A Shot at Reproducible Data Analysis

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Introduction

In this talk/document/presentation I showcase some of the possibilities that a combination of *tools* provides:

- Markdown
- RMarkdown
- Knitr
- Pandoc
- Reveal.js
- Latex

In order to make sure things look good from the first start, you might check out some additional projects and files:

- Bootstrap template for Pandoc: https://github.com/tonyblundell/pandoc-bootstrap-template
- Alternative LaTeX templates: https://github.com/kjhealy/latex-custom-kjh
- Alternative Pandoc template: https://github.com/kjhealy/pandoc-templates
- Non-official KU Leuven templates: https://github.com/exporl/kuleuven-templates

Idea

Workflow

1. Write data generation, data manipulation and discussion in **one text file**.
    - Syntax for text is Markdown.
    - Code lines start with `tab` or delimited by `"‘`
    - Call this file `file.Rmd`, even if it includes more than `R` code.
2. Call `knitr` on the `.Rmd` file in order to **execute** the code blocks and **include** the output of the code in one file. The output is a `.md` file.
3. Call `Pandoc` on the file, given suitable options (see below). `Pandoc` is responsible for translating the `.md` file to **any format** you want.

RMarkdown format

The `.Rmd` source of this report looks like this (50 lines):

```
text <- readLines("RR.Rmd",encoding="UTF-8")
tail(head(text, 70),50)
```

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Conversion is done using `knitr`.

Pandoc

A simple and a more involved example of running `Pandoc`:

```
pandoc file.md -o file.docx
```

```
pandoc file.md -o file.html \
      -t html5 \
            --template template.html \
            --css template.css \
            --highlight-style=tango --mathjax \
            --toc --toc-depth 2
```

Dust off your `Makefile` skills!

Some Examples

Simple example

The first example is in `R`. Let's say I want to plot a function

$$f(x) = \frac{\log(x^2 + x + 1)}{2x}$$

We first define x and the function value y (in doing so we have used some inline equations as well):

```
x <- seq(from=-5,to=10,by=.01)
y <- (log(x*x + x + 1))/(2*x)
```

Then we can plot the function. We use the `ggplot2` package.

```
library(ggplot2)
qplot(x,y,geom="line")
```

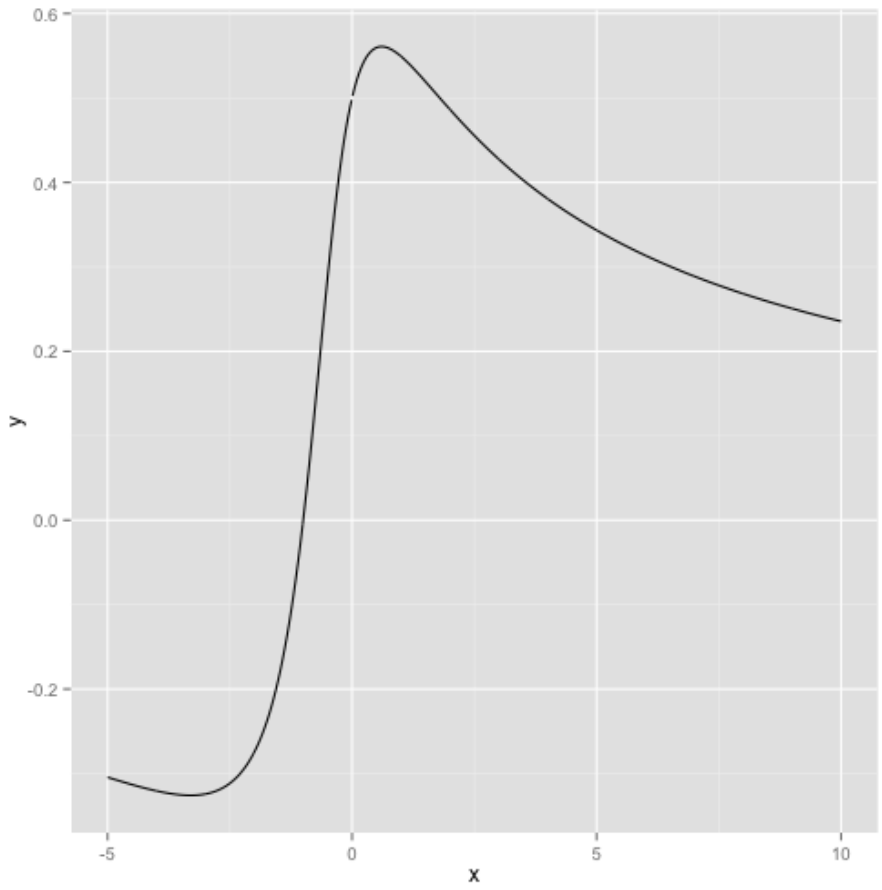

Figure 1: Plot of the very special function defined above.

