RMarkdown Flexibility

Anatomy of .Rmd

- 1. Document Information
- 2. Formatted Text
- 3. Code Chunks

Today

All the different parameters you can add to your code chunks and document information (aka yaml header) for added flexibility.

Absolutely, 100% do **NOT** memorize *any* of this!

Parameter

A parameter is the thing that goes within the curly brackets { } at the top of a code chunk. Some useful ones we will cover:

- Programming languge (necessary)
- Name of chunk (strongly encouraged)
- Echo
- Include
- Eval
- Message/Warning
- Figure parameters

What programming language?

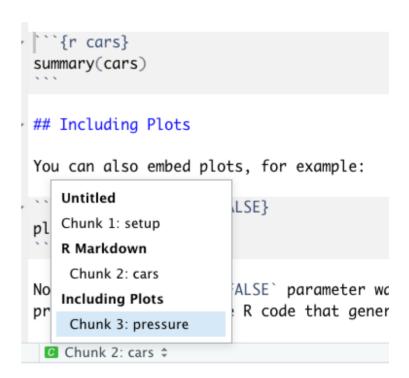
- Default is R (obviously)
- But it can be different...

```
```{r}
```

```
```{python}
```

Name of chunk

- No comma (,) after the programming language parameter
- Name your chunk something that you will remember and makes sense!
 - Do not include spaces in the name
 - Do not include special characters like #, \$, %, etc.
 - Dashes (-) and underscores(_) are OK
- Naming your chunk should help you navigate your document



The echo parameter

The echo parameter refers to if the code in the chunk should show up in your output document.

- If you want your code to appear, echo = TRUE (this is the default behavior)
- If you only the OUTPUT of the code to appear (not the code itself), set echo =

All the code will be run and executed no matter what!

echo = TRUE

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library(ggplot2)

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setwd("~/Box Sync/Brazil 2019/")

# import data
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The include parameter

include is very similar to echo except *both* the code AND the output will not be shown.

All code will be run and executed!

At the top of each .Rmd, it is helpful to have a code chunk, usually called setup. It's a great place to:

- import your dataset (read.csv)
- load the necessary packages (library())
- set options that will apply to the entire document (later slides)
- etc...

For the most part, the people you send this file to do not need to see any of the above \(\bigcup_{\circ} \). So it's a good place to use include = FALSE.

The include parameter

```
knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE)

library(psych)
library(tidyverse)
library(wesanderson)

setwd("~/Desktop/")
anxiety <- read.csv("Fake_Fellowship_Data.csv")
anxiety</pre>
```

Anxiety Dataset

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The eval parameter

- Should the code run at all?
- Default is TRUF
- This is sometimes nice when you're trying to teach a concept or explain how something works.

```
### For loops
For loops are great for *iterating* through something. Maybe you want to make the same plot a bunch of times, where the only thing that changes is the variable for the x-axis. This is where for loops can be useful. Here's what it looks like in R:

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 plot(variables[i], y)
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## Messages & Warnings

- Sometimes functions will result in code that shows you *non-error* messages or warnings in the console. Examples:
  - When you load a package ggplot::alpha is masked by psych::alpharemoved any NA
- These are fine for personal use, but if you're sharing your codde, they don't need to see these things
- The default behavior of RMarkdown is to show you the messages and warnings
- To change, add message = FALSE and warnring = FALSE parameters

Note, it's hard to tell the difference between messages and warnings, so I usually do both

## message = TRUE

```
```{r loadingPackages, message = TRUE}
#load packages
library(psych)
library(tidyverse)
library(knitr)
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library(psych)
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- Attaching packages -
 - tidvverse 1.3.0 —
/ ggplot2 3.2.1
 ✓ purrr 0.3.3
/ tibble 2.1.3
 ✓ dplyr 0.8.4
/ tidyr 1.0.2

✓ stringr 1.4.0

/ readr 1.3.1
 ✓ forcats 0.4.0
- Conflicts -
 — tidyverse conflicts() —
x ggplot2::%+%() masks psych::%+%()
x ggplot2::alpha() masks psych::alpha()
x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
x dplyr::lag()
 masks stats::lag()
library(knitr)
```

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## **Figures**

How big do you want your figures to be on the page?

