# R Overview

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Appendix 1: Code for Simulation Examples

- A survey of R(R Core Team, 2018)
- Some "review" of elementary concepts
- Some "preview" of advanced possibilities
- Not a substitute for careful reading of *An Introduction to R* or the *R*-*FAQ*
- In case you found this and you are not at the KU Summer Stats Camp, consider signing up and coming on over! We have a 1 week-long session on R taught by some well qualified folks :) http://crmda.ku.edu

#### R is a little bit like an elephant



# Ouch. That's not my Trunk!

R is a

- calculator
- statistical package framework
- graphical plotter
- statistical toolbench
- computing language

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#### A Free Form Calculator

• Start an R session "interactively" (R or Rterm, for example) > is the "prompt". Type stuff there!

	pauljohn@pols124: ~	
<u>F</u> ile <u>E</u> dit <u>V</u> iew <u>T</u> erminal	<u>H</u> elp	
>		<u>^</u>
>		
> x <- rnorm(n=1000, mean	n=10, sd=20)	
> mean(x)		
[1] 10.07482		
> sd(x)		
[1] 20.10633		
> quantile(x)		
0% 25%	50% 75% 100%	
-51.164700 -3.763587 10	0.293876 22.687147 70.862537	
> hist(x)		
> _		
>		<b>_</b>

Calculator

#### A Calculator for Your Math Homework

2+3 #addition

[1] 5

43 \* 67 #multiplication

[1] 2881

33/699 #division

[1] 0.0472103

5%%3 #modulo (remainer)

[1] 2

3<sup>4</sup> #power

Calculator

#### A Calculator for Your Math Homework ...

[1] 81

log(17.44) #natural log

[1] 2.858766

exp(2.33) #exponentiation

[1] 10.27794

sin(2\*pi) #sine

[1] -2.449294e-16

#### Its a Calculator that Remembers!

- Create a new variable with the symbol "<-" (read: is assigned as).  $>x <\mbox{-} 5$
- x is now a collection with just one number, 5
- R has many functions that we "call" with x as an "argument".
  - The square root of x is found by > sqrt(x)

Calculator

#### Its "Vectorized"

# myvector <- c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7) sqrt(myvector)</pre>

[1] 1.000000 1.414214 1.732051 2.000000 2.236068 2.449490 2.645751

#### Calculator

#### Its "Matricized"

x <-	c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9)
xmat	<- matrix(x, ncol=3)
xmat	

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]
[1,]	1	4	7
[2,]	2	5	8
[3,]	3	6	9

#### xmat [1,3]

E . 3						
1111	7					
	1					

xmat	[	,2]	
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[1] 4 5 6

xmat[2, ]

#### Its "Matricized" ...

#### [1] 2 5 8

apply(xmat, 2, sum)

[1] 6 15 24

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# Its Like a "Statistical Package" (sorta)

- Programs like SPSS or SAS are called "stat packs."
- These are "pre-packaged" routines
  - No chance to review internal code
  - Difficult to modify/extend calculations
- User has a "plug and play" list. "If data is like X, then run procedure X"
- Many people use R that way, although they are missing part of the point.



#### More Correct: R is a Package Framework

- R has plenty of pre-packaged routines
- Inspect Your Computer: What packages are currently installed?

> library()

• Want version numbers, install locations, etc?

> installed.packages()

• Want package names only?

> row.names(installed.packages())

#### Large Collection of Regression Routines

• Linear Regression is in the base stats package

```
mymodel <- lm (depvar \sim indepvar1 + indepvar2,
data = mydfname)
```

- "nls" nonlinear least squares
- "glm" Generalized Linear model
- Countless packages for other regression models
  - nlme nonlinear mixed effects
  - Ime4 linear mixed effect (next generation of nlme)
  - MASS negative binomial regression, robust and smooth regressions
  - mgcv generalized additive models
  - "mars" Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines
  - "betareg" regression with a "Beta distributed" outcome variable

#### A Little Introspection, Please

- After a fresh install, one has only the packages written by the R core team and a very selective set of packages that they recommend.
- Thousands of other packages available
- Tip: Where does R search for packages in your system

> .libPaths()

- Note some paths can only be written into by an "administrator", but some may be written in by an "ordinary user".
- If somebody emails you a package ("whatever-2.1.tar.gz") it can be manually installed. In a Linux shell:

\$ R CMD INSTALL whatever-2.1.tar.gz

#### CRAN: a service from the R Core Team

- CRAN is the largest indexed set of packages (but others exist)
- R Package Writers follow a set of guidelines, but nobody "certifies" them "officially"
- Available after passing build checks & sanity tests
- Package server allows "automagical" installation
- For convenience, R users can download & install from within R.

