

Data 607_Final Project

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Research question:“Do higher temperatures result in more severe hurricanes or floods?”

In this Projet I will be exporting with two data sets.

- The NOAA Storm Events Dataset: it will provide detailed information about the natural disaster, including date, event type and location.
- The NASA Power API: Will supply climate temperature and precipitation to the locations and time periods of the disasters. (only can get one location at a time, So I will compare Temperature vs. Locations (Florida and New York))

By analysis these datasets will highlight the influence of climate change on Hurricanes or floods.

First: read the two cvs files from NOAA Storm Events Dataset

- 1.NOAA storm location dataset with Event_ID connect to the second dataset

```
# Read NOAA storm location CSV file
df1 <- read.csv("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Jennyjjxxzz/Data607_Fianl_Project/refs/heads/main/St
head(df1)
```

```
##   YEARMONTH EPISODE_ID EVENT_ID LOCATION_INDEX RANGE AZIMUTH      LOCATION
## 1    202303     176742  1074014             1  2.07      N ABERNATHY ARPT
## 2    202303     176742  1074015             1  1.49      SSW PROSPECT
## 3    202303     176742  1074016             1  1.67       W  NASHVILLE
## 4    202303     176742  1074017             1  0.45      ENE GOODLETTSVILLE
## 5    202303     176742  1074018             1  2.19      SSW MILLERSVILLE
## 6    202303     176742  1074019             1  0.00      N GOODLETTSVILLE
##   LATITUDE LONGITUDE    LAT2    LON2
## 1  35.1800 -87.0500 3510800  873000
## 2  35.0100 -87.0100  35600  87600
## 3  36.1700 -86.8100 3610200 8648600
## 4  36.3220 -86.7123 3619320 8642738
## 5  36.3394 -86.7100 3620364 8642600
## 6  36.3200 -86.7200 3619200 8643200
```

- 2. NOAA's detail CSV file with date, event type, source, state, begin latitude and longitude.

```

# Read NOAA storm detail CSV file
df2 <- read.csv("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Jennyjjxxzz/Data607_Fianl_Project/refs/heads/main/Sto

head(df2)

##   BEGIN_YEARMONTH BEGIN_DAY BEGIN_TIME END_YEARMONTH END_DAY END_TIME
## 1      202310        25       230      202310       27      551
## 2      202310        25       230      202310       27     1437
## 3      202310        25       230      202310       27     1126
## 4      202310        25       230      202310       27     1301
## 5      202310        25       230      202310       27      600
## 6      202310        25       230      202310       27      800
##   EPISODE_ID EVENT_ID           STATE YEAR MONTH_NAME EVENT_TYPE          SOURCE
## 1    186682  1145781  NORTH DAKOTA 2023  October Heavy Snow      Public
## 2    186682  1145783  NORTH DAKOTA 2023  October Heavy Snow  Law Enforcement
## 3    186682  1145784  NORTH DAKOTA 2023  October Heavy Snow      Public
## 4    186682  1145796  NORTH DAKOTA 2023  October Heavy Snow Emergency Manager
## 5    186682  1145884  NORTH DAKOTA 2023  October Heavy Snow      CoCoRaHS
## 6    186682  1145780  NORTH DAKOTA 2023  October Heavy Snow      COOP Observer
##   BEGIN_LAT BEGIN_LON END_LAT END_LON
## 1        NA       NA       NA       NA
## 2        NA       NA       NA       NA
## 3        NA       NA       NA       NA
## 4        NA       NA       NA       NA
## 5        NA       NA       NA       NA
## 6        NA       NA       NA       NA

