Economic impact patterns of COVID-19 on emerging markets, January-April/June 2020 *

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With the global outbreak of COVID-19, many countries initially tried to contain a further spread of the virus and to change the dynamics of the pandemic with lockdowns and social distancing measures. This had two immediate effects; On the one hand, global demand collapsed and lead to a precipitous drop in the price for oil and other resources. On the other hand, governments had to mitigate the economic consequences on individuals which resulted directly from the virus or indirectly from the government imposed lockdowns, thereby expanding government deficits and bulking up sovereign debt. In the light of financial fragility of emerging markets during previous global crises, this paper examines the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on government finances. Specifically, this paper traces the cross-country associations between COVID-19 mortality, economic fundamentals, policy interventions, and their impact on sovereign spreads. Our results suggest...

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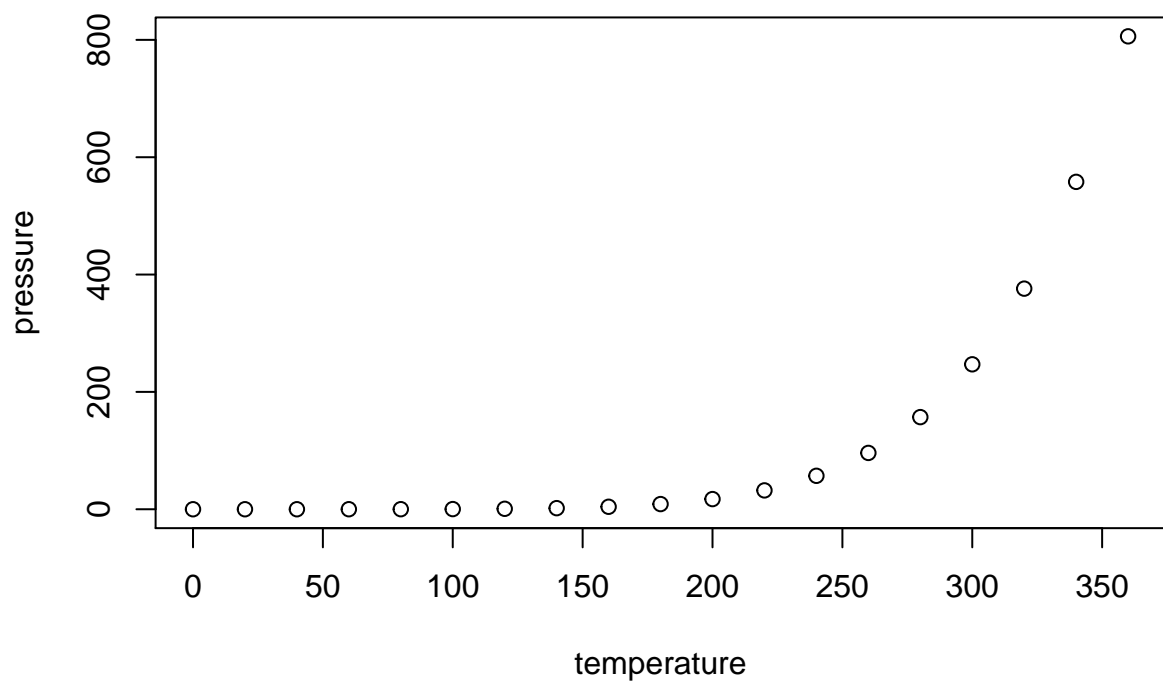
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##      speed           dist
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##  1st Qu.:12.0   1st Qu.: 26.00
##  Median :15.0   Median : 36.00
##  Mean   :15.4   Mean   : 42.98
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