

workout1-pdf

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##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'

## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##   filter, lag

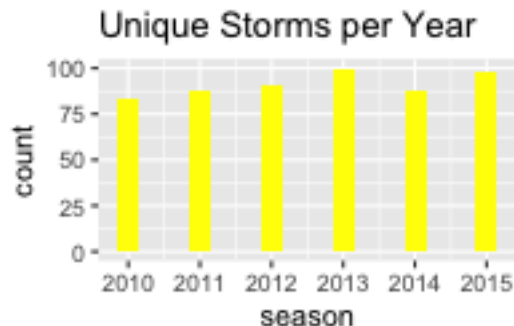
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##   intersect, setdiff, setequal, union

##
## Attaching package: 'lubridate'

## The following object is masked from 'package:base':
##
##   date
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Question 1: What is the number of (unique) storms in each year?

Storm is a large variety of atmospheric disturbances (bad weather) comes from rain and snowstorms to thunderstorms and some other wind-related disturbances. Given a storm occur in certain time interval, we have a name for it, for example, ANJA, BONGANI, CLEO and so on. These names can also appear again in any given time in each year. Recently we had the data record from 2010~2015 on all storms, we are interested to find the number of unique storms in each year. Based on the graph we filtered, there's about 80 unique storms in 2010, slightly more in 2011 and 2012, the maximum number is at 2013, which has about 100 unique storms, for 2014, it goes down a little bit, for 2015 it goes up again. Overall they are pretty close to each other, no extreme big difference between two seasons.



Question 2: What is the total number of storms per hemisphere?

There's 2 hemisphere (north and south). The north hemisphere is the top half of earth on the Equator. The region around the North Pole so, it's between the latitude range of 0 ~ 90 degree. The south hemisphere is the bottom half of earth under the Equator, it's between the latitude range of -90 ~ 0 degree. Based on the data of storms, I saw that there's 12703 storms in north hemisphere and 5572 storm in south hemisphere.

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# This is the total number of storms in the north hemisphere  
nrow(select(filter(dat, latitude > 0 & latitude <= 90), latitude))
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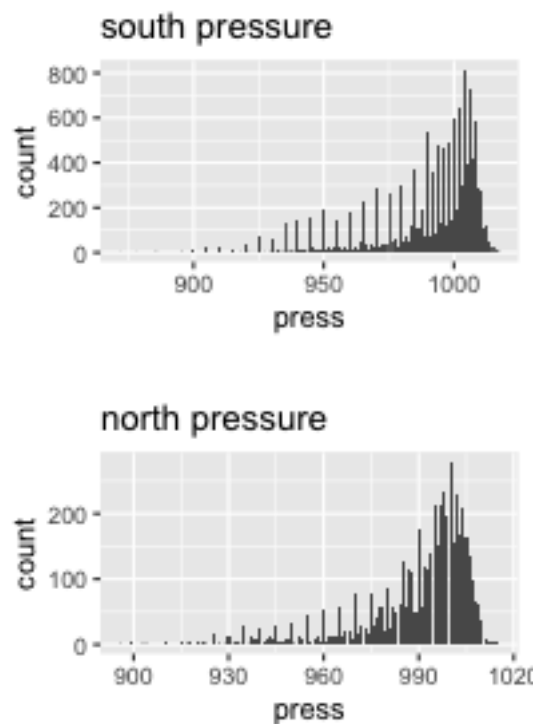
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## [1] 12703
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# This is the total number of storms in the south hemisphere  
nrow(select(filter(dat, latitude < 0 & latitude >= -90), latitude))
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## [1] 5572
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Question 3: Do storms tend to occur more often in one hemisphere than in the other?

Yes, storms tend to occur more often in north than south based on the previous question. Why? let's find out some reasons. The first reason is Low-Pressure Systems. In the North Hemisphere, the storms spin counter-clockwise and because of the earth rotates to the east, resulted a lot of winds or low pressure air and storms are focus on the path to north instead south. therefore, north has more storm than south. Below is the picture shows how north pressure is lower than south pressure.

