ... TS WS10M WS
         0 rows × 21 columns
In [10]: #Shape of the data_ts
         data_ts.shape
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Out[10]: (6210, 21)

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In [11]: #Converting date from object type to date type
         data_ts['date'] = pd.to_datetime(data_ts['date'])
         #Extracting Day, Month and Year for the Analysis
         data_ts['year'] = pd.DatetimeIndex(data_ts['date']).year
         data_ts['month'] = pd.DatetimeIndex(data_ts['date']).month
         data_ts['day'] = pd.DatetimeIndex(data_ts['date']).day
         data_ts.dtypes
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         year
         month
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                                 int64
         day
         dtype: object
In [12]: #Backward Filling for the Null values
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data_ts['score'] = data_ts['score'].fillna(method='bfill')

Exploratory Data Analysis



Strong Positive Correlation:

When the QV2M (specific humidity) increases, the T2M (temperature at 2 meters above ground level) tends to increase as well. The same applies for QV2M and T2MDEW (dew point temperature at 2 meters) as well as QV2M and T2MWET (wet bulb temperature at 2 meters). Similarly, T2M and T2MDEW, T2M and T2MWET, and T2MDEW and T2MWET show strong positive correlations, indicating that when one of these temperatures rises, the others tend to rise as well.

Moderate Positive Correlation:

There's a moderate positive correlation between QV2M and T2M_MAX, suggesting that as specific humidity increases, the maximum temperature at 2 meters tends to increase moderately.

Strong Positive Correlation - Wind Speed:

Wind speeds at 10 meters (WS10M) show strong positive correlations with various factors. For example, WS10M and WS10M_MAX (maximum wind speed at 10 meters) are strongly positively correlated, indicating that higher average wind speeds are associated with higher maximum wind speeds. Additionally, WS10M has a strong positive correlation with WS50M (wind speed at 50 meters), indicating that changes in wind speed at 10 meters are likely reflected in wind speed at 50 meters.

Very Strong Positive Correlation - Temperature:

T2M and TS (surface temperature) exhibit a very strong positive correlation. This indicates that changes in temperature at 2 meters closely mirror changes in surface temperature.

Very Strong Positive Correlation - Dew Point and Wet Bulb:

T2MDEW and T2MWET show a very strong positive correlation. This suggests that changes in dew point temperature at 2 meters closely correspond to changes in wet bulb temperature at 2 meters.

Very Strong Positive Correlation - Wind Speed:

WS10M and WS10M_RANGE (range of wind speed at 10 meters) have a very strong positive correlation. This suggests that when average wind speed at 10 meters is higher, the range of wind speeds also tends to be higher.

Strong Positive Correlation - Wind Speed and Wind Range:

WS10M and WS50M_MAX (maximum wind speed at 50 meters) show a strong positive correlation, indicating that higher average wind speeds at 10 meters are associated with higher maximum wind speeds at 50 meters. Similarly, WS10M_RANGE and WS50M_MAX exhibit a strong positive correlation, implying that greater variability in wind speeds at 10 meters corresponds to higher maximum wind speeds at 50 meters.

Moderate Positive Correlation - Wind Speed:

WS10M_RANGE and WS50M_MAX have a moderate positive correlation, suggesting that some variability in wind speeds at 10 meters is related to moderately higher maximum wind speeds at 50 meters.

Strong Positive Correlation - Wind Speed and Wind Min:

WS10M and WS50M_MIN (minimum wind speed at 50 meters) are strongly positively correlated, indicating that higher average wind speeds at 10 meters correspond to higher minimum wind speeds at 50 meters.

