

CDL Virtual Advisor (Lab Manual)

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Chapter 1

Overview

The goal of this book is to serve as a resource for procedures in the lab, tutorials on software and hardware use, and some other advice that I hope will be helpful (e.g., advice on scientific manuscript writing). My guess is that it will serve primarily to get people started in the lab, and also as a refresher on some details about data handling/analysis and use of some equipment.

This is a living document; it will never be “finished”. We should update it regularly.

This is a *sample* book written in **Markdown**. You can use anything that Pandoc’s Markdown supports, e.g., a math equation $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$.

The **bookdown** package can be installed from CRAN or Github:

```
install.packages("bookdown")  
# or the development version  
# devtools::install_github("rstudio/bookdown")
```

Remember each Rmd file contains one and only one chapter, and a chapter is defined by the first-level heading #.

To compile this example to PDF, you need XeLaTeX. You are recommended to install TinyTeX (which includes XeLaTeX): <https://yihui.name/tinytex/>.

Chapter 2

Getting Started in the Lab

Essential resources and steps

2.1 Paperwork

See chapter 7 - Students

OK NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WILL GO IN THIS SECTION - UNDERGRAD STUFF HERE OR IN CH 7?

CK - All of it here?? That way it's together, and then ch 7 can be just for grad students and include things like program requirements, the checklist, etc.??

2.1.1 Undergraduate Students

There are two options for undergraduate RA's - register or sign the volunteer agreement. Each RA only needs to choose one or the other.

2.1.2 Registration

Registering for Directed Independent Research (PSY4912) has the advantage of putting research on their transcript. We almost always register them for 0 credit hours so they can avoid paying tuition/fees, but they can take more if they need to fill out their schedule to reach full-time, keep a scholarship, etc. The Restricted Registration Form is filled out according to this template. IMPORTANT: Be sure the version you have is the most recent one (i.e., check with the program assistant, Mikala).

1. Grad student fills out the term/course # (PSY4912) and the "Assignments and Expectations" section. The latter is completely made up; only the dates matter. The due date of Assignment 1 must be before the end of

Add/Drop, and Assignment 3 must be due before the end of finals week (the last day of classes is safe). All else can go unchanged.

2. Undergrad fills out the form with their information and signs the document (by hand or with an e-signer - NEED TO HEAR BACK FROM KAREN COX ON REQUIREMENTS FOR ESIGNER).
3. Grad student sends form to the instructor/PI (Dr. Bohil) to be signed and then sends signed form back to the undergrad.
4. Undergrad sends completed and signed form to psych advising (room: PSY 250; email: Psychadvising@ucf.edu) Due date: Signed form must be delivered to psych advising by the end of Add/Drop.

2.1.3 Volunteer Services Agreement.

Students that opt not to register must sign the Volunteer Services Agreement. This brings them under the regulatory umbrella of UCF (i.e., liability insurance, ethics training compliance, etc.). See the volunteer form instructions for guidance. - Grad student initiates form here: <https://compliance.ucf.edu/enterprise-risk-management/university-volunteers/> - Note: The faculty member (Dr. Bohil) must be listed as the supervisor, not a grad student. - Note: The forms previously were good for only one semester, as of Summer 2020 they are good for a year.

2.1.4 Graduate Students

2.2 Software

You can label chapter and section titles using `{#label}` after them, e.g., we can reference Chapter 4. If you do not manually label them, there will be automatic labels anyway, e.g., Chapter 10.3.

2.3 IRB

2.4 Subject Recruitment

2.4.1 Sona

Recruitment is done through the SONA system - see using SONA for a guide to setting up and running studies using the university subject pool.

The SONA system is administered by Dr. Chrysalis Wright, and the primary point of contact (graduate student assistant) is Mark Crisafulli. Questions should be directed to Mr. Crisafulli (psych-research@ucf.edu).

2.5 General advice

1. Don't get attached to any experiment (or theory); just run as many as you can!
 - i) Expect to be surprised; your hypotheses will often be wrong.
 - ii) We need to publish research, but desperately needing to publish something is a recipe for over-interpretation of results
 - iii) You can mitigate this to some extent by running lots of studies. Think of it like drilling for oil; its good to have a lot of wells going at once.

