An example R Markdown file

Illustrating use of R, bash, Python, and Julia code chunks

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1) How to generate a document from this file

From within R, you can run the document through the either the *rmarkdown* or *knitr* package for R to generate an html file, or through the *rmarkdown* package to generate PDF or Word (the latter being useful at times but hopefully avoidable).

```
library(quarto); quarto_render('demo-Rmd.Rmd', 'html')
library(quarto); quarto_render('demo-Rmd.Rmd', 'pdf')
library(rmarkdown); render('demo-Rmd.Rmd', 'pdf_document')
library(rmarkdown); render('demo-Rmd.Rmd', 'html_document')
library(rmarkdown); render('demo-Rmd.Rmd', 'word_document')
library(knitr); knit2html('demo-Rmd.Rmd')
```

Or in RStudio, click on the 'Knit' pull-down menu and choose to knit to HTML, PDF, or Word (for R Markdown) or use the 'Render' button in more recent versions of RStudio.

Alternatively, from the UNIX command line, run one of these:

```
quarto render demo-Rmd.Rmd --to html # HTML
quarto render demo-Rmd.Rmd --to pdf # pdf
Rscript -e "library(rmarkdown); render('demo-Rmd.Rmd', 'pdf_document')" # PDF
Rscript -e "library(rmarkdown); render('demo-Rmd.Rmd', 'html_document')" # HTML
Rscript -e "library(rmarkdown); render('demo-Rmd.Rmd', 'word_document')" # Word
Rscript -e "library(knitr); knit2html('demo-Rmd.Rmd')" # HTML alternative
```

2) Some basic Markdown formatting

Here's an *introduction* to our **critical** discovery. Here we have some code to display inline but not evaluate: exp(7) and we can embed the code in a static code block as follows:

a = 7 % 5b = exp(a)

This document will focus on embedding math and code and not on standard Markdown formatting. There are lots of sources of information on Markdown. RStudio has good information on R Markdown (including Markdown formatting).

For documents whose output format is HTML, you can use HTML formatting within your Markdown-based text.

3) Embedding equations using LaTeX

This can be done with the following syntax. Note that you can't have a space after the initial \$ for the inline equations.

Here is an inline equation $f(x) = \int f(y, x) dy$.

Here's a displayed equation

$$f_{\theta}(x) = \int f_{\theta}(y, x) dy.$$

4) Embedding R code

Here's an R code chunk

a <- c(7, 3)mean(a)

[1] 5

b <- a + 3 mean(b)

[1] 8

Here's another chunk:

mean(b)

[1] 8

When running R code, output is printed interspersed with the code, as one would generally want. Also, later chunks have access to result from earlier chunks (i.e., state is preserved between chunks).

Let's make a plot:





And here's some inline R code: What is 3 plus 5? 8.

5) Controlling code chunk behavior

You have control over whether code in chunks is echoed into the document and evaluated using the include, echo, and eval tags.

Here we print the code but don't evaluate it by setting eval to false.

cat("This code is not evaluated, but the code itself is printed in the document.")

Here is the result of running the code in a chunk but not printing the code by setting eval to false.

This code is not printed in the document, but results of evaluating the code are printed.

And here is a chunk that is evaluated, but neither the code nor the result of evaluating the code is printed in the rendered document. This is achieved by setting **include** to **false**.

Results of intensive calculations can be saved using the cache=TRUE tag so they don't need to be rerun every time you compile the document.

```
a <- mean(rnorm(5e7))
a
```

[1] 8.562798e-05

You can use R variables to control the chunk options. Note that the variable myControlVar is defined in the first chunk of this document. Here it is used to turn off evaluation of the chunk code.

print("hi")

An alternative, nice way to specify chunk options is within the chunk, like this:

cat("This code is printed in the document, but the code is not evaluated.")

6) Embedding bash and Python code

6.1) bash

A bash chunk:

```
ls -1

df -h

cd /tmp

pwd

total 1387

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drwxr-sr-x 2 paciorek scfstaff 10 Feb 1 2022 cache

-rw-r--r-- 1 paciorek scfstaff 394 Feb 25 14:37 _config.yml

-rw-r--r-- 1 paciorek scfstaff 150 Sep 27 2023 demo2.R
```

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-rw-rr	1	paciorek	scfstaff	831	Feb	25	14:37	README.md			
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drwxr-sr-x	7	paciorek	scfstaff	7	Feb	27	17:18	site_libs			
drwxr-sr-x	3	paciorek	scfstaff	3	Feb	25	14:40	test_files			
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-rw-rr	1	paciorek	scfstaff	14477	Sep	28	2023	test	test.pdf		
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tmpfs				16G	12	7M	16G	1%	/dev/shm		
tmpfs				3.2G	3.4	1M	3.2G	1%	/run		
tmpfs				5.OM	4.0	ЭK	5.OM	1%	/run/lock		
/dev/sdb1				111G	490	ОМ	105G	1%	/tmp		
/dev/sda1				499M	6.3	1M	493M	2%	/boot/efi		
/dev/sda3	59G	47G		9.3G	84%	/var					
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/tmp											

Unfortunately, output from bash chunks occurs after all the code is printed. Also, state is not preserved between chunks.