Strong Positive Correlation - Wind Min:

WS10M MIN and WS50M MIN show a strong positive correlation, suggesting that higher minimum

Univariate Analysis - Distribution of continuous variables

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In [14]: #Distribution of all the continuous variables

measures_column_list = ['PRECTOT', 'PS', 'QV2M', 'T2M', 'T2MDEW', 'T2MWET', 'T2M_MAX', 'T2M_data_ts_measures = data_ts[['PRECTOT', 'PS', 'QV2M', 'T2M', 'T2MDEW', 'T2MWET', 'T2M_MAX', '
for col_name in measures_column_list:
    plt.figure()
    plt.hist(data_ts_measures[col_name], density = True, color = 'green')
    x_name = col_name
    plt.xlabel(x_name)
    y_name = 'Density'
    plt.ylabel(y_name)
    plt.title('Distribution of {x_name}'.format(x_name=x_name))

Distribution of PRECTOT

Distribution of PRECTOT
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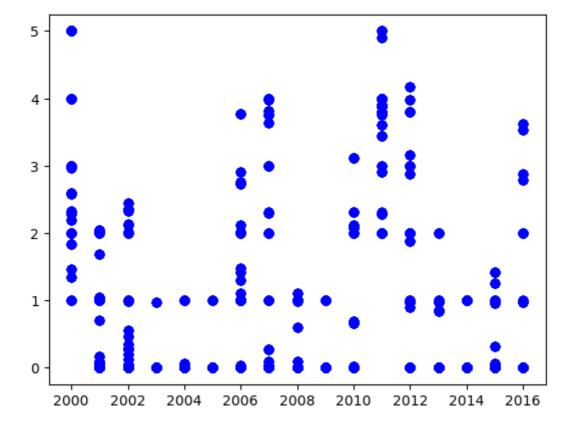
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Bivariate Analysis

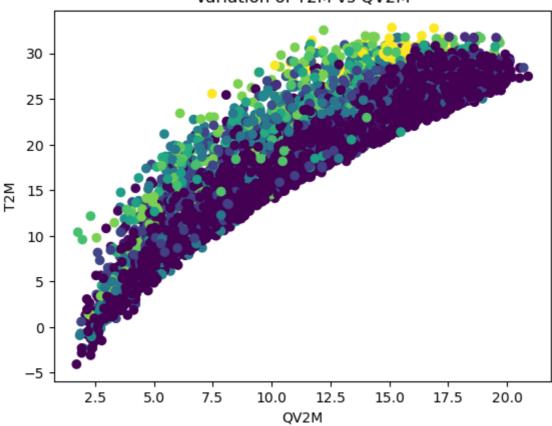
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In [15]: #Scatter Plot for the Year and Score

plt.scatter(data_ts['year'], data_ts['score'], c ="blue")
plt.show()
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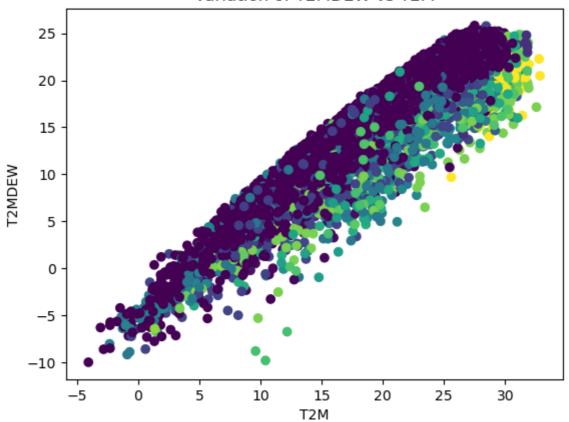
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In [16]: plt.scatter(data_ts['QV2M'], data_ts['T2M'], c =data_ts['score'])
    plt.xlabel('QV2M')
    plt.ylabel('T2M')
    plt.title('Variation of T2M vs QV2M')
    plt.show()
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Variation of T2M vs QV2M

