Writing a reproducible paper in Pagedown³

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Abstract

The present paper provides a template for a reproducible scientific paper created with R pagedown. Below we outline some of the "tricks"/code (e.g., referencing tables, sections etc.) we had to figure out to produce this document. The underlying files which produce this document can be downloaded¹. Importantly, we also provide different CSS and HTML files that can be used to achieve a pdf output with the look of a "working paper." We are convinced that in the future there will be many improvements and developments with regards to RStudio, R markdown and R pagedown. We intend to update this file when we discover more convenient code (you can follow any updates through the corresponding github repo²).

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 $^{^{1}} h ttps://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zJP3cNPrHN-gj0rcmbHQgg-XAOhqDXdd?usp=sharing$

 $^{^2} https://github.com/paulcbauer/Writing_a_reproducable_paper_in_pagedown/$

1. Why reproducible research (in R)?

Some arguments...

- Access: Research is normally funded by taxpayers (researchers are also taxpayers). Hence, it should be
 freely accessible to everyone without any barriers, e.g., without requiring commercial software. Importantly,
 researchers from developing countries are even more dependent on free access to knowledge (Kirsop and
 Chan 2005).
- Reproducability: Even if you have written a study and analyzed the data yourself you will forget what you did after a few months. A fully reproducible setup will help you to trace back your own steps. Obviously, the same is true for other researchers who may want to understand your work and built on it. It may sound like a joke but why not aim for a document that can be used to reproduce your findings in 500 years.
- Errors: Manual steps in data analysis (e.g., manually copy/pasting values into a table etc.) may introduce errors. R Markdown allows you to automatize such steps and/or avoid them.
- Revisions: Revising a paper takes much less time if you have all the code you need in one place, i.e., one
 .rmd file. For instance, if you decide to exclude a subset of your data you simply need to insert one line of
 your code at the beginning and everything is rebuilt/re-estimated automatically.

2. Why Pagedown?

Formatting text as PDF is probably one of the most widespread standards in the scientific community, especially when it comes to submitting papers and similar documents. The traditional way to well-formatted and good-looking PDFs is often through LaTeX or Word.

The fairly new pagedown R package takes a completely new approach. While the main purpose of pagedown is to create high-quality PDFs, the idea is to take advantage of modern web technologies (HTML/JSS/Javascript) with which one can design web pages and eventually print those to PDF.

While web pages are usually single-page scrollable documents, pagedown uses the JavaScript library Paged.js which allows documents to be paginated with elements like headers, footers and everything a readable scientific paper will need. Additionally, pagedown documents are based on R Markdown.

3. Prerequesites

We assume that you are using R on a day-to-day basis and you may have even started to work in R Markdown. If you don't know what R Markdown is there are many great resources (e.g. watch this short video⁴). Also, there is a template for a scientific paper written in R markdown by one of us two (Paul), which follows the same idea and structure just as this review (github repo⁵). The template compiles information, operations, tips and tricks you will very likely need to create a well-formatted scientific paper with R markdown.

Based on R Markdown, Pagedown allows you to create custom and well-formatted (paged) HTML Documents. For a comprehensive overview watch this video⁶ which is a record of a talk introducing **pagedown** given by Yihui Xie (who in addition to Romain Lesur developed the **pagedown** package). If you are not in a video watching mood find the slides here⁷.

⁴https://vimeo.com/178485416

 $^{^5} https://github.com/paulcbauer/Writing_a_reproducable_paper_in_rmarkdown/$

 $^{^{6} \}texttt{https://www.rstudio.com/resources/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-creating-beautiful-pdfs-with-r-markdown-and-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-css/rstudioconf-2019/pagedown-css/rstudio-css/rstudio-css/rstudio-css/rstudio-css/rstudio-css/rstudio-css/rstudio-css/rstudio-css/rstudio-css/rstudio-css/rstudio-css/rstudio-css/rstudio-css/rstudio-css$

 $^{^{7} \}mathtt{https://slides.yihui.org/2019-rstudio-conf-pagedown.html\#1}$

Then...