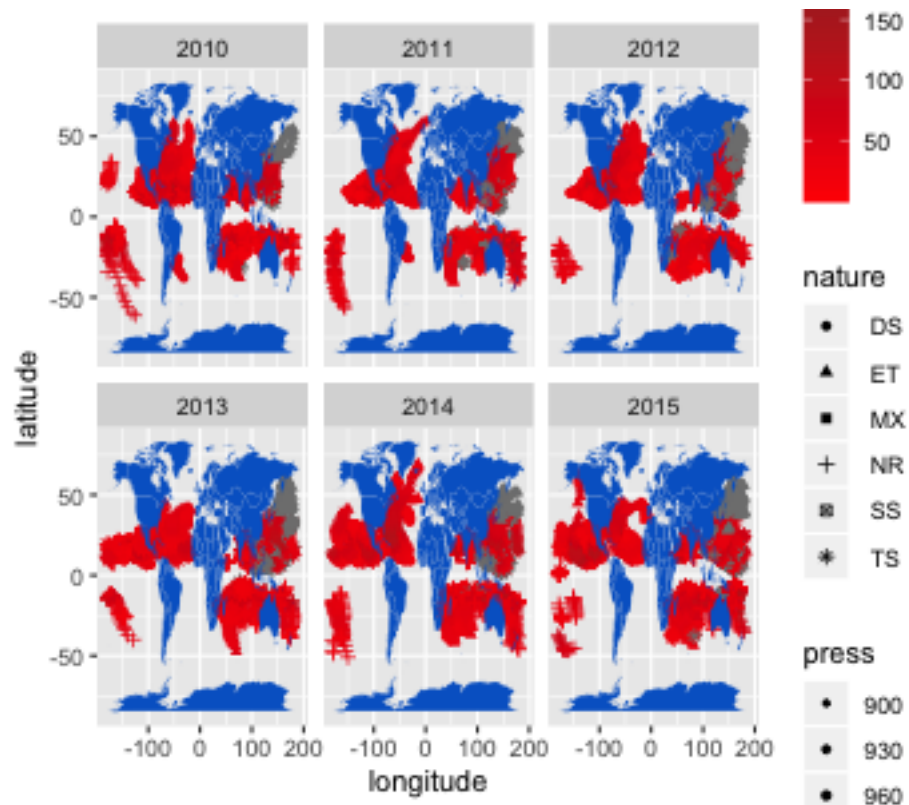


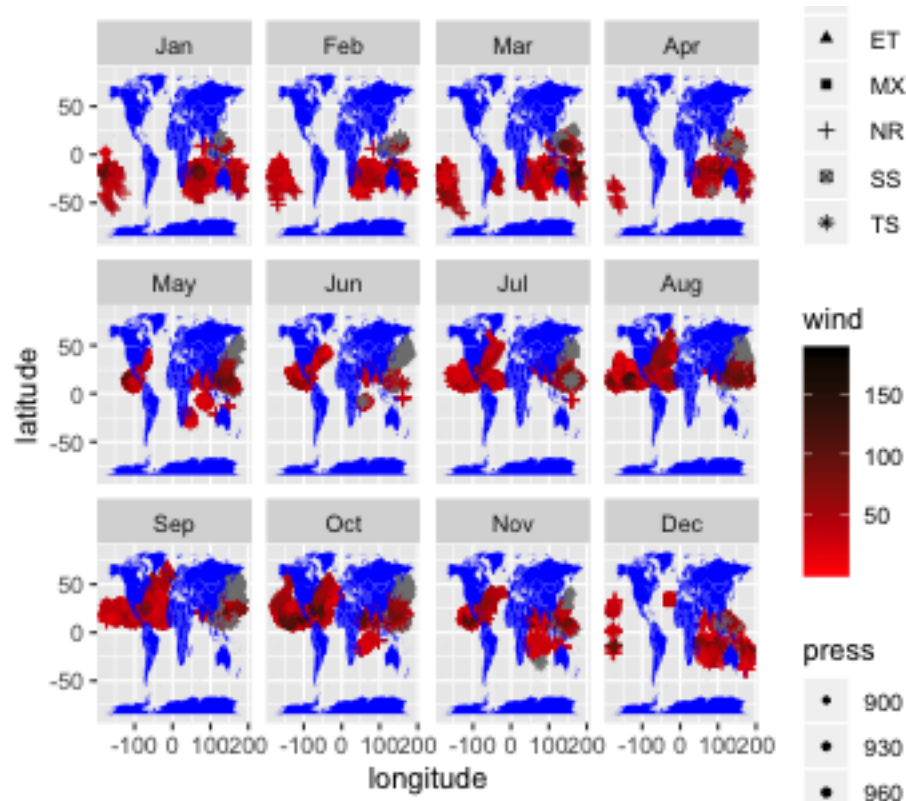
Based on the graph, we can see that more high press air data lines on the south.(see the counts)