See the figure for the result.

Working with data

Let us take a look at a dataset that comes with `R`, `mtcars`:

```
summary(mtcars)
```

```
##       mpg             cyl             disp             hp       
##  Min.   :10.40   Min.   :4.000   Min.   : 71.1   Min.   : 52.0  
##  1st Qu.:15.43   1st Qu.:4.000   1st Qu.:120.8   1st Qu.: 96.5  
##  Median :19.20   Median :6.000   Median :196.3   Median :123.0  
##  Mean   :20.09   Mean   :6.188   Mean   :230.7   Mean   :146.7  
##  3rd Qu.:22.80   3rd Qu.:8.000   3rd Qu.:326.0   3rd Qu.:180.0  
##  Max.   :33.90   Max.   :8.000   Max.   :472.0   Max.   :335.0  
##       drat             wt             qsec             vs        
##  Min.   :2.760   Min.   :1.513   Min.   :14.50   Min.   :0.0000  
##  1st Qu.:3.080   1st Qu.:2.581   1st Qu.:16.89   1st Qu.:0.0000  
##  Median :3.695   Median :3.325   Median :17.71   Median :0.0000  
##  Mean   :3.597   Mean   :3.217   Mean   :17.85   Mean   :0.4375  
##  3rd Qu.:3.920   3rd Qu.:3.610   3rd Qu.:18.90   3rd Qu.:1.0000  
##  Max.   :4.930   Max.   :5.424   Max.   :22.90   Max.   :1.0000  
##        am              gear            carb      
##  Min.   :0.0000   Min.   :3.000   Min.   :1.000  
##  1st Qu.:0.0000   1st Qu.:3.000   1st Qu.:2.000  
##  Median :0.0000   Median :4.000   Median :2.000  
##  Mean   :0.4062   Mean   :3.688   Mean   :2.812  
##  3rd Qu.:1.0000   3rd Qu.:4.000   3rd Qu.:4.000  
##  Max.   :1.0000   Max.   :5.000   Max.   :8.000
```

Now the fun starts. Let's fit a model relates how many Miles/Gallon are consumed, given a weight.

```
model <- lm(mpg ~ wt, data=mtcars)
summary(model)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = mpg ~ wt, data = mtcars)
##
## Residuals:
##     Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max
## -4.5432 -2.3647 -0.1252  1.4096  6.8727
##
## Coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
```

```
## (Intercept)  37.2851     1.8776  19.858  < 2e-16 ***
## wt           -5.3445     0.5591  -9.559 1.29e-10 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 3.046 on 30 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.7528, Adjusted R-squared:  0.7446
## F-statistic: 91.38 on 1 and 30 DF,  p-value: 1.294e-10
```

This is verbatim output, we can use some `R` package magic to get proper tables as output as well using the `pander` package:

```
library(pander)
pander(model)
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(>|t|)
wt	-5.344	0.5591	-9.559	1.294e-10
(Intercept)	37.29	1.878	19.86	8.242e-19

Table 1: Fitting linear model: mpg ~ wt

We can also plot this information using the code below.

```
qplot(x=wt, y=mpg, data=mtcars, xlab="Weight (lb/1000)", ylab="Miles per Gallon",
      geom=c("point","smooth"), method="lm")
```

Scraping the web

This script parses the Wikipedia page with Belgian Beers in order to get the data out. It then does some cleaning up and converts the data to different formats. The result can be stored in a file, but just display the first 10 rows.

