

Chose Your Own Project - Machine Learning Submission

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Introduction

For the 9th Course in the HarvardX Data Science course we have been asked to create two recommendation systems. The first was a Movie Recommendation System using the MovieLens dataset. The second is a “Choose your Own Project.” For this a we are targetting a Workforce Recommendation System - mixing weather forecasts with Police 911 call information to see if it is possible to predict Police staffing requirements based on weather based trends.

We are using the Seattle Police Department 911 Incident Response data set found here : <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/sohier/seattle-police-department-911-incident-response>

For Weather data we will use National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data. Michael Minns’ tutorial is inciteful for weather analysis. It can be found here: <https://michaelminn.net/tutorials/r-weather/index.html> This weather data does not appear to be available via an api call or similar and is quite a manual download process. Due to download constraints we will be using a locally sourced dataset covering the years 2001 to 2002.

In order to test the results of the recommendation system we are using the root-mean-square error (RMSE) to measure the difference between the values predicted by the model and the observed values.

Method

The first step is to clear any set variables so we do not introduce anything unexpected into the data we are working with.

Then we install the packages required to manipulate the data.

```
#####
# This code is divided into the following sections #
# 1. Install required packages                      #
# 2. edx code for creating data sets                #
# 3. Data set exploration                          #
#####

#####
# 1. Install required packages and download data    #
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```

```
# Note: this process takes a couple of minutes
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```
if(!require(tidyverse)) install.packages("tidyverse", repos = "https://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(caret)) install.packages("caret", repos = "https://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(dplyr)) install.packages("dplyr", repos = "https://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(kableExtra)) install.packages("kableExtra", repos = "https://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(lubridate)) install.packages("lubridate", repos = "https://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(scales)) install.packages("scales", repos = "https://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(stringr)) install.packages("stringr", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(readr)) install.packages("readr", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(xts)) install.packages("xts", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(tsbox)) install.packages("tsbox", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(forecast)) install.packages("forecast", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(data.table)) install.packages("data.table", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(measurements)) install.packages("measurements", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(kableExtra)) install.packages("kableExtra", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
if(!require(ggmap)) install.packages("ggmap", repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
library(tidyverse)
library(caret)
library(dplyr)
library(kableExtra)
library(lubridate)
library(scales)
library(stringr)
library(readr)
library(xts)
library(tsbox)
library(forecast)
library(data.table)
library(measurements)
library(kableExtra)
library(ggmap)
```

Following that, the data is downloaded and then divided into 2 sets. The first set is used to train the algorithm and the second set is used to validate the algorithm. By dividing the data the problem of over-training and thus producing skewed results can be avoided.

The creation of the 2 sets involves the following steps. Initially required packages are installed if not installed and then loaded. Next the data is downloaded if the zip files are not found. Column names are set and the data is converted into forms more easily processed. Then the data is joined. Finally the joined data is split into 2 sets - the edx set used to train the algorithm and the final_holdout_test set that will be used to validate the algorithm and calculate the final RMSE score.

```
#Seattle Police Department 911 Incident Response
#https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/sohier/seattle-police-department-911-incident-response/download?dataset=

#National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) data
#https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/orders/cdo/3533326.csv

options(timeout = 120)

dl <- "archive.zip"
if(!file.exists(dl))
  download.file("https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/sohier/seattle-police-department-911-incident-response,
```

```

dl <- "3533326.csv"
if(!file.exists(dl))
  download.file("https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/orders/cdo/3533326.csv", dl)

#Load Seattle 0911 Call data
Seattle_911 <- read_csv("Seattle_Police_Department_911_Incident_Response.csv")
#Load weather data
Weather <- read.csv("3533326.csv", as.is=T)

```

