Initial EDA - NYT COVID CASES

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```
library(tidyverse)
## Warning in system("timedatectl", intern = TRUE): running command 'timedatectl'
## had status 1
library(magrittr)
library(ggplot2)
library(patchwork)
library(sandwich)
library(lmtest)
library(knitr) # kable
theme_set(theme_minimal())
knitr::opts_chunk$set(dpi = 300)
# assemble multiple plots
library(gridExtra)
# read excel format
library(readxl)
# import fread function
library(data.table)
```

nyt_covid_data <- fread("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/nytimes/covid-19-data/master/us-states.csv")
jhu_covid_data <- fread("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/govex/COVID-19/master/data_tables/JHU_USCo
head(nyt_covid_data)</pre>

```
##
                       state fips cases deaths
            date
## 1: 2020-01-21 Washington
                               53
                                      1
## 2: 2020-01-22 Washington
                               53
                                      1
                                              0
## 3: 2020-01-23 Washington
                               53
                                      1
                                              0
## 4: 2020-01-24
                               17
                    Illinois
                                      1
                                              0
## 5: 2020-01-24 Washington
                               53
                                      1
                                              0
## 6: 2020-01-25 California
                                      1
```

Data Issues

https://github.com/nytimes/covid-19-data/blob/master/PROBABLE-CASES-NOTE.md

At the beginning of COVID in US, most health departments and CDC only considered acase to be
'confirmed' as COVID with a positive lab test result. Recently, 'probable' cases are reported which may
affect data accuracy as NYT has changed the dataset to start including 'probable' cases when available.
NYT is working on updating past data to include 'probable' cases. Thus, in some states, the data will

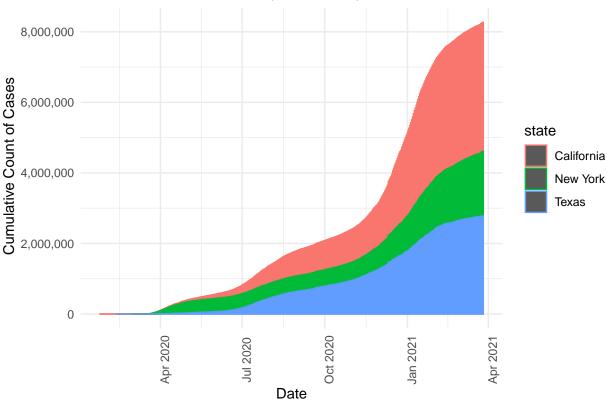
be revised to show a higher number of cases on past dates.

```
summary(nyt_covid_data) # earliest date record 2020-01-21 and updating on a daily basis
```

```
##
         date
                            state
                                                  fips
                                                                 cases
                                             Min. : 1.00
##
  Min.
           :2020-01-21
                         Length: 21409
                                                             Min.
                                                                            1
##
  1st Qu.:2020-06-08
                         Class :character
                                             1st Qu.:17.00
                                                             1st Qu.:
                                                                        7253
## Median :2020-09-13
                         Mode :character
                                            Median :31.00
                                                             Median: 53940
## Mean
           :2020-09-12
                                             Mean
                                                    :31.93
                                                             Mean
                                                                    : 186655
## 3rd Qu.:2020-12-19
                                             3rd Qu.:46.00
                                                             3rd Qu.: 200866
## Max.
           :2021-03-26
                                             Max.
                                                    :78.00
                                                             Max.
                                                                    :3656693
        deaths
##
## Min.
## 1st Qu.: 151
## Median: 1158
## Mean
          : 4017
## 3rd Qu.: 4606
## Max.
           :58603
unique(nyt_covid_data$state) # 55 states - 4 additional US territories (Guam, Northern Mariana Islands,
   [1] "Washington"
                                    "Illinois"
##
   [3] "California"
                                    "Arizona"
  [5] "Massachusetts"
                                    "Wisconsin"
##
##
   [7] "Texas"
                                    "Nebraska"
## [9] "Utah"
                                    "Oregon"
## [11] "Florida"
                                    "New York"
## [13] "Rhode Island"
                                    "Georgia"
## [15] "New Hampshire"
                                    "North Carolina"
## [17] "New Jersey"
                                    "Colorado"
## [19] "Maryland"
                                    "Nevada"
## [21] "Tennessee"
                                    "Hawaii"
## [23] "Indiana"
                                    "Kentucky"
## [25] "Minnesota"
                                    "Oklahoma"
                                    "South Carolina"
## [27] "Pennsylvania"
## [29] "District of Columbia"
                                    "Kansas"
                                    "Vermont"
## [31] "Missouri"
## [33] "Virginia"
                                    "Connecticut"
## [35] "Iowa"
                                    "Louisiana"
## [37] "Ohio"
                                    "Michigan"
## [39] "South Dakota"
                                    "Arkansas"
## [41] "Delaware"
                                    "Mississippi"
## [43] "New Mexico"
                                    "North Dakota"
## [45] "Wyoming"
                                    "Alaska"
## [47] "Maine"
                                    "Alabama"
## [49] "Idaho"
                                    "Montana"
## [51] "Puerto Rico"
                                    "Virgin Islands"
## [53] "Guam"
                                    "West Virginia"
## [55] "Northern Mariana Islands"
                                               #Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico) compared to CUSP data
names(nyt_covid_data) # 5 columns (date, state, fips, cases, deaths)
## [1] "date"
                "state"
                         "fips"
                                   "cases"
```