- ...install R⁸ and Rstudio (most recent versions) (R Core Team 2017; RStudio Team 2015).
- ...install the "pagedown"-package from github using the code below.

R> remotes::install_github('rstudio/pagedown')

 ...also install the packages below using the code below (Sievert et al. 2017; Xie 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018; Zhu 2017).

- ...download the 4 input files we created paper.rmd, references.bib, data.csv and american-sociological-association.csl from this folder 10. Ignore the other files.
- ...also download the 4 styling files we created: wp_paged.html, wp.css, wp-fonts.css and wp-pages.css.
- ...store all 8 files from above together in one folder (and use this folder as your working directory later on)
- ...learn R and read about the other underlying components namely Markdown¹¹, R Markdown¹² and Latex¹³.
- ...pagedown comes with several Rmd-templates (presentations, poster, thesis, etc.) and via this review we provide another template for a working paper style. If however you want to modify single aspects or create your own template, you will need to at least gain some basic skills in CSS^{14} and $HTML^{15}$.

4. Basics: Input files, output files and the YAML header

All the files you need to produce the present PDF file are:

- 1. the input files:
- paper.rmd (the underlying R Markdown file).
- references.bib (the bibliography).
 - I use paperpile to manage my references and export the .bib file into the folder that contains my .rmd file.
- data.csv (some raw data).
- ullet american-sociological-association.csl (defines the style of your bibliography). 16
- 2. the "styling" files:

Basically, these are files you will need to specify in the YAML of your rmd-file, so that R and ultimately pagedown recognizes the certain style you want to achieve for your document. With using our templates, you will create a document that has the "look" of a working paper.

⁸https://www.r-project.org/ 9https://www.rstudio.com/

 $^{^{10}} https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zJP3cNPrHN-gj0rcmbHQgg-XAOhqDXdd?usp=sharing$

¹¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Markdown

¹²https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/lesson-1.html

 $^{^{13} \}mathtt{https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LaTeX}$

¹⁴https://www.w3schools.com/css/

¹⁵https://www.w3schools.com/html/

 $^{^{16}} You \ can \ download \ various \ citation \ style \ files \ from \ this \ webpage: \verb|https://github.com/citation-style-language/styles|.$

- wp_paged.html
- wp.css
- wp-fonts.css
- wp-pages.css

Take paper.rmd (the underlying R Markdown file of this pdf) and have a look at the YAML (line #18 - #22) to see how to specify these files. Basically, what happens here is that within the jss_paged function¹⁷ we additionally specify that we want to use custom CSS and custom HTML.

Download these files 18 and save them into a folder. Close R/Rstudio and directly open paper_pagedown.rmd with RStudio. Doing so assures that the working directory is set to the folder that contains paper.rmd and the other files. 19

Once you run/compile the paper.rmd file in Rstudio it creates a output file called paper_pagedown.html.

By using pagedown's chrome_print function in the YAML (line #25) your html based web page will be printed to paper_pagedown.pdf (the one you are reading right now).

Both outputs will be saved in your working directory.

¹⁷https://rdrr.io/cran/pagedown/man/jss_paged.html

 $^{^{18} {\}tt https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zJP3cNPrHN-gj0rcmbHQgg-XA0hqDXdd?usp=sharing}$

¹⁹You can always check your working directory in R with getwd().

5. Referencing within your document

To see how referencing works simply see the different examples for figures, tables and sections below. For instance in Section 8 you can find different ways of referencing tables. The code of the underlying paper.rmd will show you how I referenced Section 8 right here namely with 'Section \@ref(sec:tables).'

6. Software versioning

Software changes and gets updated, especially with an active developer community like that of R. Luckily you can always access old versions of R²⁰ and old version of R packages in the archive²¹. In the archive you need to choose a particular package, e.g dplyr and search for the right version, e.g., dplyr_0.2.tar.gz. Then insert the path in the following function: install.packages("https://...../dplyr_0.2.tar.gz", repos=NULL, type="source"). Ideally, however, results will be simply reproducible in the most current R and package versions.

