

Data 607_Final Project

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

In this Project 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_Final_Project/refs/heads/main/St
head(df1)
```

| ## | YEAR | MONTH | EPISODE_ID | EVENT_ID | LOCATION_INDEX | RANGE | AZIMUTH | LOCATION |
|------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|----------------|-------|---------|----------------|
| ## 1 | 2023 | 03 | 176742 | 1074014 | 1 | 2.07 | N | ABERNATHY ARPT |
| ## 2 | 2023 | 03 | 176742 | 1074015 | 1 | 1.49 | SSW | PROSPECT |
| ## 3 | 2023 | 03 | 176742 | 1074016 | 1 | 1.67 | W | NASHVILLE |
| ## 4 | 2023 | 03 | 176742 | 1074017 | 1 | 0.45 | ENE | GOODLETTSVILLE |
| ## 5 | 2023 | 03 | 176742 | 1074018 | 1 | 2.19 | SSW | MILLERSVILLE |
| ## 6 | 2023 | 03 | 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/Jennyjxxzz/Data607_Fianl_Project/refs/heads/main/St
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
```

```
## 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 Wind 2023      March   35.1800  -87.0500
## 2 2023-03-03 TENNESSEE Thunderstorm Wind 2023      March   35.0100  -87.0100
## 3 2023-03-03 TENNESSEE Thunderstorm Wind 2023      March   36.1700  -86.8100
## 4 2023-03-03 TENNESSEE Thunderstorm Wind 2023      March   36.3220  -86.7123
## 5 2023-03-03 TENNESSEE Thunderstorm Wind 2023      March   36.3394  -86.7100
## 6 2023-03-03 TENNESSEE Thunderstorm Wind 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=20230101&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.
```

```

# 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(fl_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(fl_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
```

```
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 unexpec
## 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)
  )
```