```

Merge the two CSV files

```

# Merge NOAA Locations and Details datasets
noaa_merged <- df1 %>%
  inner_join(df2, by = c("EPISODE_ID" = "EPISODE_ID", "EVENT_ID" = "EVENT_ID"))

head(noaa_merged)

##   YEARMONTH EPISODE_ID EVENT_ID LOCATION_INDEX RANGE AZIMUTH          LOCATION
## 1  202303    176742  1074014            1  2.07      N ABERNATHY ARPT
## 2  202303    176742  1074015            1  1.49      SSW PROSPECT
## 3  202303    176742  1074016            1  1.67      W NASHVILLE
## 4  202303    176742  1074017            1  0.45      ENE GOODLETTSVILLE
## 5  202303    176742  1074018            1  2.19      SSW MILLERSVILLE
## 6  202303    176742  1074019            1  0.00      N GOODLETTSVILLE
##   LATITUDE LONGITUDE LAT2    LON2 BEGIN_YEARMONTH BEGIN_DAY BEGIN_TIME
## 1  35.1800 -87.0500 3510800  873000      202303       3      1102
## 2  35.0100 -87.0100 35600   87600      202303       3      1112
## 3  36.1700 -86.8100 3610200 8648600      202303       3      1124
## 4  36.3220 -86.7123 3619320 8642738      202303       3      1137
## 5  36.3394 -86.7100 3620364 8642600      202303       3      1137
## 6  36.3200 -86.7200 3619200 8643200      202303       3      1137
##   END_YEARMONTH END_DAY END_TIME           STATE YEAR MONTH_NAME EVENT_TYPE
## 1      202303       3      1102 TENNESSEE 2023      March Thunderstorm Wind

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## 2      202303     3    1112 TENNESSEE 2023      March Thunderstorm Wind
## 3      202303     3    1124 TENNESSEE 2023      March Thunderstorm Wind
## 4      202303     3    1137 TENNESSEE 2023      March Thunderstorm Wind
## 5      202303     3    1137 TENNESSEE 2023      March Thunderstorm Wind
## 6      202303     3    1137 TENNESSEE 2023      March Thunderstorm Wind
##           SOURCE BEGIN_LAT BEGIN_LON END_LAT   END_LON
## 1 Emergency Manager 35.1800 -87.0500 35.1800 -87.0500
## 2          Public   35.0100 -87.0100 35.0100 -87.0100
## 3 Emergency Manager 36.1700 -86.8100 36.1700 -86.8100
## 4          Public   36.3220 -86.7123 36.3220 -86.7123
## 5 Trained Spotter  36.3394 -86.7100 36.3394 -86.7100
## 6          Public   36.3200 -86.7200 36.3200 -86.7200

#Create the date column (there are repeat date columns)
noaa_clean <- noaa_merged %>%
  mutate(
    BEGIN_DATE = as.Date(paste0(BEGIN_YEARMONTH, sprintf("%02d", BEGIN_DAY)), format = "%Y%m%d")
  )

#Select columns for final clean dataset
noaa_clean <- noaa_clean %>%
  select(
    BEGIN_DATE, STATE, EVENT_TYPE, YEAR, MONTH_NAME, BEGIN_LAT, BEGIN_LON
  )

head(noaa_clean)

##   BEGIN_DATE      STATE    EVENT_TYPE YEAR MONTH_NAME BEGIN_LAT BEGIN_LON
## 1 2023-03-03 TENNESSEE Thunderstorm 2023      March  35.1800 -87.0500
## 2 2023-03-03 TENNESSEE Thunderstorm 2023      March  35.0100 -87.0100
## 3 2023-03-03 TENNESSEE Thunderstorm 2023      March  36.1700 -86.8100
## 4 2023-03-03 TENNESSEE Thunderstorm 2023      March  36.3220 -86.7123
## 5 2023-03-03 TENNESSEE Thunderstorm 2023      March  36.3394 -86.7100
## 6 2023-03-03 TENNESSEE Thunderstorm 2023      March  36.3200 -86.7200

Second: pull out the data from NASA Power API (Only can pull out one location at a time).
(This is for Florida)

# Florida NASA Power API URL
fl_url <- paste0("https://power.larc.nasa.gov/api/temporal/hourly/point?",
                 "start=2023101&end=20231231&latitude=27.9944&longitude=-81.7603",
                 "&community=ag&parameters=T2M&format=json&header=true&time-standard=lst")

# Fetch Florida climate data
fl_response <- httr::GET(fl_url)

# Parse JSON response
fl_climate_data <- fromJSON(content(fl_response, "text"), flatten = TRUE)

## No encoding supplied: defaulting to UTF-8.

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# Extract temperature data (T2M) for Florida
fl_t2m_data <- fl_climate_data$properties$parameter$T2M
fl_climate_df <- tibble(
  Date = names(fl_t2m_data),
  T2M = unlist(fl_t2m_data)
) %>%
  mutate(
    Date = as.Date(substr(Date, 1, 8), format = "%Y%m%d"),
    State = "FLORIDA"
  )

head(f1_climate_df)

## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##   Date        T2M State
##   <date>     <dbl> <chr>
## 1 2023-01-01 19.1 FLORIDA
## 2 2023-01-01 18.9 FLORIDA
## 3 2023-01-01 18.8 FLORIDA
## 4 2023-01-01 18.6 FLORIDA
## 5 2023-01-01 18.5 FLORIDA
## 6 2023-01-01 18.3 FLORIDA