2.6 Modifying this Lab Manual (Grad students only)

1. Install bookdown package in RStudio: `install.packages('bookdown')`
2. clone the Lab Manual repo onto your computer & associate the folder with a new R project in RStudio (i.e., once you've copied the repo folder onto your computer, create a New Project in RStudio [with Git support] and associate it with the online repo URL as well as the folder on your computer that you just created (i.e., the clone of the online repo)). After that you should be able to open the project in RStudio, make changes and commit/push them to the online Github repo
3. Modify only the .Rmd files that correspond to chapters. If you need to add an image or file to link to, put it in the docs/resources/ folder. (e.g., see Sona, fNIRS examples in this book)
4. When finished, go to the Build tab (should be next to your Git tab) and select 'Build Book'. If the book builds & launches in a local browser, everything worked correctly.
5. Commit changes to Git using the Git tab, and push the changes to the Github repo

Additional notes: <https://bookdown.org/yihui/bookdown/>

Chapter 3

Essential Reading

Here is a list of papers, book chapters, or books that everyone in the lab should read.

3.1 Categorization

0. Signal detection theory (Swets book chapter; other intro chapters)
1. Human Category Learning. Ashby & Maddox (2005). <https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/pdf/10.1146/annurev.psych.56.091103.070217>
2. Human Category Learning 2.0. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3076539/>
3. Multidimensional Signal Detection Theory. https://labs.psych.ucsb.edu/ashby/gregory/sites/labs.psych.ucsb.edu.ashby.gregory/files/pubs/ashby_sotogrt2015.pdf
4. General recognition theory with individual differences: a new method for examining perceptual and decisional interactions with an application to face perception. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.3758%2Fs13423-014-0661-y>
5. Multiple Systems of Perceptual Category Learning: Theory and Cognitive Tests. https://labs.psych.ucsb.edu/ashby/gregory/sites/labs.psych.ucsb.edu.ashby.gregory/files/pubs/ashbyvalentinhdhbkcat_0.pdf
6. The Categorization Experiment: Experimental Design and Data Analysis. <https://labs.psych.ucsb.edu/ashby/gregory/sites/labs.psych.ucsb.edu.ashby.gregory/files/pubs/ashbyvalentin2018.pdf>
7. David Smith prototype v exemplar models
8. seminal articles: tversky similarity paper, averaging paper (ashby); medin & shafir; nosofsky; ashby & townsend 1986; david smith?

3.2 fNIRS/neuroimaging

3.3 Virtual/Augmented Reality

3.4 Statistical Analysis

3.5 R/RMarkdown

- RMarkdown for Scientists

3.6 Productivity/Good Research Habits

- Developing good Research Habits
- especially see the slides labeled “Reproducability”
- All data edits scripted; all analysis scripted; Graphs & Tables generated with scripts and automatically pulled into manuscript

Chapter 4

Data Analysis

4.1 Analysis tools

4.1.1 JASP

I recommend if you are new to data analysis (and even if you're not) to start with JASP.

- <https://jasp-stats.org/> - JASP is freely available software that contains methods for completing most major types of statistical analysis, along with some very sophisticated analysis tools. - JASP is easy to use - JASP contains methods for completing “parametric” statistical analyses (ANOVA, ttest, regression) which assumes your data are continuous value & approximately normally distributed. If these assumptions are violated, JASP also contains “nonparametric” tests that are equivalents of the parametric versions. - JASP also does Bayesian versions of all the major analyses (in addition to the traditional “frequentist” versions)

4.1.2 JASP books

- The JASP website also contains several excellent statistics manuals that are freely-available on their website. These are ideal for beginners.
- <https://jasp-stats.org/teaching-with-jasp/>
- In particular see the JASP Manuals section books: – Statistical Analysis in JASP. A Guide for Students by Mark Goss-Sampson (PDF) – Bayesian Inference in JASP: A Guide for Students
- Both of these books provide step-by-step how-to guides to a) choose the correct analysis for your situation (data type & research question), b) complete the analysis in JASP, and c) how to report the results.
- I recommend you follow the JASP examples and write a summary for each completed analysis right there in the JASP file. When you need to write

your results section, just copy/paste these into the document and work on transitions between sections! – Learning Statistics with JASP: A Tutorial for Psychology Students and Other Beginners

- This book provides a very accessible explanation to many of the concepts underlying statistical analysis. The other books mentioned above offer step-by-step how to's, whereas this book provides a deeper explanation. This is essential reading since you'll need to be able to justify any decisions you make about statistical methods used and interpretations of those (which is always a contentious part of peer review).

