Code for Reproducible Research

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Here is my take.

Reproducing the same results

Minimal requirement for a research project:

- Write clean code:
 - Consistent style: Use black or flake8.
 - Use readable names.
 - No notebooks!
- ▶ Document your code: docstring and README.md.
- Determinist output: Set a random seed!

Optional but advised

- Document dependencies.
- ► Proper package organization
- Add some tests: Use pytest.

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Pain points of a benchmark:

- competitors' methods do not work out of the box.
- re-code methods and tools to integrate a new method.
- hard to extend with new settings.

all of this started from scratch by every submission!

Benchopt produces open, reproducible, extendable benchmarks

Going further: creating a package

If you really want to make your research *reproductible* by other in different contexts, you need to properly package it.

- ▶ Documentation: *Sphinx*.
- ► Test on multiple platforms: Continuous Integration.
- ► Release on pypi/conda-forge
- ► Talk about it!:)

Example of package:

https://github.com/tomMoral/test_package

Conclusion

Reproducible research needs more than just releasing code:

- Clean and Documented.
- ► Reusable.
- Extendable.

Use proper tools to make it possible!

Research is also collaborative: don't hesitate to report your issues and give feedback :)