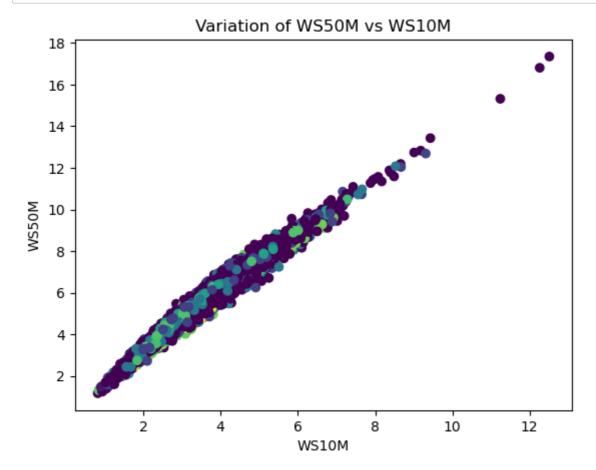


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In [17]: plt.scatter(data_ts['T2M'], data_ts['T2MDEW'], c =data_ts['score'])
    plt.xlabel('T2M')
    plt.ylabel('T2MDEW')
    plt.title('Variation of T2MDEW vs T2M')
    plt.show()
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Variation of T2MDEW vs T2M



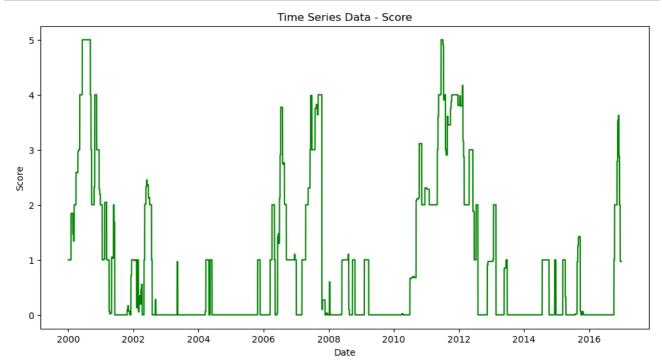
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In [18]: temp_df = data_ts[data_ts['score']==5]
plt.scatter(data_ts['WS10M'], data_ts['WS50M'], c= data_ts['score'])
plt.xlabel('WS10M')
plt.ylabel('WS50M')
plt.title('Variation of WS50M vs WS10M')
plt.show()
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Pattern Recognition Using Plots

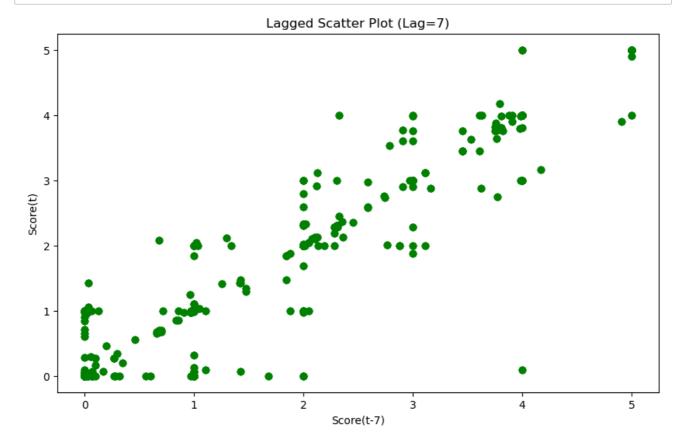
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In [19]: #Pattern of score over the years

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(data_ts['date'], data_ts['score'], color = 'green')
plt.title('Time Series Data - Score')
plt.xlabel('Date')
plt.ylabel('Score')
plt.show()
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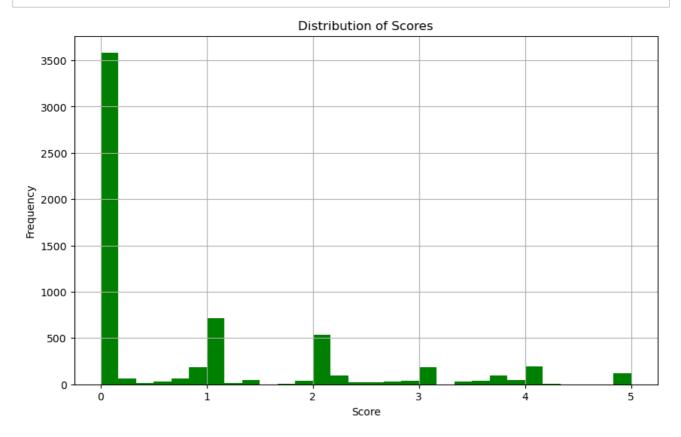


