Increase in Public Health and Economic impacts due to Severe Weather Events in United States

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Synopsis

In this report we aim to analyze the impacts of Storms and other severe weather events on both public health and economic problems for communities and municipalities. Our overall hypothesis is that both Public Health and Economic impacts have increased over the period of time (there are few exceptions due to specific weather events in specific year). Flood has been main cause of concern in US with respect to economic impacts while Public health (including fatalities and injuries) are greatly caused by tornedos. For the purpose of analysis, public data from U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) storm database is used. This database tracks characteristics of major storms and weather events in the United States, including when and where they occur, as well as estimates of any fatalities, injuries, and property damage.

Loading and Processing the Raw Data

```
#include necessary libraries
library(xtable)

## Warning: package 'xtable' was built under R version 3.1.3

library(ggplot2)

## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 3.1.3

library(plyr)

## Warning: package 'plyr' was built under R version 3.1.3

library(lubridate)

## Warning: package 'lubridate' was built under R version 3.1.3
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'lubridate'
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:plyr':
##
## here
```

```
library(xtable)
```

Comma-separated-value file compressed via the bzip2 algorithm is downloaded from U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) (https://d396qusza40orc.cloudfront.net/repdata% 2Fdata%2FStormData.csv.bz2) storm database.

```
setInternet2(TRUE);
filename <- "repdata_data_StormData.csv.bz2"

if (!file.exists("repdata_data_StormData.csv.bz2")) {
        fileUrl <- "https://d396qusza40orc.cloudfront.net/repdata%2Fdata%2FStormData.csv.bz2"
        download.file(fileUrl, destfile = "repdata_data_StormData.csv.bz2", mode
= "wb")
        }
d1 <- read.csv(bzfile(filename)) #read the .bz2 file directly using read.csv</pre>
```

```
#obtain the structure of the data str(d1)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 902297 obs. of 37 variables:
## $ STATE : num 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ BGN DATE : Factor w/ 16335 levels "1/1/1966 0:00:00",..: 6523 6523 4242 111
16 2224 2224 2260 383 3980 3980 ...
## $ BGN TIME : Factor w/ 3608 levels "00:00:00 AM",..: 272 287 2705 1683 2584 3
186 242 1683 3186 3186 ...
## $ TIME ZONE : Factor w/ 22 levels "ADT", "AKS", "AST",..: 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7
## $ COUNTY : num 97 3 57 89 43 77 9 123 125 57 ...
## $ COUNTYNAME: Factor w/ 29601 levels "", "5NM E OF MACKINAC BRIDGE TO PRESQUE I
SLE LT MI",..: 13513 1873 4598 10592 4372 10094 1973 23873 24418 4598 ...
             : Factor w/ 72 levels "AK", "AL", "AM", ...: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
              : Factor w/ 985 levels " HIGH SURF ADVISORY",..: 834 834 834 83
## $ EVTYPE
4 834 834 834 834 834 ...
## $ BGN RANGE : num 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ BGN AZI : Factor w/ 35 levels ""," N"," NW",..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ BGN LOCATI: Factor w/ 54429 levels "","- 1 N Albion",..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
## $ END DATE : Factor w/ 6663 levels "","1/1/1993 0:00:00",..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
## $ END TIME : Factor w/ 3647 levels ""," 0900CST",..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ COUNTY END: num 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ COUNTYENDN: logi NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ END RANGE : num 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ END AZI : Factor w/ 24 levels "", "E", "ENE", "ESE", ..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 ...
## $ END LOCATI: Factor w/ 34506 levels "","- .5 NNW",..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ LENGTH : num 14 2 0.1 0 0 1.5 1.5 0 3.3 2.3 ...
## $ WIDTH : num 100 150 123 100 150 177 33 33 100 100 ...
              : int 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 3 3 ...
## $ F
## $ MAG
             : num 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ FATALITIES: num 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 ...
## $ INJURIES : num 15 0 2 2 2 6 1 0 14 0 ...
## $ PROPDMG : num 25 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 25 25 ...
## $ PROPDMGEXP: Factor w/ 19 levels "","-","?","+",..: 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17
7 17 ...
## $ CROPDMG : num 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ CROPDMGEXP: Factor w/ 9 levels "","?","0","2",..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
          : Factor w/ 542 levels ""," CI","$AC",..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ STATEOFFIC: Factor w/ 250 levels "","ALABAMA, Central",..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
\#\# $ ZONENAMES : Factor w/ 25112 levels
"","
                                               "| truncated ,..: 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 1 1 ...
## $ LATITUDE : num 3040 3042 3340 3458 3412 ...
## $ LONGITUDE : num 8812 8755 8742 8626 8642 ...
## $ LATITUDE E: num 3051 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ LONGITUDE : num 8806 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ REMARKS : Factor w/ 436781 levels "","-2 at Deer Park\n",..: 1 1 1 1 1 1
```

```
1 1 1 1 ...
## $ REFNUM : num 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
```

```
#obtain distinct records per fields
rapply(d1,function(x)length(unique(x)))
```

##	C T A T F	DCM האתב	DCM TTME	TTME 70NE	COLINITY	COLINEANIAME
		BGN_DATE	_	-		
##	70	16335	3608	22	557	29601
##	STATE	EVTYPE	BGN_RANGE	BGN_AZI	BGN_LOCATI	END_DATE
##	72	985	272	35	54429	6663
##	END_TIME	COUNTY_END	COUNTYENDN	END_RANGE	END_AZI	END_LOCATI
##	3647	1				
##	LENGTH	WIDTH		MAG		
##	568	293	7	226	52	200
##	PROPDMG	PROPDMGEXP	CROPDMG	CROPDMGEXP	WFO	STATEOFFIC
##	1390	19	432	9	542	250
##	ZONENAMES	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE_E	LONGITUDE_	REMARKS
##	25112	1781	3841	1729	3778	436781
##	REFNUM					
##	902297					

Data Cleaning and Processing

Remove NA Data

There are about 902297 records in the data set. We need to inspect these records closely. There 37 data columns but we are interested in specific set of columns only. We will validate those columns for NA data using complete.cases(http://stat.ethz.ch/R-manual/R-patched/library/stats/html/complete.cases.html (http://stat.ethz.ch/R-manual/R-patched/library/stats/html/complete.cases.html))

```
#validate the data completeness for the subset of columns.
d2<-d1[complete.cases(d1[, c("BGN_DATE", "EVTYPE", "FATALITIES", "INJURIES", "PROPDM
G", "PROPDMGEXP", "CROPDMG", "CROPDMGEXP", "REFNUM")]),]
nrow(d2)</pre>
```

```
## [1] 902297
```

