# Combining LaTeX and markdown for reports

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## Here is a Markdown subheading (Level 2)

We can use markdown syntax to *italicize* or **bold** or <del>strikethrough</del> text. Since Markdown doesn't include small-caps functionality, we can still use LATEX functionality to WRITE IN SMALL CAPS.

We can use markdown syntax to include images:



Figure 1: Here is a forest in Papua New Guinea

However, there are some limits to markdown- for example, we can't resize the figure to make it larger. We can always turn to LaTeXcode to specify options for the image:



Figure 2: Tropical forest!

### Here is another Markdown subheading

#### Let's add some equations

Here is LATEX code to write the likelihood equation that PyRate uses to estimate rates of speciation and extinction<sup>1</sup> (incedently, look! a footnote!). We can write the equation as an in-line equation...

$$P(X|s, e, q) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P_{NHPP}(t_1^i, \dots t_{k_i}^i | s_i, e_i, q)$$

or as a numbered equation in the equation environment:

$$P(X|s, e, q) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P_{NHPP}(t_1^i, \dots, t_{k_i}^i | s_i, e_i, q)$$
(1)

 $<sup>^{1}</sup> https://academic.oup.com/sysbio/article/63/3/349/1650079/Bayesian-Estimation-of-Speciation-and-Extinction$ 

#### Citing documents

In this RMarkdown+LATeXworld, citing documents becomes super easy. We have included the following lines in the YAML header:

```
bibliography: biblio.bib
csl: ecology-letters.csl
```

The first line here tells the software that knits our document that the bibiolography for the document is stored in biblio.bib; the second line tells the software that a style-guide that describes exactly how we want our references formatted is saved at ecology-letters.csl. Note: You can download the style sheet for your journal of choice from this repository of style sheets<sup>2</sup>.

Let's quickly inspect the contents of the files biblio.bib, which contains the BibTeX formatted citations for the Cooney et al. paper that we have used as a source for beak morphology data and for PyRate. **NOTE** also that we are using the system() function in R to execute shell commands from R- you may find this handy later on!

```
system("cat biblio.bib", intern = T)
```

```
[1] "@article{Cooney_2017,"
##
    [2] "\tdoi = {10.1038/nature21074},"
##
    [3] "\turl = {https://doi.org/10.1038%2Fnature21074},"
##
##
    [4] "\tyear = 2017,"
    [5] "\tmonth = {feb},"
##
    [6] "\tpublisher = {Springer Nature},"
##
##
    [7] "\tvolume = \{542\},"
    [8] "\tnumber = \{7641\},"
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    [9] "\tpages = \{344--347\},"
## [10] "\tauthor = {Christopher R. Cooney and Jen A. Bright and Elliot J. R. Capp and A
## [11] "\ttitle = {Mega-evolutionary dynamics of the adaptive radiation of birds},"
## [12] "\tjournal = {Nature}"
## [13] "}"
## [14] "@article{Silvestro 2014,"
## [15] "\tdoi = {10.1111/2041-210x.12263},"
## [16] "\turl = {https://doi.org/10.1111%2F2041-210x.12263},"
## [17] "\tyear = 2014,"
## [18] "\tmonth = {sep},"
## [19] "\tpublisher = {Wiley-Blackwell},"
## [20] "\tvolume = {5},"
## [21] "\tnumber = {10},"
## [22] "\tpages = {1126--1131},"
## [23] "\tauthor = {Daniele Silvestro and Nicolas Salamin and Jan Schnitzler},"
## [24] "\teditor = {Liam Revell},"
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://www.zotero.org/styles

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## [25] "\ttitle = {{PyRate}: a new program to estimate speciation and extinction rates
## [26] "\tjournal = {Methods in Ecology and Evolution}"
## [27] "}"
## [28] ""
```

Given that we have those two entries in the biblio.bib file, we can cite them in the document using the syntax Here's a sentence that cites both papers [@Cooney\_2017; @Silvestro\_2014]. Here's a sentence that cites both papers (Silvestro *et al.* 2014; Cooney *et al.* 2017).