I would recommend to use the command below and simply add it to the appendix as I did here in Appendix 14.1. This will make sure you always provide the package versions that you used in the last compilation of your paper. For more advanced tools see packrat²².

```
R> cat(paste("#", capture.output(sessionInfo()), "\n", collapse =""))
R> # or use message() instead of cat()
```

7. Data

7.1. Import

Generally, code is evaluated by inserting regular R Markdown blocks.

2 2 4 10 3 3 7 4

44 7 22

55 8 16 66 9 10

7.2. Putting your entire data into the .rmd file

Applying the function dput() to an object gives you the code needed to reproduce that object. So you could paste that code into your .rmd file if you don't want to have extra data files. This makes sense were data files are small.

R> dput(data)

²⁰https://cran.r-project.org/bin/windows/base/old/

 $^{^{21} \}mathtt{https://cran.r-project.org/src/contrib/Archive/}$

²²https://rstudio.github.io/packrat/

 $^{^{23} \}mathtt{https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zJP3cNPrHN-gj0rcmbHQgg-XAOhqDXdd?usp=sharing}$

```
structure(list(X = 1:50, speed = c(4L, 4L, 7L, 7L, 8L, 9L, 10L, 10L, 10L, 11L, 11L, 12L, 12L, 12L, 12L, 12L, 13L, 13L, 13L, 13L, 14L, 14L, 14L, 14L, 15L, 15L, 15L, 16L, 16L, 17L, 17L, 17L, 17L, 18L, 18L, 18L, 19L, 19L, 19L, 20L, 20L, 20L, 20L, 20L, 20L, 22L, 23L, 24L, 24L, 24L, 24L, 25L), dist = c(2L, 10L, 4L, 22L, 16L, 10L, 18L, 26L, 34L, 17L, 28L, 14L, 20L, 24L, 28L, 26L, 34L, 34L, 46L, 26L, 36L, 60L, 80L, 20L, 26L, 54L, 32L, 40L, 32L, 40L, 50L, 42L, 56L, 76L, 84L, 36L, 46L, 68L, 32L, 48L, 52L, 56L, 64L, 66L, 54L, 70L, 92L, 93L, 120L, 85L)), class = "data.frame", row.names = c(NA, -50L))
```

You can then insert the dput output in your .rmd as below.

```
R > \text{data} < -\text{structure}(\text{list}(X=1:50, \text{speed} = c(4L, 4L, 7L, 7L, 8L, 9L, 10L, R+ 10L, 10L, 11L, 11L, 12L, 12L, 12L, 12L, 13L, 13L, 13L, 13L, 14L, R+ 14L, 14L, 14L, 15L, 15L, 15L, 16L, 16L, 17L, 17L, 17L, 17L, 18L, 18L, R+ 18L, 18L, 19L, 19L, 19L, 20L, 20L, 20L, 20L, 20L, 20L, 22L, 23L, 24L, R+ 24L, 24L, 24L, 25L), dist = c(2L, 10L, 4L, 22L, 16L, 10L, 18L, R+ 26L, 34L, 17L, 28L, 14L, 20L, 24L, 28L, 26L, 34L, 34L, 46L, 26L, R+ 36L, 60L, 80L, 20L, 26L, 54L, 32L, 40L, 32L, 40L, 50L, 42L, 56L, R+ 76L, 84L, 36L, 46L, 68L, 32L, 48L, 52L, 56L, 64L, 66L, 54L, 70L, R+ 92L, 93L, 120L, 85L)), R+ class = "data.frame", row.names = c(NA, R+ -50L))
```

8. Tables

Producing good tables and referencing these tables within a R Markdown PDF has been a hassle but got much better. Examples that you may use are shown below. The way you reference tables is slightly different, e.g., for stargazer the label is contained in the function, for kable it's contained in the chunk name.