As observed above there are no reduction in rows after checking for the completeness. That means we have no NA data in any of the columns listed above

```
#inspect the data type of individual columns of the data frame sapply(d2, class)
```

```
STATE__ BGN_DATE BGN_TIME TIME_ZONE
##
                                      COUNTY COUNTYNAME
           "factor" "factor" "numeric" "factor"
##
  "numeric"
             EVTYPE BGN_RANGE BGN_AZI BGN_LOCATI END_DATE
##
     STATE
##
  "factor" "factor" "factor" "factor" "factor"
  END TIME COUNTY END COUNTYENDN END RANGE END AZI END LOCATI
##
  "factor" "numeric" "logical" "numeric" "factor" "factor"
##
##
    LENGTH
             WIDTH
                              MAG FATALITIES INJURIES
  "numeric" "numeric" "numeric" "numeric" "numeric"
##
   PROPDMG PROPDMGEXP CROPDMG CROPDMGEXP WFO STATEOFFIC
##
  "numeric" "factor" "numeric" "factor" "factor"
##
##
 ZONENAMES LATITUDE LONGITUDE LATITUDE E LONGITUDE
                                                REMARKS
   "factor" "numeric" "numeric" "numeric"
##
                                                 "factor"
##
    REFNUM
## "numeric"
```

Correct the Data Type

Notice that data types of Date and certain text columns/fields are set as factors. We need to change them to appropriate data types.

```
#data type is changed for Date and Character fields of our interest d2$BGN_DATE=as.Date(d2$BGN_DATE, format = "%m/%d/%Y") d2$EVTYPE=as.character(d2$EVTYPE) d2$PROPDMGEXP=as.character(d2$PROPDMGEXP) d2$CROPDMGEXP=as.character(d2$CROPDMGEXP)
```

Create small subset of data

Create the small data frame with columns that we are interested in.

```
d3<-d2[c("BGN_DATE", "EVTYPE", "FATALITIES", "INJURIES", "PROPDMG", "PROPDMGEXP", "CROPDMG", "CROPDMGEXP", "REFNUM")]
head(d3)
```

```
BGN DATE EVTYPE FATALITIES INJURIES PROPDMG PROPDMGEXP CROPDMG
## 1 1950-04-18 TORNADO 0
                              15 25.0
                                    2.5
## 2 1950-04-18 TORNADO
                               0
## 3 1951-02-20 TORNADO
                        0
                               2 25.0
                                              K
                               2 2.5
## 4 1951-06-08 TORNADO
                                              K
                        0
                        0 2 2.5
0 6 2.5
## 5 1951-11-15 TORNADO
                                              K
                                                    0
                                          K
## 6 1951-11-15 TORNADO
  CROPDMGEXP REFNUM
## 1
## 2
## 3
## 4
                5
## 5
## 6
```

Inspect Property and Crop Damage expense factor values. These are character fields denoting magnitude of the damage. These columns are used in conjunction of PROPDMG and CROPDMG columns respectively to obtain the damage amounts

```
#list out unique value of Property Data Expense values
unique (d3$PROPDMGEXP)
   [1] "K" "M" "" "B" "m" "+" "0" "5" "6" "?" "4" "2" "3" "h" "7" "H" "-"
## [18] "1" "8"
#list out unique value of Crop Damage Expense values
unique (d3$CROPDMGEXP)
## [1] "" "M" "K" "m" "B" "?" "O" "k" "2"
summary(d3$PROPDMGEXP)
##
    Length
                Class
      902297 character character
summary(d3$CROPDMGEXP)
##
     Length
                Class
                           Mode
##
      902297 character character
```

Translate Damaage Magnitude into Numbers

As per the documentation, National Weather Service Storm Data (https://d396qusza40orc.cloudfront.net/repdata%2Fpeer2_doc%2Fpd01016005curr.pdf):

.k or K stands for damage in "thousands".

.m or M stands for damage in "millions"

.b or B stands for damage in "billions"

Note: h or H stands for "hundreds" but it has been eliminated from our analysis due to low economic impacts.

Other character magnitude values are not important from analysis point of view. We will limit our analysis to those records that have damage values either in thousands, millions or billions.

We will create two numeric variables based on property and crop property damage magnitude values as follows.

```
#we will assign NA to numeric magnitude factor if character magnitude is not in
(k, K, m, M, b, B)
d3=within(d3, {
       prpfactor=NA
        prpfactor[PROPDMGEXP %in% c('k','K')]=1000 #If property damage magnitude i
s k or K, property damage field PROPDMG will be multiplied by 1000
        prpfactor[PROPDMGEXP %in% c('m','M')]=1000000 #If propertydamage magnitud
e is m or M, property damage field PROPDMG will be multiplied by 1000000
        prpfactor[PROPDMGEXP %in% c('b','B')]=1000000000 #If property damage magni
tude is b or B, property damage field PROPDMG will be multiplied by 1000000000
})
d3=within(d3,{
        crpfactor=NA
        crpfactor[CROPDMGEXP %in% c('k','K')]=1000 \# If crop damage magnitude is k
or K, property damage field PROPDMG will be multiplied by 1000
        crpfactor[CROPDMGEXP %in% c('m','M')]=1000000 #If crop damage magnitude i
s m or M, property damage field PROPDMG will be multiplied by 1000000
        crpfactor[CROPDMGEXP %in% c('b','B')]=1000000000 #If crop magnitude is b o
r B, property damage field PROPDMG will be multiplied by 1000000000
#check if numeric magnitude data is correctly assigned or not
head(d3,2)
```

```
BGN DATE EVTYPE FATALITIES INJURIES PROPDMG PROPDMGEXP CROPDMG
                                   15 25.0 K
## 1 1950-04-18 TORNADO
                           0
## 2 1950-04-18 TORNADO
                            0
                                        2.5
##
  CROPDMGEXP REFNUM prpfactor crpfactor
## 1
                 1
                       1000
                                  NA
## 2
                  2
                        1000
                                  NΑ
```

```
tail(d3, 2)
```

```
BGN DATE EVTYPE FATALITIES INJURIES PROPDMG PROPDMGEXP
##
## 902296 2011-11-09 BLIZZARD
                                   0
                                           0
## 902297 2011-11-28 HEAVY SNOW
                                  0
                                                           K
                                          0
## CROPDMG CROPDMGEXP REFNUM prpfactor crpfactor
## 902296 0
                     K 902296
                                  1000
                                           1000
## 902297
            0
                     K 902297
                                   1000
                                           1000
```

