CS 751: Assignment 1

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1 Question 1

Write a program that extracts 10000 tweets with links from Twitter. Reference - http://thomassileo.com/blog/2013/01/25/usituitter-rest-api-v1-dot-1-with-python/ Other resources are available Note that only Twitter API 1.1 is currently available; version 1 code will no longer work.

- Save the tweets URIs, and the mapping to the link(s) each tweet contains
- For each t.co link use "curl I L" to record the HTTP headers all the way to a terminal HTTP status (i.e. chase down all the redirects)
- How many unique final URIs? How many duplicate URIs?
- Build a histogram of how many redirects (every URI will have at least 1) http://en.wikipedia. org/wiki/Histogram Build a histogram of HTTP status codes encountered (youll have at least 20000: 10000 301s, and 10000+ more)

1.1 Solution

The following steps were taken to extract tweets from twitter:

- Consumer key, consumer secret key, OAUTH token, OAUTH secret token are collected by registering an application in Twitter.
- Tweepy package is used to get the URI's from tweets with a specific keyword.
- 'Tweet Id', 'Tweet URI', 'Tweet Created Date' are stored in file as JSON format for further usage.
- Requests package is used to get all redirect headers, redirect count and final URI's.
- Unique URI's, duplicate URI's are counted using set function in python.

1.2 Code Listing

Here is the python code that is used to collect Thousand URL's from twitter.

```
import tweepy
         import json
  3
         import time
         import sys
  4
  5
          import re
  6
  7
         # Authentication Keys to Connect to Twitter API
  8
         CONSUMER_KEY = "qhJBwYCG9nYR7d5a5ZNfJD3Wy"
  9
         CONSUMER.SECRET = "gWAh87ScdyhUE5weUNc7PvLsc2Lax2yLm6sGKOjIbxELnfcKBS"
10
11
         OAUTH\_TOKEN = "2801896164 - B9QLY4qwRBDKzi0LH1e1utgywvPrYdDOHJHnG0i" + B9QLY4qwRBDWyVPrYdDOHJHng0i" + B9QLY4qwRBDWyVPrYdDOHJHng0i" + B9QLY4qwRBDWyVPrYdDOHJHng0i" + B9QLY4qwRBDWyVPrYdDOHJHng0i" + B9QLY4qwRBDWyVPrYdDOHJHng0i" + B9QLY4qwRBDWyVPrYdDOHJHng0i" + B9QLY4qwRBDWyVPrYdDOHJHngi" + B9QLY4qwRBDWyVPrYdDOHJHng0i" + B9QLY4
12
13
         OAUTH_TOKEN_SECRET = "ATnP7537AG1Q6tNgvwnekprYz5vpYgj7jykxRGYEgo8nX"
14
          tweetFile = open('tweetLink', 'w')
                                                                                                                                                                                   \#Open\ a\ file\ to\ write\ the
15
                     output
          auth \, = \, tweepy.\,OAuthHandler(CONSUMER\_KEY, \,\,CONSUMER\_SECRET)
16
                                                                                                                                                                                   #Get OAuth handler from
                    tweepy
          auth.set_access_token(OAUTH_TOKEN, OAUTH_TOKEN_SECRET)
17
18
          url_list = set()
19
          api = tweepy.API(auth)
                                                                                                                                                                                #Getting Tweepy API
20
          search_results = tweepy.Cursor(api.search,q="http:").items()
21
22
          while True:
                                                                                                                                                                                 # Infinite loop through tweets
23
                     try:
24
                                tweet = search_results.next()
25
                               item= tweet._json
26
                                eachitem = \{\}
                                created_date= item['user']['created_at']
27
28
                                tweet_id= item['id_str']
                                eachitem['id'] = tweet_id
29
30
                                eachitem ['createdDate'] = created_date
                                for link in item['entities']['urls']:
    url_list.add(link['url'])
31
32
                                          eachitem ['link']=link['url']
33
34
                                           tweetFile.write(json.dumps(eachitem) + '\n')
                                          print link['url;
35
                                if len(url_list) = 10000:
36
                                                                                                                                                                             # Break at 10000
37
                                          break
38
                     except tweepy.TweepError:
39
                                time.sleep (60 * 15)
40
                                continue
41
                     except StopIteration:
                                break
42
```