```
##Data Investigation
```

```
head(Weather)
```

```

##      STATION      NAME      DATE PRCP SNOW TAVG TMAX TMIN TSUN WT01
## 1 USC00450872 BREMERTON, WA US 2000-01-01 0.23    0   NA  44  38   NA   NA
## 2 USC00450872 BREMERTON, WA US 2000-01-02 0.00    0   NA  44  31   NA   NA
## 3 USC00450872 BREMERTON, WA US 2000-01-03 0.10    0   NA  45  32   NA   NA
## 4 USC00450872 BREMERTON, WA US 2000-01-04 1.38    0   NA  47  35   NA   NA
## 5 USC00450872 BREMERTON, WA US 2000-01-05 0.02    0   NA  51  30   NA   NA
## 6 USC00450872 BREMERTON, WA US 2000-01-06 0.01    0   NA  44  34   NA   NA
##   WT02 WT03 WT04 WT05 WT06 WT07 WT08 WT09 WT11 WT13 WT14 WT15 WT16 WT17 WT18
## 1    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA
## 2    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA
## 3    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA
## 4    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA
## 5    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA
## 6    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA
##   WT19 WT21 WT22 WV01 WV03
## 1    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA
## 2    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA
## 3    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA
## 4    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA
## 5    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA
## 6    NA    NA    NA    NA    NA

```

```
names(Weather)
```

```

## [1] "STATION" "NAME"      "DATE"      "PRCP"      "SNOW"      "TAVG"      "TMAX"
## [8] "TMIN"     "TSUN"      "WT01"      "WT02"      "WT03"      "WT04"      "WT05"
## [15] "WT06"     "WT07"      "WT08"      "WT09"      "WT11"      "WT13"      "WT14"
## [22] "WT15"     "WT16"      "WT17"      "WT18"      "WT19"      "WT21"      "WT22"
## [29] "WV01"     "WV03"

```

```
min(range(Weather$DATE))
```

```
## [1] "2000-01-01"
```

```
max(range(Weather$DATE))
```

```
## [1] "2002-12-31"
```

Our data range starts from 2000-01-01 and ends 2002-12-31.

```

#Seattle_Weather <- xts(Weather["Weather$STATION" == 'USC00450872',c("TMAX","TMIN","PRCP")], order.by=as.Date(Weather$DATE))
Seattle_Weather <- xts(Weather[,c("NAME","STATION","DATE","TMAX","TMIN","PRCP")], order.by=as.Date(Weather$DATE))

```

```
Seattle_Weather <- as.data.frame(Seattle_Weather)
```

```
#Seattle_Weather = window(Seattle_Weather, start=as.Date("2000-01-01"), end=as.Date("2002-12-31"))
```

```

class(Seattle_Weather)

## [1] "data.frame"

Seattle_Weather$DATE <- as.Date(Seattle_Weather$DATE)
Seattle_Weather$PRCP <- as.numeric(Seattle_Weather$PRCP)

#Convert Precipitation from Imperial to Metric
Seattle_Weather$PRCP <- conv_unit(Seattle_Weather$PRCP, "inch", "mm")

Seattle_Weather$TMAX <- as.numeric(Seattle_Weather$TMAX)
Seattle_Weather$TMAX <- conv_unit(Seattle_Weather$TMAX, "F", "C")