The alternating pattern of upward and downward trends, along with intermittent fluctuations, suggests the presence of seasonality or cyclical behavior in your time series data. The specific years of notable changes could be influenced by various factors such as external events, policy changes, or underlying patterns in the data itself.

In [20]: #Scatter plot with the lag of 7 (week) lag = 7 plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6)) plt.scatter(data_ts['score'].shift(lag), data_ts['score'], alpha=0.5, color = 'green' plt.title(f'Lagged Scatter Plot (Lag={lag})') plt.xlabel(f'Score(t-{lag})') plt.ylabel('Score(t)') plt.show()



In [21]: #Scores Distribution Plot plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6)) data_ts['score'].hist(bins=30, color = 'green') plt.title('Distribution of Scores') plt.xlabel('Score') plt.ylabel('Frequency') plt.show()



This distribution shows that the score of 0 appears very often. Scores 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are also quite common. However, floating scores between 0 and 4 have lower frequencies, suggesting they occur less frequently in the data.

Skewness

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In [22]:
    skewness_result = data_ts.skew(axis=0, skipna=True)
    feature_names = skewness_result.index.tolist()
    skewness_values = skewness_result.tolist()

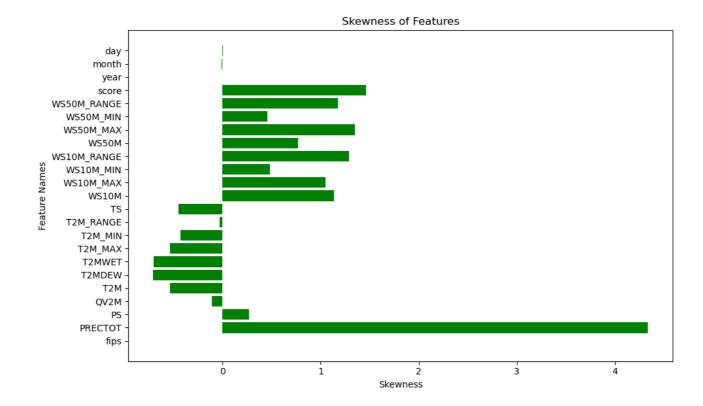
    print("\nSkewness: \n", skewness_result)

    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    plt.barh(feature_names, skewness_values, color='green')
    plt.xlabel('Skewness')
    plt.ylabel('Feature Names')
    plt.title('Skewness of Features')
    plt.tight_layout()

# Display the plot
    plt.show()
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Skewness:

fips 0.000000 PRECTOT 4.333936 PS 0.270360 QV2M -0.111058 T2M -0.534681 T2MDEW -0.707009 T2MWET -0.700946 T2M_MAX -0.535863 T2M_MIN -0.425596 T2M_RANGE -0.028133 TS -0.446801 1.139381 WS10M WS10M_MAX 1.053074 WS10M_MIN 0.486575 WS10M_RANGE 1.290574 WS50M 0.770819 WS50M_MAX 1.347562 WS50M MIN 0.455466 WS50M_RANGE 1.176677 score 1.462909 0.000000 year -0.009091 month 0.006626 day dtype: float64



Skewness:

fips (County Code): Symmetrical distribution (skewness close to 0), indicating a balanced spread of county codes.

PRECTOT (Total Precipitation): Highly positively skewed, suggesting a long tail on the right side, indicating a concentration of lower precipitation values and some extreme values.