Listing 1: Python program for extracting 10000 links for a given keyword

histogramData.py

```
import requests
2
   import json
3
    \mathrm{dicts}\!=\!\!\{\}
4
5
    redirect={}
    histogramdata = open('histogramdata', 'w')
6
7
    histogramLinkData = open('histogramLinkdata', 'w')
8
    histogramStatusData = open('histogramStatusdata', 'w')
9
    for i in range (1,11):
        filepath = "statusoutputs"
10
        filepath+='i
11
        fh=open(filepath,'r')
12
13
        for line in fh:
             eachJson=json.loads(line)
14
15
             for status in eachJson['statuscodes']:
                 histogramStatusData.write(str(status)+'\n')
16
17
                 if status in dicts:
18
                      dicts [status]+=1
19
                 else:
20
                      dicts[status] =1
                 statuslen = len(eachJson['statuscodes'])-1
21
22
                 histogramLinkData.write(str(statuslen) + '\t'+str(eachJson['finalurl'])+'\n')
23
                 if statuslen in redirect:
24
                      redirect [statuslen]+=1
25
                 else:
26
                      redirect [statuslen]=1
27
    finalJson={}
    finalJson ['statusfinaldata']=dicts
finalJson ['redirectdata']=redirect
28
29
30
    histogramdata.write(json.dumps(finalJson) + '\n')
```

Listing 2: Python program to find count of unique, duplicate final URI's and

Uniqueuris.py

```
import requests
2
   import json
3
4
5
    histogramdata = open('histogramdata', 'w')
    histogramLinkData = open('histogramLinkdata', 'w')
6
7
    histogramStatusData = open('histogramStatusdata', 'w')
8
    url_list = set()
    for i in range(1,11):
    filepath = "statusoutputs"
9
10
        filepath+='i'
11
12
        fh=open(filepath, 'r')
13
        for line in fh:
14
             eachJson=json.loads(line)
15
             for status in eachJson['finalurl']:
                 url_list.add(status)
16
    print len(url_list)
```

Listing 3: Python program to find count of unique, duplicate final URI's and

RedirectHistogram.R

```
d=read.csv("histogramLinkdata.txt",stringsAsFactors=F,header=FALSE,sep="\t")

data=d[,1]

newData=data[which(data<10)]

png("redirect-histogramNew2.png")

hist(newData,main="Redirects Histogram",freq=T,xlab="Redirects",ylab="Frequency",ylim=c(0,20000),xlim=c(0,10))

dev.off()
```

Listing 4: R program for creating histogram to represent redirect frequency of URI

${\bf Status Codes Histogram. R}$

```
d=read.csv("StatusCodes.txt",stringsAsFactors=F,header=FALSE,sep="\t")
data=d[,1]
newData=data[which(data<10)]
png("StatusCodes-histogramNew2.png")
hist(newData,main="StatusCodes Histogram",freq=T,xlab="Status Codes",ylab="Frequency")
dev.off()
```

Listing 5: R program for creating histogram to represent status codes frequency of URI