The second reason is Milder Climate. Since the South Hemisphere has significantly more ocean and much less land, which means water heats up and cools down more slowly than land. we can conclude that north is colder than south, also implies north has higher chance of causing storms.

Question 4: Do storms tend to occur uniformly throughout the year (evenly amount of storms per month)? Or are there months where there's more storm activity?

Here's the picture all storms throughout the year and month

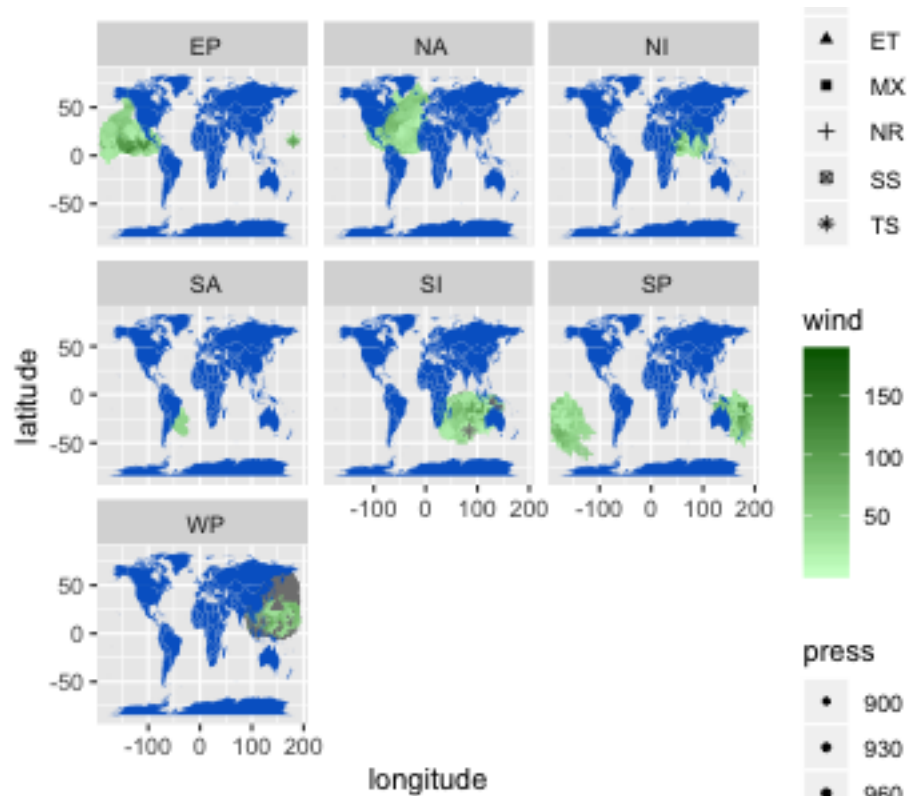




Based on the first picture of all storms throughout the year, it looks like storms are tend to occur uniformly because the points are not that much different for each year. Although 2010 might seems more storms than other year, but overall, the shape still looks the same. The second picture of all stoms throughout by month is not uniformly distributed because we can see that there'e less storms around (May to June) and more storms around (September to October). Also from January to April, the storms activaity tend to focus on the south heimisphere, from May to Oct, the storms goes up to the equator line. After Oct, the storms start going back down.

I think faceting by month is easier to see the dynamic and the flows of the storms throught out the, I use the color from low as red to high as black to label the wind speed, most of the big stroms are lies on october and focus on US, so we should be aware of that.

Question 5: Is there a particular Basin where storms occur more frequently? Or are there basins without much storm activity?