4.1.3 R/RStudio/GitHub

One of our goals is to create reproducible research. This means that you could give someone your data and analysis files and they could re-run your analyses and get the identical results. This is possible in programs like JASP, but a scripting language like R is much better for this. I recommend starting with JASP in order to become productive right away, but over time you should learn to use R and carry out much of your analysis by writing code. This is invaluable - even within the lab for sharing or collaborating on projects.

I suggest analyzing your data in JASP, then trying to get R to do the same things (data manipulation, visualization, statistical tests). Over time you should build routines that allow you to do much of what you want to do in R and not worry about using JASP (although I increasingly see a value in using both since JASP is so powerful and easy to use; it serves as a check on your R code).

Your (long-term) goal should ultimately be to complete all data analysis in code, with literally NOTHING done by hand (e.g., data manipulation)!

Start by installing R/RStudio on your computer - <https://rstudio.com/products/rstudio/>

Some great resources for getting started - <https://www.statmethods.net/index.html> - <https://rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/> - Book: R for data science: <https://r4ds.had.co.nz/> - <https://www.tidyverse.org/>

Of course - you should take advantage of all the resources already created by other lab members (e.g., the cdlutilities package on github) and all the packages created by others that are freely available (e.g., the tidyverse)

4.2 Steps in every analysis

Every analysis you carry out should include several steps in approximately this order:

- 1) Variable types: What is the scale of your variables? (e.g., continuous, discrete; interval, ordinal, nominal)

- 2) Tidy data: Put your data in tidy format. This usually means 1 observation/row and independent/dependent variables in each column.
 - <https://vita.had.co.nz/papers/tidy-data.pdf>
- 3) Visualize: Visualize the data (make plots to see distribution of each variable including outliers, correlation between variables, Q-Q plots to assess normality)
- 4) Descriptive analysis: Carry out descriptive analyses (means, medians, and especially look for violations of normality)
- 5) Question: What question are you trying to answer? Whether groups differ? Whether they are correlated? Whether they differ from 0? See the book by Goss-Sampson (cited above from the JASP website) - it contains an invaluable Appendix with guidance on which test goes with which question, as well as guidance about what to do if normality is violated in your data
- 6) Inferential stats: Carry out the appropriate inferential statistical test. Always make plots within each analysis!
- 7) Interpret results: I recommend you follow the examples in the Goss-Sampson book for each analysis and write a summary of the results right there in the JASP file (just as they do in the JASP example analysis files). If you're working in R, carry out all analysis in an R Markdown (.RMD) file that includes analysis script as well as interpretation text.

See the JASP books cited above for examples and guidance on how to carry out each of these steps

4.3 Confirmatory vs. Exploratory analysis

- Confirmatory analysis: Start by testing the hypotheses that led you to design your study as you did. This is probably reflected in the independent and dependent variables you chose to include in the study. Why else would you include a variable in your study if you don't intend to measure it. (Sometimes this does happen - you need to be clear in the writing about why you did that).
- When you carry out confirmatory (i.e., planned) analyses, you have to be conservative in how you carry out your statistical analyses. For example, you shouldn't do anything to your data (e.g., unexpected group splits) before completing the basic analyses and seeing how things worked out (don't short-circuit your analyses half way through if you don't think things appear to be working out; complete all planned analyses first!). If you conduct an ANOVA, your post-hoc comparisons need to be a) limited to what was found significant in an omnibus test and b) corrected for multiple comparisons
- AFTER you have completed your planned (confirmatory) analyses, feel free to do all the exploratory analysis you like! You just have make it

clear when you write/present your results that you are switching from confirmatory to exploratory analysis. If you do that, then the reader knows to take the exploratory findings with a grain of salt. Exploratory analyses are important and may suggest new hypotheses, but these hypotheses usually require a new study to provide a proper test.