1.3 Results

```
{"link": "http://t.co/x4gG3aSiws", "id": "565391360061345792", "createdDate": "Thu May 01
      18:33:51 +0000 2014"
{"link": "http://t.co/k9GANn2mAU", "id": "565391360057159682", "createdDate": "Thu Dec 31
      15:58:00 +0000 2009"}
{"link": "http://t.co/yLUmCXBH2R", "id": "565391360052953088", "createdDate": "Thu Jan 09
      08:59:45 +0000 2014"
{"link": "http://t.co/ulzWwBUrCJ", "id": "565391360048783360", "createdDate": "Fri May 10
      10:54:00 +0000 2013"}
{"link": "http://t.co/ulzWwBUrCJ", "id": "565391360044593153", "createdDate": "Tue Dec 30
     02:08:42 +0000 2014"
"link": "http://t.co/ulzWwBUrCJ", "id": "565391360044584960", "createdDate": "Sun Jul 07
      03:09:11 +0000 2013"
{"link": "http://t.co/usIvf3FPeu", "id": "565391360040370176", "createdDate": "Fri Feb 11
     19\!:\!01\!:\!57 \ +0000 \ 2011"\}
{"link": "http://t.co/TAHBVZMeek", "id": "565391360036200449", "createdDate": "Sat Feb 18
      17:21:14 +0000 2012"
 \{"link": "http://t.co/qGgEQbjTHa", "id": "565391360036196353", "createdDate": "Wed Jul 30 "link": "http://t.co/qGgEQbjTHa", "ht
      07:19:40 +0000 2014 }
{"link": "http://t.co/ulzWwBUrCJ", "id": "565391360036196352", "createdDate": "Fri Oct 04
     13:35:08 +0000 2013"}
{"link": "http://t.co/eEtpUfkgSM", "id": "565391360036192257", "createdDate": "Thu Oct 16
      15:34:19 +0000 2014"}
{"link": "http://t.co/5mWvEMxhDC", "id": "565391360032014336", "createdDate": "Fri Aug 21
     20:46:27 +0000 2009"}
{"link": "http://t.co/GkyPnGbWxV", "id": "565391360027807745", "createdDate": "Thu Oct 23
      18:14:24 +0000 2008"}
{"link": "http://t.co/5SBpnDdRX6", "id": "565391360023609345", "createdDate": "Wed Dec 25
     13:21:48 +0000 2013"
{"link": "http://t.co/wBLsbgUZMR", "id": "565391360023605249", "createdDate": "Sat Nov 02
      16:14:56 +0000 2013"}
{"link": "http://t.co/lfrBXQWGyV", "id": "565391357762863104", "createdDate": "Sat Aug 17
      04:37:27 +0000 2013
{"link": "http://t.co/VNI4jA6F2z", "id": "565391357758668802", "createdDate": "Thu Jul 26
     06:01:13 +0000 2012"
{"link": "http://t.co/lpsyYlPu8k", "id": "565391357750292480", "createdDate": "Mon Oct 08
     06:04:33 +0000 2012"
{"link": "http://t.co/mxW8DcIF5h", "id": "565391357733515264", "createdDate": "Sun Apr 20
     14:10:32 +0000 2014"}
{"link": "http://t.co/laYjTRcoGr", "id": "565391357720944640", "createdDate": "Mon Nov 10
      23:55:39 +0000 2014"}
{"link": "http://t.co/AFpHxKG9sh", "id": "565391357712539649", "createdDate": "Fri May 23
      16:22:31 +0000 2014"
{"link": "http://t.co/XlLxfMHidn", "id": "565391357708345345", "createdDate": "Wed May 21
      12:45:19 +0000 2014"}
{"link": "http://t.co/gUfDM0pRGU", "id": "565391357704146944", "createdDate": "Tue Aug 05
     05:08:04 +0000 2014"
{"link": "http://t.co/qLP4wl0caW", "id": "565391357699969025", "createdDate": "Fri Mar 01
     13:57:44 +0000 2013"
{"link": "http://t.co/7J8v6ieNvS", "id": "565391357699964928", "createdDate": "Wed Mar 03
      15:24:57 +0000 2010"}
{"link": "http://t.co/FW5Ldr8pGz", "id": "565391357695782912", "createdDate": "Tue Sep 17
      23:14:40 +0000 2013"}
{"link": "http://t.co/0LKZuZ8dQS", "id": "565391357695766529", "createdDate": "Fri Dec 30
      09:06:36 +0000 2011"}
{"link": "http://t.co/vqNnUyX85Z", "id": "565391357687373825", "createdDate": "Tue Jul 02
     09:17:11 +0000 2013
{"link": "http://t.co/WD9Pl3Z93y", "id": "565391357683200002", "createdDate": "Sun Apr 07
     04:12:16 +0000 2013"}
"link": "http://t.co/852b8oL7Ie", "id": "565391357678997505", "createdDate": "Wed Nov 14
     05:07:41 +0000 2012
{"link": "http://t.co/TRF8sBRCVI", "id": "565391354831073280", "createdDate": "Mon Jun 06
      13:43:06 +0000 2011"}
{"link": "http://t.co/rIN59kOXEt", "id": "565391354831065089", "createdDate": "Sat Sep 20
     07:17:30 +0000 2014
{"link": "http://t.co/CCqPTv34xD", "id": "565391354814275585", "createdDate": "Fri Oct 24
      13:14:35 +0000 2014
```