> install.packages(c("lmtest","car"), dep =
 TRUE)

• Install path depends on user's admin authority (In Windows, run R "as administrator" to do package installs).

### Prodigious Profusion of Packages

• Wonder what you are missing out on?

> rownames(available.packages())

On 2011-01-31, that command returned a list of 2769 packages. On 2013-05-10, that returned 4467 packages!

• I want it ALL!

I wrote a script that installed them all on a Windows system. Download and Install took

- 3 hours
- 2.7 Gigabytes of storage
- Scripts: http://pj.freefaculty.org/R/SystemAdmin
- Periodic Maintenance: Check for updates periodically

> update.packages(ask=F, checkBuilt = TRUE)

#### Every Time I Load a Package, I ....

- Load a package that is already installed, e.g. "Ime4" > library(Ime4)
- Review the list of functions in that package

> library(help = lme4)

- Read the vignettes listed.
- Read the help on the important functions

> ?lmer

• Run the examples on the important functions

```
> example(lmer)
```

# A Vignette on Sudoku

- I recently learned there is an R package for making and playing SudoKu puzzles.
- I installed it
  - > install.packages("sudoku")
- I loaded it

> library(sudoku)

Statistical Package Framework

#### What is that Sudoku thing?

Always do this:

> library(help = sudoku)



#### Documentation Included! No Extra Charge!

```
Information on package 'sudoku'
Description :
Package: sudoku
Version: 2.2
Date: 2009-02-02
Title: Sudoky Puzzle Generator and Solver
Author: David Brahm <brahm@alum.mit.edu> and Greg Snow
    <Greg.Snow@intermountainmail.org >, with contributions from
    Curt Seeliger <Seeliger.Curt@epamail.epa.gov> and Henrik
    Bengtsson <hb@maths.lth.se>.
Maintainer · David Brahm < brahm@alum mit edu>
Suggests: tkrplot
Description: Generates, plays, and solves Sudoku puzzles. The
   GUI playSudoku() needs package "tkrplot" if you are not on
   Windows
license GPL
Packaged: Mon Feb 2 16:28:15 2009; a215020
Built: R 2.10.1; ; 2010-03-19 06:50:35 UTC; unix
```

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	Index :	
	fetchSudokuUK	Fetch the daily sudoku puzzle from http://www.sudoku.org.uk/
5	generateSudoku	Randomly Generate a Sudoku Puzzle Grid
	hintSudoku	Give a Hint for a Sudoku Cell
	playSudoku	Interactively play a game of Sudoku
	printSudoku	Print a Sudoku Grid to the Terminal.
	readSudoku	Read a File Containing a Sudoku Grid
10	solveSudoku	Solve a Sudoku Puzzle
	writeSudoku	Write a Sudoku Grid to a File

#### Documentation Included! No Extra Charge!

• Then I use the help feature to find out more on the interesting-looking ones:

> ?generateSudoku

• That's the same as:

> help(generateSudoku)

• Perhaps I run the example that is displayed on the help page:

> example(generateSudoku)

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When you run a function, the parentheses are required, even if you don't add any specific arguments. This tells generateSudoku to use the default settings.

#### generateSudoku()

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]	[,4]	[,5]	[,6]	[,7]	[,8]	[,9]	
[1,]	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	
[2,]	0	9	0	0	0	2	7	8	0	
[3,]	0	0	5	0	4	3	0	0	0	
[4,]	9	0	4	2	6	0	5	0	0	
[5,]	0	0	0	8	0	0	9	0	0	
[6,]	7	0	8	0	0	0	1	2	0	
[7,]	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7	
[8,]	5	0	7	0	0	9	0	1	0	
[9,]	6	0	0	7	0	5	3	0	0	

#### > generateSudoku()

		[,1]	[,2]	[,3]	[,4]	[,5]	[,6]	[,7]	[,8]	[,9]
	[1,]	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	[2,]	7	0	0	0	1	3	5	8	2
	[3,]	8	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
5	[4,]	4	0	1	0	2	8	6	0	0
	[5,]	0	5	8	0	0	0	4	0	1
	[6,]	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
	[7,]	5	0	2	0	7	9	3	1	4
	[8,]	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
LO	[9,]	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	5	0

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#### A Nicer Looking Sudoku Puzzle