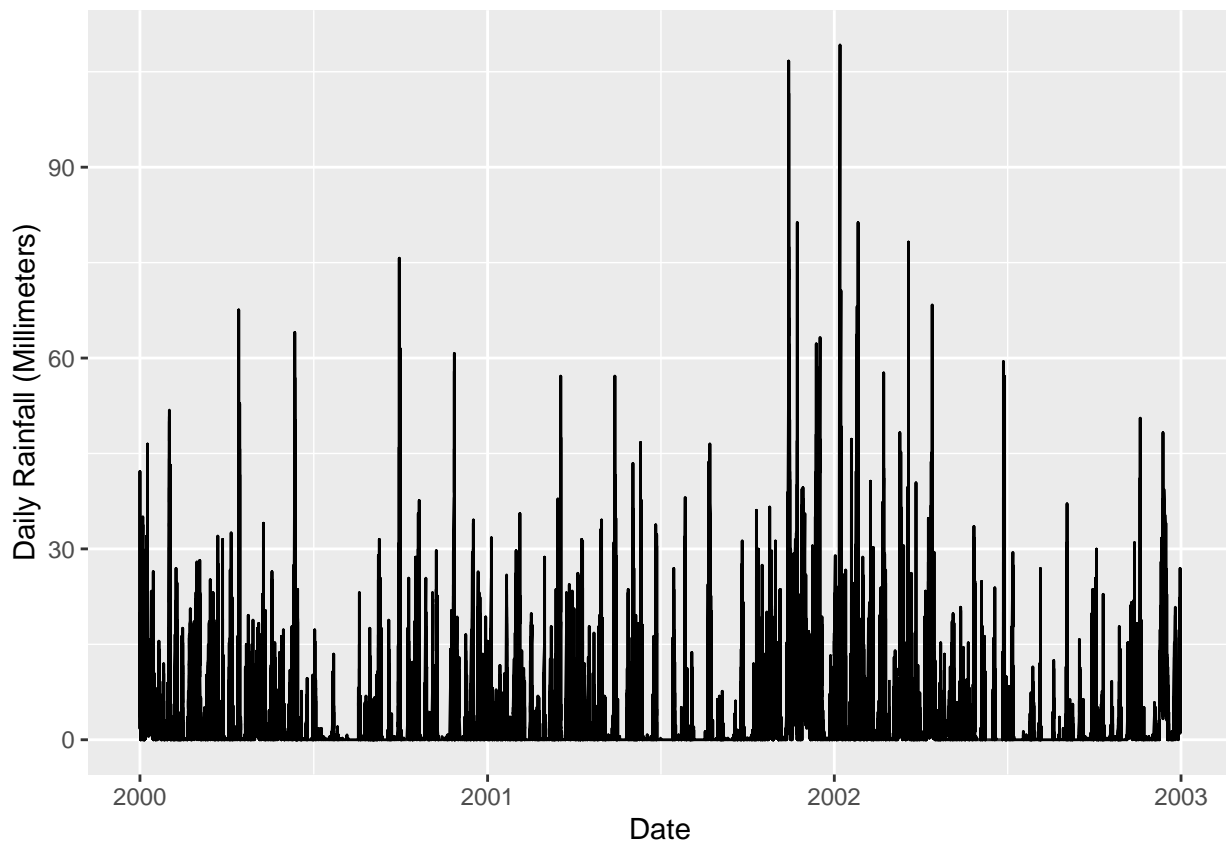
Seattle_Weather$TMIN <- as.numeric(Seattle_Weather$TMIN)
Seattle_Weather$TMIN <- conv_unit(Seattle_Weather$TMIN, "F", "C")

#Extract Unique Station Names and Identifiers
Seattle_Stations <- unique(Seattle_Weather[, c('NAME', 'STATION')])

# Remove the index column - otherwise it gets printed even though we asked for only Station and Name
rownames(Seattle_Stations) <- NULL

ggplot(Seattle_Weather, aes(x=DATE,y=PRCP)) +
  geom_line() +
  xlab("Date") +
  ylab("Daily Rainfall (Millimeters)")

```



```
options(digits=2)
```

We have data from 20 stations:

NAME	STATION
BREMERTON, WA US	USC00450872
EVERETT, WA US	USC00452675
MONROE, WA US	USC00455525
TOLT SOUTH FORK RESERVOIR, WA US	USC00458508
RENTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, WA US	USW00094248
KENT, WA US	USC00454169
TACOMA NUMBER 1, WA US	USC00458278
LANDSBURG, WA US	USC00454486
CEDAR LAKE, WA US	USC00451233
SNOQUALMIE FALLS, WA US	USC00457773
WAUNA 3 W, WA US	USC00459021
PALMER 3 ESE, WA US	USC00456295
TACOMA NARROWS AIRPORT, WA US	USW00094274
EVERETT SNOHOMISH CO AIRPORT, WA US	USW00024222
SEATTLE TACOMA AIRPORT, WA US	USW00024233
SEATTLE SAND POINT WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE, WA US	USW00094290
SEATTLE BOEING FIELD, WA US	USW00024234
GIG HARBOR 3.4 NW, WA US	US1WAPR0075
OLALLA 1.4 WNW, WA US	US1WAKP0013
WOODINVILLE 0.9 ENE, WA US	US1WAKG0078

Of 17773 rainfall measurements, 7869 recorded rainfall, and 9794 recorded no rainfall. The maximum rainfall during this period was 109.22mm which fell on 2002-01-07. Heavy rainfall is defined by NIWA as rainfall of over 100mm in 24 hours¹ and this occurred 3 times during the period we have data for.

Over the period we have data for we have a maximum temperature of 37.22 and a minimum of -26.67 degrees Celsius. The mean maximum temperature was 15.08 while the mean minimum temperature was 6.23 degrees Celsius.