8.1. stargazer(): Summary and regression tables

I normally use stargazer() (Hlavac 2013) which offers extreme flexibility regarding table output (see ?stargazer).

8.1.1. Summary table with stargazer

Table ?? shows summary stats of your data.

Statistic	N	Mean	St. Dev.	Min	Pctl(25)	Pctl(75)	Max
speed	50	15.400	5.288	4	12	19	25
dist	50	42.980	25.769	2	26	56	120

Summary table with stargazer

8.1.2. Regression table with stargazer

Table ?? shows the output for a regression table. Make sure you name all your models and explicitly refer to model names (M1, M2 etc.) in the text.

```
R>library(stargazer)
R> model1 <- lm(speed ~ dist, data = cars)
R> model2 <- lm(speed ~ dist, data = cars)
R> model3 <- lm(dist ~ speed, data = cars)
R>
R> stargazer(model1, model2, model3,
       label="tab2",
R+
R+
        table.placement = "H",
       column.labels = c("M1", "M2", "M3"),
R+
R+
       type="html",
       model.numbers = FALSE,
R+
       header=FALSE)
R.+
```

	$Dependent\ variable:$					
	sp	dist				
	M1	M2	M3			
dist	0.166***	0.166***				
	(0.017)	(0.017)				
speed			3.932***			
			(0.416)			
Constant	8.284***	8.284***	-17.579**			
	(0.874)	(0.874)	(6.758)			
Observations	50	50	50			
\mathbb{R}^2	0.651	0.651	0.651			
${\rm Adjusted}\;{\rm R}^2$	0.644	0.644	0.644			
Residual Std. Error $(df = 48)$	3.156	3.156	15.380			
F Statistic (df = $1;48$)	89.567***	89.567***	89.567***			
Note:	<i>p</i> <0.1; p < 0.05; p<0.01					

8.2. kable() and kable_styling()

Another great function is kable() (knitr package) in combination with kableExtra. Table 8.1 provides an example.²⁴

```
R> library(knitr)
R> library(kableExtra)
R> kable(mtcars[1:10,], row.names = TRUE,
     caption = 'Table with kable() and kablestyling()',
R+
R+
     format = "html", booktabs = T) %>%
R+
      kable_styling(full_width = T,
             latex_options = c("striped",
R+
R+
                       "scale_down",
R+
                       "HOLD_position"),
             font\_size = 10)
R+
```

 $[\]overline{^{24}}$ To reference the table produced by the chunk you need to add 'tab:' to the chunk name, i.e., 'tab:tab3'.

	\mathbf{mpg}	cyl	$_{ m disp}$	$\mathbf{h}\mathbf{p}$	drat	\mathbf{wt}	\mathbf{qsec}	$\mathbf{v}\mathbf{s}$	\mathbf{am}	\mathbf{gear}	carb
Mazda~RX4	21.0	6	160.0	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	4
${ m Mazda~RX4~Wag}$	21.0	6	160.0	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
Datsun 710	22.8	4	108.0	93	3.85	2.320	18.61	1	1	4	1
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258.0	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	1	0	3	1
Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	360.0	175	3.15	3.440	17.02	0	0	3	2
Valiant	18.1	6	225.0	105	2.76	3.460	20.22	1	0	3	1
Duster 360	14.3	8	360.0	245	3.21	3.570	15.84	0	0	3	4
$\mathrm{Merc}\ 240\mathrm{D}$	24.4	4	146.7	62	3.69	3.190	20.00	1	0	4	2
Merc 230	22.8	4	140.8	95	3.92	3.150	22.90	1	0	4	2
Merc 280	19.2	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.440	18.30	1	0	4	4

Table 8.1: Table with kable() and kablestyling()

8.3. modelsummary

The modelsummary package provides a variety of tables and plots to summarize statistical models and data in R. Modellsummary plots and tables are highly customizable and they can be saved to almost all formats, e.g., HTML, PDF and Markdown. This makes ist especially easzz to embed them in dznmaic documents.

