

Obtaining Climate Data from NOAA

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1 Introduction

1.1 Read Data

```
library(here)

## here() starts at /home/mwl04747/RTricks

library(xtable)

stations.active.oldest = read.csv(here("04_Regional_Climate_Trends", "stations.active.oldest.csv"))
```

1.2 Select and Evaluate State Data

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stations.unique = unique(stations.active.oldest[,c("STATE", "STATE_NAME")])

xtab = xtable(stations.unique)

my.state = "CA"
```

2 Download Data from NOAA

2.1 Function to Download Data

```
# Select Stations in State
my.stations = subset(stations.active.oldest, STATE == my.state)

# Download Updated Station Data
i=1
here::here("04_Regional_Climate_Trends", my.stations$ID[i])
```

```
## [1] "/home/mwl04747/RTricks/04_Regional_Climate_Trends/USC00043157"

#station = data.frame(NULL)
for(i in 1:nrow(my.stations)){
  url = paste0("https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/pub/data/ghcn/daily/by_station/", my.stations$ID[i])

  print(i) # Print Index Number
  download.file(url, paste0(here::here("04_Regional_Climate_Trends", "Data", "SP24/"), my.stations$ID[i]))

  assign(paste0("station", i), read.csv(gzfile(paste0(here::here("04_Regional_Climate_Trends", "Data", "SP24/"), my.stations$ID[i])))

  # can't get the header named in loop!
  #names(paste0("station",i)) <- c("ID", "DATE", "ELEMENT", "VALUE", "M-FLAG", "Q-FLAG", "S-FLAG", "OBS-TIME")
}

## [1] 1
## [1] 2
## [1] 3
## [1] 4
## [1] 5

names(station1) <- c("ID", "DATE", "ELEMENT", "VALUE", "M-FLAG", "Q-FLAG", "S-FLAG", "OBS-TIME")
names(station3) <- names(station2) <- names(station1)
names(station5) <- names(station4) <- names(station1)

# NAMES OF VARIABLES ARE INCORRECT??

#ID = 11 character station identification code
#YEAR/MONTH/DAY = 8 character date in YYYYMMDD format (e.g. 19860529 = May 29, 1986)
#ELEMENT = 4 character indicator of element type
#DATA VALUE = 5 character data value for ELEMENT
#M-FLAG = 1 character Measurement Flag
#Q-FLAG = 1 character Quality Flag
#S-FLAG = 1 character Source Flag
#OBS-TIME = 4-character time of observation in hour-minute format (i.e. 0700 =7:00 am); v
#is available, the field is left empty
```

3 Process and Clean Data

3.1 Correct Values Units

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station1$VALUE = station1$VALUE/10
```

3.2 Fix Dates!

```
#fix Dates
station1$Ymd = as.Date(as.character(station1$DATE), format = "%Y%m%d")
str(station1)

## 'data.frame': 224921 obs. of 9 variables:
## $ ID      : chr  "USC00043157" "USC00043157" "USC00043157" "USC00043157" ...
## $ DATE    : int  18670601 18670602 18670603 18670604 18670605 18670606 18670607 18670608 ...
## $ ELEMENT : chr  "PRCP" "PRCP" "PRCP" "PRCP" ...
## $ VALUE   : num  0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ M-FLAG  : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ Q-FLAG  : chr  "" "" "" "" ...
## $ S-FLAG  : chr  "F" "F" "F" "F" ...
## $ OBS-TIME: int  NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ Ymd     : Date, format: "1867-06-01" "1867-06-02" ...

# Baseline Period 1961-1990

station1.baseline = subset(station1, Ymd >= "1961-01-01" & Ymd <= "1990-12-31")
a

## Error in eval(expr, envir, enclos): object 'a' not found

# Monthly Averages
station1$MONTH = as.numeric(format(station1$Ymd, "%m"))
station1$YEAR = as.numeric(format(station1$Ymd, "%Y"))
station1.monthly = aggregate(VALUE ~ MONTH + YEAR,
                             data = subset(station1, ELEMENT == "TMAX"), mean)

str(station1.monthly)

## 'data.frame': 1601 obs. of 3 variables:
## $ MONTH: num  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
## $ YEAR : num  1870 1870 1870 1870 1870 1870 1870 1870 1870 1870 ...
## $ VALUE: num  4.51 7.02 7.14 16.06 20.64 ...

# lm
for(i in unique(station1.monthly$MONTH)){
  temp.lm <- lm(VALUE ~ YEAR, data = subset(station1.monthly, MONTH==i))
}

plot(VALUE ~ YEAR, data = subset(station1.monthly, MONTH == 1),
     las=1, pch=19, col = "blue", cex=.5)
abline(coef(temp.lm), col = "red")
```