Based on the picture above, I discovered that EP, NA and WP where storms occur more frequently. As I search up on google, the reason is becuse they are all close to the sea, therefore the wind goes faster and easier to have storms. same for NI and SA, they are close to the lane, therefore less storms will occur. This is intresting to know because we can aviod living in the place with more storms, so that your life is saved, haha. Below is the table about number of storms by basin.

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##
##   EP   NA   NI   SA   SI   SP   WP
## 3493 2858 1465   49 4132 2040 5958
```

As we can see, there's more number in WP compare to SA

Question 6: what is the typical duration of a storm (e.g. in terms of hours, or days)?

The typical duration of a storm in seconds is

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## [1] 34525.51
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The typical duration of a storm in hours is

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## [1] 9.59042
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The typical duration of a storm in days is

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## [1] 0.3996009
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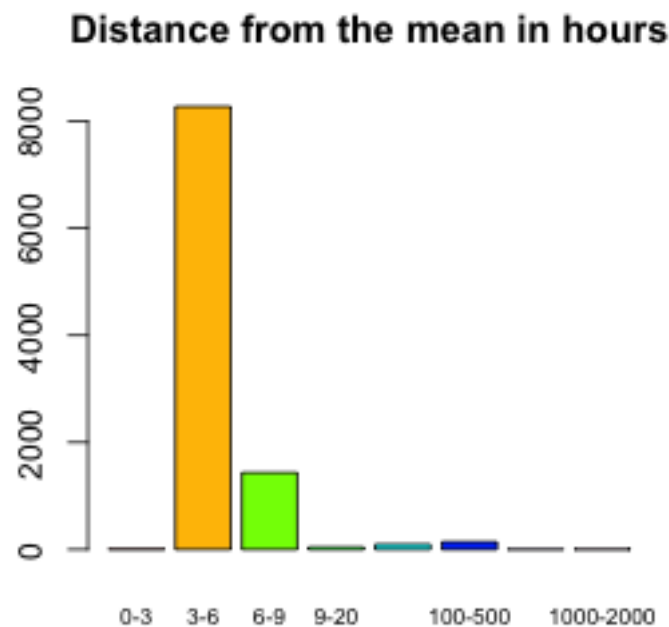
Based on the result, I will conclude that the typical duration of a storm is roughly 10 hours, this is interesting to know because you can expect how long the storms will end and increase your comment sense.

Question 7: Are there storms with durations that deviate considerably from the typical duration?

Given that we have the typical duration of a storm in hours is

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## [1] 9.59042
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The barplot shows storm distances of time away from the mean



Based on the graph, the average distance of storms time away from the mean is 3-6, in other words we should expect the duration around 3-6 range for every time when storms occur. There's still some extreme large distance to the typical duration in 1000-2000 hours and few hundreds of storm duration that is between 9-20hours, 20-100 hours, since the data is large enough those value can consider as outliers.

And finally the standard deviation is (extra information), which is not a good approximation on this situation because we have a lot of extreme large distance value.

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## [1] 38.84815
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Question 8: What is the top-10 list of storms in terms of high wind speed values?

The top 10 list of storms has

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## 112 115 120 125 130 135 140 150 180 185
##   1 102  48  33  19  11   3   1   2   1
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As we can see most of the wind speed in the top-10 list lies on the wind speed on 115 knots, the max top 10 speed is 185 knots, and the min of top 10 speed is 112 knots, which is still very fast. As we know that the higher wind speed, the bigger storms that occurs, I noticed that the top-10 storms are mostly focus on the location on EP, which is pretty close to Eastern Pacific and more specifictly California bay area, therefore, we should expect some bigger storms occurs on the bay area. This is interesting to know because we are living in east bay, berkeley, which is 10-20 miles away from the main bay area land "San Francisco".

some extra information about the top_10 storms is the maxium top_10 storms with 185 knots, It takes place in EP named PARTICA in oct,2015. Based on my research it's the strongest hurricane on record in either the eastern Pacific or Atlantic Ocean basins and more than 1000 homes were damaged or destroyed and about 100,000 acres of farmland suffered damage. which is a very intersting fact to know.