Chapter 5

Writing

Some guidelines and advice on scientific writing.

5.1 General advice

Use R Markdown * spell checking in .Rmd * Creating a bibliography using .bib files

5.2 Start writing early

Write a short outline/draft of the method section when planning an experiment * as you add details, add this to the outline (can be bullet points at first). * IMPORTANT: If/When the experiment becomes a reality, write out the complete detailed Method Section right away - don't wait until after data collection is done and data is analyzed. You will remember why things were done better if you write it immediately. Also power analysis should be done for every study and reported here right from the start.

- Introduction/Lit review - same as for methods. Work through the logic of your arguments and enumerate them, and their rationale(s) in an intro section BEFORE you run a study. You can wait to turn this into prose as soon as the experiment becomes a reality (i.e., is running), but then you should write up a draft of the intro/lit review/experiment overview/hypotheses sections and any needed theoretical sections (e.g., plan for statistical analysis of fNIRS data, General Recognition Theory section, etc.).
- You can also put in a lot of the references at this time, and make sure your reference section is building correctly as you go!

- Summarize all PLANNED analyses and write as much of this as you can ahead of time too. This will be more tentative in terms of the writing, but the analysis itself should be completely knowable before starting the experiment.

In fact - your study variables imply what analyses you'll carry out (e.g., what the variables are, the scale of the data will dictate the statistical analyses, modeling analysis planned, ANOVA details)

5.2.1 misc

- every study can be boiled down to a single page summary of results; we should always create this before writing
- only write after the story is clear - the results are analyzed and evaluated and we've based our conclusions on them in the summary; then write the prose
- list: honors thesis topics we'd like to see (will consider supervising these only)

on motivation, time, & energy > most important thing will also get the least external motivation - research/writing » find a time to do this regularly; eg., 9-noon every weekday. no distractions! (phone, email, people). everything else you have to do WILL get done, because it HAS TO (nonstop external pressure to complete things): TA duties; class requirements; program requirements; talks/posters > this is the most insidious threat to your success. if you establish only 1 good habit let it be this: set aside time every day that is for research (whatever phase of the project you are at). that's 15 hours/week. i suggest 1st thing every morning to get it done. then you can do other things with your day and relieves some pressure > try not to make your problems other people's problems: i.e., if you have a big assignment, let your advisor know, but get in the habit of just planning ahead to avoid letting it disrupt your responsibilities to the lab for research. » even i struggle with this advice from time to time, but it has worked far better for me than anything else over the years ? do you want to know the secret to success in academics? that's it. i just told it to you. not that glamorous huh? but will you take this advice to heart and establish this habit? only you can decide. the biggest killers of productivity (and therefore success in academe) is distraction, time management, and dealing with stress. establishing this habit addresses them all at once. its the best advice i can give you. (I can lead a horse to water but I can't make it drink) make this an iron rule, and you will thrive.

- projects/ideas > venn diagram models > year 1: they are a complete subset > year 4: overlapping subsets > never: separate circles » authorship: using lab resources which i'm ultimately responsible for (this includes my time and effort in advisement); i'm not in favor of you doing something on your own without an advisor; if you want to work on a project with a different advisor, it needs my approval first. look at it from my perspec-

tive: trying to run this lab, need people who want to learn from me. if you decide this is not for you, let me know - maybe there's a different advisor. best not to go to them first. if you're not comfortable talking to me about this, talk to the program director (or above if i'm somehow the director at some point) > authorship: i'll almost always be corresponding author; maybe not when you're at end of training.

Chapter 6

Functional Near-Infrared Spectroscopy (fNIRS)

6.1 NIRSPort 88 system (NIRX Medical Technologies, Inc.)

We have a NIRX nirsport88 mobile system, which no longer appears on the Nirx website.

