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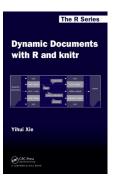
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Disclaimer

 Material for this tutorial comes from many sources. For a complete list see: https://github.com/sahirbhatnagar/knitr-tutorial

Alot of the content in these slides are based on these two books





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- These slides are reproducible
- Source code: https://github.com/sahirbhatnagar/knitr-tutorial

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What is Science Anyway?

According to the American Physical Society:

Science is the systematic enterprise of gathering knowledge about the universe and organizing and condensing that knowledge into testable laws and theories. The success and credibility of science are anchored in the willingness of scientists to expose their ideas and results to independent testing and replication by other scientists



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Reproducible Research (RR) in Computational Sciences

The data and the code used to make a finding are available and they are sufficient for an independent researcher to recreate the finding

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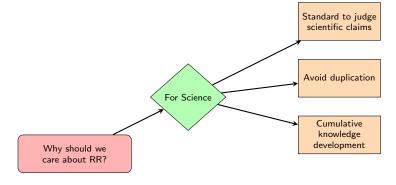
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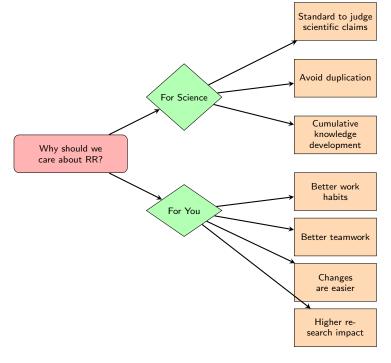
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Tools for Reproducible Research²

Free and Open Source Software

- RStudio: Creating, managing, compiling documents
- LATEX: Markup language for typesetting a document
- R: Statistical analysis language
- knitr: Integrate LaTeXand R code. Based on Prof. Friedrich Leisch's Sweave

²http://onepager.togaware.com/

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Comparison

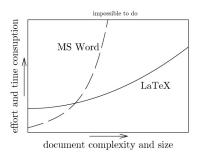


Figure 1: Comparison

- LATEX has a greater learning curve
- Many tasks are very tedious or impossible (most cases) to do in MS Word or Libre Office

The Philosophy behind LATEX

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Figure 2: Adam Smith, author of *The Wealth of Nations* (1776), in which he conceptualizes the notion of the division of labour

Division of Labour

Composition and logical structuring of text is the author's specific contribution to the production of a printed text. Matters such as the choice of the font family, should section headings be in bold face or small capitals? Should they be flush left or centered? Should the text be justified or not? Should the notes appear at the foot of the page or at the end? Should the text be set in one column or two? and so on, is the typesetter's business

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The Genius Behind LATEX



Figure 3: The TEX project was started in 1978 by Donald Knuth (Stanford). He planned for 6 months, but it took him nearly 10 years to complete. Coined the term "Literate programming": mixture of code and text segments that are "human" readable. Recipient of the Turing Award (1974) and the Kyoto Prize (1996).



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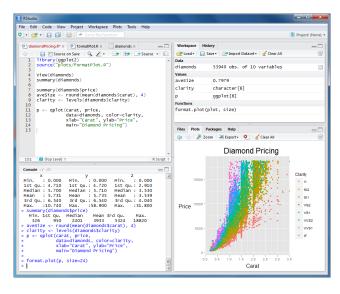
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Demonstrate: Explore RStudio, projects and .Rprofile

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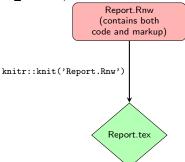
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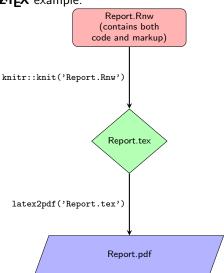
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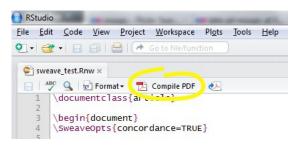
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Compiling a .Rnw document

The two steps on previous slide can be executed in one command.

knitr::knit2pdf()

or in RStudio:





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Incorporating R code

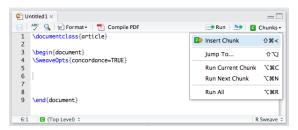
• Insert R code in a Code Chunk starting with

<< >>=

and ending with

@

In RStudio:



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Example 1

```
<<example-code-chunk-name, echo=TRUE>>=
library(magrittr)
rnorm(50) %>% mean
@
```

produces

```
library(magrittr)
rnorm(50) %>% mean
```

[1] 0.031

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Example 2

```
<<example-code-chunk-name2, echo=TRUE, tidy=TRUE>>=
for(i in 1:5){ (i+3) %>% print}
@
```

produces

```
for (i in 1:5) {
     (i + 3) %>% print
}

## [1] 4
## [1] 5
## [1] 6
## [1] 7
## [1] 8
```

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Example 2.2

```
<<example-code-chunk-name3, echo=FALSE>>=
for(i in 1:5){ (i+3) %>% print}
```

produces

[1] 8

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Example 2.3

```
</example-code-chunk-name4, echo=FALSE, eval=FALSE>>=
for(i in 1:5){ (i+3) %>% print}
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R output within the text

- Include R output within the text
- We can do that with "S-expressions" using the command \Sexpr{...}

Example:

The iris dataset has \Sexpr{nrow(iris)} rows and \Sexpr{ncol(iris)} columns

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The iris dataset has 150 rows and 5 columns

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Include a Figure

```
<<fig.ex, fig.cap='Linear Regression',fig.height=3,fig.width=3>>=
plot(mtcars[ , c('disp', 'mpg')])
lm(mpg ~ disp , data = mtcars) %>%
abline(lwd=2)
@
```

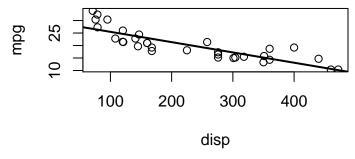


Figure 4: Linear regression

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Include a Table

```
<<table.ex, results='asis'>>=
library(xtable)
iris[1:5,1:5] %>%
xtable(caption='Sample of Iris data') %>%
print(include.rownames=FALSE)
@
```

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
5.10	3.50	1.40	0.20	setosa
4.90	3.00	1.40	0.20	setosa
4.70	3.20	1.30	0.20	setosa
4.60	3.10	1.50	0.20	setosa
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Table 1: Sample of Iris data

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