INTRODUCTION TO MARKDOWN Ineke van Gremberghe MIROR TRAINING EVENT **UGent** October 20, 2016

WHAT IS MARKDOWN?

- Tool to convert plain text into formatted text
- Main goal is to focus on the content rather than the formatting
- Easier to learn than LateX (although LateX is preferred for complex documents)
- Markdown is also a syntax for styling text on the GitHub platform
- > R Markdown: R code embedded in a Markdown document
- >use .Rmd extension in R studio
- > R Markdown converted to standard Markdown using 'knitr' package
- Workflow: R Markdown => Markdown => html/pdf/word

MARKDOWN SYNTAX

This is an H1 header format

This is an H2 header format

This text will be in italics

This text will be in bold

Unordered list:

- -First
- -Second
- -Third

Ordered list:

- 1. First item
- 2 Second item
- 3. Third item

Links:

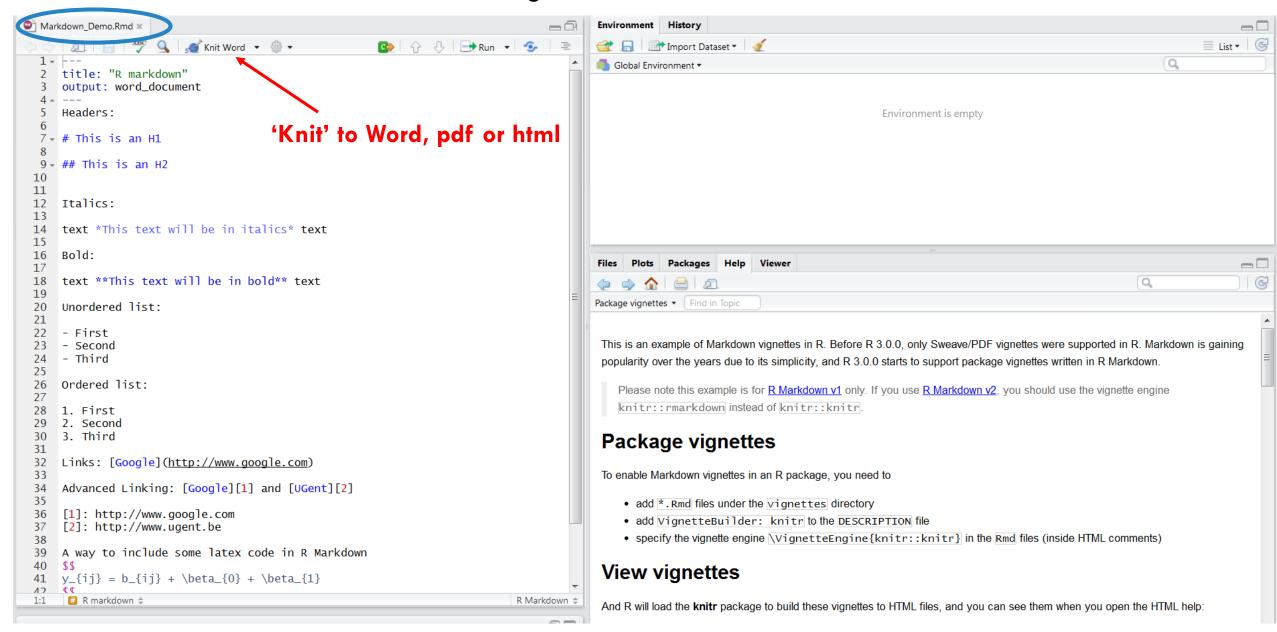
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Using Markdown in R studio



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title: "R markdown"
output: word_document
Headers:
# This is an H1
## This is an H2
Italics:
text *This text will be in italics* text
Bold:
text **This text will be in bold** text
Unordered list:
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A way to include some latex code in R Markdown
y_{ij} = b_{ij} + \beta_{0} + \beta_{1}
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MARKDOWN=> MS WORD