```

Get Url_2 temperature data for New York.

```

# New York NASA Power API URL
ny_url <- paste0("https://power.larc.nasa.gov/api/temporal/hourly/point?",
                 "start=20230101&end=20231231&latitude=40.7128&longitude=-74.0060",
                 "&community=ag&parameters=T2M&format=json&header=true&time-standard=lst")

# Fetch New York climate data
ny_response <- httr::GET(ny_url)

# Parse JSON response
ny_climate_data <- fromJSON(content(ny_response, "text"), flatten = TRUE)

## No encoding supplied: defaulting to UTF-8.

# Extract temperature data (T2M) for New York
ny_t2m_data <- ny_climate_data$properties$parameter$T2M
ny_climate_df <- tibble(
  Date = names(ny_t2m_data),
  T2M = unlist(ny_t2m_data)
) %>%
  mutate(
    Date = as.Date(substr(Date, 1, 8), format = "%Y%m%d"),
    State = "NEW YORK"
  )

head(ny_climate_df)

```

```

## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##   Date      T2M State
##   <date>    <dbl> <chr>
## 1 2023-01-01  8.04 NEW YORK
## 2 2023-01-01  7.69 NEW YORK
## 3 2023-01-01  7.43 NEW YORK
## 4 2023-01-01  7.04 NEW YORK
## 5 2023-01-01  6.87 NEW YORK
## 6 2023-01-01  6.61 NEW YORK

```

```

# Combine Florida and New York climate datasets as one
climate_df <- bind_rows(f1_climate_df, ny_climate_df)

```

```
head(climate_df)
```

```

## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##   Date      T2M State
##   <date>    <dbl> <chr>
## 1 2023-01-01 19.1 FLORIDA
## 2 2023-01-01 18.9 FLORIDA
## 3 2023-01-01 18.8 FLORIDA
## 4 2023-01-01 18.6 FLORIDA
## 5 2023-01-01 18.5 FLORIDA
## 6 2023-01-01 18.3 FLORIDA

```

```

# Check for any na data values
colSums(is.na(noaa_clean))

```

```

## BEGIN_DATE      STATE EVENT_TYPE      YEAR MONTH_NAME BEGIN_LAT BEGIN_LON
##          0          0          0          0          0          0          0

```

```
colSums(is.na(climate_df))
```

```

##   Date      T2M State
##   0          0          0

```

Merge NOAA and NASA datasets as final dataset

```

# Merge NOAA and NASA datasets
final_merged <- noaa_clean %>%
  inner_join(climate_df, by = c("BEGIN_DATE" = "Date", "STATE" = "State"))

```

```

## Warning in inner_join(., climate_df, by = c(BEGIN_DATE = "Date", STATE = "State")): Detected an unex
## i Row 151 of 'x' matches multiple rows in 'y'.
## i Row 3697 of 'y' matches multiple rows in 'x'.
## i If a many-to-many relationship is expected, set 'relationship =
##   "many-to-many"' to silence this warning.