PS (Surface Pressure): Slightly positively skewed, indicating a relatively balanced distribution with a slight tail on the right side.

QV2M (Specific Humidity at 2m): Slightly negatively skewed, suggesting a slight tail on the left side, potentially indicating higher values.

T2M (Temperature at 2m): Slightly negatively skewed, similar to QV2M, implying a slight tail on the left side.

T2MDEW (Dew/Frost Point Temperature at 2m): Slightly negatively skewed, suggesting a slight tail on the left side.

T2MWET (Wet Bulb Globe Temperature at 2m): Slightly negatively skewed, indicating a slight tail on the left side.

T2M MAX (Max Temperature at 2m): Slightly negatively skewed, suggesting a slight tail on the left side.

T2M_MIN (Min Temperature at 2m): Slightly negatively skewed, similar to T2M_MAX, implying a slight tail on the left side.

T2M_RANGE (Temperature Range at 2m): Very close to symmetrical (skewness close to 0), indicating a balanced spread of values.

TS (Earth Skin Temperature): Slightly negatively skewed, suggesting a slight tail on the left side.

WS10M (Wind Speed at 10m): Moderately positively skewed, indicating a concentration of lower wind speeds and some higher values.

WS10M_MAX (Max Wind Speed at 10m): Moderately positively skewed, suggesting a concentration of lower max wind speeds and some higher values.

WS10M_MIN (Min Wind Speed at 10m): Positively skewed, indicating a concentration of lower min wind speeds and some higher values.

WS10M_RANGE (Wind Speed Range at 10m): Moderately positively skewed, indicating a concentration of lower wind speed ranges and some higher values.

WS50M (Wind Speed at 50m): Positively skewed, suggesting a concentration of lower wind speeds and some higher values.

WS50M_MAX (Max Wind Speed at 50m): Moderately positively skewed, indicating a concentration of lower max wind speeds and some higher values.

WS50M_MIN (Min Wind Speed at 50m): Positively skewed, indicating a concentration of lower min wind speeds and some higher values.

WS50M_RANGE (Wind Speed Range at 50m): Moderately positively skewed, indicating a concentration of lower wind speed ranges and some higher values.

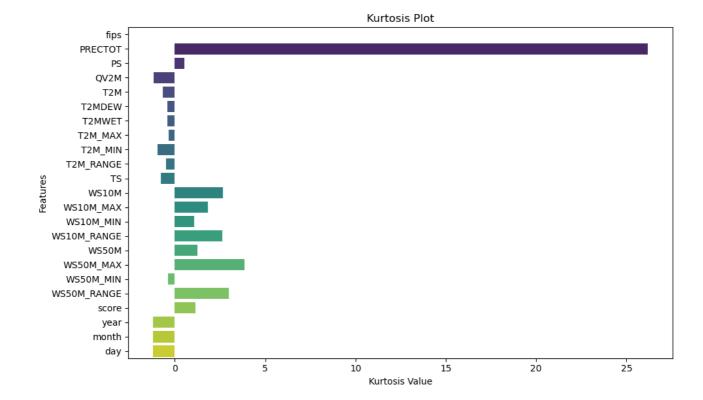
Kurtosis

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In [23]: kurtosis_result = data_ts.kurtosis(axis=0, skipna=True)
    feature_names = kurtosis_result.index.tolist()
    kurtosis_values = kurtosis_result.tolist()

print("\nKurtosis: \n", kurtosis_result)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    sns.barplot(x=kurtosis_values, y=feature_names, palette='viridis')
    plt.title('Kurtosis Plot')
    plt.xlabel('Kurtosis Value')
    plt.ylabel('Features')
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
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Kurtosis: fips 0.000000 26.181618 PRECTOT PS 0.524885 QV2M -1.172422 T2M -0.671873 T2MDEW -0.399735 T2MWET -0.419116 T2M_MAX -0.346157 T2M_MIN -0.947546 T2M_RANGE -0.479844 TS -0.765866 WS10M 2.678207 WS10M_MAX 1.829231 WS10M_MIN 1.088171 WS10M_RANGE 2.641266 WS50M 1.264271 WS50M_MAX 3.838515 WS50M_MIN -0.394375 WS50M_RANGE 2.994370 1.144530 score year -1.208311 month -1.208240 -1.194180 day dtype: float64



Kurtosis:

fips: The distribution of this feature closely resembles a normal distribution (kurtosis value of 0.0).