Please look at the package's extensive documentation 25 where they also show examples for almost any plot or table you might be looking for.

In this template we demonstrate an example for modelsummary's datasummary function. Datasummary creates frequency tables, crosstab tables, correlation tables, balance tables and many more.

8.3.1. Summarize numeric variables with modelsummary

Table ?? shows a summary table for numeric variables.

```
R> library(modelsummary)
R>
R> mtcars_df <- mtcars
R> mtcars_df$vs <- as.logical(mtcars_df$vs)
R> mtcars_df$cyl <- as.factor(mtcars_df$cyl)
R> datasummary_skim(mtcars, type="numeric", output="html", histogram=T)
```

	Unique $(\#)$	Missing $(\%)$	Mean	\mathbf{SD}	\mathbf{Min}	Median	Max	
mpg	25	0	20.1	6.0	10.4	19.2	33.9	
cyl	3	0	6.2	1.8	4.0	6.0	8.0	
disp	27	0	230.7	123.9	71.1	196.3	472.0	
hp	22	0	146.7	68.6	52.0	123.0	335.0	
drat	22	0	3.6	0.5	2.8	3.7	4.9	
wt	29	0	3.2	1.0	1.5	3.3	5.4	
qsec	30	0	17.8	1.8	14.5	17.7	22.9	
vs	2	0	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.0	
am	2	0	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.0	
gear	3	0	3.7	0.7	3.0	4.0	5.0	_
carb	6	0	2.8	1.6	1.0	2.0	8.0	L

8.3.2. Summarize categorical variables with modelsummary

 $^{^{\}overline{25}} h \texttt{ttps://vincentarelbundock.github.io/modelsummary/index.html}$

Table ?? shows a summary table for categorical variables.

R> datasummary_skim(mtcars_df, type="categorical", output="html")

cyl 4 11 34.4
6 7 21.9
8 14 43.8
vs FALSE 18 56.2
TRUE 14 43.8

9. Inline code & results

Reproduction reaches new heights when you work with inline code. For instance, you can automatize the display of certain coefficients within the text. An example is to include estimates, e.g., the coefficient of dist of the model we ran above. 'rround(coef(model1)[2], 2)' will insert the coefficient as follows: 0.17. Or 'r 3 + 7' will insert a 10 in the text.

Inline code/results that depend on earlier objects in your document will automatically be updated once you change those objects. For instance, imagine a reviewer asks you to omit certain observations from your sample. You can simply do so in the beginning of your code and push play subsequently.. at time you might have to set cache = FALSE at the beginning so that all the code chunks are rerun.

Researchers often avoid referring to results in-text etc. because you easily forget to change them when revising a manuscript. At the same it can make an article much more informative and easier to read, e.g., if you discuss a coefficient in the text you can directly show it in the section in which you discuss it. Inline code allows you to do just that. R Markdown allows you to that do so in a reproducible and automatized manner.

10. Figures

10.1. R base graphs

Inserting figures can be slightly more complicated. Ideally, we would produce and insert them directly in the .rmd file. It's relatively simple to insert R base graphs as you can see in Figure 10.1.

R>plot(cars\$speed, cars\$dist)

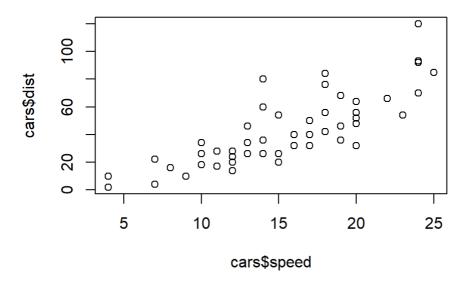


Figure 10.1: Scatterplot of Speed and Distance

But it turns out that it doesn't always work so well.