R markdown

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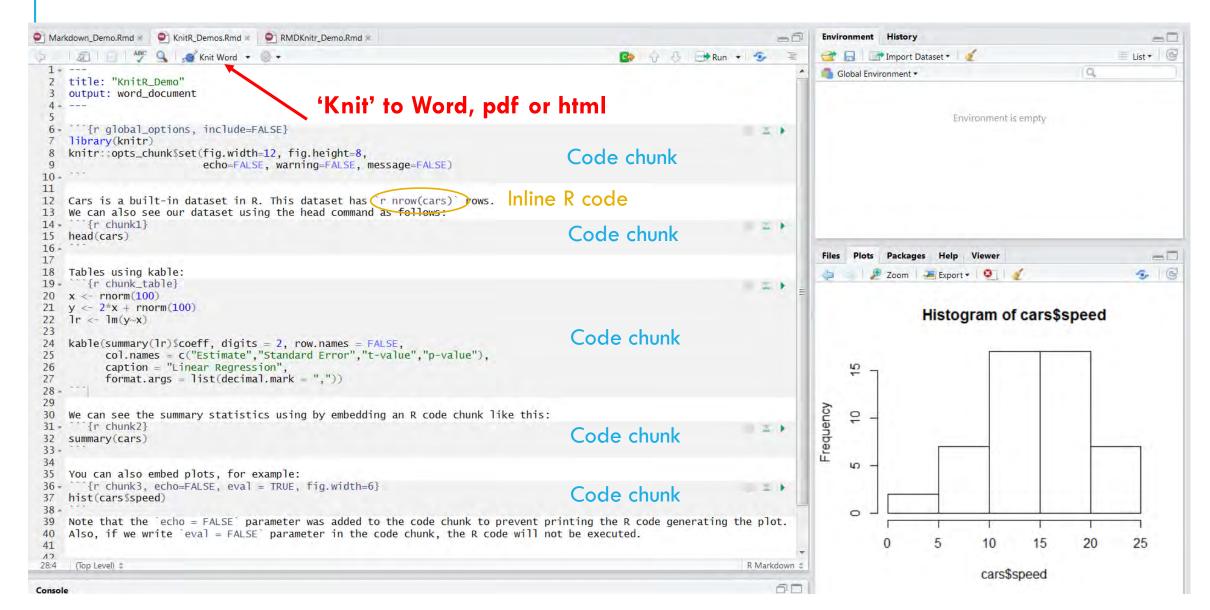
$$y_{ij} = b_{ij} + \beta_0 + \beta_1$$

WHAT IS KNITR?

- > R package designed for dynamic report generation in R
- Script contains a mixture of text and R code, which is when processed replaced by text and output, including figures and tables
- Uses R as programming language and a documentation language (LateX, Markdown)
- Inline R code within the text and separate code chunks

Advantage: you do not need to copy and paste your R output anymore!

USING PACKAGE 'KNITR' IN R STUDIO



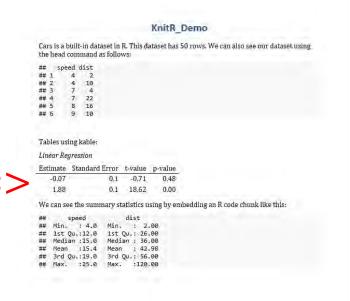
CODE CHUNKS

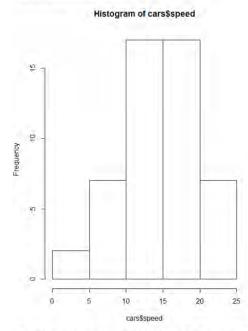
- >echo=FALSE: to hide the R code in the final report
- >results="hide": to hide the results/output (figures are shown!)
- include=FALSE: to have the chunk evaluated, but neither the code nor its output is displayed

warning=FALSE and message=FALSE: to suppress any R warnings or messages from being included in the final report