+				- +				- + -				• +
1	2		5	Τ	7		4	Τ	8	1		Ι
1	4	7		1	1	9	8	1	5	2		Τ
- I	9	8	1			2	3		7	6	4	Ι
+				- +				- + -				+
1	5	2	3		4	7	6	1	9	8	1	Τ
- I			8				2		4	7		1
- I	6		7		8	1	9		3	5		
+ -				- +				- + -				• +
- I	7	6	4	1	9	8	1			3	5	
- I			9				5		6	4	7	
		5	2		6	4	7			9	8	
+				- +				- + -				+

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#### Torture Yourself with British Sudoku

printSudoku(fetchSudokuUK())

> printSudoku(fetchSudokuUK())



# Play Sudoku interactively against R

There is even an interactive on-screen game to be played (with hints for cheaters)



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Graphics

# Consider an Ugly Basic Graph

• A graph pop ups when you type "hist(x)"



• But clicking on the graph doesn't do anything.

#### But you do interact with R

- Re-run hist() with more details to beautify the graph.
- Then decorate with "lines()" "text()" etc.



Graphics

### And a nicer looking histogram pops up



#### I Use R to Make Line Art

- R can create a "blank canvas"
- Which can then be decorated with subsidiary plotting commands like
  - lines
  - points
  - text
  - polygon

#### Hold your Seats! Prepare for the Graphic of the Century

I'm serious. I won't be responsible for injuries to people who faint from a standing position. This sight may be overwhelming to the elderly and infirm. Be Careful. Sit down.
#### Graphics

 $x \sim Normal(\mu = 10.03, \sigma = 12.58)$ 



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## Data Displays are Nice too

#### "Box and whisker" plot



#### Barplots are nice too

#### The Gender Gap in 2004

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Respondent Gender



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#### R has random variables

- Create "random data"
- Want some numbers between 0 and 1?

x <- runif(10) x

[1] 0.71694462 0.04077934 0.02560045 0.74061643 0.77014907 0.53867819 [7] 0.38813644 0.46941770 0.12248648 0.83938921

mean(x)

[1] 0.4652198

## Conduct "Monte Carlo" Experiments

- Draw 1000 samples
- Repeat a calculation with each one
- Consider the 1000 results
- In R this is easy, whereas it is tedious with SAS and impossible with SPSS

Stat Toolbench

#### One Normal Sample, $\mu$ =50, $\sigma$ =20, 1500 Observations



#### 1000 Sample Means



Consistent with theory, means should be Normal( $\mu$ =50,  $\sigma$  =20/ $\sqrt{1500}$ 

Stat Toolbench

## Sample from an Exponential Distribution



Stat Toolbench

# Surprise. Look how Unimodal and "normal" the Exponential Means Look



As we shall see, this is a general phenomenon called "the Central Limit Theorem". Even "funny shaped" distributions have means that are "pleasant"!  $\mathbb{K}U$ 

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## It is a Functional Language

One can create functions "on the fly" and then put them to use

```
celToFaren <- function(input=0){ 9/5 * input + 32
  }
celToFaren(100)</pre>
```

[1] 212

celToFaren(25)

[1] 77

celToFaren(0)

[1] 32

#### Note we get Free Vectorization

#### mytemps <- 50 \* runif(10)

mytemps

[1] 13.368527 9.755055 12.565008 19.456645 42.179980 49.029872 [7] 15.315985 13.520839 31.146880 31.192590

#### celToFaren(mytemps)

[1]	56.06335	49.55910	54.61701	67.02196	107.92396	120.25377
[7]	59.56877	56.33751	88.06438	88.14666		

#### There's a Lot of Computer Science in There

This is not the time to go in to detail, but here's the big idea.

- A function can create an "object" and mark it with a "class" indicator
- Other functions can receive that object, inspect its class, and then "do the right thing."
- In R packages, policy says use the "period" as a joining character for functions that are applied to certain types of things, such as
  - "plot.lm" to plot Im objects
  - "summary.lm" to summarize an lm object
  - "vcov.lm" to extract the variance matrix from an Im object
- Hence, a commonly used idioms like

```
mod1 <- lm ( y \sim x, data=mine)
summary(mod1)
plot(mod1)
```

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#### R Reinterprets and Re-arranges Input

• User can freely rearrange arguments, optional to name them if context is clear

plot( myinput, myoutput)

Same as

plot(x = myinput, y = myoutput)

• Same effect as

plot(y = myoutput, x = myinput)

• Can abbreviate argument names if unique.

plot(x1, y1, main = "my name")

Same as

plot(x1, y1, m = "my name")

Programming Language

#### Verbose code may be Clear, But its also Verbose

- The R experts prefer brevity
- I tend to like fully named function arguments, probably because I'm a teacher



#### Sudoku, for example

R interprets all of these commands in the same way:

```
> generateSudoku(Nblank=20, print.it = TRUE)
> generateSudoku(20,T)
> generateSudoku(N=20, p=T)
> generateSudoku(p=T, N=20)
```

R will try to match up the options with your arguments, but I try to avoid gambling by explicitly naming options.