```
#Seattle_Weather %>% group_by(Seattle_Weather$STATION)
```

```
#convert dates to posix dates from character class. ChatGPT used [OpenAI. ChatGPT (GPT-4). 2024. OpenAI]
Seattle_911 <- Seattle_911 %>%
```

```
  mutate(`Event Clearance Date` = as.POSIXct(`Event Clearance Date`, format = "%m/%d/%Y %I:%M:%S %p",
#Stop R converting Offense Number etc into Scientific Notation
options(scipen = 999)
summary(Seattle_911)
```

```
## CAD CDW ID CAD Event Number General Offense Number
## Length:1433853 Min. : 9000209585 Min. : 20114
## Class :character 1st Qu.:12000003919 1st Qu.: 2010347066
## Mode :character Median :14000330696 Median : 2012287942
## Mean :13660906898 Mean : 1641393178
## 3rd Qu.:16000132431 3rd Qu.: 2015388964
## Max. :17000320040 Max. :20122212881
##
## Event Clearance Code Event Clearance Description Event Clearance SubGroup
```

¹<https://niwa.co.nz/natural-hazards/extreme-weather-heavy-rainfall>

```

## Length:1433853      Length:1433853      Length:1433853
## Class :character    Class :character    Class :character
## Mode :character     Mode :character     Mode :character
##
##
##
## Event Clearance Group Event Clearance Date      Hundred Block Location
## Length:1433853      Min. :2009-06-17 16:14:00.0    Length:1433853
## Class :character    1st Qu.:2011-12-31 06:44:00.0    Class :character
## Mode :character     Median :2014-10-01 21:58:00.0    Mode :character
##                      Mean :2014-03-05 07:13:45.2
##                      3rd Qu.:2016-04-21 13:45:28.0
##                      Max. :2017-08-29 11:44:01.0
##                      NA's :11584
## District/Sector     Zone/Beat      Census Tract      Longitude
## Length:1433853      Length:1433853    Length:1433853    Min. : -122
## Class :character    Class :character  Class :character  1st Qu.: -122
## Mode :character     Mode :character  Mode :character  Median : -122
##                      Mean : -122
##                      3rd Qu.: -122
##                      Max. : -122
##                      NA's :1
## Latitude Incident Location Initial Type Description Initial Type Subgroup
## Min. :47 Length:1433853 Length:1433853 Length:1433853
## 1st Qu.:48 Class :character Class :character Class :character
## Median :48 Mode :character Mode :character Mode :character
## Mean :48
## 3rd Qu.:48
## Max. :48
## NA's :1
## Initial Type Group At Scene Time
## Length:1433853 Length:1433853
## Class :character Class :character
## Mode :character Mode :character
##
##
##
##

```

```
(unique(Seattle_911$`Event Clearance Description`))
```

```

## [1] "FIGHT DISTURBANCE"
## [2] "THEFT - MISCELLANEOUS"
## [3] "MISCHIEF, NUISANCE COMPLAINTS"
## [4] "TRAFFIC (MOVING) VIOLATION"
## [5] "SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE"
## [6] "MENTAL COMPLAINT"
## [7] "LIQUOR VIOLATION - INTOXICATED PERSON"
## [8] "DISTURBANCE, OTHER"
## [9] "TRESPASS"
## [10] "ASSAULTS, OTHER"
## [11] "SUSPICIOUS PERSON"
## [12] "NARCOTICS, OTHER"
## [13] "ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION"