We can see that state is not preserved here, where the current working directory is NOT the directory that we changed to in the chunk above.

pwd # result would be /tmp if state were preserved

/accounts/vis/paciorek/staff/tutorials/tutorial-dynamic-docs

Inline bash code won't work: bash wc demo-Rmd.Rmd, unlike with R code.

6.2) Embedding Python code

You can embed Python code. As with R, state is preserved so later chunks can use objects from earlier chunks.

```
import numpy as np
x = np.array((3, 5, 7))
print(x.sum())
```

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x.min() # this will print with more recent versions of rmarkdown

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```
try:
    print(x[0])
except NameError:
    print('state is not preserved: x does not exist')
```

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There is no facility for inline Python code: python print(3+5)

6.3) Embedding Julia code

You can embed Julia code. As with R and Python, state is preserved so later chunks can use objects from earlier chunks.

x = [3, 5, 7]; x[2] 5 try println("state is preserved if we see the value of `x[2]` next") print(x[2]) catch print("state is not preserved: x does not exist") end state is preserved if we see the value of `x[2]` next

There is no facility for inline Julia code: julia print(3+5)

7) Reading code from an external file

It's sometimes nice to draw code in from a separate file. Before invoking a chunk, we need to read the chunks from the source file, which contains the chunks tagged with some special formatting. Note that a good place for reading the source file via read_chunk() is in an initial setup chunk at the beginning of the document.

```
a <- 7
cat("a is ", a, ".\n", sep = "")
a is 7.
a <- 9
cat("Now, a is ", a, ".\n", sep = "")</pre>
```

Now, a is 9.

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8) Formatting of long lines of code and of output

8.1) R code

Having long lines be nicely formatted and other aspects of formatting can be a challenge. Also, results can differ depending on your output format (e.g., PDF vs. HTML). In general the code in this section will often overflow the page width in PDF but not in HTML, but even in the HTML the line breaks may be awkwardly positioned.

Here are some examples that overflow in PDF output.

b <- "Statistics at UC Berkeley: We are a community engaged in research and education in pro ## Statistics at UC Berkeley: We are a community engaged in research and education in probab ## This should work to give decent formatting in HTML but doesn't in PDF. cat(b, fill = TRUE)

Statistics at UC Berkeley: We are a community engaged in research and education in probabili

```
vecWithALongName = rnorm(100)
a = length(mean(5 * vecWithALongName + vecWithALongName - exp(vecWithALongName) + vecWithALongName)
a = length(mean(5 * vecWithALongName + vecWithALongName)) # this is a comment that goes over
a = length(mean(5 * vecWithALongName + vecWithALongName - exp(vecWithALongName) + vecWithALongName)
```

In contrast, long output is usually fine, even in PDF.

rnorm(30)

[1] 0.47485053 -0.53300834 -0.69385985 -1.30288852 -1.14076964 -1.04437702
[7] 0.51995461 0.15155954 0.55836893 -1.87940055 -0.99908618 -0.47083913
[13] 0.88461719 -2.47235000 1.55333948 1.41114869 1.91056609 -0.62932679
[19] 1.22380063 1.12960580 -0.84659648 -0.65229492 1.83760743 -1.32678114
[25] 0.50964439 -0.80747544 -0.03085863 -0.91200119 0.82473210 0.70518136

Adding the tidy=TRUE chunk option and setting the width (as shown in the Rmd version of this document) can help with long comment lines or lines of code, but doesn't help for some of the cases above.

Long strings and long comments:

```
b <- "Statistics at UC Berkeley: We are a community engaged in research and education in pro
## Statistics at UC Berkeley: We are a community engaged in research and
## education in probability and statistics. In addition to developing
## fundamental theory and methodology, we are actively
```

This should work to give decent formatting in HTML but doesn't in PDF:

cat(b, fill = TRUE)

Statistics at UC Berkeley: We are a community engaged in research and education in probabili

```
## Now consider long lines of code:
vecWithALongName <- rnorm(100)
a <- length(mean(5 * vecWithALongName + vecWithALongName - exp(vecWithALongName) +
    vecWithALongName * vecWithALongName, na.rm = TRUE))
a <- length(mean(5 * vecWithALongName + vecWithALongName)) # this is a comment that goes over
a <- length(mean(5 * vecWithALongName + vecWithALongName - exp(vecWithALongName) +
    vecWithALongName, na.rm = TRUE)) # this is a comment that goes over the line by a good I
```

To address the problems seen above, sometimes you can format things manually for better results. You may need to tag the chunk with tidy=FALSE, but I have not done that here.