PRECTOT: This feature has a high kurtosis value (26.181618), indicating heavy-tailedness and potentially some extreme values in its distribution.

PS: The distribution of this feature is slightly more peaked compared to a normal distribution (positive kurtosis value of 0.524885).

QV2M: The distribution of this feature is slightly less peaked compared to a normal distribution (negative kurtosis value of -1.172422).

T2M: The distribution of this feature is moderately less peaked compared to a normal distribution (negative kurtosis value of -0.671873).

T2MDEW: The distribution of this feature is moderately less peaked compared to a normal distribution (negative kurtosis value of -0.399735).

T2MWET: The distribution of this feature is moderately less peaked compared to a normal distribution (negative kurtosis value of -0.419116).

T2M_MAX: The distribution of this feature is moderately less peaked compared to a normal distribution (negative kurtosis value of -0.346157).

T2M_MIN: The distribution of this feature is moderately less peaked compared to a normal distribution (negative kurtosis value of -0.947546).

T2M_RANGE: The distribution of this feature is slightly less peaked compared to a normal distribution (negative kurtosis value of -0.479844).

TS: The distribution of this feature is moderately less peaked compared to a normal distribution (negative kurtosis value of -0.765866).

WS10M: This feature has a positive kurtosis value (2.678207), indicating heavy-tailedness and potentially some extreme values in its distribution.

WS10M_MAX: This feature has a positive kurtosis value (1.829231), indicating heavy-tailedness and potentially some extreme values in its distribution.

WS10M_MIN: This feature has a positive kurtosis value (1.088171), indicating heavy-tailedness and potentially some extreme values in its distribution.

WS10M_RANGE: This feature has a positive kurtosis value (2.641266), indicating heavy-tailedness and potentially some extreme values in its distribution.

WS50M: This feature has a positive kurtosis value (1.264271), indicating heavy-tailedness and potentially some extreme values in its distribution.

WS50M_MAX: This feature has a very high positive kurtosis value (3.838515), indicating significant heavy-tailedness and potentially many extreme values in its distribution.

WS50M_MIN: The distribution of this feature is slightly less peaked compared to a normal distribution (negative kurtosis value of -0.394375).

WS50M_RANGE: This feature has a positive kurtosis value (2.994370), indicating heavy-tailedness and potentially some extreme values in its distribution.

score: The distribution of this feature is moderately less peaked compared to a normal distribution (kurtosis value of 1.144530).

Outlier Detection

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In [24]:
         #Removing Outliers based on the five outlier detection models along with ranged param
         models = [
             ('Isolation Forest', IsolationForest(contamination=0.05, random_state=10)),
             ('Local Outlier Factor', LocalOutlierFactor(contamination=0.05)),
             ('One-Class SVM', OneClassSVM(nu=0.05)),
             ('Elliptic Envelope', EllipticEnvelope(contamination=0.05)),
             ('DBSCAN', DBSCAN(eps=0.5, min_samples=5))
         ]
         #Outliers are removed based on the threshold. This can be adjusted accordingly.
         threshold = 2.5
         outlier_indices = {}
         for name, model in models:
             if name == 'DBSCAN':
                 labels = model.fit_predict(data_ts.drop(columns=['date', 'score']))
                 scores = -labels # Using Labels for DBSCAN (DBSCAN doesn't have negative_out
                 scores = model.fit_predict(data_ts.drop(columns=['date', 'score']))
                 scores = -scores
             outlier_indices[name] = data_ts.index[scores > threshold]
         all_outlier_indices = np.concatenate(list(outlier_indices.values()))
         data_without_outliers = data_ts.drop(index=all_outlier_indices)
```

Data Split

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In [25]: X = data_without_outliers.drop(columns=['date', 'score'])
y = data_without_outliers['score']

In [26]: X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.3, random_state
```

