

starpolishr: Post-polishing of stargazer output

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First note that the first argument in all `starpolishr` functions is a `stargazer` table, allowing for easy compatibility with the `magrittr` `%>%`. Also, all of the functions in the `starpolishr` package begin with `star_` for easy `tab` completion in emacs or rstudio.

Basic Stargazer Tables

To start, let's run a couple of regressions. These will be miles per gallon, `mpg`, on `hp` and `cyl` from the `mtcars` dataset. We'll also produce a basic `stargazer` table.

```
library(stargazer); library(starpolishr); library(magrittr)
data(mtcars)
mod.mtcars.1 <- lm(mpg ~ hp, mtcars)
mod.mtcars.2 <- lm(mpg ~ hp + cyl, mtcars)
star.out.1 <- stargazer(mod.mtcars.1, mod.mtcars.2,
  title = "Motor Car Regressions",
  type = "latex",
  #For exact latex positioning using the latex 'float' package
  table.placement = "H",
  keep.stat = "n",
  header = FALSE)
```

Table 1: Motor Car Regressions

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>	
	mpg	
	(1)	(2)
hp	-0.068*** (0.010)	-0.019 (0.015)
cyl		-2.265*** (0.576)
Constant	30.099*** (1.634)	36.908*** (2.191)
Observations	32	32
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01	

Obviously, a potential confound is the vehicle weight, `wt`. For the purposes of this vignette, let's say we want the regressions that employ the `wt` variable in a separate table:

```
#Second set of models with weight as a regressor
mod.mtcars.3 <- lm(mpg ~ hp + wt, mtcars)
mod.mtcars.4 <- lm(mpg ~ hp + cyl + wt, mtcars)
star.out.2 <- stargazer(mod.mtcars.3, mod.mtcars.4,
  #For exact latex positioning using the latex 'float' package
  table.placement = "H",
  keep.stat = c("n", "rsq"),
  header = FALSE)
```

Table 2

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>	
	mpg	
	(1)	(2)
hp	−0.032*** (0.009)	−0.018 (0.012)
cyl		−0.942* (0.551)
wt	−3.878*** (0.633)	−3.167*** (0.741)
Constant	37.227*** (1.599)	38.752*** (1.787)
Observations	32	32
R ²	0.827	0.843
<i>Note:</i> *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01		

Updating Regression Variable Names

We can improve a number of things about these tables. First, the left-hand and right-hand side variables are a bit cryptic. Let's clean this up using `starpolishr` `star_lhs_names()` and `star_rhs_names()` functions, which use regular expressions to replace variable names. The advantage of these functions is that they allow the variable names to span more than one line. As we want to apply these functions to both tables, let's create a function to minimize duplicative code.

```
clean_var_names <- function(table) {
  table %>%
    #Update the RHS names
    star_rhs_names(pattern = c("hp", "cyl", "wt"),
```

```

      line1 = c("Hoarsepower", "Number of", "Vehicle"),
      line2 = c("", "Engine Cylinders", "Weight")) %>%
star_lhs_names(pattern = c("mpg"),
      line1 = "Miles per",
      line2 = "Gallon")
}

```

Now let's apply the function to the two stargazer tables and print

```

star.out.1 <- clean_var_names(star.out.1)
star.out.2 <- clean_var_names(star.out.2)

```

```
cat(star.out.1)
```

Table 3: Motor Car Regressions

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>	
	Miles per Gallon	
	(1)	(2)
Hoarsepower	−0.068*** (0.010)	−0.019 (0.015)
Number of Engine Cylinders		−2.265*** (0.576)
Constant	30.099*** (1.634)	36.908*** (2.191)
Observations	32	32
<i>Note:</i>	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01	

```
cat(star.out.2)
```

Table 4

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>	
	Miles per Gallon	
	(1)	(2)
Horsepower	-0.032*** (0.009)	-0.018 (0.012)
Number of Engine Cylinders		-0.942* (0.551)
Vehicle Weight	-3.878*** (0.633)	-3.167*** (0.741)
Constant	37.227*** (1.599)	38.752*** (1.787)
Observations	32	32
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Create a table with 2 panels and add custom notes

Now let's combine the tables into a two panel single table using the `star_panel()` function and add custom table notes using the `star_notes_tex()` function. Finally, we'll print the output

```
star_panel(star.out.1, star.out.2,
           panel.names = c("Reg Without Weight", "Reg With Weight"),
           panel.label.fontface = "bold" #For bold panel names
           ) %>%
#Add table notes
star_notes_tex(note.type = "caption", #Use the latex 'caption' package for notes
               note = "Standard errors are in parentheses") %>%
cat
```

Table 5: Motor Car Regressions

<i>Dependent variable:</i>		
	Miles per Gallon	
	(1)	(2)
Panel A: Reg Without Weight		
Horsepower	-0.068*** (0.010)	-0.019 (0.015)
Number of Engine Cylinders		-2.265*** (0.576)
Constant	30.099*** (1.634)	36.908*** (2.191)
Panel B: Reg With Weight		
Horsepower	-0.032*** (0.009)	-0.018 (0.012)
Number of Engine Cylinders		-0.942* (0.551)
Vehicle Weight	-3.878*** (0.633)	-3.167*** (0.741)
Constant	37.227*** (1.599)	38.752*** (1.787)
Observations	32	32

Notes: Standard errors are in parentheses