

Graphs as Not Only Relational Databases for Behavior Science

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1 Introduction

In a recent paper, [Soto \(2025\)](#) introduced relational databases for behavior science and used real-world examples to illustrate how relational databases have been used by behavior scientists. Even though relational databases represent the dominant paradigm inside and outside academic research settings, other paradigms are gaining traction ([Golino & Epskamp, 2017](#))

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For display equations (with auto generated equation numbers) one can use the `equation` or `align` environments:

$$\|\tilde{X}(k)\|^2 \leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^p \|\tilde{Y}_i(k)\|^2 + \sum_{j=1}^q \|\tilde{Z}_j(k)\|^2}{p+q}. \quad (1)$$

Table 1 Caption text

temperature	pressure
0	0.0002
20	0.0012
40	0.0060
60	0.0300
80	0.0900
100	0.2700

where,

$$\begin{aligned} D_\mu &= \partial_\mu - ig \frac{\lambda^a}{2} A_\mu^a \\ F_{\mu\nu}^a &= \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + gf^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Notice the use of `\nonumber` in the align environment at the end of each line, except the last, so as not to produce equation numbers on lines where no equation numbers are required. The `\label{}` command should only be used at the last line of an align environment where `\nonumber` is not used.

$$Y_\infty = \left(\frac{m}{\text{GeV}} \right)^{-3} \left[1 + \frac{3 \ln(m/\text{GeV})}{15} + \frac{\ln(c_2/5)}{15} \right] \tag{3}$$

The class file also supports the use of `\mathbb{}`, `\mathscr{}` and `\mathcal{}` commands. As such `\mathbb{R}`, `\mathscr{R}` and `\mathcal{R}` produces \mathbb{R} , \mathscr{R} and \mathcal{R} respectively (refer Subsubsection 3.1.1).

5 Tables

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The input format for the above table is as follows:

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\caption{<table-caption>}\label{<table-label>}%
\begin{tabular}{@{}llll@{}}
\toprule
Column 1 & Column 2 & Column 3 & Column 4\\
\midrule
row 1 & data 1 & data 2 & data 3 \\
row 2 & data 4 & data 5\footnotemark[1] & data 6 \\
row 3 & data 7 & data 8 & data 9\footnotemark[2]\\
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\end{tabular}
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Table 2 Caption text

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row 1	data 1	data 2	data 3
row 2	data 4	data 5 ¹	data 6
row 3	data 7	data 8	data 9 ²

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\end{table}
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Table 3 Example of a lengthy table which is set to full textwidth

Project	Element 1 ¹			Element 2 ²		
	Energy	σ_{calc}	σ_{expt}	Energy	σ_{calc}	σ_{expt}
Element 3	990 A	1168	1547 ± 12	780 A	1166	1239 ± 100
Element 4	500 A	961	922 ± 10	900 A	1268	1092 ± 40

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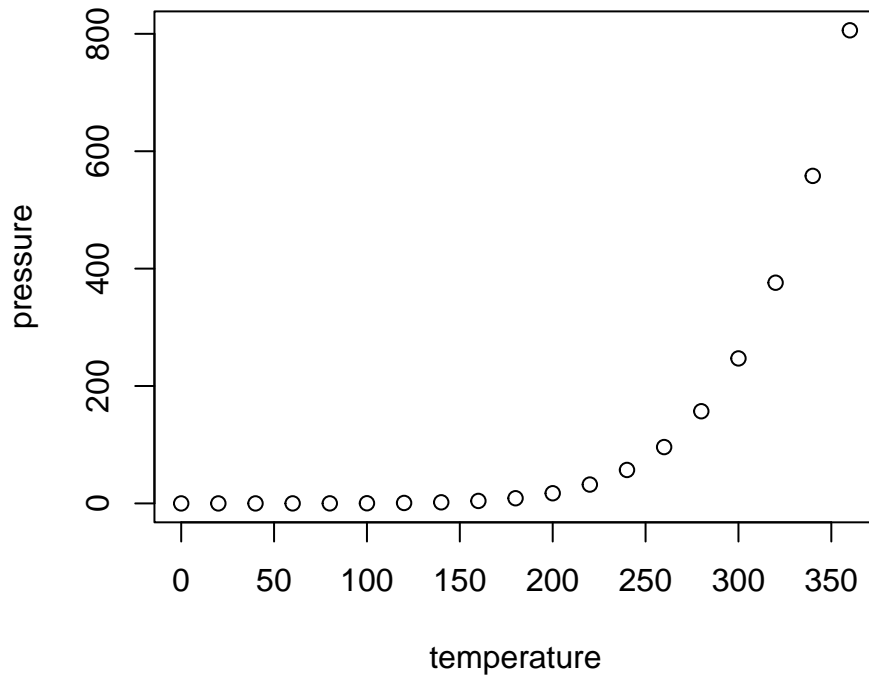


Fig. 1 This is an example of a caption

In case of double column layout, tables which do not fit in single column width should be set to full text width. For this, you need to use `\begin{table*}` ... `\end{table*}` instead of `\begin{table}` ... `\end{table}` environment. Lengthy tables which do not fit in textwidth should be set as rotated table. For this, you need to use `\begin{sidewaystable}` ... `\end{sidewaystable}` instead of `\begin{table*}` ... `\end{table*}` environment. This environment puts tables rotated to single column width. For tables rotated to double column width, use `\begin{sidewaystable*}` ... `\end{sidewaystable*}`.