10.2. ggplot2 graphs

Same is true for ggplot 2 as you can see in Figure 10.2.

```
R> mtcars$cyl <- as.factor(mtcars$cyl) # Convert cyl to factor
R> library(ggplot2)
R> ggplot(mtcars, aes(x=wt, y=mpg, shape=cyl)) + geom_point() +
R+ labs(x="Weight (lb/1000)", y = "Miles/(US) gallon",
R+ shape="Number of \n Cylinders") + theme_classic()
```

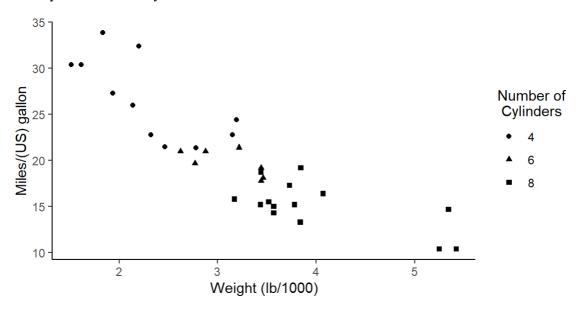


Figure 10.2: Miles per gallon according to the weight

10.3. Interactive graphs

11. Compiling

To view your paper, pagedown requires a web server (since it is based von paged.js)²⁶. By compiling a document, R Studio will display your HTML page through a local web server, i.e., paged.js will work in RStudio Viewer.

There are several options, depending on your intention:

- click on the Knit button which by default will provide a HTML document in the RStudio viewer pane (the HTML will be stored in your working directory)
- use pagedown's chrome_print function in the YAML (uncomment line #24 of this Rmd file) if additionally you want your HTML based web page to be printed to be PDF (the PDF will be stored in your working directory)
- to "live"-preview your pages do not click on the Knit button but use the xaringan (Xie 2021) RStudio addin Infinite Moon Reader. You can simply call the function xaringan::inf_mr() (within your console). This
 will launch a local web server via the servr package (Xie 2021a) and display your pages in the RStudio
 viewer. Each time you save your document (Ctrl+S) xaringan updates your pages in the viewer.
- If you use the option self_contained: false (see line #21 of this Rmd file) (change to true for a self-contained document, but it'll be a little slower for Pandoc to render), don't click on the Knit button in RStudio. Use instead the xaringan (Xie 2021) RStudio add-in Infinite Moon Reader.

12. Good practices

Every researcher has his own optimized setup. Currently I would recommend the following:

- Keep all files of your project (that matter for producing the PDF) in one folder without subfolders. You can zip and directly upload that folder to the Harvard dataverse²⁷.
- Make sure that filenames have a logic to them.
 - Main file with text/code: "paper.rmd," "report.rmd"
 - Data files: "data_xxxxxx.*"
 - Image files: "fig_xxxxxx.*"
 - Tables files: "table_xxxx.*"
 - etc.
 - Ideally, your filenames will correspond to the names in the paper. For instance, Figure 1 in the paper may have a corresponding file called fig_1_xxxxx.pdf.
- Use the document outline in R studio (Ctrl + Shift + O) when you work with R Markdown.
- Name rchunks according to what they do or produce:
 - o "fig-..." for chunks producing figures
 - "table-..." for chunks producing tables
 - o "model-..." for chunks producing model estimates
 - o "import-..." for chunks importing data
 - o "recoding-..." for chunks in which data is recoded
- Use "really" informative variable names:
 - \circ Q: What do you think does the variable trstep measure? It actually measures trust in the European parliament.
 - How could we call this variable instead? Yes, trust.european.parliament which is longer but will probably be understood by another researcher.
 - If your setup is truly reproducible you will probably re-use the variable names that you generate as variable names in the tables you produce. Hence, there is an incentive to use good names.
- Use unique identifiers in the final document:
 - $\circ~$ e.g., name the models you estimate "M1," "M2" etc.
 - These unique names should also appear in the published paper.
 - $\circ~$ Think of someone who wants to produce Figure 1/Model 1 in your paper but doesn't find it in your code. . .