Nevertheless, everything needed (data acquisition & analysis software, support, training) can be found on the NIRx website: <https://nirx.net/>

1. download analysis software & and read manual
 - <https://nirx.net/software>
 - <https://nirx.net/nirslab-1>
 - NITRC site (where you'll actually download): https://www.nitrc.org/frs/?group_id=651

As you read the manual, try it out with real data (e.g., nirx.net has some data sets you can download if needed).

2. read this document on cortical functions for background on localizing Brodmann areas we'll be recording from using the International 10-20 system used in EEG
 - https://thebrainstimulator.net/docs/external/Trans_Cranial_Technologies-cortical_functions_ref_v1_0.pdf

Also very helpful: Wikipedia page on Brodmann areas (w. hyperlinks to each area): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brodmann_area - Provides summary of



Figure 6.1: NIRx NirSport88 System

6.2. *FNIR DEVICES IMAGER 1000 (FROM FNIR DEVICES/BIOPAC)* 23

functions along with references for each brodmann area, and usually an image showing the region

TO ADD: 1. need note on how to examine probe layouts in nirslab

6.2 fNIR Devices Imager 1000 (from fNIR Devices/Biopac)

Chapter 7

Virtual & Augmented Reality

In the lab we have the following equipment...

7.1 Virtual Reality

7.2 Augmented Reality

Chapter 8

Students

This chapter contains information for undergraduate research assistants and graduate students. It covers topics related to getting started in the lab, paperwork, and program requirements for grad students.

8.1 Ph.D. Students

8.1.1 HFC Program Requirements

Human Factors PhD program webpage (and link to Program Handbook) <https://sciences.ucf.edu/psychology/graduate/ph-d-human-factors-and-cognitive-psychology/>

Milestones for the UCF Human Factors & Cognitive Psychology Program (for graduate students)

- Research-related class numbers
 - PSY 7919 Research
 - PSY 7980 Dissertation

8.2 Undergraduate Students

8.2.1 Volunteer form

THIS SECTION REDUNDANT (IF WE KEEP THE PAPERWORK IN CH 1)

1. Volunteer form
 - Before an individual can start his or her volunteer assignment, the department must complete the Volunteer Services Agreement. Go here for details and to access the form(s):

<https://compliance.ucf.edu/enterprise-risk-management/university-volunteers/>

2. If you want your volunteering to appear on your transcript, you must submit a URA form.
 - We need to ask the undergraduate advising office for this form
 - From Director of Undergraduate Advising Karen Cox: “The process is departmentally driven. So, the Advising Center helps with the admin side of things for the faculty. To make it easier for you.”

“You are welcome to tell students to send the forms to psychadvising@ucf.edu after they have your approval, fill out their student info, fill in the assignments, and your signature is on the form.”

So it appears you need to e-mail the advising office for the form and attempt to fill it out. Dr. Bohil can then approve it before you submit it.

- point of contact: Karen Cox, Director of Undergraduate Advising: <https://sciences.ucf.edu/psychology/people/kox-karen/>

QUESTIONS ABOUT COURSE NUMBERS, FORMS or REQUIREMENTS?
Contact the Psychology Advising Center <https://sciences.ucf.edu/psychology/undergraduate/advising/>

COURSE CATALOG & program information <https://sciences.ucf.edu/psychology/undergraduate/>

- Class numbers (see course catalog for descriptions)
 - PSY 4903H Honors Directed Reading I (Independent study)
 - PSY 4904H Honors Directed Reading II (Independent study)
 - PSY 4912 Directed Independent Research (Research)
 - * Can enroll for 0 or 1 credit hours

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH <https://our.ucf.edu/current/overview/>

Enroll Students in 0-credit 4912 for the Variable Semester See our.ucf.edu for enrollment deadline Working with undergraduate researchers who are not already enrolled in thesis or 4912 hours this semester? Enroll students in 0-credit 4912 for the variable semester by Friday, February 21 (2020). Speak to your advising office for more information on this process. <https://our.ucf.edu/current/courses/>

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Applications due: March 2, 2020 SURF students participate in independent research and creative projects in collaboration with UCF Faculty during the summer. All fellows receive a \$1500 scholarship. Their faculty members receive \$250 supply fund. <https://our.ucf.edu/current/programs/>

