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Abstract

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1 Introduction

Configure the YAML header including the following elements:

- **title:** Title
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- **bibliographystyle:** The style is provided in the `bibstyle.bst` file, which adopts the **SAGE Harvard** reference style. Just leave the file as it is.
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- **output:** The nested fields for the output field are based on the arguments of the output function. Since `UHHformats:pdf_doc` is based on `rmarkdown:pdf_document`, see its help page for more options. Current default settings are

- `number_sections: TRUE`
- `highlight: "kate"`
- `font = "Helvetica"`
- `citation_package: "natbib"`

- `latex_engine: "xelatex"`
- `header_includes`: Here you can add additional \LaTeX code to include in the header, before the `\begin\{document\}` statement.
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2 Methods

2.1 R Markdown syntax vs \LaTeX syntax

As with any .Rmd file you can write the entire report in the R Markdown syntax. However, if you are familiar with \LaTeX you can also mix both:

2.1.1 R Markdown subsection

This is a dummy text to show you how to write in **bold** and in *italics*.

2.1.2 LaTeX subsection

This is a dummy text to show you that you can also write in **bold** and in *italics* with \LaTeX .

2.2 Cross-referencing within the report

To cross-reference figures or tables you have to have a:

- **caption to your figure (or table)**:
 - NOTE: figures without a caption will be included directly as images and will therefore not be a numbered figure
- **labeled code chunk**: this provides the identifier for referencing the figure or table generated by the chunk.

Cross-references within the text can then be made using the standard \LaTeX syntax `\@ref\{type:label\}`, where label is the chunk label and type is the environment being referenced (e.g. tab, fig, or eq). Examples are given in the sections below (e.g. in [R Markdown table](#)).

To cross-reference sections simply put the section header in square brackets, e.g. [R output](#) via `[R output]`.

2.3 Mathematics

Use mathematics as usual with the dollar sign $\$$; either in inline mode with one dollar sign, e.g. $E = mc^2$, or in display mode with two:

$$E = mc^2$$

Important to note: do not leave a space between the `$` and your mathematical notation.

Alternatively, you can use `\LaTeX` for more control, e.g. for setting equation numbers that can be cross-referenced:

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n} \quad (1)$$

You may refer to this equation using `\ref{eq:label}`, e.g., see Equation 1

3 Results

3.1 R output

R output is typically shown in the monospace font (here an example with the `mtcars` dataset in the subfolder `data/`):

```
##           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
```

3.2 Tables

3.2.1 R Markdown table

Table 1 is a R Markdown table including a caption (note: the table number is automatically assigned) and label for cross-referencing:

Table 1: Your Caption

A	New	Table
left-aligned	center-aligned	right-aligned
\$123	\$456	\$789
<i>italics</i>		boldface

3.2.2 Tables generated with R

3.2.2.1 Using the `knitr` and `kableExtra` packages Table 2 is an example when using `knitr::kable()` to generate the table and `kableExtra` functions to modify it:

Table 2: A table produced with knitr and kablextra

	Group 5				Group 6	
	Group 1		Group 2		Group 3	Group 4
	mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt
Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.620
Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.875
Datsun 710	22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.320
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.215
Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.440

Note:

Your comments go here.

3.2.2.2 The *flextable* package `flextable` creates tables that work well in both PDF and Word output, making it a good choice if you plan to generate both formats:

mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt
21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.620
21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.875
22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.320
21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.215
18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.440

Tip: Another excellent table package is `gt`, which provides a tidyverse-compatible grammar for tables.