```
library(XML)
rawBeers <- readHTMLTable(doc="http://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lijst_van_Belgische_bieren")
beers <- NULL

# The first table is not relevant, the rest is:
for (i in seq(2,28)) {
  beers <- rbind(beers,rawBeers[[i]])
```

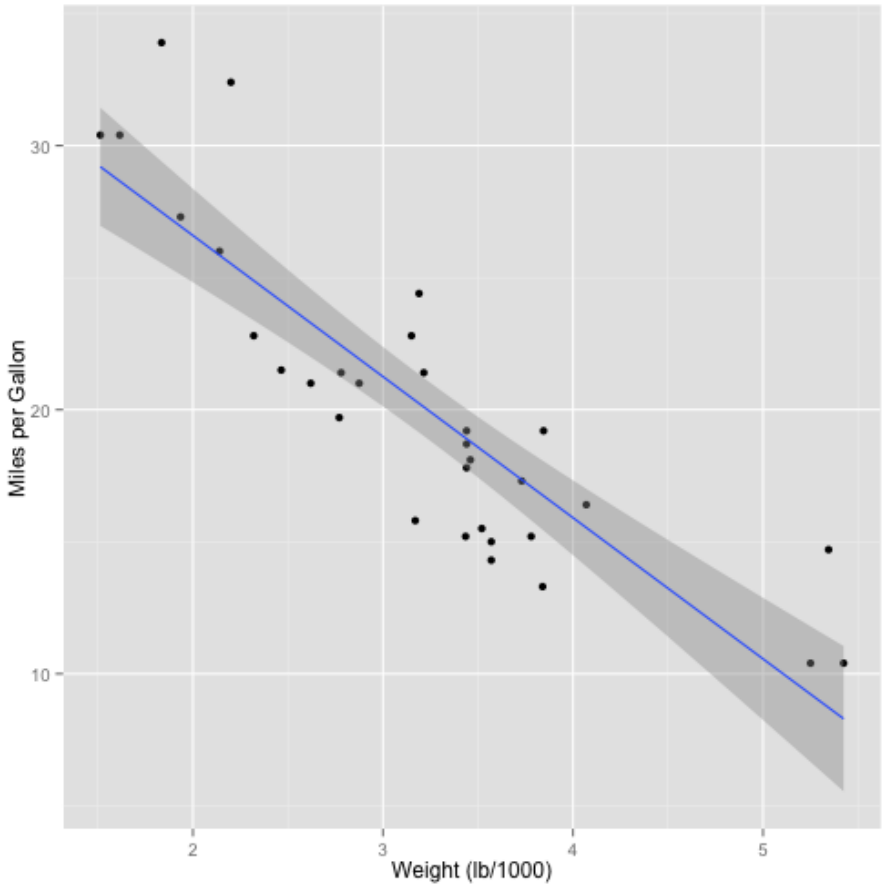

Figure 2: A scatterplot of the fuel consumption versus the weight of the car, along with the results of a linear regression. See the text for more information.

```
}

# Remove the percentage sign and convert to numbers:
beers$Percentagealcohol <- gsub("%","",beers$Percentagealcohol)
beers$Percentagealcohol <- gsub(",",".",beers$Percentagealcohol)
beers$Percentagealcohol <-as.numeric(beers$Percentagealcohol)
```

```
## Warning: NAs introduced by coercion
```

```
# A few entries do not have a percentage entry
nas <- length(beers[is.na(beers$Percentagealcohol),])
```

The number of entries without percentage entry is: 4.

We use `pander` again for displaying the top-10 of beers with the highest amount of alcohol:

```
pander(
  head(
    beers[order(beers$Percentagealcohol,decreasing=TRUE),
          c("Merk","Percentagealcohol")],
    10)
  )
```

	Merk	Percentagealcohol
196	Black Damnation V (Double Black)	26
412	Cuvée d'Erpigny	15
191	Black Albert	13
192	Black Damnation I	13
194	Black Damnation III (Black Mes)	13
195	Black Damnation IV (Coffée Club)	13
313	Bush de Noël Premium	13
314	Bush de Nuits	13
315	Bush Prestige	13
411	Cuvée Delphine	13

Different languages

Python

```
import pprint
pprint.pprint(zip(('Byte', 'KByte', 'MByte', 'GByte', 'TByte'),
              (1 << 10*i for i in xrange(5))))
```

```
## [('Byte', 1),
##  ('KByte', 1024),
##  ('MByte', 1048576),
##  ('GByte', 1073741824),
##  ('TByte', 1099511627776)]
```

Scala

```
val collection = for {i <- 1 to 10} yield {i}
val mapped = collection map (x => x*x)
val reduced = mapped reduce (_ + _)
println(reduced)
```

```
## 385
```

Sweave

`knitr` can handle sweave documents as well.