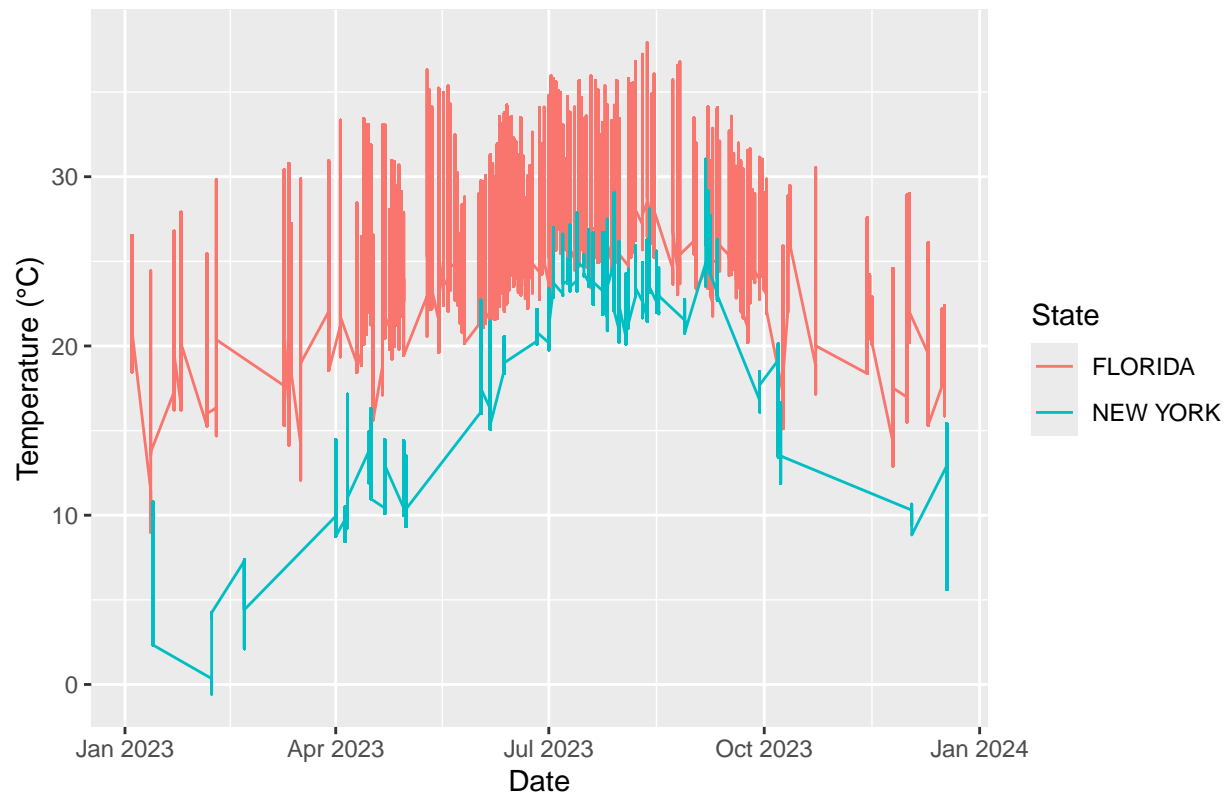
```
## 'summarise()' has grouped output by 'State'. You can override using the
## '.groups' argument.
```

```
## # 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.

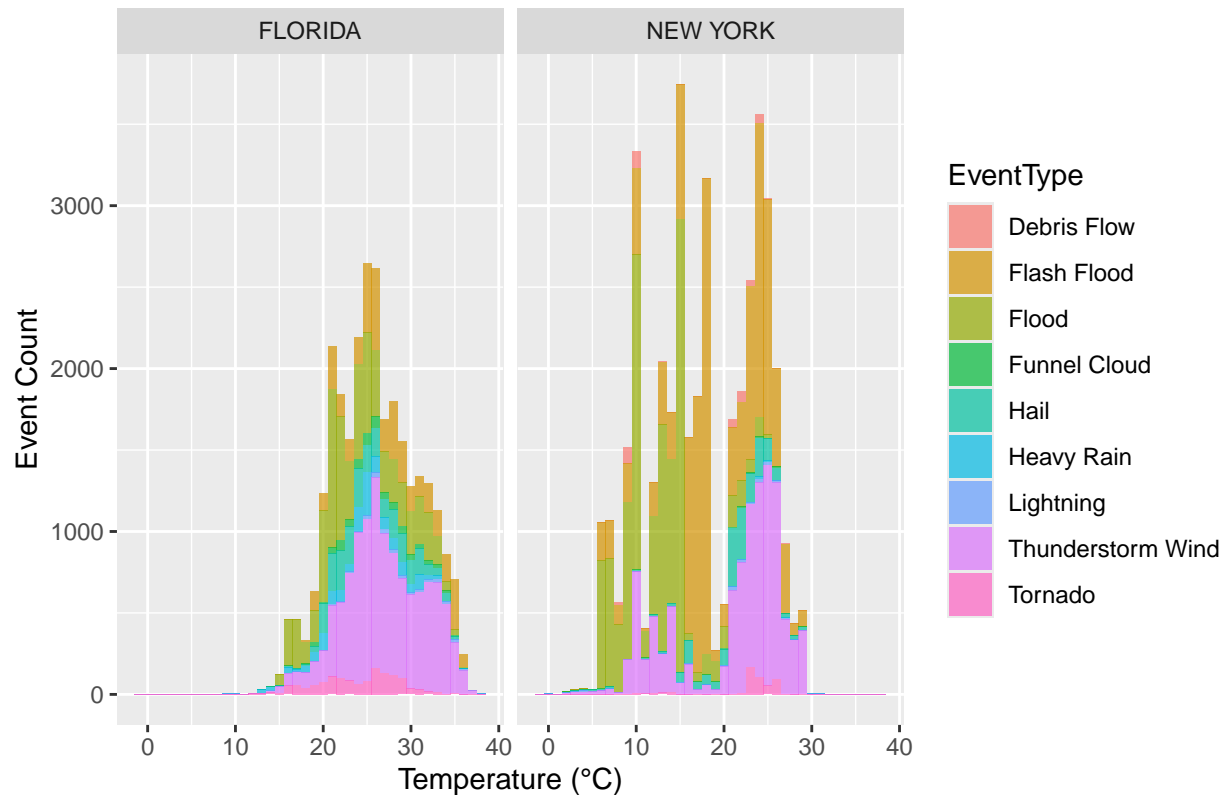
```
ggplot(df_final, aes(x = Date, y = Temperature, color = State)) +
  geom_line() +
  labs(title = "Temperature Trends by State", x = "Date", y = "Temperature (°C)")
```

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