Listing 6: Sample Result for Above Program

Redirects Histogram

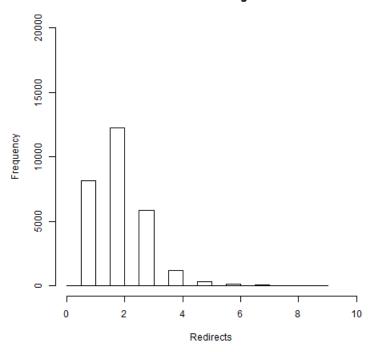


Figure 1: Histogram

StatusCodes Histogram

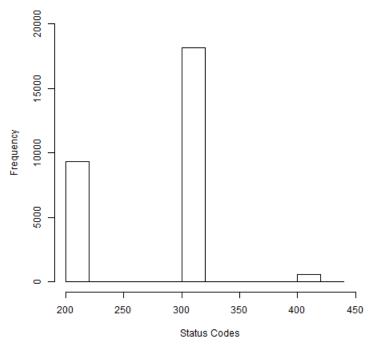


Figure 2: Histogram

2 Question 2

Write a Python program that:

- Uses "Carbon Date" to estimate the age of each links(s) in a tweet -See: "http://ws-dl.blogspot.com/2013/04/2013-04-19-carbon-dating-web.html"
- Create a histogram of (Agetweet Agelink) .Many (most?) deltas will be 0,but there should be many;0
- For these, compute: median, mean, std dev, std err
- Use wget to download the text for all the links. Hold on to those, we'll come back to them later. -See: "http://superuser.com/questions/55040/save-a-single-web-page-with-background-images-with-wget" "http://stackoverflow.com/questions/6348289/download-a-working-local-copy-of-a-webpage"

2.1 Solution

- Carbon Date tool installed as per instructions provided by author.
- Few URI's were consuming lot of time to query all of its services. So, I have divided 10000 URI's to 10 files and ran 10 scripts on different linux servers.
- I have made few changes to local.py in the carbon tool to read 1000 URI's from a text file and write back the result into another text file in JSON format.
- To find an age of a link, I have written a python program 'calculateDays.py' which will take the date and return days.
- Mean, median, standard deviation and standard error are calculated using statistics python package.

2.2 Code Listing

local.py

```
from checkForModules import checkForModules
    import json
    from ordereddict import OrderedDict
    import urlparse
 4
 5
    import re
    from getBitly import getBitlyCreationDate
 6
 7
    from getArchives import getArchivesCreationDate
    from getGoogle import getGoogleCreationDate
9
    from getBacklinks import *
    from getLowest import getLowest
10
    \textbf{from} \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{getLastModified} \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{import} \hspace{0.1cm} \textbf{getLastModifiedDate}
11
    from getTopsyScrapper import getTopsyCreationDate
    from htmlMessages import *
    from pprint import pprint
14
15
    from threading import Thread
16
    import Queue
17
    import datetime
    \mathbf{import} \hspace{0.2cm} \text{os} \hspace{0.1cm}, \hspace{0.1cm} \text{sys} \hspace{0.1cm}, \hspace{0.1cm} \text{traceback}
18
19
    def cd(url, backlinksFlag = False):
20
         #print 'Getting Creation dates for: ' + url
21
22
         #scheme missing?
23
         parsedUrl = urlparse.urlparse(url)
24
         if( len(parsedUrl.scheme)<1 ):</pre>
25
              url = 'http://'+url
26
         threads = []
         outputArray =[',',',',',',',',',']
27
28
         now0 = datetime.datetime.now()
29
         lastmodifiedThread = Thread(target=getLastModifiedDate, args=(url, outputArray, 0))
30
         bitlyThread = Thread(target=getBitlyCreationDate, args=(url, outputArray, 1))
31
         googleThread = Thread(target=getGoogleCreationDate, args=(url, outputArray, 2))
         archivesThread = Thread(target=getArchivesCreationDate, args=(url, outputArray, 3))
32
33
         if( backlinksFlag ):
```

```
34
             backlinkThread = Thread(target=getBacklinksFirstAppearanceDates, args=(url,
                 outputArray, 4))
        topsyThread = Thread(target=getTopsyCreationDate, args=(url, outputArray, 5))
35
36
        # Add threads to thread list
37
        threads.append(lastmodifiedThread)
38
        threads.append(bitlyThread)
        threads.append(googleThread)
39
        threads.append(archivesThread)
40
41
        if( backlinksFlag ):
42
             threads.append(backlinkThread)
43
        threads.append(topsyThread)
        # Start new Threads
44
        lastmodifiedThread.start()
45
        bitlyThread.start()
46
        googleThread.start()
47
48
        archivesThread.start()
49
        if( backlinksFlag ):
             backlinkThread.start()
50
        topsyThread.start()
51
        # Wait for all threads to complete
52
53
        for t in threads:
54
             t.join()
55
        # For threads
56
        lastmodified = outputArray[0]
57
        bitly = outputArray[1]
        google = outputArray[2]
58
59
        archives = outputArray[3]
60
        if( backlinksFlag ):
61
             backlink = outputArray[4]
62
        else:
             backlink = ','
63
64
        topsy = outputArray[5]
        \#note\ that\ archives ["Earliest"] = archives [0][1]
65
66
        try:
67
             lowest = getLowest([lastmodified, bitly, google, archives[0][1], backlink, topsy]) #
                 for\ thread
68
        except:
69
           print sys.exc_type, sys.exc_value , sys.exc_traceback
70
        result = []
71
        result.append(("URI", url))
        result.append(("Estimated Creation Date", lowest))
72
        result.append(("Last Modified", lastmodified))
73
        result.append(("Bitly.com", bitly))
74
        result.append(("Topsy.com", topsy))
result.append(("Backlinks", backlink))
result.append(("Google.com", google))
75
76
77
        result.append(("Archives", archives))
78
79
        values = OrderedDict(result)
        r = json.dumps(values, sort_keys=False, indent=2, separators=(',', ': '))
80
81
        now1 = datetime.datetime.now() - now0
        print 'runtime in seconds: '+ str(now1.seconds) + '\n' + r + '\n'
82
83
        return lowest
84
    i = 1
85
    fil = open("../statusoutputs1", 'r+')
    lowestModified = open('carbondateoutputs1', 'w')
86
87
    for line in fil:
88
        finaljson = \{\}
89
        eachJson=json.loads(line)
        url=eachJson['finalurl'
90
        finaljson['tweetcreatedDate'] = eachJson['createdDate']
91
        finaljson ['createdDate'] = cd(url)
92
        lowestModified.write(json.dumps(finaljson) + '\n')
93
        print i
94
95
        i+=1
```