OUR Student Research Grants Summer Funding Proposals due: March 27, 2020 Students can apply for grants to support research costs (\$750 for individual projects or \$1250 for group projects); students traveling to conduct research are

eligible for up to \$1250 to support travel (i.e. flights, hotel). <https://our.ucf.edu/current/programs/>

from chrysalis re HUT course sequence; The thesis goes like this Directed Readings I (required; 3 credits): students work on their literature review and proposal for their study. If they are not able to finish their proposal in this semester they can register for Directed Readings II. Directed Readings II (options; 1-3 credits): student finishes the proposal if they were not able to do so in directed readings I Undergraduate Thesis I (required; 3 credits): students should work on collecting any needed data, analyzing data, writing up results and finish the entire thesis. They finish this with a thesis defense. If they are not able to do this in one semester they can register for Undergraduate Thesis II Undergraduate Thesis II (optional; 1-3 credits): students finish their entire thesis if they were not able to do so in undergraduate thesis I.

Chapter 9

Psychopy for Data Collection

Psychopy is a free open-source package for building experiments in Python that is developed and maintained by the University of Nottingham in the UK. It has been active since 2007, but recent updates have introduced a purpose-built solution for online data collection called Pavlovia. Pavlovia is a front-end for gitlab and allows for version control of experiment code.

9.1 Getting Started

9.1.1 PsychoPy

A standalone version (no Python install required) can be downloaded from the project's website. After installing Psychopy, the best place to start is with the PsychoPy documentation, which includes guides on getting started building experiments. Included with the initial download are several minimalist, functional experiment demos that provide a good starting point for building your experiment.

9.1.2 Pavlovia

After installing PsychoPy, the next step in getting an online experiment running is setting up an account on Pavlovia. **Note:** In order for the account to fall under the UCF site license, the associated email must have the *@ucf.edu domain. Best practice is to use the email of the faculty member in charge of the lab. This ensures that the faculty member retains admin control of the account. The account username and password will likely need to be provided to students to allow them to develop and access experiments on Pavlovia, and the username and password need not correspond to the faculty email or any

existing passwords. Notification settings can also be changed on Pavlovia to control where the various types of email notifications are directed.

9.1.3 SONA

9.2 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

While many issues one might encounter are addressed in the documentation, keep in mind that, as with all free open-source software, PsychoPy and Pavlovia are perpetually under development and there will be bugs. Multiple resources exist to facilitate solving such problems – the PsychoPy Forum is home to a growing and very helpful community, UCF Psychology will be adding a private discussion board (to be added later) specifically for helping each other use PsychoPy – but ultimately the how-to of building your experiment falls to you, the researcher. A few common questions have, however, been addressed below, and suggestions for addition to this list are always welcomed.

9.2.1 Compliance

- (1) Can I collect restricted data using PsychoPy?

No. While the program itself allows for the collection of many kinds of data, including survey, the data storage of Pavlovia does not meet UCF's InfoSec requirements for sensitive or identifiable data.

- (2) What can I do if I need to collect restricted data then?

Additional questions can be added to SONA's intake questionnaire to securely collect sensitive or identifiable data.

9.2.2 Technical

- (3) Is there a built-in component for providing feedback based on participants' responses?

Astonishingly, no. The way to provide corrective feedback is using the Code Component. An example of the Python code necessary is provided below. Note that the strings used are f-strings – this is necessary for successful translation to JS.

In Begin Experiment:

```
msg='' #msg variable just needs some value at start
```

In Begin Routine:

```
if not resp.keys: # failed to respond
    msg="Repeat trial. Use the labelled keys."
```



```
elif resp.corr: #stored on last run routine
    msg=f"Correct! \n\nAnswer: {AnswerName}"
elif not resp.corr: #wrong answer
    msg=f"Wrong. \n\nAnswer: {AnswerName}"
```

In End Routine: (If repeating trials without responses)

```
if not resp.keys:
    repeatTrial.finished = False # "repeatTrial" must be "trials" in
the JS code
else:
    repeatTrial.finished = True
```

(4) Why does my feedback work in Python but not in JS?