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[14] "NOISE DISTURBANCE"
 ## [15] "PARKING VIOLATION (EXCEPT ABANDONED VEHICLES)"
 ## [16] "SHOPLIFT"
 ## [17] "PROWLER"
 ## [18] "BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL, OCCUPIED"
 ## [19] "HAZARDS"
 ## [20] "PROPERTY DESTRUCTION"
 ## [21] "SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES - BUILDING (OPEN DOOR, ETC.)"
 ## [22] "THEFT - CAR PROWL"
 ## [23] "BICYCLE THEFT"
 ## [24] "PROSTITUTION"
 ## [25] "RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT, LITTERING, PARKS CODE VIOLATIONS"
 ## [26] "PEDESTRIAN VIOLATION"
 ## [27] "BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL, UNOCCUPIED"
 ## [28] "NOISE DISTURBANCE, RESIDENTIAL"
 ## [29] "ANIMAL NOISE, STRAYS, BITES"
 ## [30] "ANIMALS - INJURED, DEAD, DANGEROUS"
 ## [31] "HARASSMENT, THREATS"
 ## [32] "CASUALTY (NON CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC) - MAN DOWN, SICK PERSONS, INJURED, DOA)"
 ## [33] "AUTO RECOVERY"
 ## [34] "MISSING PERSON"
 ## [35] "ALARMS - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY (FALSE)"
 ## [36] "MENTAL PERSON PICK-UP OR TRANSPORT"
 ## [37] "STRONG ARM ROBBERY"
 ## [38] "ALARMS - VEHICLE (FALSE)"
 ## [39] "ALARMS - COMMERCIAL BURGLARY (FALSE)"
 ## [40] "MISDEMEANOR WARRANT SERVICE"
 ## [41] "LIQUOR VIOLATION - MINOR"
 ## [42] "DRIVING WHILE UNDER INFLUENCE (DUI)"
 ## [43] "LIQUOR VIOLATION - ADULT"
 ## [44] "ALACAD - COMMERCIAL BURGLARY (FALSE)"
 ## [45] "MOTORIST ASSIST"
 ## [46] "PROPERTY - FOUND (NON SPD GO#)"
 ## [47] "BLOCKING VEHICLE"
 ## [48] "PROPERTY - FOUND (FOLLOW UP TO SPD CASE)"
 ## [49] "RECKLESS BURNING"
 ## [50] "FELONY WARRANT SERVICE"
 ## [51] "PARKS EXCLUSION"
 ## [52] "CRISIS COMPLAINT - GENERAL"
 ## [53] "PERSON WITH A GUN"
 ## [54] "BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL"
 ## [55] "AUTO THEFT"
 ## [56] "ALARMS - RESIDENTIAL PANIC (FALSE)"
 ## [57] "THEFT - AUTO ACCESSORIES"
 ## [58] "TRESPASS - PARKS EXCLUSION"
 ## [59] "HARASSMENT, THREATS - BY TELEPHONE, WRITING"
 ## [60] "AUTO THEFT AND RECOVERY"
 ## [61] "ALARMS - COMMERCIAL PANIC (FALSE)"
 ## [62] "CASUALTY - DRUG RELATED (OVERDOSE, OTHER)"
 ## [63] "PERSON WITH A WEAPON (NOT GUN)"
 ## [64] "ABANDONED VEHICLE"
 ## [65] "NARCOTICS, DRUG TRAFFIC LOITERING"
 ## [66] "LEWD CONDUCT"
 ## [67] "NARCOTICS ACTIVITY REPORT"