Listing 7: Python program for getting creation date for URI's

CalculateDays.py

```
1
2
   import sys
3
   import time
 4
   import datetime
5
   import json
 6
   import statistics
   import scipy import stats
7
8
    def cd(cdate):
9
        try:
            ct = time.strptime(cdate, "%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S")
10
11
            cdt = datetime.datetime.fromtimestamp(time.mktime(ct))
12
            now = datetime.datetime.now()
            days = (now - cdt).days
13
14
15
        except ValueError:
16
            print ValueError
17
        return str(days)
18
    def cdtwitter(cdate):
19
        try:
            ts = time.strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S', time.strptime(cdate,'%a %b %d %H:%M:%S +0000
20
                 %Y'))
21
            ct = time.strptime(ts, "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S")
22
            cdt = datetime.datetime.fromtimestamp(time.mktime(ct))
23
            now = datetime.datetime.now()
24
            days = (now - cdt).days
25
        except ValueError:
26
            print ValueError
27
        return str (days)
28
    fh=open('carbondateoutputs1','r')
    finalStat=open('finalstatistics', 'w')
30
    finalStatus=open('finalstatisticstxt.txt', 'w')
31
    finalData = set()
32
    i = 0
33
    totalData={}
34
    for line in fh:
35
        eachJson=json.loads(line)
36
        if len(eachJson['tweetcreatedDate'])!=0:
             twitterAge = cdtwitter(eachJson['tweetcreatedDate'])
37
        if eachJson['createdDate']!="":
38
             linkage = cd(eachJson['createdDate'])
39
40
        absValue= abs(int(twitterAge) - int(linkage))
41
        finalData.add(absValue)
        finalStatus.write(str(absValue)+ '\n')
42
        sortedlist = sorted(finalData)
44
   print statistics.mean(sortedlist)
45
   print statistics.median(sortedlist)
   totalData['data'] = sortedlist
totalData['mean'] = statistics.mean(sortedlist)
46
47
    totalData['median'] = statistics.median(sortedlist)
49
    totalData['Std Dev'] = statistics.stdev(sortedlist)
    totalData['Std Err'] = stats.sem(sortedlist
51
    finalStat.write(json.dumps(totalData))
52
   #print statistics.mode(sortedlist)
   fh.close()
```