6 Figures

As per the \LaTeX standards you need to use eps images for \LaTeX compilation and pdf/jpg/png images for PDFLaTeX compilation. Use the `dev knitr` option to use the appropriate format. This is one of the major difference between \LaTeX and PDFLaTeX . Each image should be from a single input .eps/vector image file. Avoid using subfigures. The command for inserting images for \LaTeX and PDFLaTeX can be generalized. The package used to insert images in LaTeX / PDFLaTeX is the `graphicx` package. Figures can be inserted via the normal figure environment as shown in the below example:

Table 4 Tables which are too long to fit, should be written using the "sidewaystable" environment as shown here

Projectile	Element 1 ¹			Element ²		
	Energy	σ_{calc}	σ_{expt}	Energy	σ_{calc}	σ_{expt}
Element 3	990 A	1168	1547 \pm 12	780 A	1166	1239 \pm 100
Element 4	500 A	961	922 \pm 10	900 A	1268	1092 \pm 40
Element 5	990 A	1168	1547 \pm 12	780 A	1166	1239 \pm 100
Element 6	500 A	961	922 \pm 10	900 A	1268	1092 \pm 40

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7 Algorithms, Program codes and Listings

Packages `algorithm`, `algorithmicx` and `algpseudocode` are used for setting algorithms in L^AT_EX using the format:

```
\begin{algorithm}
\caption{<alg-caption>}\label{<alg-label>}
\begin{algorithmic}[1]
. . .
\end{algorithmic}
\end{algorithm}
```

You may refer above listed package documentations for more details before setting `algorithm` environment. For program codes, the “program” package is required and the command to be used is `\begin{program} ... \end{program}`. A fast exponentiation procedure:

Similarly, for `listings`, use the `listings` package. `\begin{lstlisting} ... \end{lstlisting}` is used to set environments similar to `verbatim` environment. Refer to the `lstlisting` package documentation for more details.

A fast exponentiation procedure:

```
begin
  for i := 1 to 10 step 1 do
    expt(2,i);
    newline() od           Comments will be set flush to the right margin
where
proc expt(x,n) ≡
  z := 1;
  do if n = 0 then exit fi;
  do if odd(n) then exit fi;
    comment: This is a comment statement;
    n := n/2; x := x*x od;
  { n > 0 };
  n := n - 1; z := z*x od;
  print(z).
end
```

```
for i:=maxint to 0 do begin \{ do nothing \} end; Write('Case
insensitive ');_Write('Pascal_keywords.');
```

8 Cross referencing

Figures and tables are labeled with a prefix (fig or tab, respectively) plus the chunk label. Other environments such as equation and align can be labelled via the `\label{#label}` command inside or just below the `\caption{}` command. You can then use the label for cross-reference. As an example, consider the chunk label declared for Figure 1 which is fig1. To cross-reference it, use the command `Figure \ref{fig:fig1}`, for which it comes up as “Figure 1”.

Algorithm 1 Calculate $y = x^n$

Require: $n \geq 0 \vee x \neq 0$ **Ensure:** $y = x^n$

```
1:  $y \leftarrow 1$ 
2: if  $n < 0$  then
3:    $X \leftarrow 1/x$ 
4:    $N \leftarrow -n$ 
5: else
6:    $X \leftarrow x$ 
7:    $N \leftarrow n$ 
8: end if
9: while  $N \neq 0$  do
10:  if  $N$  is even then
11:     $X \leftarrow X \times X$ 
12:     $N \leftarrow N/2$ 
13:  else[ $N$  is odd]
14:     $y \leftarrow y \times X$ 
15:     $N \leftarrow N - 1$ 
16:  end if
17: end while
```

To reference line numbers in an algorithm, consider the label declared for the line number 2 of Algorithm 1 is `\label{algln2}`. To cross-reference it, use the command `\ref{algln2}` for which it comes up as line 2 of Algorithm 1.

8.1 Details on reference citations

For citations of references, use ? or (?).

9 Examples for theorem like environments

The documentclass for springer `sn-jnl.cls` contains 3 styling that you can use to set new default for theorems and proofs type

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To add labels and subheadings, use LaTeX notation

Theorem 2 (Theorem subhead). *Example theorem text. Example theorem text. Example theorem text. Example theorem text. Example theorem text. Example theorem text. Example theorem text. Example theorem text. Example theorem text. Example theorem text.*

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