Now, lets analyze the distinct event data as available in the data set.

```
unique(d3$EVTYPE)
```

```
##
    [1] "TORNADO"
                                        "TSTM WIND"
## [3] "HAIL"
                                        "FREEZING RAIN"
   [5] "SNOW"
                                        "ICE STORM/FLASH FLOOD"
##
## [7] "SNOW/ICE"
                                        "WINTER STORM"
   [9] "HURRICANE OPAL/HIGH WINDS"
##
                                        "THUNDERSTORM WINDS"
## [11] "RECORD COLD"
                                        "HURRICANE ERIN"
## [13] "HURRICANE OPAL"
                                        "HEAVY RAIN"
## [15] "LIGHTNING"
                                        "THUNDERSTORM WIND"
## [17] "DENSE FOG"
                                        "RIP CURRENT"
                                        "FLASH FLOOD"
## [19] "THUNDERSTORM WINS"
## [21] "FLASH FLOODING"
                                        "HIGH WINDS"
## [23] "FUNNEL CLOUD"
                                        "TORNADO FO"
## [25] "THUNDERSTORM WINDS LIGHTNING"
                                        "THUNDERSTORM WINDS/HAIL"
## [27] "HEAT"
                                        "WIND"
## [29] "LIGHTING"
                                        "HEAVY RAINS"
## [31] "LIGHTNING AND HEAVY RAIN"
                                        "FUNNEL"
## [33] "WALL CLOUD"
                                        "FLOODING"
## [35] "THUNDERSTORM WINDS HAIL"
                                        "FLOOD"
## [37] "COLD"
                                        "HEAVY RAIN/LIGHTNING"
## [39] "FLASH FLOODING/THUNDERSTORM WI" "WALL CLOUD/FUNNEL CLOUD"
## [41] "THUNDERSTORM"
                                        "WATERSPOUT"
## [43] "EXTREME COLD"
                                        "HAIL 1.75)"
## [45] "LIGHTNING/HEAVY RAIN"
                                        "HIGH WIND"
## [47] "BLIZZARD"
                                       "BLIZZARD WEATHER"
## [49] "WIND CHILL"
                                        "BREAKUP FLOODING"
## [51] "HIGH WIND/BLIZZARD"
                                       "RIVER FLOOD"
## [53] "HEAVY SNOW"
                                       "FREEZE"
## [55] "COASTAL FLOOD"
                                       "HIGH WIND AND HIGH TIDES"
## [57] "HIGH WIND/BLIZZARD/FREEZING RA" "HIGH TIDES"
## [59] "HIGH WIND AND HEAVY SNOW" "RECORD COLD AND HIGH WIND"
## [61] "RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE"
                                       "RECORD HIGH"
                                       "HIGH WIND/ BLIZZARD"
## [63] "HIGH WINDS HEAVY RAINS"
## [65] "ICE STORM"
                                       "BLIZZARD/HIGH WIND"
## [67] "HIGH WIND/LOW WIND CHILL"
                                      "HEAVY SNOW/HIGH"
                                       "HIGH WINDS AND WIND CHILL"
## [69] "RECORD LOW"
## [71] "HEAVY SNOW/HIGH WINDS/FREEZING" "LOW TEMPERATURE RECORD"
## [73] "AVALANCHE"
                                        "MARINE MISHAP"
## [75] "WIND CHILL/HIGH WIND"
                                       "HIGH WIND/WIND CHILL/BLIZZARD"
                                       "HIGH WIND/HEAVY SNOW"
## [77] "HIGH WIND/WIND CHILL"
## [79] "HIGH TEMPERATURE RECORD"
                                       "FLOOD WATCH/"
## [81] "RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURES"
                                       "HIGH WIND/SEAS"
                                       "HIGH SEAS"
## [83] "HIGH WINDS/HEAVY RAIN"
## [85] "SEVERE TURBULENCE"
                                       "RECORD RAINFALL"
                                        "RECORD WARMTH"
## [87] "RECORD SNOWFALL"
## [89] "HEAVY SNOW/WIND"
                                        "EXTREME HEAT"
## [91] "WIND DAMAGE"
                                        "DUST STORM"
## [93] "APACHE COUNTY"
                                        "SLEET"
## [95] "HAIL STORM"
                                        "FUNNEL CLOUDS"
## [97] "FLASH FLOODS"
                                        "DUST DEVIL"
## [99] "EXCESSIVE HEAT"
                                        "THUNDERSTORM WINDS/FUNNEL CLOU"
```