```
# convert date strings to dates
nyt_covid <- nyt_covid_data %>%
 mutate(
   date = as.Date(date)
 ) %>%
  select(
   date
    ,state
    , cases
    ,deaths
typeof(nyt_covid_data$date) # R's default date format is in integer
## [1] "integer"
typeof(nyt_covid$date)
## [1] "double"
nyt_covid
##
                             state cases deaths
                date
##
      1: 2020-01-21
                        Washington
                                       1
##
      2: 2020-01-22
                       Washington
                                        1
                                               0
##
      3: 2020-01-23
                       Washington
                                        1
                                               0
##
      4: 2020-01-24
                          Illinois
                                               0
                                        1
##
      5: 2020-01-24
                        Washington
                                        1
##
## 21405: 2021-03-26
                          Virginia 612062 10154
## 21406: 2021-03-26
                        Washington 362403
                                           5288
## 21407: 2021-03-26 West Virginia 139750
                                            2628
## 21408: 2021-03-26
                         Wisconsin 633154
                                            7272
## 21409: 2021-03-26
                           Wyoming 56046
                                            695
ny_state_covid <- nyt_covid %>%
 group_by(
   state
   ) %>%
  filter(
    state == 'New York' | state == 'California' | state == 'Texas'
  ) %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = date, y = cases, color=state) +
  geom col() +
 theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90)) +
  labs(x = "Date",
      y = " Cumulative Count of Cases",
      title = "Cumulative Cases for Any Given Day in New York State") +
  scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::comma)
ny_state_covid
```





```
date_check <- nyt_covid %>%
  group_by(state) %>%
  summarise(
    data_count = n(),
    min_date = min(date),
    max_date = max(date),
    diff = data_count - (max_date- min_date + 1)
) %>%
  arrange(desc(min_date))
date_check
```

```
## # A tibble: 55 x 5
                               data_count min_date
##
      state
                                                      max_date
##
      <chr>
                                     <int> <date>
                                                                 <drtn>
                                                      <date>
##
   1 Northern Mariana Islands
                                       364 2020-03-28 2021-03-26 0 days
   2 West Virginia
                                       375 2020-03-17 2021-03-26 0 days
##
   3 Guam
                                      377 2020-03-15 2021-03-26 0 days
   4 Virgin Islands
                                      378 2020-03-14 2021-03-26 0 days
##
   5 Alabama
##
                                      379 2020-03-13 2021-03-26 0 days
   6 Idaho
                                       379 2020-03-13 2021-03-26 0 days
##
##
   7 Montana
                                      379 2020-03-13 2021-03-26 0 days
##
   8 Puerto Rico
                                       379 2020-03-13 2021-03-26 0 days
##
  9 Alaska
                                       380 2020-03-12 2021-03-26 0 days
## 10 Maine
                                       380 2020-03-12 2021-03-26 0 days
## # ... with 45 more rows
```

... with 104 more rows

NYT data

Based on our plotting using NYT COVID dataset, we obtain cumulative cases for any given day in each state. In order to obtain number of new cases per day, we will have to subtract cases from the prior row (day before) as below.

```
before) as below.
nyt_covid_new <- nyt_covid %>%
  group_by(
    state
    ) %>%
  mutate(
    new_cases = cases - lag(cases, default = first(cases), order_by = date)
    ,new_deaths = deaths - lag(deaths, default = first(deaths), order_by = date)
  )
summary(nyt_covid_new)
##
         date
                             state
                                                  cases
                                                                     deaths
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                                                                 Mean
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                                                                 3rd Qu.: 4606
##
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           :2021-03-26
                                              Max.
                                                      :3656693
                                                                 Max.
                                                                         :58603
##
                       new_deaths
      new_cases
           :-7757
                            :-598.00
##
    Min.
                     Min.
##
                     1st Qu.:
                                1.00
   1st Qu.:
               92
   Median: 467
                     Median:
                                7.00
           : 1410
                               25.58
##
    Mean
                     Mean
##
    3rd Qu.: 1386
                     3rd Qu.:
                               24.00
##
  {\tt Max.}
           :64987
                     Max.
                            :2559.00
nyt_covid_negative <- nyt_covid_new %>%
  filter(
    new_cases < 0 | new_deaths < 0</pre>
nyt covid negative # negative values are assumed to be corrective adjustments on previous erroneous dat
## # A tibble: 114 x 6
## # Groups:
               state [38]
##
      date
                  state
                              cases deaths new_cases new_deaths
##
      <date>
                  <chr>>
                              <int>
                                      <int>
                                                <int>
                                                            <int>
                                                  262
                                                               -9
##
    1 2020-04-01 Virginia
                               1511
                                         18
##
    2 2020-04-08 Virginia
                               3644
                                         60
                                                  312
                                                               -9
##
    3 2020-04-12 Georgia
                              12103
                                        438
                                                 -158
                                                                6
##
   4 2020-04-18 Alabama
                               4723
                                        147
                                                  151
                                                               -4
##
    5 2020-04-19 Puerto Rico
                               1213
                                         41
                                                   95
                                                              -19
    6 2020-04-21 Puerto Rico
                                                 -337
##
                                         43
                                915
                                                                1
##
   7 2020-04-23 Alabama
                               5832
                                        197
                                                  222
                                                               -4
##
   8 2020-04-25 Colorado
                              12967
                                        670
                                                  712
                                                               -2
## 9 2020-05-02 Alabama
                               7611
                                        288
                                                  317
                                                               -1
## 10 2020-05-03 Idaho
                               2059
                                         64
                                                   -2
                                                                0
```

```
ny_state_covid_new <- nyt_covid_new %>%
  group_by(
    state
    ) %>%
  filter(
    state == 'New York' | state == 'California' | state == 'Texas' | state == 'District of Columbia'
  ) %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = date, y = new_cases, color=state) +
  geom_col() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90)) +
  labs(x = "Date",
       y = " Number of New Cases",
       title = "Number of New Cases per Day in New York State") +
  scale_y_continuous(labels = scales::comma)
ny_state_covid_new
```

Number of New Cases per Day in New York State