Listing 8: Python program for calculating the age of URI's

StatusCodesHistogram.py

```
d=read.csv("StatusCodes.txt", stringsAsFactors=F, header=FALSE, sep="\t")

data=d[,1]

newData=data[which(data<10)]

png("StatusCodes-histogramNew2.png")

hist(newData, main="StatusCodes Histogram", freq=T, xlab="Status Codes", ylab="Frequency")

dev.off()
```

Listing 9: R program for creating histogram of Tweet Age - Link Age

2.3 Results

```
{"tweetcreatedDate": "Sun Apr 27 03:09:07 +0000 2014", "createdDate": "2014-09-03T00:00:00"} {"tweetcreatedDate": "Sun Jan 26 17:49:12 +0000 2014", "createdDate": ""} {"tweetcreatedDate": "Thu May 24 19:32:59 +0000 2012", "createdDate": "2001-02-01T00:00:00"} {"tweetcreatedDate": "Sat Feb 01 02:42:50 +0000 2014", "createdDate": "2015-02-06T16:40:55"} {"tweetcreatedDate": "Sun Aug 15 02:39:59 +0000 2010", "createdDate": "2015-02-09T14:32:28"} {"tweetcreatedDate": "Thu May 15 02:39:59 +0000 2010", "createdDate": "2015-02-09T14:32:28"}
{"tweetcreatedDate": "Tue Jul 01 01:49:24 +0000 2014",
                                                                "createdDate": "2001-02-01T00:00:00"
 "tweetcreatedDate": "Tue May 26 12:07:03 +0000 2009",
                                                                "createdDate": ""}
 "tweetcreatedDate": "Tue Sep 27 16:05:54 +0000 2011"
                                                                "createdDate": "2012-02-09T00:00:00"}
 "tweetcreatedDate": "Fri Sep 03 20:04:55 +0000 2010"
                                                                "createdDate": ""}
{"tweetcreatedDate": "Fri Oct 10 08:24:36 +0000 2014",
                                                                "createdDate": "2011-05-12T00:00:00"}
{"tweetcreatedDate": "Mon Mar 16 19:49:45 +0000 2009",
                                                                "createdDate": ""}
 "tweetcreatedDate": "Sat Dec 24 02:35:37 +0000 2011",
                                                                "createdDate": "2015-02-10T17:02:24"}
                                                                "createdDate": "2015-01-23T00:01:05"}
 "tweetcreatedDate": "Sat Jun 05 10:41:46
                                                +0000\ 2010"
 "tweetcreatedDate": "Sun Apr 27 06:04:54 +0000 2014"
                                                                "createdDate": "2014-09-03T00:00:00"}
{"tweetcreatedDate": "Thu Feb 13 21:42:04 +0000 2014",
                                                                "createdDate": "2015-01-27T04:59:32"}
{"tweetcreatedDate": "Sat Apr 07 09:19:00 +0000 2012",
                                                                "createdDate": "2007-10-31T00:00:00"}
 "tweetcreatedDate": "Mon Sep 30 09:41:16 +0000 2013",
                                                                "createdDate": "2001-02-01T00:00:00"}
 "tweetcreatedDate": "Fri Oct 03 14:03:02
                                                                "createdDate": "2001-02-01T00:00:00"}
                                                +0000 2014"
                                                                "createdDate": ""}
 "tweetcreatedDate": "Thu Mar 08 01:45:24 +0000 2012"
{"tweetcreatedDate": "Sun May 24 14:14:04 +0000 2009",
                                                                "createdDate": ""}
{"tweetcreatedDate": "Fri Sep 05 18:47:56 +0000 2014",
                                                                "createdDate": ""
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Listing 10: Sample Result for Above Program

Delta of Tweet Age and Link Age

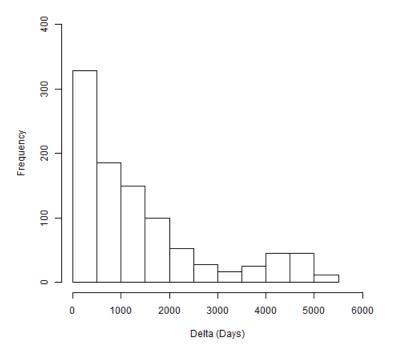


Figure 3: Histogram

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