111	[101]	"WINTER STORM/HIGH WIND"	"WINTER STORM/HIGH WINDS"
		"GUSTY WINDS"	"STRONG WINDS"
		"FLOODING/HEAVY RAIN"	"SNOW AND WIND"
		"HEAVY SURF COASTAL FLOODING"	"HEAVY SURF"
		"HEAVY PRECIPATATION"	"URBAN FLOODING"
		"HIGH SURF"	"BLOWING DUST"
		"URBAN/SMALL"	"WILD FIRES"
		"HIGH"	"URBAN/SMALL FLOODING"
		"WATER SPOUT"	"HIGH WINDS DUST STORM"
		"WINTER STORM HIGH WINDS"	"LOCAL FLOOD"
		"WINTER STORMS"	"MUDSLIDES"
		"RAINSTORM"	"SEVERE THUNDERSTORM"
		"SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS"	"SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WINDS"
		"THUNDERSTORMS WINDS"	"DRY MICROBURST"
		"FLOOD/FLASH FLOOD"	"FLOOD/RAIN/WINDS"
		"WINDS"	"DRY MICROBURST 61"
		"THUNDERSTORMS"	"FLASH FLOOD WINDS"
		"URBAN/SMALL STREAM FLOODING"	"MICROBURST"
		"STRONG WIND"	"HIGH WIND DAMAGE"
		"STREAM FLOODING"	"URBAN AND SMALL"
		"HEAVY SNOWPACK"	"ICE"
		"FLASH FLOOD/"	"DOWNBURST"
		"GUSTNADO AND"	"FLOOD/RAIN/WIND"
		"WET MICROBURST"	"DOWNBURST WINDS"
		"DRY MICROBURST WINDS"	"DRY MIRCOBURST WINDS"
		"DRY MICROBURST 53"	"SMALL STREAM URBAN FLOOD"
##	[153]	"MICROBURST WINDS"	"HIGH WINDS 57"
##	[155]	"DRY MICROBURST 50"	"HIGH WINDS 66"
##	[157]	"HIGH WINDS 76"	"HIGH WINDS 63"
##	[159]	"HIGH WINDS 67"	"BLIZZARD/HEAVY SNOW"
##	[161]	"HEAVY SNOW/HIGH WINDS"	"BLOWING SNOW"
##	[163]	"HIGH WINDS 82"	"HIGH WINDS 80"
##	[165]	"HIGH WINDS 58"	"FREEZING DRIZZLE"
			"DRY MICROBURST 58"
##	[169]	"HAIL 75"	"HIGH WINDS 73"
##	[171]	"HIGH WINDS 55"	"LIGHT SNOW AND SLEET"
##	[173]	"URBAN FLOOD"	"DRY MICROBURST 84"
##	[175]	"THUNDERSTORM WINDS 60"	"HEAVY RAIN/FLOODING"
##	[177]	"THUNDERSTORM WINDSS"	"TORNADOS"
##	[179]	"GLAZE"	"RECORD HEAT"
##	[181]	"COASTAL FLOODING"	"HEAT WAVE"
##	[183]	"FIRST SNOW"	"FREEZING RAIN AND SLEET"
##	[185]	"UNSEASONABLY DRY"	"UNSEASONABLY WET"
##	[187]	"WINTRY MIX"	"WINTER WEATHER"
##	[189]	"UNSEASONABLY COLD"	"EXTREME/RECORD COLD"
##	[191]	"RIP CURRENTS HEAVY SURF"	"SLEET/RAIN/SNOW"
##	[193]	"UNSEASONABLY WARM"	"DROUGHT"
##	[195]	"NORMAL PRECIPITATION"	"HIGH WINDS/FLOODING"
##	[197]	"DRY"	"RAIN/SNOW"
##	[199]	"SNOW/RAIN/SLEET"	"WATERSPOUT/TORNADO"

```
## [201] "WATERSPOUTS"
                                         "WATERSPOUT TORNADO"
## [203] "URBAN/SMALL STREAM FLOOD"
                                       "STORM SURGE"
## [205] "WATERSPOUT-TORNADO"
                                        "WATERSPOUT-"
## [207] "TORNADOES, TSTM WIND, HAIL" "TROPICAL STORM ALBERTO"
## [209] "TROPICAL STORM"
                                        "TROPICAL STORM GORDON"
## [211] "TROPICAL STORM JERRY"
                                        "LIGHTNING THUNDERSTORM WINDS"
                                       "MINOR FLOODING"
## [213] "WAYTERSPOUT"
## [215] "LIGHTNING INJURY"
                                        "URBAN/SMALL STREAM FLOOD"
## [217] "LIGHTNING AND THUNDERSTORM WIN" "THUNDERSTORM WINDS53"
## [219] "URBAN AND SMALL STREAM FLOOD" "URBAN AND SMALL STREAM"
## [221] "WILDFIRE"
                                         "DAMAGING FREEZE"
## [223] "THUNDERSTORM WINDS 13"
                                       "SMALL HAIL"
                                        "HURRICANE"
## [225] "HEAVY SNOW/HIGH WIND"
## [227] "WILD/FOREST FIRE"
                                        "SMALL STREAM FLOODING"
## [229] "MUD SLIDE"
                                         "LIGNTNING"
## [231] "FROST"
                                         "FREEZING RAIN/SNOW"
## [233] "HIGH WINDS/"
                                         "THUNDERSNOW"
                                        "EXTREME WIND CHILLS"
## [235] "FLOODS"
## [237] "COOL AND WET"
                                        "HEAVY RAIN/SNOW"
## [239] "SMALL STREAM AND URBAN FLOODIN" "SMALL STREAM/URBAN FLOOD"
## [241] "SNOW/SLEET/FREEZING RAIN" "SEVERE COLD"
## [243] "GLAZE ICE"
                                         "COLD WAVE"
## [245] "EARLY SNOW"
                                        "SMALL STREAM AND URBAN FLOOD"
                                        "RURAL FLOOD"
## [247] "HIGH WINDS"
## [249] "SMALL STREAM AND"
                                        "MUD SLIDES"
## [251] "HAIL 80"
                                        "EXTREME WIND CHILL"
## [253] "COLD AND WET CONDITIONS"
## [255] "GRADIENT WINDS"
                                      "EXCESSIVE WETNESS"
"HEAVY SNOW/BLOWING SNOW"
## [255] "GRADIENT WINDS"
                                       "THUNDERSTORM WINDS URBAN FLOOD"
## [257] "SLEET/ICE STORM"
## [259] "THUNDERSTORM WINDS SMALL STREA" "ROTATING WALL CLOUD"
## [261] "LARGE WALL CLOUD"
                                         "COLD AIR FUNNEL"
## [263] "GUSTNADO"
                                        "COLD AIR FUNNELS"
## [265] "BLOWING SNOW- EXTREME WIND CHI" "SNOW AND HEAVY SNOW"
                                        "MAJOR FLOOD"
## [267] "GROUND BLIZZARD"
## [269] "SNOW/HEAVY SNOW"
                                        "FREEZING RAIN/SLEET"
## [271] "ICE JAM FLOODING"
                                       "SNOW- HIGH WIND- WIND CHILL"
## [273] "STREET FLOOD"
                                        "COLD AIR TORNADO"
## [275] "SMALL STREAM FLOOD"
                                       "FOG"
## [277] "THUNDERSTORM WINDS 2"
                                        "FUNNEL CLOUD/HAIL"
## [279] "ICE/SNOW"
                                        "TSTM WIND 51"
## [281] "TSTM WIND 50"
                                        "TSTM WIND 52"
## [283] "TSTM WIND 55"
                                        "HEAVY SNOW/BLIZZARD"
## [285] "THUNDERSTORM WINDS 61"
## [287] "THUNDERSTORM DAMAGE"
                                       "HAIL 0.75"
                                        "THUNDERTORM WINDS"
## [289] "HAIL 1.00"
                                        "HAIL/WINDS"
## [291] "SNOW AND ICE"
                                        "WIND STORM"
## [293] "SNOWSTORM"
                                        "GRASS FIRES"
## [295] "LAKE FLOOD"
                                        "PROLONG COLD"
## [297] "HAIL/WIND"
                                        "HAIL 1.75"
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## [309] "TROPICAL STORM DEAN"
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## [351] "LOW WIND CHILL"
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## [357] "TORNDAO"
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## [359] "FLOOD/RIVER FLOOD"
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		"FLOOD/FLASH/FLOOD"	"WIND AND WAVE"
		"LIGHT FREEZING RAIN"	" WIND"
		"MONTHLY SNOWFALL"	"RECORD PRECIPITATION"
		"ICE ROADS"	"ROUGH SEAS"
		"UNSEASONABLY WARM/WET"	"UNSEASONABLY COOL & WET"
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		"LOCALLY HEAVY RAIN"	"WIND GUSTS"
		"UNSEASONAL LOW TEMP"	"HIGH SURF ADVISORY"
		"LATE SEASON SNOW"	"GUSTY LAKE WIND"
		"ABNORMALLY DRY"	"WINTER WEATHER MIX"
		"RED FLAG CRITERIA"	"WND"
		"CSTL FLOODING/EROSION"	"SMOKE"
		" WATERSPOUT"	"SNOW ADVISORY"
		"EXTREMELY WET"	"UNUSUALLY LATE SNOW"
		"VERY DRY"	"RECORD LOW RAINFALL"
		"ROGUE WAVE"	"PROLONG WARMTH"
		"ACCUMULATED SNOWFALL"	"FALLING SNOW/ICE"
		"DUST DEVEL"	"NON-TSTM WIND"
		"NON TSTM WIND"	"GUSTY THUNDERSTORM WINDS"
		"PATCHY ICE"	"HEAVY RAIN EFFECTS"
		"EXCESSIVE HEAT/DROUGHT"	"NORTHERN LIGHTS"
		"MARINE TSTM WIND"	" HIGH SURF ADVISORY"
##	[959]	"HAZARDOUS SURF"	"FROST/FREEZE"
		"WINTER WEATHER/MIX"	"ASTRONOMICAL HIGH TIDE"
##	[963]	"WHIRLWIND"	"VERY WARM"
##	[965]	"ABNORMALLY WET"	"TORNADO DEBRIS"
		"EXTREME COLD/WIND CHILL"	"ICE ON ROAD"
##	[969]	"DROWNING"	"GUSTY THUNDERSTORM WIND"
##	[971]	"MARINE HAIL"	"HIGH SURF ADVISORIES"
##	[973]	"HURRICANE/TYPHOON"	"HEAVY SURF/HIGH SURF"
##	[975]	"SLEET STORM"	"STORM SURGE/TIDE"
		"COLD/WIND CHILL"	"MARINE HIGH WIND"
##	[979]	"TSUNAMI"	"DENSE SMOKE"
##	[981]	"LAKESHORE FLOOD"	"MARINE THUNDERSTORM WIND"
##	[983]	"MARINE STRONG WIND"	"ASTRONOMICAL LOW TIDE"
##	[985]	"VOLCANIC ASHFALL"	

Categorize the Individual Weather Events

As observed above, Event Type has 985 distinct values which is way more than what is documented in the National Weather Service Storm Data (https://d396qusza40orc.cloudfront.net/repdata%2Fpeer2_doc% 2Fpd01016005curr.pdf). We would need to group Event Types available in the data set by grouping the multipel Event Types together to futther analyze the weather event data set.

First step with process is limit the data set by eliminating those records which do not have valid property and crop damanage magnitude set. We will create the smaller subset by eliminating those rows that have magnitude data other than (k, K, m, M, b, B). This will reduce the number of records that we have to analyze and investigate considerabley.