```
library(knitr)
Sweave2knitr('dummy.Rnw')
knit('dummy-knitr.Rnw')
```

Or, just write in RMarkdown:

```
Rscript -e 'library(knitr); knit("rmarkdown-version.Rmd")
pandoc rmarkdown-version.md -o rmarkdown-version.pdf --toc
```

Text (and code) can be translated using `Pandoc`

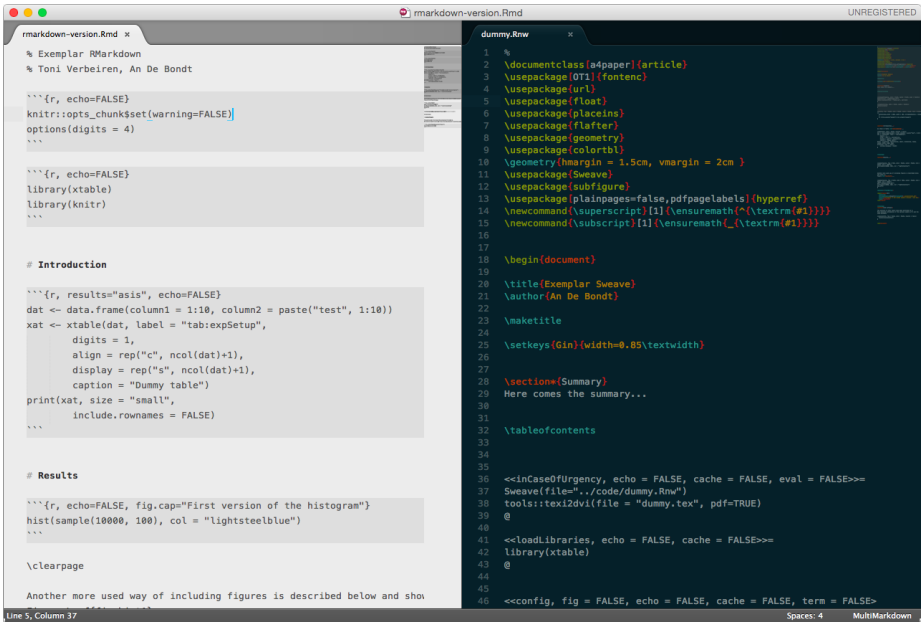

Figure 3: Side-by-side view of the same text/code in RMarkdown and Sweave

What to use it for?

I use it for:

- Creating presentations (`reveal.js`)
- Writing reports (including code)
- Writing papers (just text)
- Making coffee

How to use it?

RStudio