[68] "ARMED ROBBERY"
 ## [69] "BURGLARY - UNOCCUPIED STRUCTURE ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY"
 ## [70] "ALACAD - RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY (FALSE)"
 ## [71] "ASSAULTS, FIREARM INVOLVED"
 ## [72] "FRAUD (INCLUDING IDENTITY THEFT)"
 ## [73] "GANG GRAFFITI"
 ## [74] "LICENSE PLATE THEFT OR LOSS"
 ## [75] "HARBOR - CODE VIOLATION"
 ## [76] "PURSUIT"
 ## [77] "FOUND PERSON"
 ## [78] "FORGERY, BAD CHECKS"
 ## [79] "NARCOTICS FOUND, RECOVERED"
 ## [80] "JUVENILE DISTURBANCE"
 ## [81] "MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION"
 ## [82] "DRIVE BY SHOOTING (NO INJURIES)"
 ## [83] "ASSAULTS, GANG RELATED"
 ## [84] "HARBOR - WATER EMERGENCIES"
 ## [85] "PROPERTY - MISSING"
 ## [86] "DISTURBANCE, GANG RELATED"
 ## [87] "VICE, OTHER"
 ## [88] "HARBOR - ASSIST BOATER (NON EMERGENCY)"
 ## [89] "SEX OFFENDER - FAILURE TO REGISTER"
 ## [90] "SOAP (STAY OUT OF AREA OF PROSTITUTION) ORDER VIOLATION"
 ## [91] "HOMICIDE"
 ## [92] "MARIJUANA PUBLIC USE (NOT DISPENSARY)"
 ## [93] "HARBOR - DEBRIS, NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS"
 ## [94] "NARCOTICS WARRANT SERVICE"
 ## [95] "TRAFFIC CONTROL (SPECIAL EVENTS)"
 ## [96] "LOST PERSON"
 ## [97] "HARBOR - BOAT ACCIDENT"
 ## [98] "AWOL"
 ## [99] "HARBOR - BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE"
 ## [100] "HARBOR - VESSEL ABANDONED"
 ## [101] "GAMBLING"
 ## [102] "HARBOR - VESSEL THEFT AND RECOVERY"
 ## [103] "PORNOGRAPHY"
 ## [104] "HARBOR - MARINE FIRE"
 ## [105] "HARBOR - VESSEL THEFT"
 ## [106] "ALACAD - VEHICLE (FALSE)"
 ## [107] "ALACAD - RESIDENTIAL PANIC (FALSE)"
 ## [108] "LIQUOR VIOLATIONS (BUSINESS)"
 ## [109] "CROWD MANAGEMENT (Stand by only)"
 ## [110] "ALACAD - COMMERCIAL PANIC (FALSE)"
 ## [111] "HARBOR - VESSEL RECOVERY"
 ## [112] "CRISIS COMPLAINT - PICK-UP OR TRANSPORT"
 ## [113] NA
 ## [114] "DEMONSTRATION MANAGEMENT (Control tactics used)"
 ## [115] "TRAFFIC - COMMUNITY TRAFFIC COMPLAINT (CTC)"
 ## [116] "TRAFFIC - BICYCLE VIOLATION"
 ## [117] "TRAFFIC - SCHOOL ZONE ENFORCEMENT"
 ## [118] "NULL"
 ## [119] "DOMESTIC SEX TRAFFICKING, ADULT"
 ## [120] "DOMESTIC HUMAN TRAFFICKING, ADULT"

The Seattle 911 dataset contains data from 2009-06-17 16:14:00 through to 2017-08-29 11:44:01. During this period, 1433853 CAD events were recorded.