```
d4<-d3[complete.cases(d3[, c("BGN_DATE", "EVTYPE", "FATALITIES", "INJURIES", "PROP DMG", "CROPDMG", "prpfactor", "crpfactor", "REFNUM")]),]
```

We will create new column called "eventcategory" that will be used in later part of this analysis to group event types.

```
#while populating event group column, change the data to lower case. This will reduce the substituions in the later stage.  {\tt d4\$eventcategory < -tolower(d4\$EVTYPE)}
```

Let's explore into small data subset created in the previous steps

```
#obtain the structure of the small data set str(d4)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 279537 obs. of 12 variables:
## $ BGN DATE : Date, format: "1995-10-04" "1994-06-26" ...
## $ EVTYPE : chr "HURRICANE OPAL/HIGH WINDS" "THUNDERSTORM WINDS" "HURRIC
ANE ERIN" "HURRICANE OPAL" ...
## $ FATALITIES : num 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ INJURIES
               : num 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 5 0 0 ...
## $ PROPDMG : num 0.1 5 25 48 20 50 500 500 500 5 ...
## $ PROPDMGEXP : chr "B" "M" "M" "M" ...
## $ CROPDMG : num 10 500 1 4 10 50 50 5 50 15 ...
## $ CROPDMGEXP : chr "M" "K" "M" "M" ...
## $ REFNUM : num 187566 188271 187568 187570 187571 ...
## $ prpfactor : num 1e+09 1e+06 1e+06 1e+06 1e+06 1e+03 1e+03 1e+03 1e+03 1e
+03 ...
## $ crpfactor : num 1e+06 1e+03 1e+06 1e+06 1e+06 1e+03 1e+03 1e+03 1e+03 1e
## $ eventcategory: chr "hurricane opal/high winds" "thunderstorm winds" "hurric
ane erin" "hurricane opal" ...
```

```
#obtain the unique event type values
unique(d4$EVTYPE)
```

```
##
    [1] "HURRICANE OPAL/HIGH WINDS"
                                       "THUNDERSTORM WINDS"
##
    [3] "HURRICANE ERIN"
                                       "HURRICANE OPAL"
    [5] "TORNADO"
                                       "THUNDERSTORM WINDS/HAIL"
##
##
   [7] "FLASH FLOOD"
                                       "FLASH FLOODING"
   [9] "THUNDERSTORM WINDS HAIL"
##
                                      "FLOODING"
## [11] "HEAVY RAIN"
                                      "HIGH WINDS HEAVY RAINS"
                                       "THUNDERSTORM WIND"
## [13] "FLOOD"
## [15] "RIVER FLOOD"
                                       "HAIL"
## [17] "WINTER STORM"
                                       "HIGH WINDS"
## [19] "WINTER STORM HIGH WINDS"
                                      "WINTER STORMS"
## [21] "SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS"
                                       "SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WINDS"
## [23] "THUNDERSTORMS"
                                      "FLOOD/FLASH FLOOD"
## [25] "LIGHTNING"
                                      "HEAVY SNOW"
## [27] "TORNADOES, TSTM WIND, HAIL"
                                      "TROPICAL STORM"
## [29] "TROPICAL STORM GORDON"
                                      "TROPICAL STORM JERRY"
## [31] "TORNADO FO"
                                       "BLIZZARD"
                                       "GLAZE ICE"
## [33] "HEAT"
## [35] "URBAN FLOOD"
                                       "URBAN FLOODING"
                                      "GUSTNADO"
## [37] "THUNDERSTORMS WINDS"
## [39] "COLD AIR TORNADO"
                                       "WIND DAMAGE"
## [41] "HIGH WIND"
                                       "SNOW"
## [43] "HAIL/WINDS"
                                       "HAIL/WIND"
## [45] "HEAVY RAINS"
                                       "TSTM WIND"
## [47] "THUNDERSTORM WINDS LIGHTNING" "ICE STORM"
## [49] "DUST STORM/HIGH WINDS"
                                      "ICE JAM FLOODING"
                                      "HAIL 100"
## [51] "FOREST FIRES"
## [53] "HEAT WAVE"
                                       "HEAVY SNOW/HIGH WINDS & FLOOD"
                                      "HURRICANE FELIX"
## [55] "FLOODS"
## [57] "THUNDERSTORM HAIL"
                                      "THUDERSTORM WINDS"
## [59] "DROUGHT"
                                      "HEAT WAVE DROUGHT"
## [61] "COASTAL FLOODING"
                                      "WINDS"
## [63] "HEAVY RAINS/FLOODING"
                                      "HIGH WINDS/COLD"
                                      "WILD/FOREST FIRE"
## [65] "RIVER FLOODING"
## [67] "THUNDERSTORMS WIND"
                                      "FLASH FLOOD/FLOOD"
                                      "THUNDERSTORM WINDSS"
## [69] "FLASH FLOODING/FLOOD"
## [71] "TROPICAL STORM DEAN"
                                      "THUNDERSTORM WINDS/ FLOOD"
##
   [73] "WILD/FOREST FIRES"
                                       "WILDFIRES"
## [75] "HURRICANE"
                                       "FUNNEL CLOUD"
## [77] "EXTREME COLD"
                                       "TSTM WIND/HAIL"
## [79] "EXCESSIVE HEAT"
                                      "URBAN/SML STREAM FLD"
## [81] "WATERSPOUT"
                                       "Heavy Rain/High Surf"
## [83] "STORM SURGE"
                                       "River Flooding"
## [85] "Frost/Freeze"
                                       "TYPHOON"
## [87] "GUSTY WINDS"
                                       "ICY ROADS"
## [89] "FOG"
                                       "DUST STORM"
## [91] "FREEZE"
                                       "DRY MICROBURST"
## [93] "SMALL HAIL"
                                      "LANDSLIDE"
## [95] "STRONG WIND"
                                       "EXTREME COLD/WIND CHILL"
## [97] "WILDFIRE"
                                      "HURRICANE/TYPHOON"
## [99] "HEAVY SURF/HIGH SURF"
                                       "TROPICAL DEPRESSION"
```