The built-in Python->JS translator is good but not perfect. Be sure you are using f-strings

(5) Why are my stimulus image files not being read into my experiment for presentation?

PsychoPy's pathing is picky - be sure your image files (.PNG, .wav, etc.) are in the root directory with your experiment file (.psyexp or .py) and your conditions file(s) (.csv, .xlsx, etc.)

9.2.3 Miscellaneous

Chapter 10

Sample paper

This paper is an example for demonstrating all the usual steps in creating a paper - in particular the results section. The goal will be to demonstrate (and develop) tools needed to a) format data, b) visualize trends in data, c) perform statistical analyses, and d) perform some more specialized analyses (e.g., computational modeling, fNIRS analysis).

10.1 Road map

1. Introduction/literature review section should list:
 - i) Study design, including independent variables (and their levels **and measurement scale**), dependent variables, and covariates (additional measures to either control for or examine correlation with primary variables)
 - ii) Each hypothesis and the basis for it (e.g., theory ,literature, our previous papers, etc.)
 - iii) Clear DIRECTIONAL predictions for variables included in the current research.¹
2. Methods
3. Results (confirmatory [i.e., planned] analysis first, then exploratory analysis if any)

¹Directional means our predictions should be specific enough to say, e.g., Factor A level 1 should be > level 2. It is rarely the case that we should state a non-directional hypothesis (e.g., Factor A level 1 will differ from level 2). What a lame “hypothesis”. If we don’t have a basis for some expectation, then why are we spending time and resources to carry out this research? Of course, in the context of a research project there might be included a variable that is exploratory and for which we will “see if there’s a difference”, but in that case we don’t really have anything resembling a “hypothesis”, and it alone wouldn’t form a sufficient basis for a study. (Yes, some research is not hypothesis driven but again that will be very rare in our lab.)

- i) Analysis 1 (e.g., accuracy rates for each group; ANOVA main effect). Analysis 1 result. Hypothesis supported or not?
 - ii) Analysis 2 (e.g., Factor 2 main effect of levels?). Analysis 2 result. Implications for hypotheses?
 - iii) Etc. for each planned type of analysis for each variable (planned analysis, result, status of hypothesis based on this result)
 - iv) Describe any exploratory analysis conducted, findings, and implications²
4. Discussion/Conclusions. Summarize (in list form) your conclusions about the patterns found in the data and your conclusions about all hypotheses based on these data. Then consider any exploratory analysis conducted and its implications.

10.1.1 Project road map

- 1. Intro/lit review
- 2. Methods
- 3. Results
- 4. Discussion/Conclusions

10.2 Intro/lit review

10.3 Methods

10.4 Results

10.4.1 Experiment 1

10.4.1.1 Data preprocessing

Read in data and organize for analysis. Data is usually stored in “Tidy” format, or you should put it into Tidy format after reading it in. This makes data easy to view and modify.

However, Tidy format usually means the data are in Wide format. This is easy to work with and easy to examine. But for plotting and statistical analysis, you usually need the data in **long format**. So after reading in data and arranging into Tidy, wide format, make a copy of the data in long format to be used in visualization and statistics.

Here are some examples of converting from wide to long format: [1], [2]; to see how to do this using the tidyverse, see section 12.3 Pivoting in R for Data Science

²Note the implications for hypotheses will not really tend to be elaborated on in depth in the results section, although they might be briefly mentioned. E.g., As predicted, accuracy improved more rapidly over blocks in group 1 than group 2.

None of this will appear in the manuscript of course. So all the R code chunks should include the tag ‘include = FALSE’, meaning the code and its output don’t show up in the knitted version of the paper.

Note on lists: I recommend that for each experiment in the paper, you create a separate “list” object to store all the data and output specific to that experiment. If there is an experiment 2 reported, you may want to re-run a lot of the same analyses in both experiments. If you keep the same variable names across experiments, then earlier values get overwritten by later ones, which could create a lot of problems. After all analyses have been conducted, you should be able to examine the input and output values for each experiment reported.

10.4.1.2 Visualization

10.4.1.3 Statistical Analysis

10.5 Discussion/Conclusions