Model Building

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In [27]: #SARIMAX Model building
         sarima_model = SARIMAX(y_train, order=(1, 1, 1), seasonal_order=(1, 1, 1, 7))
         sarima_fit = sarima_model.fit()
         RUNNING THE L-BFGS-B CODE
                    * * *
         Machine precision = 2.220D-16
         N =
                        5
                              M =
                                           10
         At X0
                      0 variables are exactly at the bounds
         At iterate
                      0 f= 1.94276D+00
                                              |proj g| = 1.97324D-01
         This problem is unconstrained.
         At iterate
                      5
                          f= 1.72534D+00
                                             |proj g| = 5.55042D-02
         At iterate 10 f= 1.68852D+00
                                             |proj g| = 4.12309D-03
         At iterate 15
                         f= 1.68533D+00
                                              |proj g| = 4.20925D-03
          ys=-4.089E-04 -gs= 1.950E-04 BFGS update SKIPPED
          Bad direction in the line search;
            refresh the lbfgs memory and restart the iteration.
         At iterate 20 f= 1.68473D+00
                                              |proj g| = 1.26603D-03
                   * * *
              = total number of iterations
             = total number of function evaluations
         Tnint = total number of segments explored during Cauchy searches
         Skip = number of BFGS updates skipped
         Nact = number of active bounds at final generalized Cauchy point
         Projg = norm of the final projected gradient
              = final function value
                   * * *
           Ν
                        Tnf Tnint Skip Nact
                                                 Projg
                                                3.413D-05 1.685D+00
             5
                  22
                         54
                                       1
                                            0
                1.6847281085746955
         CONVERGENCE: REL_REDUCTION_OF_F_<=_FACTR*EPSMCH
```

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In [28]: #Prediction of y_train
         sarima_predictions = sarima_fit.predict(start=len(y_train), end=len(y_train) + len(y_
         sarima_predictions
Out[28]: 4347
                 0.867684
         4348
                1.021337
         4349 0.913932
         4350
                0.958238
         4351 0.949956
         6205 0.964511
         6206
                0.956460
         6207
               0.863119
         6208 0.974300
         6209
                 0.884241
         Name: predicted_mean, Length: 1863, dtype: float64
In [29]: #Evalucation Metrics
         mse_sarima = mean_squared_error(y_test, sarima_predictions)
         rmse_sarima = np.sqrt(mse_sarima)
         mae_sarima = mean_absolute_error(y_test, sarima_predictions)
         print("SARIMA Model Metrics:")
         print("Mean Squared Error:", mse_sarima)
         print("Root Mean Squared Error:", rmse_sarima)
         print("Mean Absolute Error:", mae_sarima)
```

SARIMA Model Metrics:

Mean Squared Error: 1.788477480921244
Root Mean Squared Error: 1.337339702888254
Mean Absolute Error: 1.059281461162057

- The optimization algorithm successfully minimized the objective function (likely the mean squared error) to the final function value of approximately 1.681.
- The Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) is approximately 1.37, which indicates the average magnitude of the prediction errors. Lower RMSE values indicate better model performance.
- The Mean Absolute Error (MAE) is approximately 1.08, which represents the average absolute difference between the predicted and actual values. Lower MAE values also indicate better model performance.

By applying preprocessing steps through a pipeline and replacing the FIPS values, we can forecast the scores for different counties (areas) in the US. While we have the opportunity to leverage the entire dataset and explore the application of LSTM and other models, for the sake of this illustration, I concentrated on constructing a time series model using the SARIMA approach. Thanks.