```
## [101] "RIP CURRENT"
                                        "ASTRONOMICAL HIGH TIDE"
## [103] "COASTAL FLOOD"
                                        "DENSE FOG"
## [105] "FROST/FREEZE"
                                        "WINTER WEATHER"
## [107] "HIGH SURF"
                                        "COLD/WIND CHILL"
## [109] "TSUNAMI"
                                        "AVALANCHE"
## [111] "SLEET"
                                        "LAKE-EFFECT SNOW"
## [113] "STORM SURGE/TIDE"
                                        "FREEZING FOG"
## [115] "SEICHE"
                                        "LAKESHORE FLOOD"
## [117] "MARINE THUNDERSTORM WIND"
                                       "MARINE HAIL"
## [119] "MARINE STRONG WIND"
                                        "DUST DEVIL"
## [121] "ASTRONOMICAL LOW TIDE"
                                        "DENSE SMOKE"
## [123] "MARINE HIGH WIND"
                                        "VOLCANIC ASHFALL"
```

As observed above, small subset of data has 279537 records. Distinct Event Types have reduced to 124 from 985. Now, we need to club Event Types together.

We will review each Event Type values and categorize them into one of the bucket: Flood, Thunderstorm Wind, Hail Snow, Tornedo. Event Type that fall into more than one Event Type are lumped under "Mix" category. All the other Event Types are categorized as "Other"

Note: We are setting the Event Category one by one. Pretty sure there may be better options avaiable to group more than one Event Types into Category. But with limited time avaiable to complete the assignment, we had to proceed with the below option. Appreiciate any feedback or comment in improving this piece of code.

```
#Categorize all Flood related events
d4\(\seconds\)eventcategory[d4\(\seconds\)eventcategory=='flash flood']<-'Flood'
d4\(\seconds\)eventcategory[d4\(\seconds\)eventcategory=='flash flooding']<-'Flood'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='flooding']<-'Flood'
d4\(\text{eventcategory}\)[d4\(\text{eventcategory}=='heavy rain']<-'Flood'
d4\(\)eventcategory[d4\(\)eventcategory=='flood']<-'Flood'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='river flood']<-'Flood'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='flood/flash flood']<-'Flood'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='urban flood']<-'Flood'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='urban flooding']<-'Flood'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='floods']<-'Flood'
d4\(\seconds\)eventcategory[d4\(\seconds\)eventcategory=='coastal flooding']<-'Flood'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='heavy rains/flooding']<-'Flood'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='river flooding']<-'Flood'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='flash flood/flood']<-'Flood'
d4\(\)eventcategory[d4\(\)eventcategory=='flash flooding/flood']<-'Flood'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='urban/sml stream fld']<-'Flood'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='waterspout']<-'Flood'
d4\(\)eventcategory[d4\(\)eventcategory=='heavy rain/high surf']<-'Flood'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='river flooding']<-'Flood'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='astronomical high tide']<-'Flood'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='coastal flood']<-'Flood'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='lakeshore flood']<-'Flood'
#Categorize all Thunderstorm and Wind related events
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='hurricane opal/high winds']<-'Thunderstorm Win
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='thunderstorm winds']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='hurricane erin']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='hurricane opal']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4\seventcategory[d4\seventcategory=='thunderstorm wind']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='winter storm']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='high winds']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='winter storm high winds']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='winter storms']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4\seventcategory[d4\seventcategory=='severe thunderstorms']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='severe thunderstorm winds']<-'Thunderstorm Win
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='thunderstorms']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='tropical storm']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='tropical storm gordon']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4\seventcategory[d4\seventcategory=='tropical storm jerry']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='thunderstorms winds']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='wind damage']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='high wind']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='tstm wind']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='thunderstorm winds lightning']<-'Thunderstorm
Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='ice storm']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
```

```
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='dust storm/high winds']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='hurricane felix']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='thuderstorm winds']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='winds']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='high winds/cold']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4\seventcategory[d4\seventcategory=='thunderstorms wind']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='thunderstorm windss']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='tropical storm dean']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='hurricane']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='storm surge']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='typhoon']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='gusty winds']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='dust storm']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
\verb|d4\$| event category == "strong wind"| <- "Thunderstorm Wind"| <- "Thunders
d4\seventcategory[d4\seventcategory=='hurricane/typhoon']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='tropical depression']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='marine thunderstorm wind']<-'Thunderstorm Win
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='marine high wind']<-'Thunderstorm Wind'
#Categorize all Hail and Snow related events
d4\(\)eventcategory[d4\(\)eventcategory=='hail']<-'Hail Snow'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='heavy snow']<-'Hail Snow'
d4\(\)eventcategory[d4\(\)eventcategory=='blizzard']<-'Hail Snow'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='glaze ice']<-'Hail Snow'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='snow']<-'Hail Snow'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='hail/winds']<-'Hail Snow'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='hail/wind']<-'Hail Snow'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='hail']<-'Hail Snow'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='icy roads']<-'Hail Snow'
d4\(\)eventcategory[d4\(\)eventcategory=='freeze']<-'Hail Snow'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='small hail']<-'Hail Snow'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='lake-effect snow']<-'Hail Snow'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='marine hail']<-'Hail Snow'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='hail 100']<-'Hail Snow'
#Categorize all events that are mix of more than one event types
d4\(\)eventcategory[d4\(\)eventcategory=='thunderstorm winds/hail']<-'Mix'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='thunderstorm winds hail']<-'Mix'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='high winds heavy rains']<-'Mix'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='tornadoes, tstm wind, hail']<-'Mix'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='heavy snow/high winds & flood']<-'Mix'
d4\(\)eventcategory[d4\(\)eventcategory=='thunderstorm hail']<-'Mix'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='thunderstorm winds/ flood']<-'Mix'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='tstm wind/hail']<-'Mix'
#Categorize all Tornado related events
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='tornado']<-'Tornado'
d4\(\secontcategory\) [d4\(\secontcategory=='tornado f0']<-'Tornado'
```

