

Proof reading checklist

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This checklist has been derived from the Instructions for Authors and proof reading checklist.

Initial Check (editorial assistants)

Documents:

Necessary files to include:

- ☐ ‘RJwrapper.tex’, article in tex format
- ☐ ‘RJwrapper.pdf’, article in pdf format
- ☐ ‘filename.tex’, article in tex format, name is a to reference authors OR reasonable unique name
- ☐ ‘filename.bib’, bibliography in bib format, not including abstracts
- ☐ ‘filename.R’, R script to produce the examples in the submission
- ☐ no additional files included, e.g: ‘RJtemplate.tex’, ‘RJJournal.sty’

Article Style:

- ☐ **Review and proposals:** challenges and opportunities, eg proposals and proof-of-concept implementations
- ☐ **Comparisons and benchmarking:** base-R to contributed packages and other software systems
- ☐ **Applications:** use of new or existing techniques using R
- ☐ **Add-on packages:** short introductions to contributed R packages that are already available on CRAN or Bioconductor

For Add-on packages:

- ☐ Letter that explains motivation for the contributed package for the editor

Content:

- ☐ clearly displays R functions and code
- ☐ reproducible code examples

After passing all check above, status changes to “checked”

Package

- ☐ Package is available on CRAN

Proofing check (Editors)

Basic requirements:

- ☐ focused on R
- ☐ reasonably short
- ☐ clearly written
- ☐ not too technical
- ☐ style file has been used to typeset code, files and definitions
- ☐ figures and tables are either in wide or regular form
- ☐ figures are clearly drawn
- ☐ captions are appropriately constructed: *should have three components: (1) what is the plot/table about, (2) specific details of plot/table, like what type of display and how variables are mapped, (3) the most important thing that the reader should learn.*
- ☐ packages used in work are appropriately cited

File checks:

‘filename.R’

- ☐ All examples can be reproduced using the code within the article or this script

Figure files

- ☐ only pdf or PNG files have been submitted

‘RJwrapper.tex’

- ☐ replaced references to ‘RJtemplate.tex’ with ‘filename.tex’
- ☐ only strictly essential LATEX\usepackage commands included in ‘RJwrapper.tex’
- ☐ code examples are wrapped to within 80 characters
- ☐ code examples have been indented appropriately

Titles:

- ☐ article title uses title case, eg. \title{Drawing Diagrams with R}
- ☐ \pkg command has been used if the package name is mentioned in the title
- ☐ no other markup is used in the title
- ☐ section titles use sentence case, eg. \section{Starting at the end}
- ☐ \section and \subsection commands have been used, not \section* or \subsection*

Abstract requirements:

- ☐ article has an abstract

- ☐ abstract uses the `\abstract{}` environment
- ☐ article uses `\maketitle` followed immediately by `\abstract`
- ☐ abstract does not contain mathematical markup

Author names:

- ☐ the `\author` command contains the word “by”, followed by only the full names of contributing authors.
For example: `\author{by Ross Ihaka and Robert Gentleman}`
- ☐ article ends with a ‘signature block’, which may contain an ORCID ID.
- ☐ contact information (email) for at least one author

For example:

```
\address{Paul Murrell\\
Department of Statistics\\
The University of Auckland\\
New Zealand\\
ORCID: 0000-0002-3224-8858\\
\email{paul@stat.auckland.ac.nz}
```

Mathematics:

- ☐ brackets are paired using `\left` and `\right`
- ☐ symbols used are from `amssymb`, and alternative symbol fonts have been avoided
- ☐ consistent punctuation after equations
- ☐ use `pmatrix` for matrices, not `array`
- ☐ uses `\align` or `\alignat` for stacked equations, not `eqnarray`
- ☐ no empty lines before displayed formulae
- ☐ only a blank line after formulae if there is a paragraph break
- ☐ proper use of mathematical operators. For example: $\log(x)$ rather than $\log(x)$

Code:

- ☐ uses `example` environment for code examples
- ☐ uses `\code{}` to mark up functions, objects, argument names etc. appearing in the text.
- ☐ class names appear in double quotes
- ☐ code listings do not overflow the right hand margin
- ☐ indentation and spacing used to improve code readability

Tables:

- ☐ uses `booktabs` format for tables
- ☐ `subcaption` package used for subfigures, not `subfigure` nor `subfig`

Citations:

- ☐ does not include a citation of R itself
- ☐ only mentions CRAN or BioC packages
- ☐ first citation of a package should use `\CRANpkg`, or `\BIOpkg`
- ☐ further mentions of R packages use `\pkg`

- ☐ Programming languages (including R), and other software do not have special markup
- ☐ at the end of ‘*filename.tex*’, `\bibliography{filename}` is included
- ☐ natbib package or a bibliography style are not included

‘filename.bib’

- ☐ citations are in BIBTEX format
- ☐ does not override the default bibliography style
- ☐ proper names and corporate authors in titles are protected by curly braces
- ☐ no use of the `\pkg` command to format R package names
- ☐ includes the DOI bibtex field using “url = {https://doi.org/...}”
- ☐ minimal BibTeX file without unnecessary fields such as abstracts
- ☐ proper use of natbib `\citep` and `\citet` commands (and their relatives)