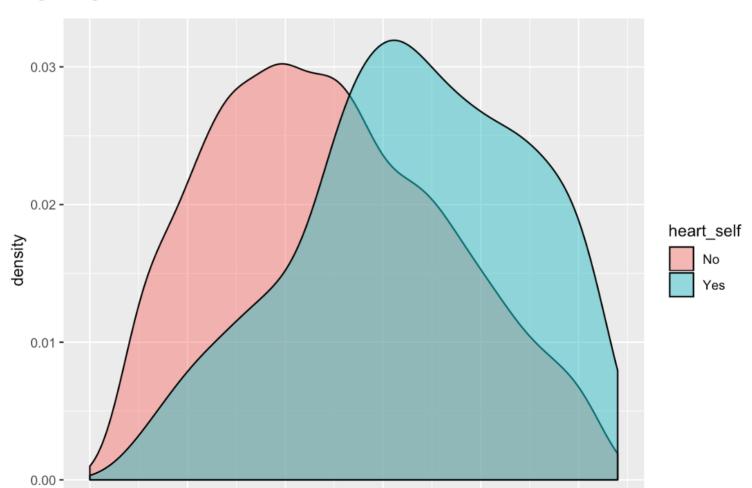
- can modify with fig.width & fig.height
- default is 7x7 inches, but you might want to make that smaller if you want to see 2 next to each other

How do you want your figures to be aligned on the page?

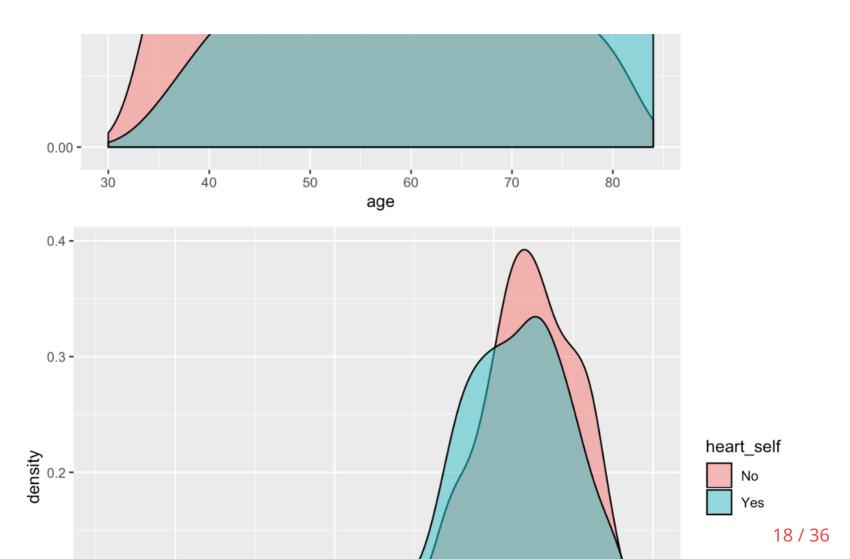
- right? left? lenter?
- can modify with fig.align
- default is to not make any adjustments at all

## **Problem with Figures**

#### **Aligning Plots**



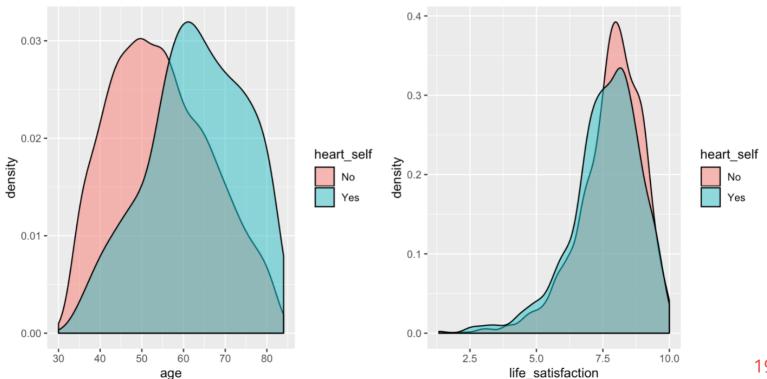
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## Solution to Figures

```
Aligning Plots
```{r plots, echo=FALSE, fig.height=4.5, fig.width=4.5}
```

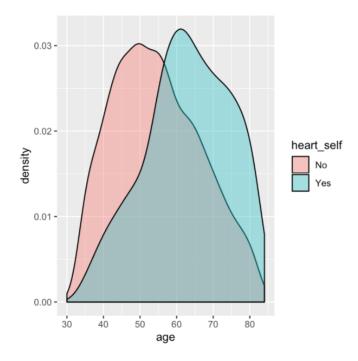
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Solution to Figures

```
### Aligning Plots
```{r plots, fig.height=4.5, fig.width=4.5, echo = FALSE, fig.align='center';
```