```
## Breaking up a string:
b <- "Statistics at UC Berkeley: We are a community engaged in research
and education in probability and statistics. In addition to developing
fundamental theory and methodology, we are actively"
## Breaking up a comment:
## Statistics at UC Berkeley: We are a community engaged in research and
## education in probability and statistics. In addition to developing
## fundamental theory and methodology, we are actively
## Breaking up code lines:
vecWithALongName = rnorm(100)
a <- length(mean(5 * vecWithALongName + vecWithALongName - exp(vecWithALongName) +</pre>
```

```
vecWithALongName * vecWithALongName, na.rm = TRUE))
a <- length(mean(5 * vecWithALongName + vecWithALongName)) # this is a comment that
    ## goes over the line by a good long ways
a <- length(mean(5 * vecWithALongName + vecWithALongName - exp(vecWithALongName) +
    vecWithALongName, na.rm = TRUE)) # this is a comment that goes over the line
    ## by a good long long long long long long long ways</pre>
```

8.2) bash code

In bash, we have similar problems with lines overflowing in PDF output, but bash allows us to use a backslash to break lines of code. However that strategy doesn't help with long lines of output.

echo "Statistics at UC Berkeley: We are a community engaged in research and education in pro

```
echo "Second try: Statistics at UC Berkeley: We are a community engaged \
in research and education in probability and statistics. In addition to \
developing fundamental theory and methodology, we are actively" \
>> tmp.txt
```

cat tmp.txt

Statistics at UC Berkeley: We are a community engaged in research and education in probabili Second try: Statistics at UC Berkeley: We are a community engaged in research and education

We also have problems with long comments, so we would need to manually format them.

Here is a long comment line that overflows in PDF:

asdl lkjsdf jklsdf kladfj jksfd alkfd klasdf klad kla lakjsdf aljdkfad kljafda kaljdf afdl

Instead manually break the comment into multiple lines:

```
# asdl lkjsdf jklsdf kladfj jksfd alkfd klasdf klad kla
# lakjsdf aljdkfad kljafda kaljdf afdlkja lkajdfsa lajdfa
# adlfjaf jkladf afdl
```

8.3) Python code

In Python, there is similar trouble with lines overflowing in PDF output too.

```
# This overflows the page:
b = "asdl lkjsdf jklsdf kladfj jksfd alkfd klasdf klad kla lakjsdf aljdkfad kljafda kaljdf a
print(b)
```

asdl lkjsdf jklsdf kladfj jksfd alkfd klasdf klad kla lakjsdf aljdkfad kljafda kaljdf afdlkj

This code overflows the page:

```
zoo = {"lion": "Simba", "panda": None, "whale": "Moby", "numAnimals": 3, "bear": "Yogi", "ki
print(zoo)
```

{'lion': 'Simba', 'panda': None, 'whale': 'Moby', 'numAnimals': 3, 'bear': 'Yogi', 'killer where the statement of the stateme

To fix the issue, we can manually break the code into multiple lines, but long output still overflows.

{'lion': 'Simba', 'panda': None, 'whale': 'Moby', 'numAnimals': 3, 'bear': 'Yogi', 'killer wi

Long comments overflow as well, but you can always manually break into multiple lines.

asdl lkjsdf jklsdf kladfj jksfd alkfd klasdf klad kla lakjsdf aljdkfad kljafda kaljdf afdl

asdl lkjsdf jklsdf kladfj jksfd alkfd klasdf klad kla lakjsdf aljdkfad
kljafda kaljdf afdlkja lkajdfsa lajdfa adlfjaf jkladf afdl

9) References

We'll just see how you use BibTeX style references. Banerjee et al. (2008) proposed a useful method. This was confirmed (Cressie and Johannesson 2008).

Note the indication of the **refs.bib** file in the initial lines of this document so that the bibliographic information for these citations can be found.

The list of references is placed at the end of the document. You'd presumably want a section header like this:

Literature cited

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