Reproducibility

What's Reproducibility

Reproducibility:

a different analyst re-performs the analysis with
the **same code** and
the **same data** and obtains
the **same result**.

Patil, Peng, Leek (2016) https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/066803v1

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Repeatable: keeping everything the same but repeating the analysis - do we get the same results?

Reproducible: using the same data and analysis but in the hands of *another researcher* - do we get the same results?

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Replicable: with new data do we obtain the same inferences?

Reproducibility vs Repeatability vs Replicability

Based off of a figure from Essawy et al, 2020 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2020.104753

Why Reproducibility is important…

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It's worth the wait

Reproducibility is a tortoise's game - it's an incremental and slow process *but* **it has high payoffs!**

Reproducibility can also be for your future self!

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The process

Step 1) Get your code to work once

Step 2) Get your code to work reliably for you

Step 3) Get your code to work for someone else

R Markdown

R Markdown notebooks are a handy tool for reproducibility!

R Markdown lets you test your work

Working from this notebook allows me to interactively develop on my data analysis and write down my thoughts about the process all in one place!

Ruby the Researcher

RMarkdown is conducive to interactive development!

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R Markdown allows you to more clearly show what you did

R Markdown makes it easier to update code and see results

Yay! I just got the data for 5 more samples. Because of my handy notebook set up, I can easily call one command and re-run the analysis so it is updated with the new samples included!

Ruby the Researcher

RMarkdown is handy for creating updateable reports!

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Clean your environment

Regularly cleaning your environment and trying your code again, can help ensure that your code is running as expected.

Occasionally we might forget to save a step of our code in our R Markdown file that we ran only in the console. This will help us figure that out.

Check if your file knits regularly

Regularly checking if your file knits will help you spot a missing step or error earlier when you have less code to try to identify where your code might have gone wrong.

Tell your future self and others what you did!

Provide sufficient detail so that you can understand what you did.

R Markdown syntax

Before:

```
# Header - biggest font created by hashtag and space
## SubHeader Second Biggest created by 2 hashtags and space

**bold** text
*italicized* text

`code` referenced outside of a chunk needs backticks
```

After knit:

Header - biggest font created by hashtag and space

SubHeader Second Biggest created by 2 hashtags and space

bold text *italicized* text

`code` referenced outside of a chunk needs backticks

R Markdown syntax

Go to Help > Cheatsheets > R Markdown Cheatsheet or our website!

Versions matter

Session info can help

`sessionInfo()`

Ruby's session info print out

```
R version 4.0.2 (2020-06-22)
Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)
Running under: Ubuntu 20.04.2 LTS

Matrix products: default
BLAS/LAPACK: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/openblas-pthread/libopenblasp-r0.3.8.so

locale:
 [1] LC_CTYPE=en_US.UTF-8       LC_NUMERIC=C                   LC_TIME=en_US.UTF-8
 [4] LC_COLLATE=en_US.UTF-8     LC_MONE
 [7] LC_PAPER=en_US.UTF-8       LC_NAME
[10] LC_TELEPHONE=C             LC_MEAS

attached base packages:
[1] stats     graphics  grDevices utils     datasets  methods   base

other attached packages:
[1] rmarkdown_2.4

loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
 [1] rstudioapi_0.11   knitr_1.30        magrittr_1.5      hms_0.5.3         tidyselect_1.
 [6] R6_2.4.1          rlang_0.4.7       fansi_0.4.1       dplyr_1.0.2       tools_4.0.2
[11] xfun_0.18         sessioninfo_1.1.1 tinytex_0.26      cli_2.0.2         withr_2.3.0
[16] htmltools_0.5.0   ellipsis_0.3.1    assertthat_0.2.1  yaml_2.2.1
[21] tibble_3.0.3      lifecycle_0.2.0   crayon_1.3
[26] vctrs_0.3.4       glue_1.4.2        evaluate_0
[31] generics_0.0.2    isoplite_1.2.1    pkgconfig_2.0.3
```

Avi's session info print out

```
R version 4.0.5 (2021-03-31)
Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin17.0 (64-bit)
Running under: macOS Big Sur 10.16

Matrix products: default
LAPACK: /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/4.0/Resources/lib/libRlapack.dyli

locale:
[1] en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/C/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8

attached base packages:
[1] stats     graphics  grDevices utils     datasets  methods   base

other attached packages:
[1] rmarkdown_2.10

loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
 [1] learnbuild_0.1.2     BiocManager_1.30.16 compiler_4.0.5      magrittr_2.0.1
 [5] fastmap_1.1.0        htmltools_0.5.2     tools_4.0.5         yaml_2.2.1
 [9] tinytex_0.33         knitr_1.33          digest_0.6.27       xfun_0.25
[13] rlang_0.4.11         evaluate_0.14
```

R version 4.0.2 vs 4.0.5

Different operating systems!

rmarkdown 2.4 vs 2.10

If Avi and Ruby have discrepancies in their results, the session info print out gives a record which may have clues to why that might be!

Image by Candace Savonen

More resources

These are just some quick tips, for more information:

- Reproducibility in Cancer Informatics course
- Advanced Reproducibility in Cancer Informatics course
- The RMarkdown book
- Jenny Bryan's organizational strategies.
- Write efficient R code for science.

Summary

To help make your work more reproducible:

- Use RMarkdown
- Clean your environment regularly
- Check the knit of your RMarkdown regularly
- Tell your future self and others what you did!
- Print session info!

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