Assignment 1

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1 Introduction

In this assignment we draw two data sets from the GitHub repository fivethirtyeight and apply some descriptive statistics on them.[1] If you have set this file up correctly your working directory should appear here:

```
## [1] "D:/Eigene Datein/Dokumente/Uni/Hertie/Materials/Collaborative Social Science Data Analysis/1st-
```

2 Data set 1: Police Killings

The first data set we choose is about police killings in the US which was gathered by the Guardian. Information on the structure of the raw data set can be accessed on GitHub: fivethirtyeight. FiveThirtyEight wrote themselves about it on their website and the corresponding Guardian story is available on The counted. What fallows are our own descriptive statistics of the data set.

```
## Loading required package: RCurl
```

```
## Loading required package: bitops
```

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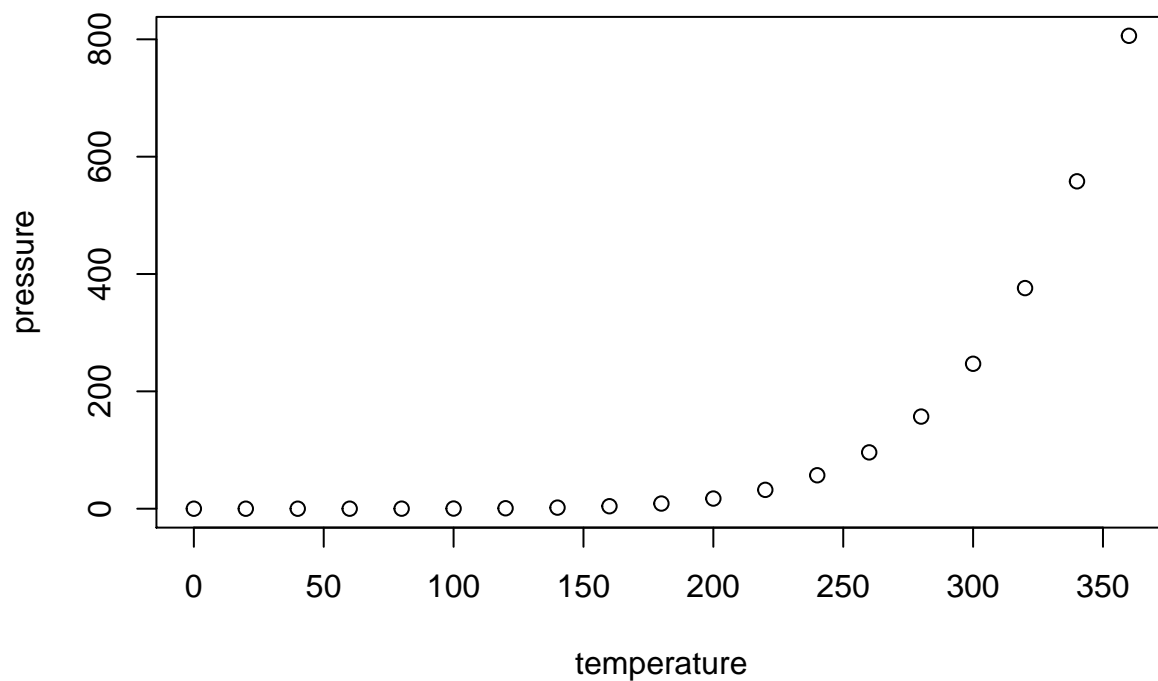
```
summary(cars)
```

```
##      speed          dist
##  Min.   : 4.0   Min.   :  2.00
##  1st Qu.:12.0   1st Qu.: 26.00
##  Median :15.0   Median : 36.00
##  Mean   :15.4   Mean   : 42.98
##  3rd Qu.:19.0   3rd Qu.: 56.00
##  Max.   :25.0   Max.   :120.00
```

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[1]This is a test footnote. See Acemoglu and Robinson (2000, 33–40).
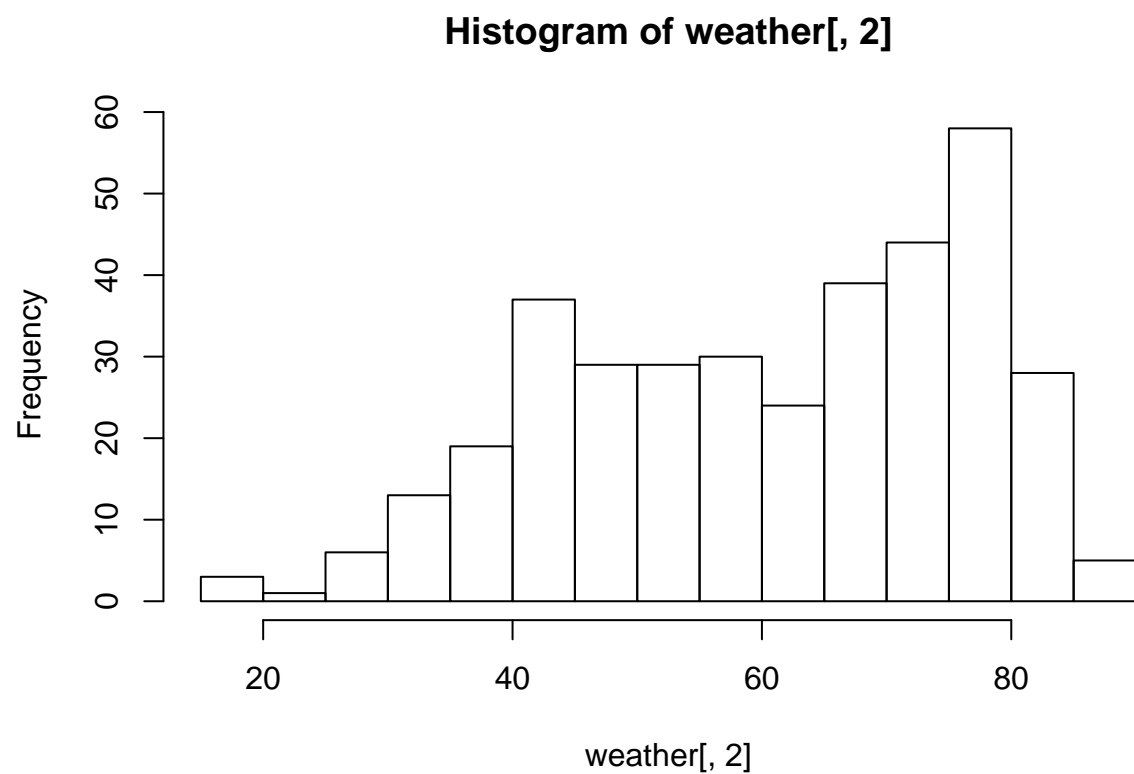
3 Including Plots

You can also embed plots, for example:

Note that the `echo = FALSE` parameter was added to the code chunk to prevent printing of the R code that generated the plot.

```
hist(weather[,2])
```

Histogram of weather[, 2]

Frequency vs weather[, 2]

References

Acemoglu, Daron, and James A. Robinson. 2000. "Why Did the West Extend the Franchise? Democracy, Inequality, and Growth in Historical Perspective." *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 115 (4): 1167–99.