```

```

head(final_merged)

##   BEGIN_DATE STATE EVENT_TYPE YEAR MONTH_NAME BEGIN_LAT BEGIN_LON    T2M
## 1 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail 2023      June    28.14 -82.31 22.32
## 2 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail 2023      June    28.14 -82.31 22.05
## 3 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail 2023      June    28.14 -82.31 21.79
## 4 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail 2023      June    28.14 -82.31 21.55
## 5 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail 2023      June    28.14 -82.31 21.40
## 6 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail 2023      June    28.14 -82.31 21.34

df_final <- final_merged %>%
  select(-c(YEAR, MONTH_NAME))

head(df_final)

##   BEGIN_DATE STATE EVENT_TYPE BEGIN_LAT BEGIN_LON    T2M
## 1 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail    28.14 -82.31 22.32
## 2 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail    28.14 -82.31 22.05
## 3 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail    28.14 -82.31 21.79
## 4 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail    28.14 -82.31 21.55
## 5 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail    28.14 -82.31 21.40
## 6 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail    28.14 -82.31 21.34

colnames(df_final) <- c("Date", "State", "EventType", "Begin_Lat", "Begin_Lon", "Temperature")

head(df_final)

##       Date State EventType Begin_Lat Begin_Lon Temperature
## 1 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail    28.14 -82.31      22.32
## 2 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail    28.14 -82.31      22.05
## 3 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail    28.14 -82.31      21.79
## 4 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail    28.14 -82.31      21.55
## 5 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail    28.14 -82.31      21.40
## 6 2023-06-04 FLORIDA     Hail    28.14 -82.31      21.34

```

In this data, we see the avg_temperature and total_events happened in state Florida and New York

```

# Count events by state and event type
df_final %>%
  group_by(State, EventType) %>%
  summarize(
    Total_Events = n(),
    Avg_Temperature = mean(Temperature, na.rm = TRUE)
  )

```

```

## `summarise()` has grouped output by 'State'. You can override using the
## `.` argument.

```

```

## # A tibble: 17 x 4
## # Groups:   State [2]
##   State    EventType      Total_Events  Avg_Temperature
##   <chr>    <chr>          <int>            <dbl>
## 1 FLORIDA Flash Flood     3840             27.4
## 2 FLORIDA Flood           7152             23.9
## 3 FLORIDA Funnel Cloud    648              25.9
## 4 FLORIDA Hail            2472             25.4
## 5 FLORIDA Heavy Rain      1440             24.3
## 6 FLORIDA Lightning        264              28.8
## 7 FLORIDA Thunderstorm Wind 11064            27.2
## 8 FLORIDA Tornado         1392             23.9
## 9 NEW YORK Debris Flow     432              16.1
## 10 NEW YORK Flash Flood    15504            19.1
## 11 NEW YORK Flood          11808            12.2
## 12 NEW YORK Funnel Cloud    48               22.9
## 13 NEW YORK Hail           1944             21.0
## 14 NEW YORK Heavy Rain      24               24.3
## 15 NEW YORK Lightning       168              19.7
## 16 NEW YORK Thunderstorm Wind 10464            21.0
## 17 NEW YORK Tornado        480              22.9