This does not give what you want because the arguments are out of order and unnamed

```
> generateSudoku(T, 20)
```

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#### I Like "Camel Case" names

- I don't mind smashing together words like "myX" or "smallSampleData".
- $\bullet$  Historically, "\_" was the assignment operator in S, so I don't use that in R names.
- Period "." is a joining character in R functions that are part of the "class" structure

#### Be Careful about the Names You Choose

- Don't steal names of R "built in" functions and variables.
- Naming variables by special names like "mymod1" or such offers some protection.
- More formally, the function "exists()" will ask R if a symbol is currently used.

exists("sqrt")

[1] TRUE

exists("c")

[1] TRUE

#### About Those Parentheses

- Parentheses are required to let R know you are trying to call one of its functions
  - To quit R, run the quit() function, for which q is an abbreviation:
    - q()
- Without parentheses, it thinks you want it to print the contents of "q" function.

### Many Functions Let You Read Them

- q is not interesting, but it is there.
- And many other functions are there. Please run:∎eval=F∎= Im Im.fit predict.glm
- That doesn't show the "actual R source code", but rather one stylized, tidied up presentation of the logical structure of the function after R has read the source code and gobbled it into the runtime engine (See the rockchalk vignette "Rstyle" for an explanation).



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## R usage for Dummies

My new policy. Students should follow my "Workspace Advice" for R.<sup>1</sup>. Keep related files IN A FOLDER! In essence,

- Create a "folder"
- Opy a template R file into that folder
- Open that R file with the programmer's file text editor (for me, Emacs)
- Launch an R session inside the editor's awareness, so code can be "sent" to R for evaluation.
- Develop the R code by going back-and-forth between the "program buffer" and the "R buffer"

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>I put it in the Emacs wiki, it must be right! http://www.emacswiki.org/emacs/CategoryESS

If You Want To Get Started

#### Commands on left, R session on Right



Emacs is like Democracy. Its the worst, except for all of the others that have been tried...

#### Emacs

- Free
- Available on all platforms (Mac (AquaMacs)), Windows
- Highly configurable
- Useful for many other kinds of projects.



#### I'm not a Mac User, but...

#### I observe

- R for Macintosh is provided with a MUCH better editor than the one which is provided with R for Windows. It has
  - indentation
  - paren matching
  - highlighting
- So, if you are a Mac user, it is not bad to use the base Macintosh editor
  - and then ignore the Windows and Linux users who fight about which editor is best
- But you might also be aware of Emacs for Macintosh, AquaMacs. If you learn to use that, then you can be comfortable if you go onto other operating systems.

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## Other Editors: Multi-Platform

RStudio , a somewhat limited but more idiot-proof R "integrated development environment" (IDE). This is not a general purpose programming editor, but rather it is intended for convenience of R elementary users.

- I recommend this for R novices who don't have much experience at installing software. Almost always, it finds R and interacts with it.
- Disadvantages:
  - horrible interaction with plot devices
  - frustrating Rstudio-specific package management framework
- Eclipse An expansive, general purpose programming editor and IDE with a special plugin for R. Has many eager proponents. In 2009, I thought Eclipse would take over the world.
  - vim The updated version of 'vi' (pronounced "vee-eye"). Like Emacs, was developed in the time before mice. Many of the most disciplined programmers I know cling to vi like a flotation device.
- Rcmdr An R packages that provides "pull down menu" system provided by Prof. John Fox in support of his excellent stats textbooks.

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## Other Editors: Multi-Platform ...

- Disadvantage
  - requires the tcltk programming library (which is becoming more tenuous)
  - makes it very easy to run some commands, but others completely omitted
- JGR An R package that launches a program editor in Java. This still works, but it appears most of the people who would use it are now adopting RStudio.

## Other Editors: Windows Only

- Notepad++, including the "addon" NPPTOR. A better program editor that RStudio, and NPPTO R allows a function key (usually F8) to send lines to an R session. This is the most popular option among the Windows-using R programmers that I know.
  - I don't use it because it is Windows only (why hobble oneself by marrying an OS?).
- WinEdt: a commercial product that was quite popular before Notepad++ was introduced.



