A Pandoc Markdown Article Starter and Template *

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This document provides an introduction to R Markdown, argues for its benefits, and presents a sample manuscript template intended for an academic audience. I include basic syntax to R Markdown and a minimal working example of how the analysis itself can be conducted within R with the knitr package.

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R Markdown

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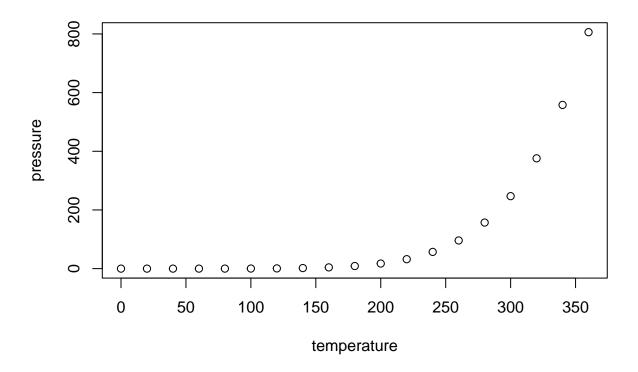
summary(cars)

```
##
       speed
                       dist
  Min.
         : 4.0
                  Min.
                         : 2.00
   1st Qu.:12.0
                  1st Qu.: 26.00
##
  Median :15.0
                  Median : 36.00
         :15.4
                         : 42.98
## Mean
                  Mean
## 3rd Qu.:19.0
                  3rd Qu.: 56.00
## Max.
          :25.0
                         :120.00
                  Max.
```

Including Plots

You can also embed plots, for example:

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Note that the echo = FALSE parameter was added to the code chunk to prevent printing of the R code that generated the plot.