your favourite editor here

Additional pointers

- Markdown to `Reveal.js`: http://tverbeiren.github.io/BigDataBe-Spark/#/

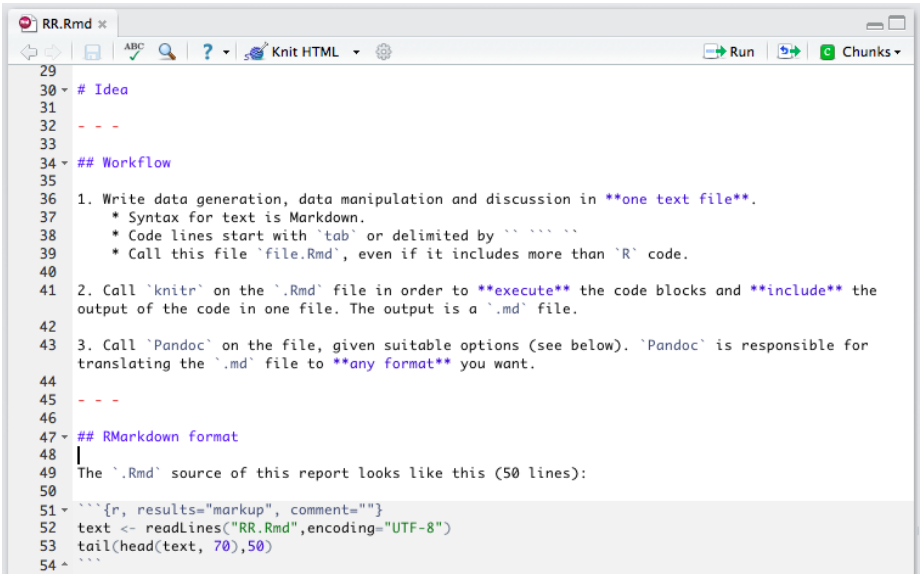

Figure 4: Screenshot of (part of) RStudio

- Markdown and `Pandoc` for writing a paper: http://homes.esat.kuleuven.be/~bioiuser/blog/?p=243
- Markdown and `Pandoc` for lecture notes: https://bitbucket.org/tverbeiren/i0u19a
- You can find everything I showed here at: http://github.io/tverbeiren/ReproducibleDataAnalysis/

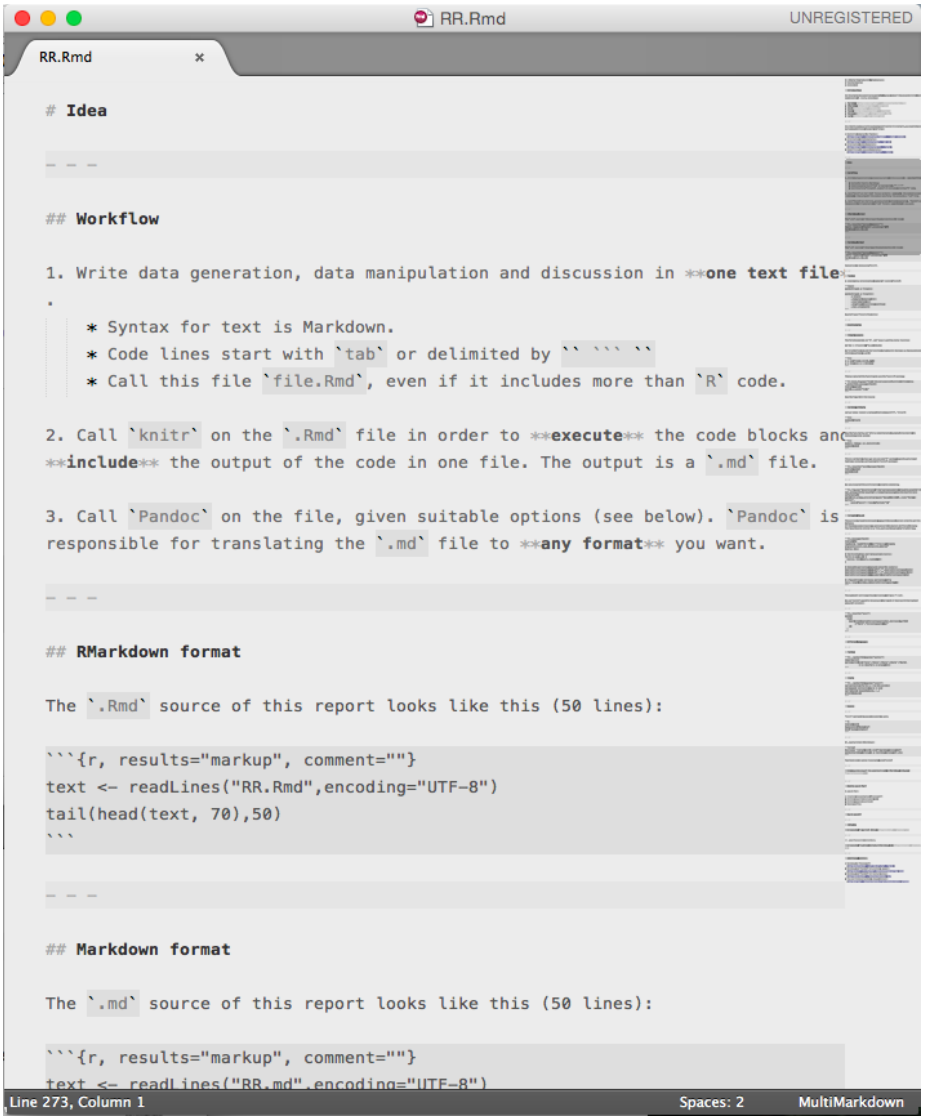

Figure 5: Screenshot of Sublime Editor with Markdown mode