To do - investigation of police data map weather station locations correlate weather station locations with police data

```
# Group Data by weather station
weather_data_grouped <- Seattle_Weather %>%
  group_by(STATION)

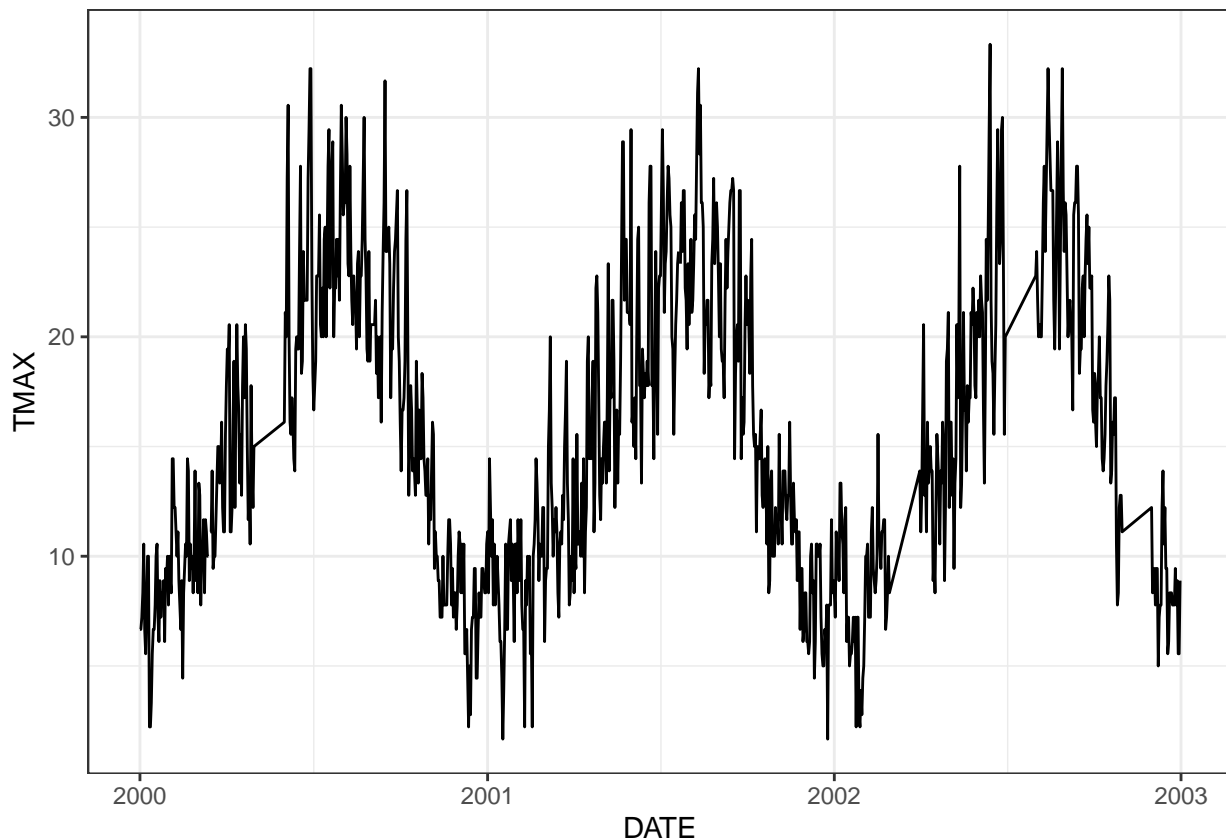
# find average maximum temperature
average_max_temp <- weather_data_grouped %>%
  summarise(avg_max_temp = mean(TMAX, na.rm = TRUE))

# Get unique station codes
station_codes <- unique(Seattle_Weather$STATION)

# Create a list to store data frames for each station
station_data_list <- list()

# Loop through each station code and filter data for that station
for (station_code in station_codes) {
  station_data <- filter(Seattle_Weather, STATION == station_code)
  station_data_list[[station_code]] <- station_data
}

ggplot(station_data_list[["USC00450872"]], aes(x=DATE, y=TMAX)) +
  geom_line() +
  theme_bw()
```



```

USC00450872 <- station_data_list[["USC00450872"]]

historical = xts(USC00450872[,c("TMAX","TMIN","PRCP")], order.by=as.Date(USC00450872$DATE))

historical = ts_regular(historical)

historical = suppressWarnings(na.fill(historical, "extend"))

historical = window(historical, start=as.Date("2000-01-01"), end=as.Date("2020-12-31"))

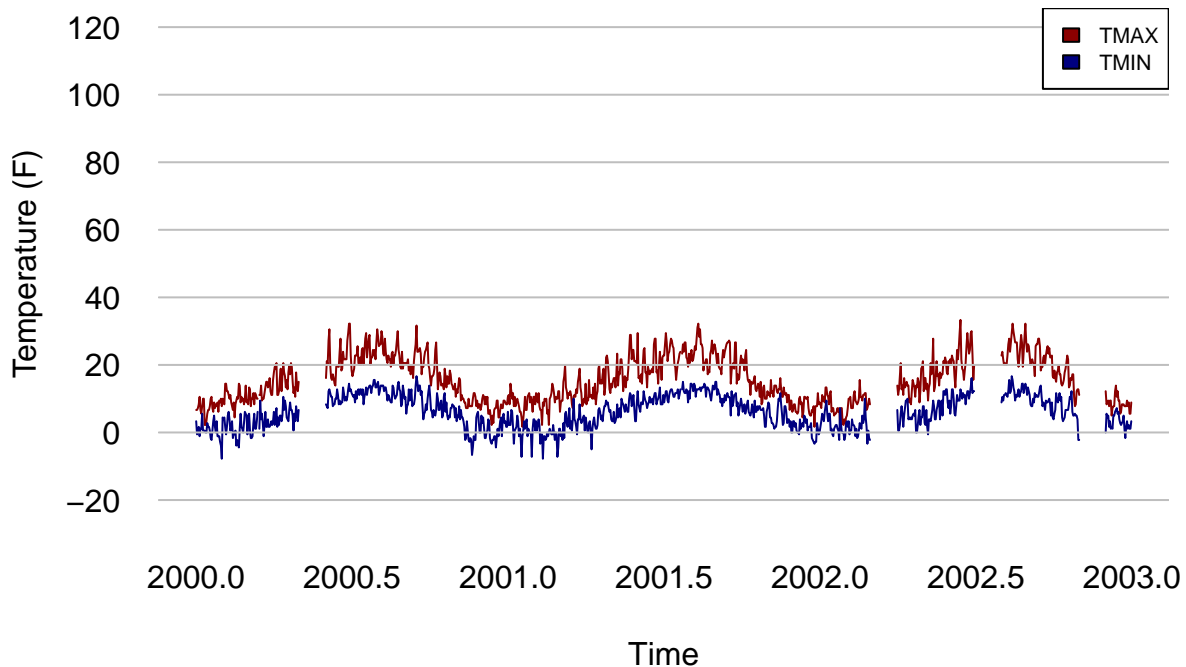
plot(ts_ts(historical$TMAX), col="darkred", bty="n", las=1, fg=NA,
     ylim=c(-20, 120), ylab="Temperature (F)")

lines(ts_ts(historical$TMIN), col="navy")

grid(nx=NA, ny=NULL, lty=1, col="gray")

legend("topright", fill=c("darkred", "navy"), cex=0.7,
     legend=c("TMAX", "TMIN"), bg="white")