R CODE + TEXT => REPORT





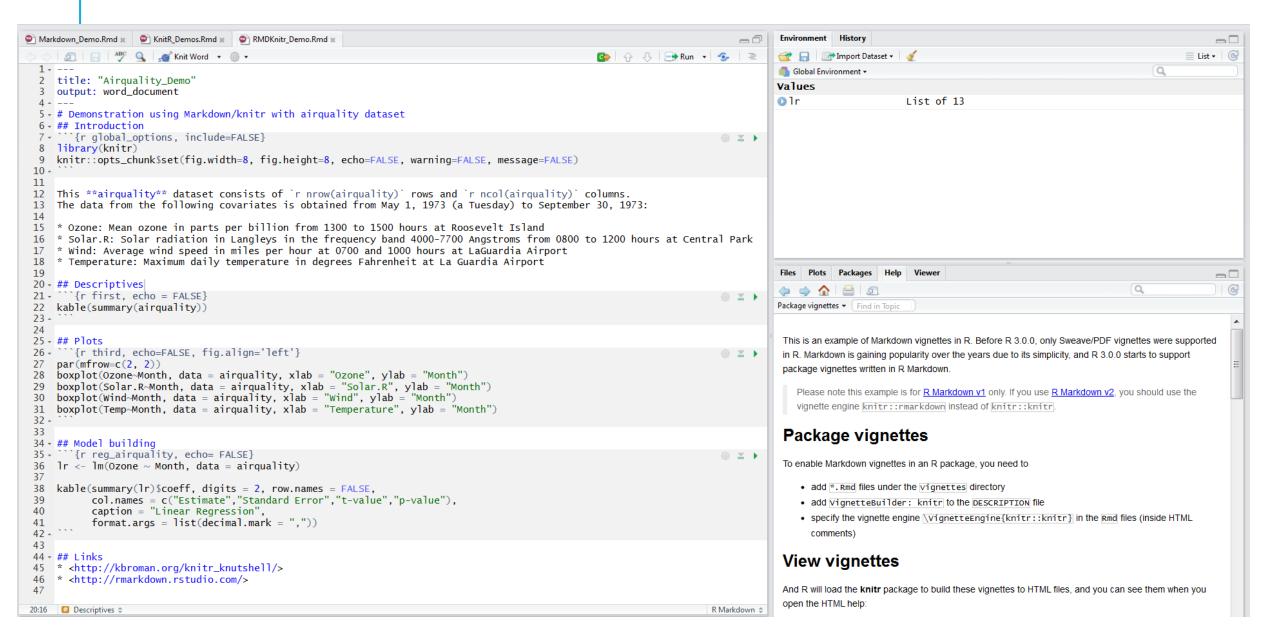


You can also embed plots, for example:

that the echo $\,=\,$ FALSE parameter was added to the code chunk to prevent printing the R code generating the plot. Also, if we write eval $\,=\,$ FALSE parameter in the code chunk, the R code will not be executed.

For more complex tables consider 'pander' or 'stargazer'

EXAMPLE OF A SMALL REPORT



OUTPUT: MS WORD DOCUMENT

Airquality_Demo

Demonstration using Markdown/knitr with airquality dataset

Introduction

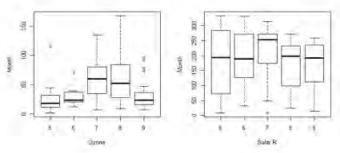
This airquality dataset consists of 153 rows and 6 columns. The data from the following covariates is obtained from May 1, 1973 (a Tuesday) to September 30, 1973:

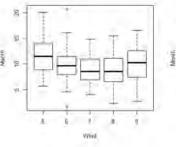
- · Ozone: Mean ozone in parts per billion from 1300 to 1500 hours at Roosevelt Island
- Solar R: Solar radiation in Langleys in the frequency band 4000-7700 Angstroms from 0800 to 1200 hours at Central Park
- Wind: Average wind speed in miles per hour at 0700 and 1000 hours at LaGuardia Airport
- · Temperature: Maximum daily temperature in degrees Fahrenheit at La Guardia Airport

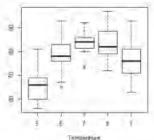
Descriptives

Ozone	Solar.R	Wind	Temp	Month	Day	
Min.: 1.00	Min.: 7.0	Min.: 1.700	Min.:56.00	Min.:5.000	Min.: 1.0	•
1st Qu.: 18.00	1st Qu.:115.8	1st Qu.: 7.400	1st Qu.:72.00	1st Qu.:6.000	1st Qu.: 8.0	
Median: 31.50	Median :205.0	Median : 9,700	Median 179.00	Median :7.000	Median :16.0	
Mean: 42,13	Mean :185.9	Mean: 9.958	Mean :77.88	Mean :6.993	Mean :15.8	
3rd Qu.: 63.25	3rd Qu.:258.8	3rd Qu.:11.500	3rd Qu.:85.00	3rd Qu.:8.000	3rd Qu.:23.0	
Max.:168.00	Max. :334.0	Max.:20.700	Max.:97.00	Max. :9.000	Max.:31.0	
NA's:37	NA's:7	NA	NA	NA	NA	

Plots







Model building

Linear Regression

Estimate	Standard Error	t-value	p-value	
15,66	15,17	1.03	0,30	
3,68	2,07	1.78	0,08	

Links

- http://kbroman.org/knitr_knutshell/
- http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/

MORE INFORMATION

- For more details on using R Markdown see rmarkdown.rstudio.com
- For more details on using knitr see kbroman.org/knitr_knutshell
- For more details on Markdown for GitHub see guides.github.com/features/mastering-markdown/

Thank you for your attention!