#### **Aligning Plots**



## **Parameters**

- If you want to modify each individual code chunk, put the parameter within the curly brackets { } (like we've been talking about)
- If you want to apply that same parameter to the *entire* document:
  - Have a setup chunk (this is good practice anyways)
  - Inside the setup chunk, you'll write something like this:

```
```{r setup, include=FALSE, warning=FALSE, message=FALSE}
knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE)
```

You'll want to look it up for the exact parameter, but it usually starts with knitr::opts_chunk

Other things

- Table of contents
- Code folding
- Inline code
- Equations
- Running code in RMarkdown
- Variables & environment
- Output file types

Table of Contents

- The Table of Conents is based on Markdown headers (#)
- You specify if you want one at all in the YAML header
- It will show headers 1 (#) through 3 (###) by default
- If you want to modify this, you can do so with toc_depth

Table of Contents - default

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title: "Table of Contents Examples"
author: "Shelly Cooper"
output:
html_document:
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toc: yes
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Table of Contents - HTML Only!

- If your output file is an HTML file, you can have the Table of Contents float down the side of your screen while you scroll!
- Use toc_float in the YAML header





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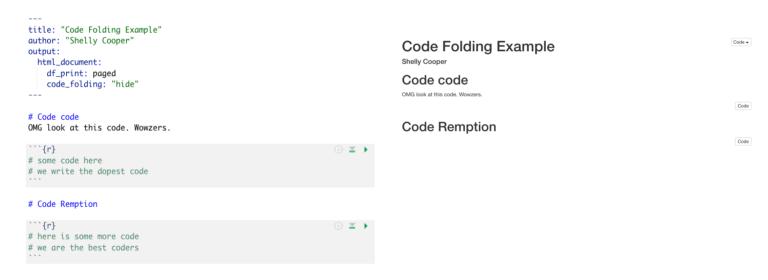
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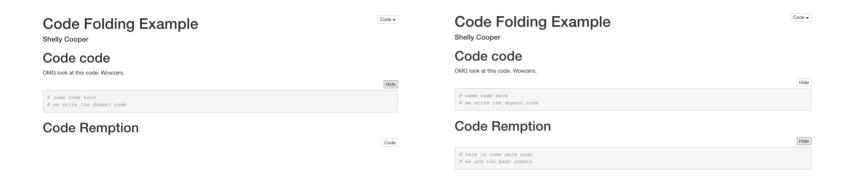
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Code Folding - HTML Only!

- Give the person you are sharing the document with the option of looking at your code
- Add code_folding: "hide" to the YAML header



Code Folding - HTML Only!



Inline Code

- Sometimes you want to acknowledge that something is code in formatted text. Ex: I am formatted text, but this is code.
- This is called "inline code"
- Wrap the text within single backtics

Statistical Analyses

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Inline Code

- You can also run some R code the same way
- This is helpful when:
 - You stored a value that you'd like to share
 - You want to show someting in a way your audience will like (e.g., rounding a number)
- This is NOT great for lots of code! Meant to be a quick thing.



Results

We saw that the average petal length was 3.8. We have no idea if this is reasonable or not because we don't know anything about flowers.

Equations

- LaTeX works well in RMarkdown. Really great for equations/matrices
- For an equation, surround with \$
- Equation of a line is \$y = mx+b\$
- Greek letters are fun \$\alpha\$, \$\beta\$, \$\omega\$,
- If you want your equation to be centered on the page, use double `\$\$`

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Running Code

- You can run code within a code chunk just like an .R script (go line by line or highlight lots of lines and hit Run)
- OR you can use the green arrow at the top right corner of the code chunk to run all lines within that chunk.

Methods ```{r} iris <- iris meanPetalLength <- mean(iris\$Petal.Length) meanPetalLength ```</pre>

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Running Code

- You can also use the other button to run all code chunks *above* the current chunk!
- This is wonderful when you think you're working with the wrong variable, or you screw up your data.frame and want to get it back to how it was

```
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iris <- iris

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...</pre>
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## Reminder!

You **need** to make sure that the variables/datasets you want to work with are imported or created within the .Rmd file!

- When a .Rmd file knits, it starts as though there is NOTHING in your Environment and NONE of the packages are loaded...like a brand new R session
- If you import your data through the GUI, and *don't* put that code into the .Rmd file, when you go to knit, it won't find your file and it won't work properly
- The same is true if you make a variable in your Console, but forget to put that code into your .Rmd file

## Other file types

 We've mainly been working with HTML files. Other options include Word and PDF (and some more advanced things like slides -- all of the slides in this class were made with RMarkdown!)

#### Word Documents

- This works...OK-ish. The only weird thing is that it will say you can't edit the file after it knits. You need to save it as a new file in order to edit it. But it will usually prompt you to do so.
- Also, formatting tables in Word is really annoying.

#### PDF Documents

- If you have a Mac, this should work seamlessly
- If you have a PC, you need to have LaTeX on your computer, which is usually installed with MiKTeX. See the Resources tab for how to do this -it's very annoying.

## Don't forget about R's Cheatsheets!

Help > Cheatsheets or Google RMarkdown cheatsheet

Also, there are cheatsheets for *a lot* of things, including dplyr and ggplot2. Again, never memorize anything!