```

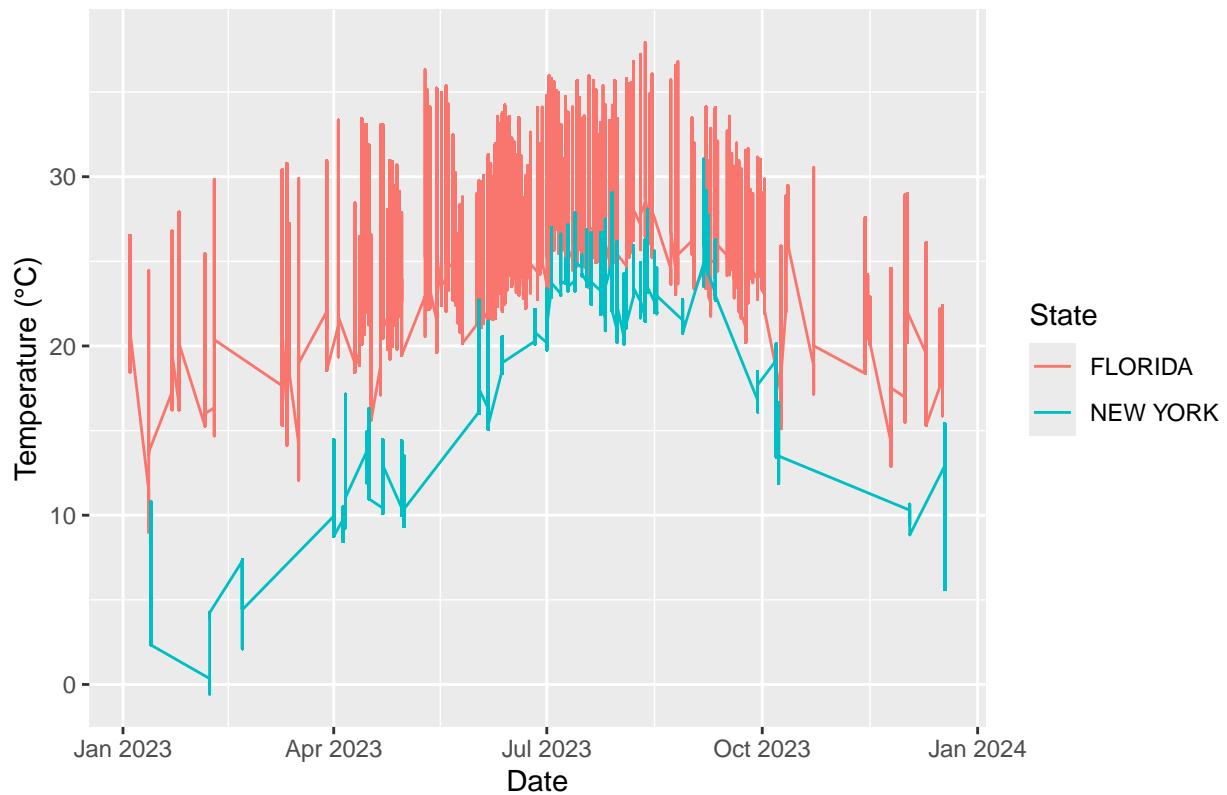
Florida's temperature is warmer than New York, but New York's natural disasters are more frequent.

```

ggplot(df_final, aes(x = Date, y = Temperature, color = State)) +
  geom_line() +
  labs(title = "Temperature Trends by State", x = "Date", y = "Temperature (°C)")

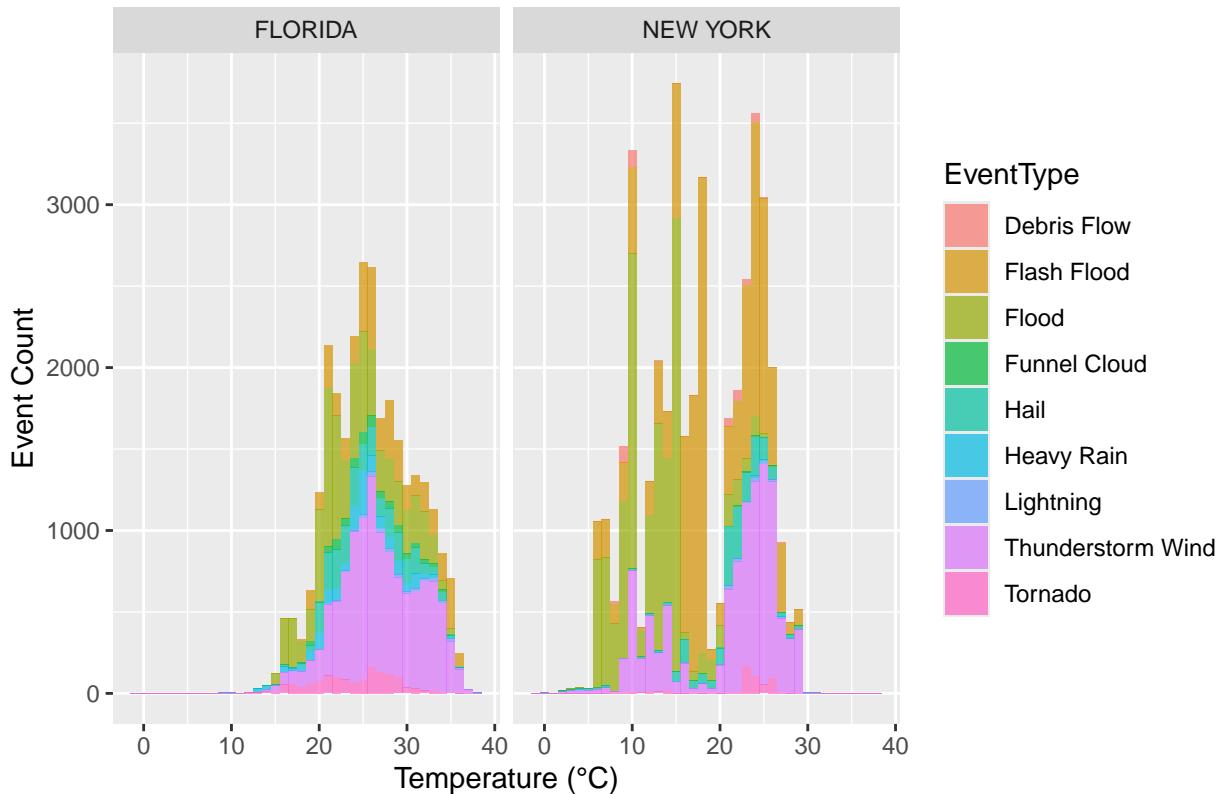
```