 $[\]overline{^{26}}$ open-source library to paginate content in the browser

 $^{^{27} \}mathtt{https://dataverse.harvard.edu/}$

13. Additional tricks for publishing

- Make your script anonymous
 - Simply put a <!--...-> around any identifying information, e.g., author names, title footnote etc.
- Counting words
 - Use adobe acrobat (commerical software) to convert your file to a word file. Then open in word and delete all the parts that shouldn't go into the word count. The word count is displayed in the lower right.
 - Use an one of the online services to count your words (search for "pdf word count")
- Appendix: You can change the numbering format for the appendix in the rmd file
 - What is still not possible in this document is to automatically have separate reference sections for paper and appendix.
- Journals may require you to use their tex style: Sometimes you can simply use their template in your rmarkdown file. See here²⁸ for a PLOS one example.

14. Citation styles

If your study needs to follow a particular citation style, you can set the corresponding style in the header of your .rmd document. To do so you have to download the corresponding .csl file.

In the present document we use the style of the American Sociological Association and set it in the preamble with csl: american-sociological-association.csl. However, you also need to download the respective .csl file from the following github page: https://github.com/citation-style-language/styles and copy it into your working directory for it to work.

The github directory contains a wide variety of citation style files depending on what discipline you work in.

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Online appendix

14.1. Attach R session info in appendix

Since R and R packages are constantly evolving you might want to add the R session info that contains information on the R version as well as the packages that are loaded.

R version 4.0.4 (2021-02-15)

Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit) Running under: Windows 10 x64 (build 19041)

 $[\]overline{^{28}} \underline{\text{https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/LDUMNY}}$

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Matrix products: default
attached base packages:
[1] stats graphics grDevices utils datasets methods base
other attached packages:
[1] ggplot2_3.3.3 modelsummary_0.8.1 kableExtra_1.3.4 knitr_1.33
[5] stargazer_5.2.2
loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
[1] tidyselect_1.1.1 xfun_0.23
                                bslib_0.2.5
                                                purrr_0.3.4
[5] vctrs_0.3.8 colorspace_2.0-1 generics_0.1.0 htmltools_0.5.1.1
[9] viridisLite_0.4.0 yaml_2.2.1 utf8_1.2.1 rlang_0.4.11
[13] jquerylib_0.1.4 later_1.2.0
                                   pillar_1.6.1 withr_2.4.2
[17] DBI_1.1.1
               glue_1.4.2 lifecycle_1.0.0 stringr_1.4.0
[21] munsell_0.5.0 pagedown_0.14 gtable_0.3.0 rvest_1.0.0
[25] websocket_1.4.0 evaluate_0.14 labeling_0.4.2 httpuv_1.6.1
                                            Rcpp_1.0.6
[29] ps_1.6.0
                fansi_0.4.2 highr_0.9
[33] promises_1.2.0.1 scales_1.1.1 backports_1.2.1 checkmate_2.0.0
[37] webshot_0.5.2 jsonlite_1.7.2 farver_2.1.0 systemfonts_1.0.2
[41] servr_0.22
                 digest_0.6.27 stringi_1.5.3 dplyr_1.0.6
[45] bookdown_0.22 processx_3.5.2 grid_4.0.4 [49] magrittr_2.0.1 sass_0.4.0 tibble_3.1.1
                                                 tools_4.0.4
                                {\tt tibble\_3.1.1}
                                                 pkgconfig_2.0.3
[53] crayon_1.4.1 ellipsis_0.3.2 xml2_1.3.2
                                                 assertthat_0.2.1
[57] rmarkdown_2.8.6 svglite_2.0.0 httr_1.4.2
                                                  rstudioapi_0.13
[61] R6_2.5.0
                 tables_0.9.6 compiler_4.0.4
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14.2. All the code in the paper

