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A MINIMAL EXAMPLE OF
WRITING A THESIS US-
ING BOOKDOWN AND TUFT

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Prerequisites

This is a *sample* book written in **Markdown**. You can use anything that Pandoc's Markdown supports, e.g., a math equation $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$.

The **bookdown** package can be installed from CRAN or Github:

```
install.packages("bookdown")  
# or the development version  
# devtools::install_github('rstudio/bookdown')
```

Remember each Rmd file contains one and only one chapter, and a chapter is defined by the first-level heading #.

To compile this example to PDF, you need to install XeLaTeX.

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Introduction

You can label chapter and section titles using `{#label}` after them, e.g., we can reference Chapter `??`. If you do not manually label them, there will be automatic labels anyway, e.g., Chapter `??`.

Figures and tables with captions will be placed in figure and table environments, respectively.

```
par(mar = c(4, 4, 0.1, 0.1))
plot(pressure, type = "b", pch = 19)
```

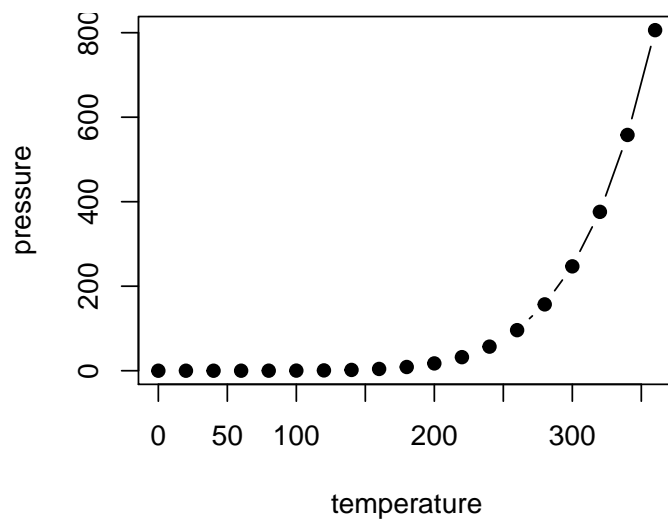


Figure 2.1: Here is a nice figure!

Reference a figure by its code chunk label with the `fig:` prefix, e.g., see Figure `??`. Similarly, you can reference tables generated from `knitr::kable()`, e.g., see Table `??`.

```
knitr::kable(
  head(iris, 20), caption = 'Here is a nice table!',
  booktabs = TRUE
)
```

| Sepal.Length | Sepal.Width | Petal.Length | Petal.Width | Species |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| 5.1 | 3.5 | 1.4 | 0.2 | setosa |
| 4.9 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 0.2 | setosa |
| 4.7 | 3.2 | 1.3 | 0.2 | setosa |
| 4.6 | 3.1 | 1.5 | 0.2 | setosa |
| 5.0 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 0.2 | setosa |
| 5.4 | 3.9 | 1.7 | 0.4 | setosa |
| 4.6 | 3.4 | 1.4 | 0.3 | setosa |
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| 5.7 | 3.8 | 1.7 | 0.3 | setosa |
| 5.1 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 0.3 | setosa |

Table 2.1: Here is a nice table!

You can write citations, too. For example, we are using the **book-down** package (Xie 2016) in this sample book, which was built on top of R Markdown and **knitr** (Xie 2015).

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Literature

Here is a review of existing methods.

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Methods

We describe our methods in this chapter.

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Applications

Some *significant* applications are demonstrated in this chapter.

5.1 *Example one*

5.2 *Example two*

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Final Words

We have finished a nice book.

Xie, Yihui. 2015. *Dynamic Documents with R and Knitr*. 2nd ed. Boca Raton, Florida: Chapman; Hall/CRC. <http://yihui.name/knitr/>.

———. 2016. *Bookdown: Authoring Books and Technical Documents with R Markdown*. <https://github.com/rstudio/bookdown>.