Setting Up

We'll use the midd_survey data for this example. Load it and the usual packages.

Formatting Regression Tables With Stargazer

Summaries of linear regression models have a lot of information and can be messy in knitted files. One option to clean them up is to use the **stargazer** package. The package is highly customizable; we'll go over just a few options today. For more details about the package, click here.

To see how stargazer compares to the output we are used to, use the midd_survey data to regress gpa on gender, save the model as model1, and look at the summary (remember echo = FALSE suppresses the code in the knitted file):

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = gpa ~ siblings, data = midd_survey)
##
## Residuals:
                                   3Q
##
       Min
                 1Q
                      Median
                                           Max
  -1.39967 -0.15695 0.04305 0.20487
##
##
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
               3.558767
                          0.017163 207.348 < 2e-16 ***
## (Intercept)
                          0.009198 -3.459 0.000564 ***
## siblings
              -0.031819
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.3003 on 983 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.01203,
                                   Adjusted R-squared: 0.01102
## F-statistic: 11.97 on 1 and 983 DF, p-value: 0.0005644
```

Now that you are comfortable interpreting summary outputs, you should continue using the traditional summary outputs to get a sense of your models. But replace summary() with stargazer() when you want to knit your file.

```
# INSTALL STARGAZER THE FIRST TIME FROM THE BOTTOM RIGHT PANE
library(stargazer)

##
## Please cite as:
## Hlavac, Marek (2018). stargazer: Well-Formatted Regression and Summary Statistics Tables.
## R package version 5.2.2. https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=stargazer
stargazer(model1)
##
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```
## % Table created by stargazer v.5.2.2 by Marek Hlavac, Harvard University. E-mail: hlavac at fas.harv
## % Date and time: Mon, Dec 02, 2019 - 15:31:18
## \begin{table}[!htbp] \centering
## \caption{}
## \label{}
## \begin{tabular}{@{\extracolsep{5pt}}lc}
## \\[-1.8ex]\hline
```

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## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## & \multicolumn{1}{c}{\textit{Dependent variable:}} \\
## \cline{2-2}
## \\[-1.8ex] & gpa \\
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
  siblings & $-$0.032$^{***}$ \\
    & (0.009) \\
##
    & \\
##
##
   Constant & 3.559$^{***}$ \\
    & (0.017) \\
##
     & \\
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## Observations & 985 \\
## R$^{2}$ & 0.012 \\
## Adjusted R$^{2}$ & 0.011 \\
## Residual Std. Error & 0.300 (df = 983) \\
## F Statistic & 11.968$^{***}$ (df = 1; 983) \\
## \hline
## \hline \\[-1.8ex]
## \textit{Note:} & \multicolumn{1}{r}{$^{*}$p$<$0.1; $^{**}$p$<$0.05; $^{***}$p$<$0.01} \\
## \end{tabular}
## \end{table}
```

There are a few other things to add to make sure the file knits properly:

- results = 'asis' is the most important thing. It leaves the output in the format that knitr needs to render it. (Add this option to the open fence line; add everything else to the stargazer function line.)
- header = FALSE deletes the contact information for the package author
- type = 'latex' converts the output into the Latex language that pandoc needs to knit to a PDF. Latex is the default so you can leave it off if you want. To change to web output you would want to change type = 'latex' to type = 'html'.

Table 1:

	Dependent variable:		
	gpa		
siblings	-0.032***		
	(0.009)		
Constant	3.559***		
	(0.017)		
Observations	985		
\mathbb{R}^2	0.012		
Adjusted R ²	0.011		
Residual Std. Error	0.300 (df = 983)		
F Statistic	$11.968^{***} (df = 1; 983)$		
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.0		

Knit the file to see the formatted regression table.

This is better than dumping raw R output into a report, but we can do even better.

Here are some more changes for the stargazer() function:

- style = 'ajs' formats the table following publication guidelines for the American Journal of Sociology. Replace 'ajs' with 'asr' to use the formatting style for the American Sociological Review. These are the two most common formatting styles you will see for sociology papers. I prefer ajs style for written reports (because it includes standard errors), and asr style for presentation slides (because it is more condensed).
- title creates a title for the table which will be numbered automatically
- covariate.labels = c() is a list of names for the independent and control variables in your model. You need to label every variable or this won't work.
- dep.var.labels = creates a title above the dependent variable model numbers
- keep.stat = c("n", "rsq") reports the number of observations and the r-squared value but excludes all the other model information

We can include more than one model in a table too. Let's save a model with a control variable and a model with an interaction.

And then include our three models in a stargazer function that also includes several of the changes described above.

Table 2: A Better Title

	GPA		
	1	2	3
Number of Siblings	032***	031***	023
	(.009)	(.009)	(.014)
Gender = Other		058	.296*
		(.085)	(.125)
Gender = Woman		.046*	.056
		(.020)	(.035)
Siblings X Gender = Other			269***
O			(.070)
Siblings X Gender = Woman			006
0			(.019)
Constant	3.559***	3.532***	3.519***
	(.017)	(.021)	(.027)
Observations	985	985	985
\mathbb{R}^2	.012	.018	.033
Notes:	$^{*}P < .05$		
	$^{**}P < .01$		
	$^{***}P < .001$		