Temperature Trends by State



```
ggplot(df_final, aes(x = Temperature, fill = EventType)) +  
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 1, alpha = 0.7) +  
  facet_wrap(~State) +  
  labs(title = "Temperature vs. Event Frequency", x = "Temperature (°C)", y = "Event Count")
```

Temperature vs. Event Frequency



Now, we focus on hurricanes (typhoons) and floods in the year 2023 to examine whether higher temperatures influence the frequency of these events.

- There is no hurricanes (typhoons) were recorded in the New York and Florida areas during this period

```
# filter the hurricanes (typhoons) and flood

filtered_data <- df_final %>%
  filter(EventType %in% c("Hurricane(Typhoon)", "Flood"))

head(filtered_data)
```

```
##           Date   State EventType Begin_Lat Begin_Lon Temperature
## 1 2023-11-15 FLORIDA   Flood  25.9265 -80.3477    21.40
## 2 2023-11-15 FLORIDA   Flood  25.9265 -80.3477    21.28
## 3 2023-11-15 FLORIDA   Flood  25.9265 -80.3477    21.13
## 4 2023-11-15 FLORIDA   Flood  25.9265 -80.3477    21.04
## 5 2023-11-15 FLORIDA   Flood  25.9265 -80.3477    20.99
## 6 2023-11-15 FLORIDA   Flood  25.9265 -80.3477    20.91
```

```
# Count floods by state
flood_count_by_state <- filtered_data %>%
  filter(EventType == "Flood") %>%
  group_by(State) %>%
```

```
summarize(Count = n())

print(flood_count_by_state)
```