```

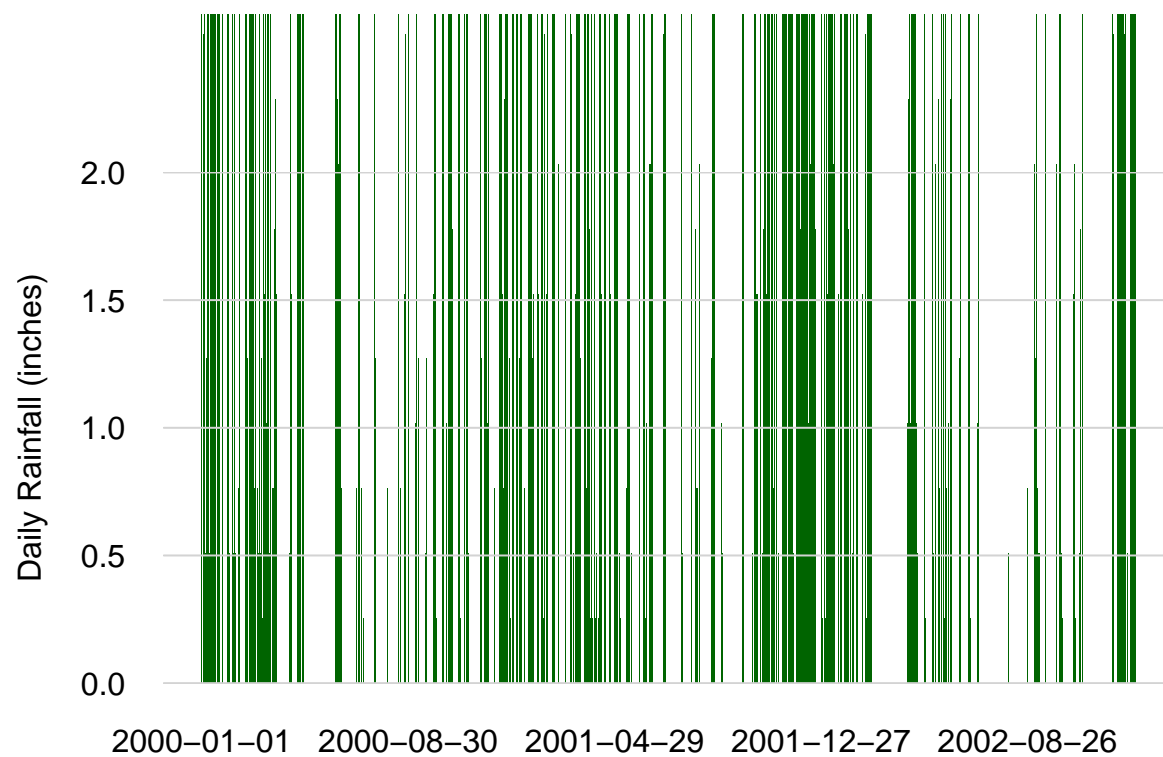


```

barplot(historical$PRCP, border=NA, col="darkgreen", ylim=c(0, 2),
       space=0, bty="n", las=1, fg=NA, ylab="Daily Rainfall (inches)")

grid(nx=NA, ny=NULL, lty=1)

```



References

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
4. <https://www.neonscience.org/resources/learning-hub/tutorials/da-viz-coop-precip-data-r>