3.3 Figures

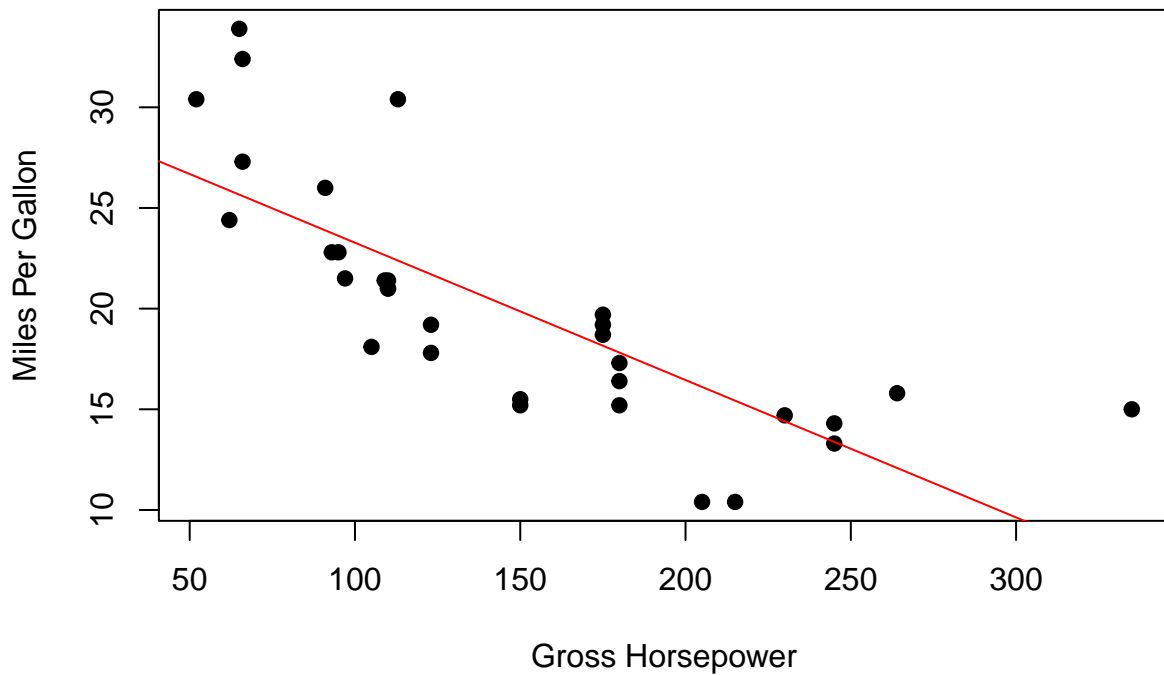


Figure 1: Relationship between horsepower and fuel economy

Figures are supported from R code and can be referenced (see Figure 1) by including the `\\label{}` tag in the `fig.cap` attribute of the R chunk: `fig.cap = "Relationship between horsepower and fuel economy\\label{fig:base-ref}"`. It is a quirky hack at the moment, see [here](#).

Figure 2 shows a boxplot with just half the width and centered:

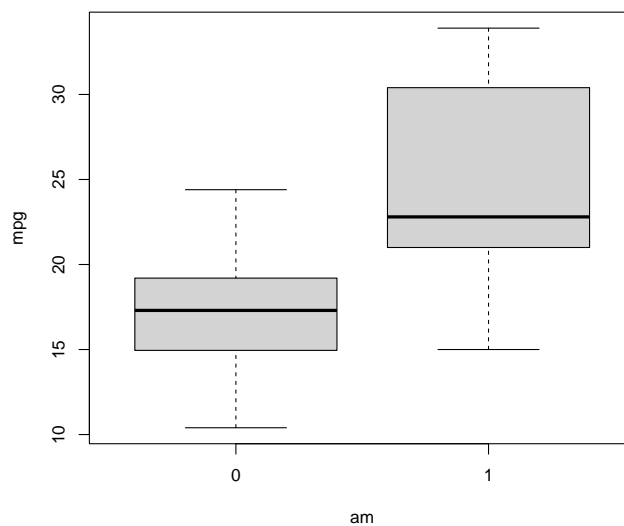


Figure 2: Fuel differences between transmission types (0 = automatic, 1 = manual)

4 Discussion

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5 Adding citations and bibliography

Link a `.bib` document via the YAML header and the bibliography will be printed at the very end (as usual). The default bibliography style is provided in the `bib.bst` file (do not delete), which adopts the **SAGE Harvard** reference style.

References can be cited directly within the document using the R Markdown equivalent of the \LaTeX citation system `[@key]`, where `key` is the citation key in the first line of the entry in the `.bib` file. Example: (Taylor and Green, 1937). To cite multiple entries, separate the keys by semicolons (e.g., (Knupp, 1999; Kamm, 2000)).

There is also the package `citr`, which I highly recommend: `citr` provides functions and an RStudio add-in to search a BibTeX-file to create and insert formatted Markdown citations into the current document. If you are using the reference manager **Zotero** the add-in can access your reference database directly.

5.1 Software

If you want to include a paragraph on the software used, here is some example text/code to get the current R and package versions. The code to create a separate bibliography file named `'packages.bib'` with all package references has already been added at the beginning of this script (code chunk `'generate-package-refs'`).

All analyses were performed using the statistical software R (version 4.5.2) (R Core Team, 2025). This report, including tables and figures, was generated using the packages `'rmarkdown'` (version 2.30) (Allaire et al., 2025), `'bookdown'` (version 0.46) (Xie, 2025a), `'UHHformats'` (version 1.1.0.9000) (Otto, 2026), `'knitr'` (version 1.51) (Xie, 2025b), `'kableExtra'` (version 1.4.0) (Zhu, 2024), `'flextable'` (version 0.9.10) (Gohel and Skintzos, 2025), and `'tidyverse'` (version 2.0.0) (Wickham, 2023).

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