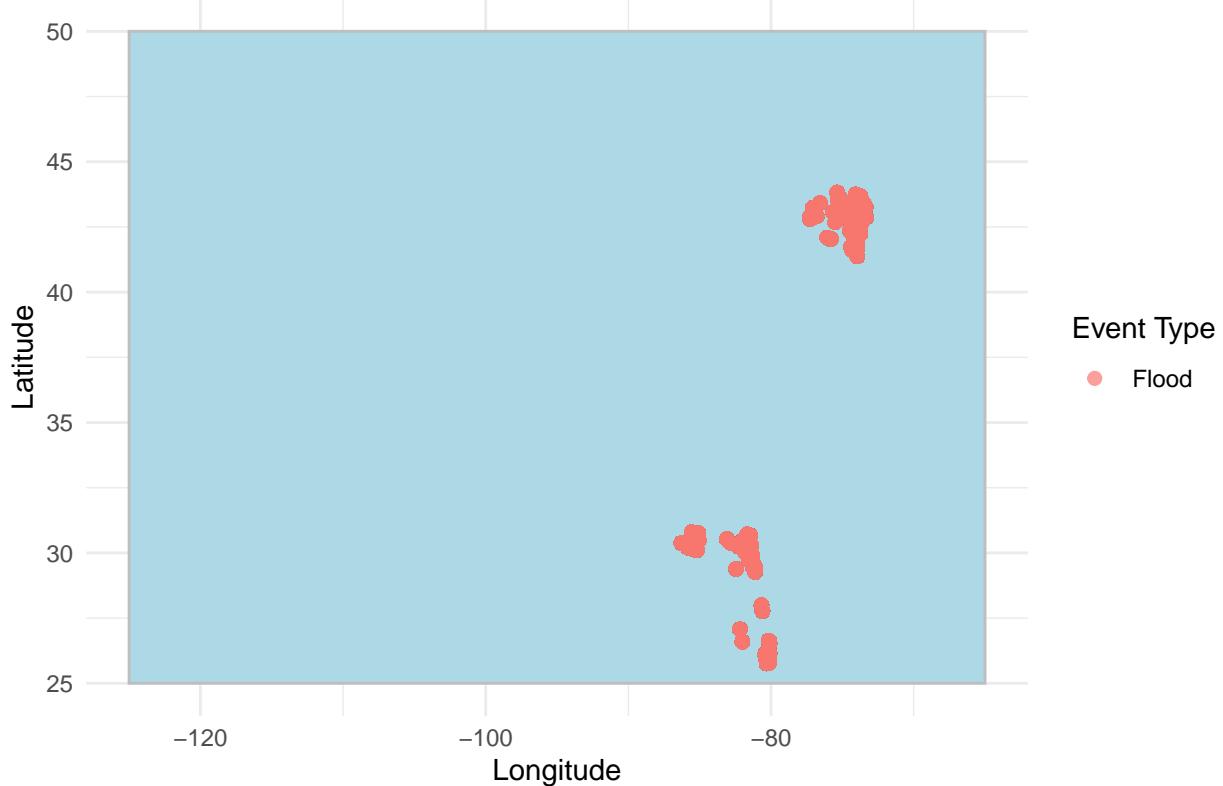
```
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
##   State     Count
##   <chr>    <int>
## 1 FLORIDA    7152
## 2 NEW YORK   11808
```

Use the map to show the temperature vs flood

```
# Define the bounding box for the U.S.
bbox <- c(xmin = -125, xmax = -65, ymin = 25, ymax = 50)

# Create a basic map
ggplot() +
  # Add a rectangular base map
  geom_rect(
    aes(xmin = bbox[1], xmax = bbox[2], ymin = bbox[3], ymax = bbox[4]),
    fill = "lightblue", color = "gray"
  ) +
  # Plot disaster points
  geom_point(
    data = filtered_data,
    aes(x = Begin_Lon, y = Begin_Lat, color = EventType),
    alpha = 0.7, size = 2
  ) +
  labs(
    title = "Disaster Locations in the U.S.",
    x = "Longitude",
    y = "Latitude",
    color = "Event Type"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()
```

