

1. Introduction

For my project, I was interested to know whether tornadoes are happening more often. I obtain the dataset from Dr. Elsner's web site.

2. Get the Data

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```{r}
L = 'http://myweb.fsu.edu/jelsner/data/Tornadoes.txt'
df = read.table(L, header = TRUE)
head(df)
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3. Graph the Data

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```{r}
library(dplyr)
df2 = df %>%
 group_by(YEAR) %>%
 summarize(Count = n())

library(ggplot2)
ggplot(df2, aes(x = YEAR, y = Count)) +
 geom_line() +
 ylab("Number of U.S. Tornadoes")
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4. Draw a Trend Line

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```{r}
ggplot(df2, aes(x = YEAR, y = Count)) +
 geom_line() + geom_smooth() +
 ylab("Number of Tornadoes")
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5. Describe the Graph

The graph shows an upward trend with more tornadoes recently. I think much of the increase is due to better reporting.