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Editor-in-Chief The R Journal

Dear Catherine Hurley,

Please consider our article titled "Computer Algebra in R Bridges a Gap Between Mathematics and Data in the Teaching of Statistics and Data Science" for publication in the R Journal.

The manuscript is a new submission, following a previously submitted and rejected manuscript entitled "Computer Algebra Systems in R with caracas".

The new submission has two main focus points:

- 1) The interplay between symbolic mathematics and numerical computations in teaching data science and statistics.
- 2) Presenting the caracas package as a tool for symbolic mathematics within R and as a tool for easy creation of documents with mathematical content.

The caracas package is accompanied with extensive documentation in the form of manual pages and a large number of illustrative examples in vignettes, also available at Github (see https://r-cas.github.io/caracas/).

We believe the readers of the R Journal will find this article useful for teaching purposes, dissemination and research.

Kind regards,

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