To simply attach all the code you used in the PDF file in the appendix see the R chunk in the underlying .rmd file:

```
R> knitr::opts_chunk$set(cache = FALSE)
R> # Use chache = TRUE if you want to speed up compilation
R > \# A function to allow for showing some of the inline code
R> rinline <- function(code){</pre>
R+ html <- '<code class="r">''' 'r CODE' ''' </code>'
R+ sub("CODE", code, html)
R> remotes::install_github('rstudio/pagedown')
R> install.packages(c("rmarkdown", "knitr", "kableExtra",
            "stargazer", "modelsummary", "plotly", "knitr"))
R> cat(paste("#", capture.output(sessionInfo()), "\n", collapse =""))
R> # or use message() instead of cat()
R > x < -1:10
R > x
R> data <- read.csv("data.csv")
R> head(data)
R> dput (data)
R > data < -structure(list(X = 1:50, speed = c(4L, 4L, 7L, 7L, 8L, 9L, 10L, 4L))
R+ 10L, 10L, 11L, 11L, 12L, 12L, 12L, 12L, 13L, 13L, 13L, 13L, 14L,
R+ 14L, 14L, 14L, 15L, 15L, 15L, 16L, 16L, 17L, 17L, 17L, 18L, 18L,
R+ 18L, 18L, 19L, 19L, 19L, 20L, 20L, 20L, 20L, 20L, 22L, 23L, 24L,
R+24L, 24L, 24L, 25L), dist=c(2L, 10L, 4L, 22L, 16L, 10L, 18L,
R+26L, 34L, 17L, 28L, 14L, 20L, 24L, 28L, 26L, 34L, 34L, 46L, 26L,
R+36L,60L,80L,20L,26L,54L,32L,40L,32L,40L,50L,42L,56L,
R+76L,84L,36L,46L,68L,32L,48L,52L,56L,64L,66L,54L,70L,
R+92L,93L,120L,85L)),
R+ class = "data.frame", row.names = c(NA,
R+-50L))
R>library(stargazer)
R> stargazer(cars,
R+
       title = "Summary table with stargazer",
       label="tab:summary",
R+
R+
       table.placement = "H",
       type="html",
R+
R+
       header=FALSE)
```

```
R>library(stargazer)
R> model1 <- lm(speed ~ dist, data = cars)</pre>
R> model2 <- lm(speed ~ dist, data = cars)
R> model3 <- lm(dist ~ speed, data = cars)</pre>
R>
R> stargazer(model1, model2, model3,
       label="tab2",
R+
       table.placement = "H",
R+
       column.labels = c("M1", "M2", "M3"),
R+
R+
      type="html",
R+
       model.numbers = FALSE,
R+
       header=FALSE)
R>library(knitr)
R> library(kableExtra)
R> kable(mtcars[1:10,], row.names = TRUE,
     caption = 'Table with kable() and kablestyling()',
R+
     format = "html", booktabs = T) %>%
      kable\_styling(full\_width = T,
R+
             latex_options = c("striped",
R+
                       "scale_down",
R+
R+
                       "HOLD_position"),
R.+
              font\_size = 10)
R>
R> library(modelsummary)
R> mtcars_df <- mtcars</pre>
R> mtcars_df$vs <- as.logical(mtcars_df$vs)</pre>
R> mtcars_df$cyl <- as.factor(mtcars_df$cyl)</pre>
R> datasummary_skim(mtcars, type="numeric", output="html", histogram=T)
R> datasummary_skim(mtcars_df, type="categorical", output="html")
R> plot(cars$speed, cars$dist)
R>mtcars$cyl <- as.factor(mtcars$cyl) # Convert cyl to factor
R> library(ggplot2)
R> ggplot(mtcars, aes(x=wt, y=mpg, shape=cyl)) + geom_point() +
R+ labs(x="Weight (lb/1000)", y = "Miles/(US) gallon",
    shape="Number of \n Cylinders") + theme_classic()
R> print(sessionInfo(), local = FALSE)
```