```
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='cold air tornado']<-'Tornado'
#Group rest of the events into Other category
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='lightning']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='heat']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='gustnado']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='heavy rains']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='ice jam flooding']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='forest fires']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='heat wave']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='drought']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='heat wave drought']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='wild/forest fire']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='wild/forest fires']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='wildfires']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='funnel cloud']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='extreme cold']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='excessive heat']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='frost/freeze']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='fog']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='dry microburst']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='landslide']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='extreme cold/wind chill']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='wildfire']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='heavy surf/high surf']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='rip current']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='dense fog']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='frost/freeze']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='winter weather']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='high surf']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='cold/wind chill']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='tsunami']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='avalanche']<-'Other'
d4\(\seconds\)eventcategory[d4\(\seconds\)eventcategory=='sleet']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='storm surge/tide']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='freezing fog']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='seiche']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='marine strong wind']<-'Other'
d4\(\second{\text{event}}\) d4\(\second{\text{event}}\) dust devil']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='astronomical low tide']<-'Other'
d4\(\seconds\)eventcategory[d4\(\seconds\)eventcategory=='dense smoke']<-'Other'
d4$eventcategory[d4$eventcategory=='volcanic ashfall']<-'Other'
#obtain distinct records per fields in the smaller dataset
rapply(d4, function(x)length(unique(x)))
```

```
##
      BGN DATE
                     EVTYPE FATALITIES
                                            INJURIES
                                                         PROPDMG
##
          4323
                       124
                                    27
                                                 95
                                                             918
##
     PROPDMGEXP
                    CROPDMG CROPDMGEXP
                                             REFNUM prpfactor
##
             4
                       308
                                            279537
                                                               3
##
     crpfactor eventcategory
##
             3
```

```
#now lists out distinct values of Event Category
unique(d4$eventcategory)
```

```
## [1] "Thunderstorm Wind" "Tornado" "Mix" ## [4] "Flood" "Hail Snow" "Other"
```

Extract Year from Begin Date column as a separate column. We will use this data in YoY analysis in the later phase of the work. We will also calculate the total of public health and economic impacts as below: .Total Public Health Impact = Fatalities + Injuris .Total Economic Damage = (Property Damage * Property Damage Magnitude/Factor+ Crop Damage * Crop Damage Magnitude/Factor

```
#introduce new column Year based on Event Begin Date
d4$year<-year(d4$BGN_DATE)
#Total Public Health Impact calculation
d4$phi<-d4$FATALITIES + d4$INJURIES
#Total Economic Damage calculation
d4$ei<-(d4$PROPDMG * d4$prpfactor) + (d4$CROPDMG * d4$crpfactor)
#check top 2 rows to validate the calculation
head(d4, 2)</pre>
```

```
BGN DATE
                                   EVTYPE FATALITIES INJURIES PROPDMG
## 187566 1995-10-04 HURRICANE OPAL/HIGH WINDS
                                                               0.1
## 187571 1994-06-26 THUNDERSTORM WINDS
                                                               5.0
        PROPDMGEXP CROPDMG CROPDMGEXP REFNUM prpfactor crpfactor
## 187566
               В
                    10
                              M 187566 1e+09 1e+06
## 187571
               M
                      500
                                K 188271
                                            1e+06
                                                     1e+03
           eventcategory year phi
## 187566 Thunderstorm Wind 1995 2 1.1e+08
## 187571 Thunderstorm Wind 1994 0 5.5e+06
```

```
#check bottom 2 rows to validate the calculation
tail(d4, 2)
```

```
##
          BGN DATE
                      EVTYPE FATALITIES INJURIES PROPDMG PROPDMGEXP
## 902296 2011-11-09
                                     0
## 902297 2011-11-28 HEAVY SNOW
                                     0
                                             0
                                                    0
      CROPDMG CROPDMGEXP REFNUM prpfactor crpfactor eventcategory year
## 902296 0
                      К 902296 1000
                                            1000
                                                    Hail Snow 2011
## 902297
                       K 902297
                                     1000
                                              1000
             0
                                                     Hail Snow 2011
      phi ei
## 902296 0 0
## 902297
          0 0
```

Analysis and Results

This section of the document details about the analyis of the data and results identified there by.

Public Health Impact Analysis

Let's analyze Public Health impact due to severe weather conditions. Based on the below data, we see that 1998 and 2011 have comparitively high public health impact (fatality and injury) compared other years.

```
colnames (d4)
                                        "FATALITIES"
##
    [1] "BGN DATE"
                        "EVTYPE"
                                                        "INJURIES"
##
   [5] "PROPDMG"
                        "PROPDMGEXP"
                                        "CROPDMG"
                                                        "CROPDMGEXP"
## [9] "REFNUM"
                        "prpfactor"
                                        "crpfactor"
                                                        "eventcategory"
                                        "ei"
## [13] "year"
                        "phi"
#Population Health impact by year across the categories
phibyyear <- tapply (d4$phi, d4$year, sum)</pre>
phibyyear
## 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007
                      441 7399 206 520 270 309 747 877 199 373 2612
  614 1964 822 264
## 2008 2009 2010 2011
## 3191 1687 2280 8794
```

We further analyzed the data for 1998 and 2011 to find out Category of event that caused the Health impact. Based on the investigation below, in 1998, Flood resulted in severe public health impact while Tornado caused impacts in 2011.

```
#Drill down into population Health impact in 1998 and 2011 to find out categories
that caused impact
d4.1998 <- subset(d4, subset=(year == "1998" ))

phiimpact1998 <- tapply (d4.1998$phi, d4.1998$eventcategory, sum)
d4.2011 <- subset(d4, subset=(year == "2011" ))
phiimpact2011 <- tapply (d4.2011$phi, d4.2011$eventcategory, sum)

phiimpact1998</pre>
```

##	Flood	Hail Snow	Mix	Other	
##	6357	68	0	13	
##	Thunderstorm Wind	Tornado			
##	337	624			

```
phiimpact2011
```

```
## Flood Hail Snow Other Thunderstorm Wind
## 170 33 1329 512
## Tornado
## 6750
```

```
#Population Health impact by Category across the years eibycategory <- tapply (d4$ei, d4$eventcategory, sum) eibycategory
```

```
## Flood Hail Snow Mix Other

## 158159486370 10579750540 1640414000 12663423360

## Thunderstorm Wind Tornado

## 61860446160 16520165650
```

Economic Impact Analysis

We will now analyze the economic impacts in US due to severe weather conditions. Let's determine the yearly damage due to weather conditions.

Based on the discovery below, in year 2006, US economy suffered huge damages due to weather conditions compared other years. Flood is the major cause of weather condition that resulted in huge damages.

