Coursework 1: STAT 570

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1. The data we analyze are from a 1970s study that investigated insurance redlining on n = 47 zipcodes. Information on who was being refused homeowners is not available so instead we take as response the number of FAIR plan policies written and renewed in Chicago by zip code over the period December 1977 to May 1978. The FAIR plan was offered by the city of Chicago as a default policy to homeowners who had been rejected by the voluntary market. The data we will analyze are named chredlin and are in the faraway package. The variable involact are the number of new FAIR plan policies and renewals per 100 housing units.

We will consider five covariates for modeling the response: racial composition in percent minority (race x_{i1}), fires per 100 housing units (fire x_{i2}), theft per 1000 population (theft x_{i3}), percent of housing units built before 1939 (age' x_{i4}), log median family income in thousands of dollars (lincome x_{i5} '), $i=1,\ldots,47$.