```

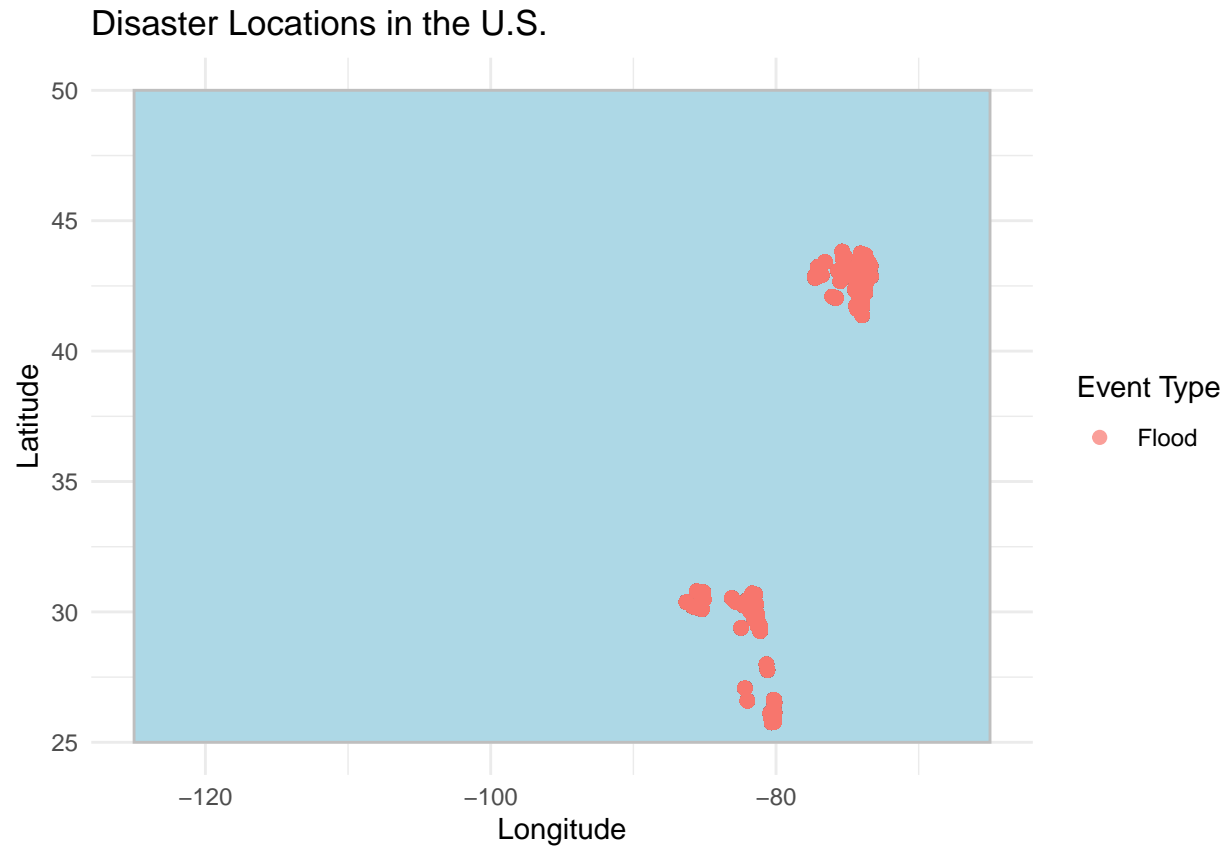
Use the map to show the temperature vs flood

```

# 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()

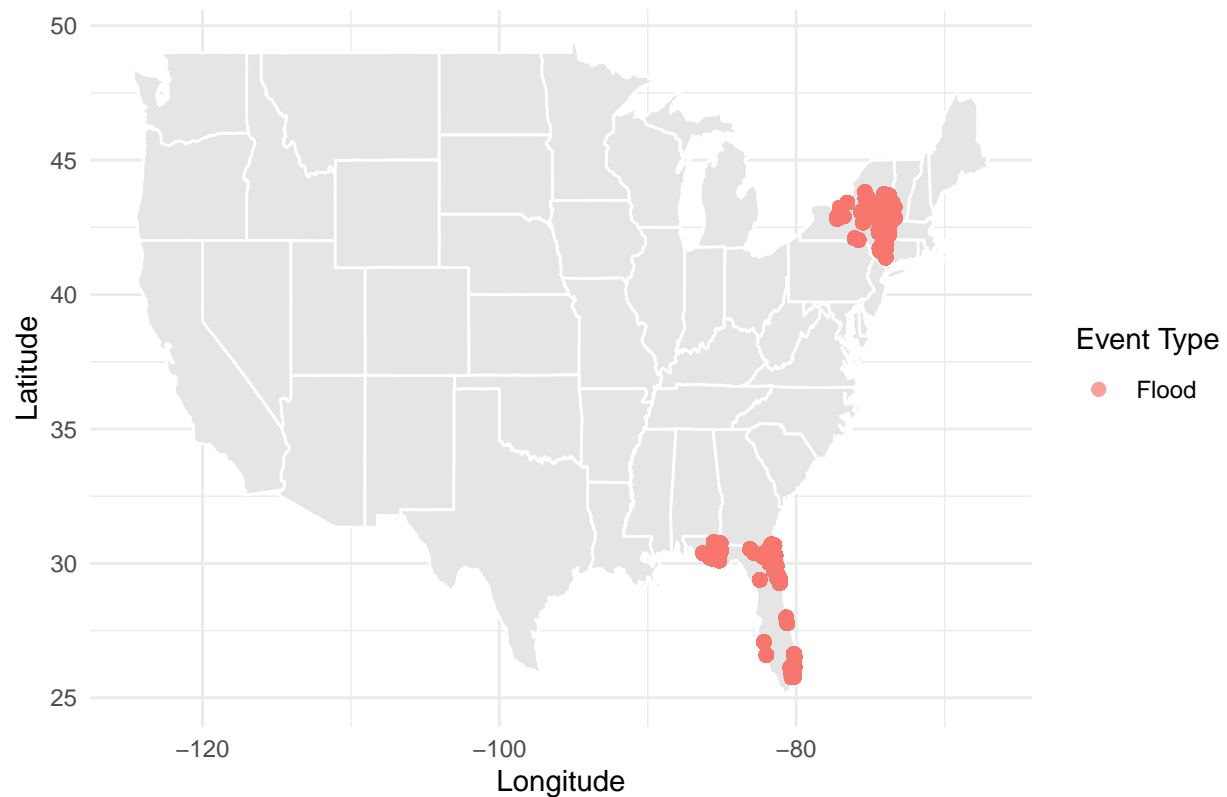
```



```
# 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.