```
#Economic impacts by Year across the Categories
eibyyear <- tapply (d4$ei, list(d4$year), sum)
eibyyear</pre>
```

<u>п</u> п	1002	1004	1005	1006	1007
##	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
##	12975290450	6554676750	3673680850	2789148520	1351694000
##	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
##	5589308460	6545517700	1490102950	761239110	1305648560
##	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
##	4681565960	21021067750	10858985700	118230575350	7480086160
##	2008	2009	2010	2011	
##	17778176080	5749424130	11031773640	21555723960	

```
#Economic impacts by Categories across the year
eibycaegory <- tapply (d4$ei, list(d4$eventcategory), sum)
eibycaegory</pre>
```

```
## Flood Hail Snow Mix Other

## 158159486370 10579750540 1640414000 12663423360

## Thunderstorm Wind Tornado

## 61860446160 16520165650
```

Exploratory Data Analysis

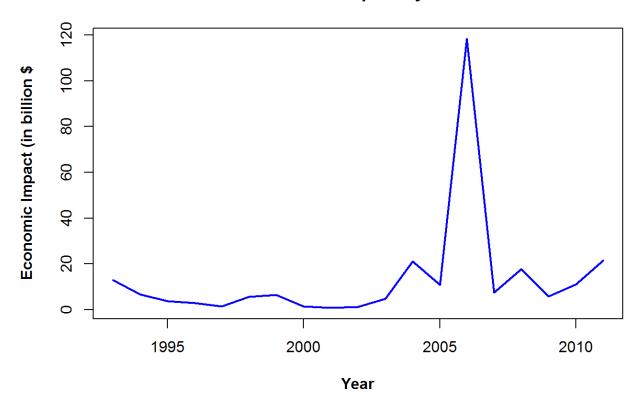
We will perform some exploratory data analysis to further analyze the observations from the previous sections. Exploratory analysis helps paint the graphical picture of the data analysis.

Periodic Economic Impacts

In the below plot, we would show the economic impact (including property and crop damage) across year due weather conditions. As observed previously, graph clearly shows that year 2006 highest impactufl year in terms of damages.

```
ecobyyear<-aggregate(d4$ei, by = list(d4$year), sum)
opar<-par(no.readonly=TRUE)
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
#Plot the various graphs in various regions of the output file
plot(ecobyyear$Group.1,ecobyyear$x/1000000000, type="l", #line chart is plotted,
    lwd = 2, #set the width of line chart
    xlab=expression(bold("Year")) , # Y axis label
    ylab=expression(bold("Economic Impact (in billion $")), # Y axis label
    main="Economic Impact by Year", col = "blue") # Title of the graph</pre>
```

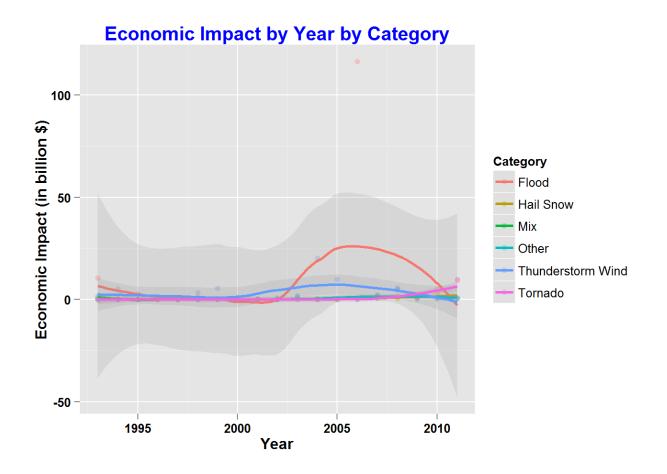
Economic Impact by Year



Economic Impact by Event Category

Below plot shows the economic impacts (consisting both property and crop) by various weather event categories. As identified previously, Flood is the major cause of the economic damages in US in the recent several years followed by Tornado.

```
ecoimpbyevent <- aggregate ((d4$ei)/1000000000, by = list (Category = d4$eventcategor
y, Year= d4$year), FUN=sum)
g<-ggplot(ecoimpbyevent, aes(x=Year, y=x, color=Category))</pre>
g<-g+geom point(alpha=.3) #add layers to plot
g<-g+geom smooth(alpha=.2, size=1,, method="loess") #add smooth
g<-g+ggtitle('Economic Impact by Year by Category') #set the plot title
g<-g+xlab("Year") #set the x axis title</pre>
g<-g+ylab("Economic Impact (in billion $)") #set the y axis title
g<-g+theme(plot.title = element text(size = rel(1.25), colour = "blue", face = "bol
d" )) #set font, color of plot title
g<-g+theme(axis.title.x = element text(size = rel(1), colour = "black", face = "bol
d" )) #set font, color of x axis
g<-g+theme(axis.title.y = element text(size = rel(1), colour = "black", face = bol
d" )) #set font, color of y axis
g<-g+theme(axis.text.x = element text(size = rel(1), colour = "black", face = "bol
d" )) #set font, color of x axis text
g<-g+theme(axis.text.y = element text(size = rel(1), colour = "black", face = "bol
d" )) #set font, color of y axis text
print(g)
```



Public Health impacts by Event Category

Below plot shows the public health impacts (consisting both fatalities and injuries) by various weather event categories. As identified previously, Tornedo related health concerns are on the rise in US in the recent years overtaking Flood.

```
pophealthbyevent<-aggregate((d4$phi), by = list(Category= d4$eventcategory, Year=
d4$year), FUN=sum)
g<-ggplot(pophealthbyevent, aes(x=Year, y=x, color=Category))</pre>
g<-g+geom point(alpha=.3) #add layers to plot
g<-g+geom smooth(alpha=.2, size=1,, method="loess") #add smooth
g<-g+ggtitle('Population Health Impact by Year by Category') #set the plot title
g<-g+xlab("Year") #set the x axis title</pre>
g<-g+ylab("Population Health Impact (Fataliteis & Injuries)") #set the y axis tit
g < -g + theme (plot.title = element_text(size = rel(1.25), colour = "blue", face = "bol
d" )) #set font, color of plot title
g<-g+theme(axis.title.x = element text(size = rel(1), colour = "black", face = "bol
d" )) #set font, color of x axis
g<-g+theme(axis.title.y = element text(size = rel(1), colour = "black", face = "bol
d" )) #set font, color of y axis
g<-g+theme(axis.text.x = element text(size = rel(1), colour = "black", face = "bol
d" )) #set font, color of x axis text
g<-g+theme(axis.text.y = element_text(size = rel(1), colour = "black", face = bol
d" )) #set font, color of y axis text
print(g)
```