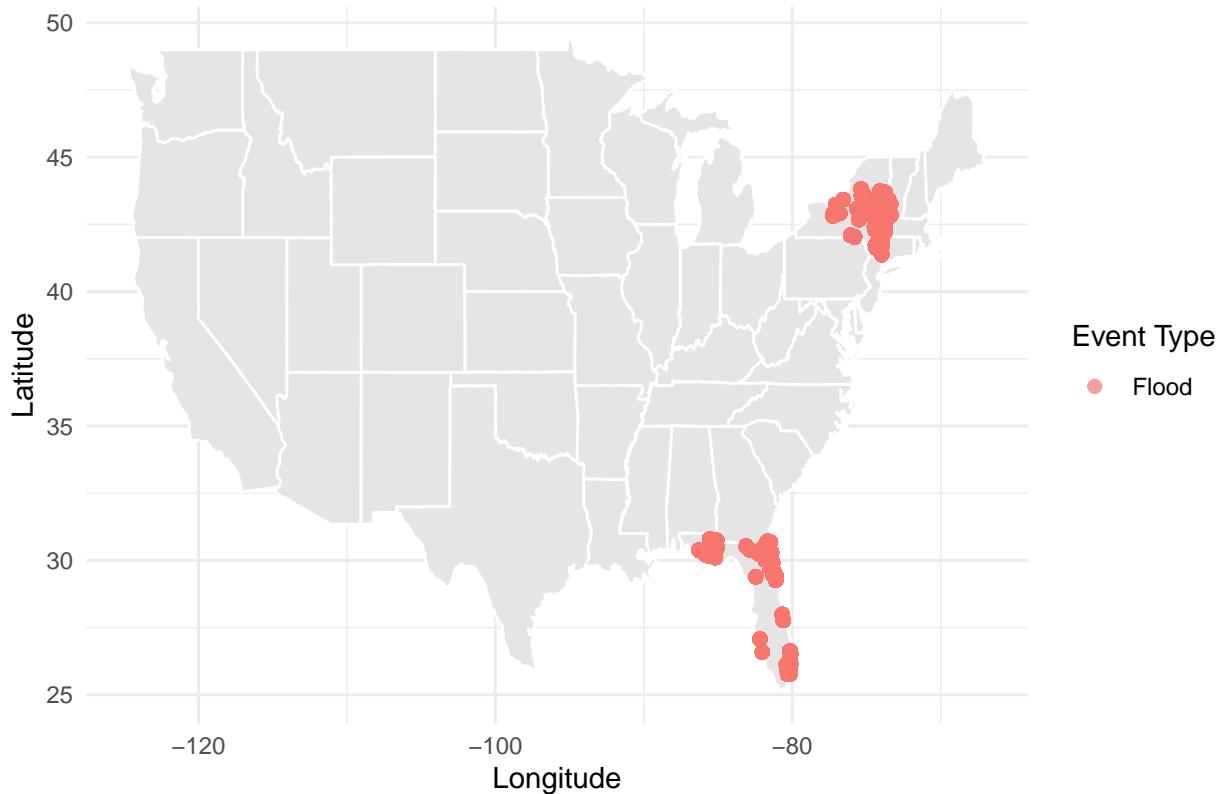
Disaster Locations in the U.S.



```
# US map
us_map <- map_data("state")

ggplot() +
  # Add state borders
  geom_polygon(
    data = us_map, aes(x = long, y = lat, group = group),
    fill = "gray90", color = "white"
  ) +
  
  geom_point(
    data = filtered_data,
    aes(x = Begin_Lon, y = Begin_Lat, color = EventType),
    alpha = 0.7, size = 2
  ) +
  labs(
    title = "Disaster Locations in the U.S.",
    x = "Longitude",
    y = "Latitude",
    color = "Event Type"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()
```

Disaster Locations in the U.S.



Use cor.test function to assess the relationship between two variables, and test the significance

```
frequency_data <- filtered_data %>%
  group_by(Temperature, State, EventType) %>%
  summarize(Event_Count = n(), .groups = "drop")

head(frequency_data)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
##   Temperature State     EventType Event_Count
##       <dbl> <chr>    <chr>          <int>
## 1      2.33 NEW YORK Flood           4
## 2      2.58 NEW YORK Flood           4
## 3      3.09 NEW YORK Flood           4
## 4      3.78 NEW YORK Flood           4
## 5      4.45 NEW YORK Flood           4
## 6      4.96 NEW YORK Flood           4
```

The p-value is so small. We reject null hypothesis, there is no correlation between temperature and event frequency.

```
cor.test(frequency_data$Temperature, frequency_data$Event_Count)

##
## Pearson's product-moment correlation
##
## data: frequency_data$Temperature and frequency_data$Event_Count
## t = -8.4649, df = 805, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -0.3480424 -0.2212493
## sample estimates:
##       cor
## -0.2858967
```

Summary:

The analysis supports that higher temperatures do not result in more frequent natural disaster. Florida has warmer climate with higher average temperatures compared to New York, but in year 2023, New York experienced more floods(11,808 events) than Florida (7,152 events). Temperature may be one influencing factor, but flood frequency appears to be determined by a combination of climatic and environmental factors.

Challenges:

This project was particularly challenging for me because it required merging two separate NOAA CSV files and merging them with the NASA API dataset. Additionally, creating a map plot to visualize the data was a new and complex task that pushed me to learn and apply new skills.