#### A chunk of R code

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Just like any Rmd document, we can add R code chunks to this document:

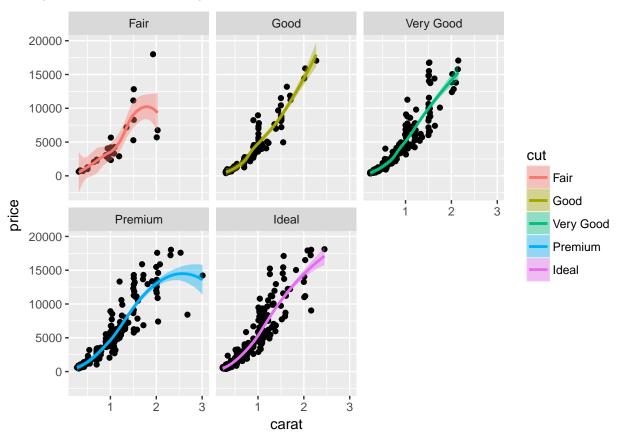
```
# make a plot using ggplot2
library(ggplot2)

# I sample from the diamonds dataset
data(diamonds)
d <- diamonds[sample(nrow(diamonds), 1000), ]

# build the plot, of Price of Diamond v. Carat
# Facet by the quality of the cut
p <- ggplot(data = d, aes(x = carat, y = price)) +
    geom_point(aes(text = paste("Clarity:", clarity))) +
    geom_smooth(aes(colour = cut, fill = cut)) + facet_wrap(~ cut)

## Warning: Ignoring unknown aesthetics: text</pre>
```

## `geom\_smooth()` using method = 'loess'



#### Controlling plot size

We can control the size of the plot by adding the fig.height and fig.width arguments to the definition of the R chunk:

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p

## `geom_smooth()` using method = 'loess'</pre>
```

#### Controlling code display, show code but don't run it

We might want to show code that we don't actually run in the document. We can use the eval = F argument in the definition of the R code chunk

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p <- ggplot(data = d, aes(x = carat, y = price)) +
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    geom_smooth(aes(colour = cut, fill = cut)) + facet_wrap(~ cut)</pre>
p
```

or the other way, run code but don't show it

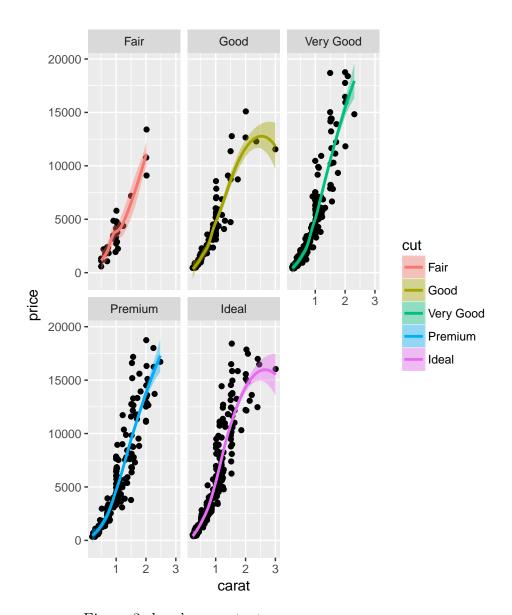
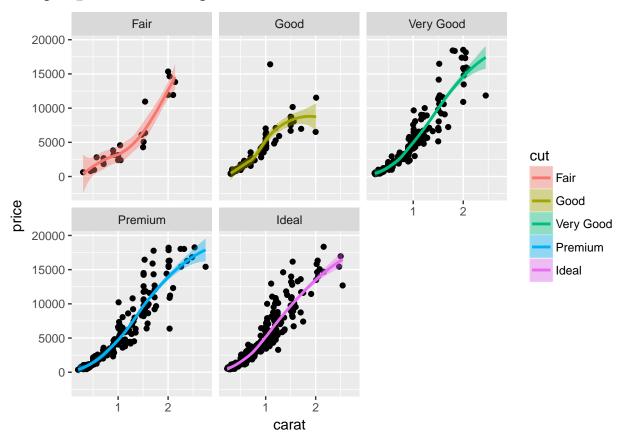


Figure 3: here's some text

Alternatively, we might want to run some code and show the output, but not actually show the code. We can do this with the argument echo = F

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## Other sources of help

There's a lot of great places to get help on RMarkdown documents online:

## Including python code with syntax highlighting

Use the following syntax to include python code with proper syntax hinglighting:

```
```python
f = open("/path/to/file")
lines = f.readlines()
```

## Finally, importing in the references

In the current setup, RStudio's Rmd to PDF conversion adds a bibiolography to the end of the paper on a new page. Recall that the citations are being formatted according to ecology-letters.csl. So, we add a subheading for the references section at the end of our document:

## References

- 1. Cooney, C.R., Bright, J.A., Capp, E.J.R., Chira, A.M., Hughes, E.C. & Moody, C.J.A. et al. (2017). Mega-evolutionary dynamics of the adaptive radiation of birds. *Nature*, 542, 344–347.
- 2.Silvestro, D., Salamin, N. & Schnitzler, J. (2014). PyRate: A new program to estimate speciation and extinction rates from incomplete fossil data. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 5, 1126–1131.