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#### Draw a Sample from the Normal, Create a Histogram

```
var1 < - rnorm(n = 1500, mean = 50, sd = 20)
hist(x = var1, prob = T, breaks = 20, xlim =
   c(-10.
    110), ylim = c(0, 0.03), xlab = "A Random
       Sample from N(10,400)",
    ylab = "Proportion of Observations", main =
       "")
den1 <- density(var1)</pre>
lines(den1, lty = 2, col = "red")
legend("topleft", legend = c(paste("mean=",
    round(mean(var1), 3)), paste("sd=",
       round(sd(var1),
    3))))
```

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#### Compare Theoretical Probabilities and Observed Sample

```
plot(den1, xlim = c(-10, 110), ylim = c(0, 110))
    0.03), xlab = "Possible Values", type = "1",
    lty = 2, col = "red", main = "")
possValues <- seq(-10, 110)</pre>
trueProbs <- dnorm(possValues, mean = 50,</pre>
    sd = 20)
lines(possValues, trueProbs, lty = 1, col =
   "black")
legend("topright", legend = c("true under
   N(50,400)",
    "observed in sample"), lty = c(1, 2),
   col = c("black", "red"))
```

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#### Draw Lots of Samples, Calculate their Means, and Plot

```
samp <- replicate(1000, mean(rnorm(n = 1500,
    mean = 50, sd = 20)))
hist(samp, prob = T, breaks = 20, ylim = c(0,
    1), xlab = "Normal Sample Means", main = "")
legend("topleft", legend = c(paste("mean of
    means=",
    round(mean(samp), 3)), paste("sd of means=",
    round(sd(samp), 3)))
```

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### Re-scale the Previous Histogram

```
hist(samp, prob = T, breaks = 20, xlab = "Normal
Sample Means",
    xlim = c(-10, 110), ylim = c(0, 1), main = "")
legend("topleft", legend = c(paste("mean of
    means=",
    round(mean(samp), 3)), paste("sd of means=",
    round(sd(samp), 3))))
```

#### Create and Plot an Exponential Variate

```
var1 <- rexp(n = 1500, rate = 1/50)
hist(x = var1, prob = T, breaks = 20, xlim =
   c(-10.
    300), ylim = c(0, 0.03), xlab = "An
       Exponential Random Sample",
    ylab = "Proportion of Observations", main =
       "")
den1 <- density(var1)</pre>
lines(den1, lty = 2, col = "red")
legend("topleft", legend = c(paste("mean=",
    round(mean(var1), 3)), paste("sd=",
       round(sd(var1),
    3))))
```

#### The Central Limit Theorem is Correct

```
samp <- replicate(1000, mean(rexp(n = 1500,
    rate = 1/50)))
hist(samp, prob = T, breaks = 20, ylim = c(0,
    0.5), xlab = "Sample Means from Exponentials",
    main = "")
legend("topleft", legend = c(paste("mean of
    means=",
    round(mean(samp), 3)), paste("sd of means=",
    round(sd(samp), 3))))
```

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R Core Team (2018). *R: A language and environment for statistical computing*. R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria: R Foundation for Statistical Computing.



## Session

```
sessionInfo()
```

```
R version 4.0.2 (2020-06-22)
  Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)
  Running under: Ubuntu 20.10
5
  Matrix products: default
  BLAS: /usr/lib/x86 64-linux-gnu/blas/libblas.so.3.9.0
  LAPACK: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/lapack/liblapack.so.3.9.0
  llocale:
   [1] LC_CTYPE=en_US.UTF-8
                                 LC_NUMERIC=C
10
   [3] LC_TIME=en_US.UTF-8
                                 LC COLLATE=en US.UTF-8
    [5] LC_MONETARY=en_US.UTF-8
                                 LC_MESSAGES=en_US.UTF-8
    [7] LC_PAPER=en_US.UTF-8
                                 LC NAME = C
   [9] LC ADDRESS=C
                                 LC TELEPHONE=C
  [11] LC_MEASUREMENT=en_US.UTF-8 LC_IDENTIFICATION=C
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  attached base packages:
  [1] stats
                graphics grDevices utils datasets methods
  [7] base
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  other attached packages:
  [1] sudoku 2.6 stationerv 0.98.30
```

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## Session ...

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```
loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
[1] Rcpp_1.0.5 digest_0.6.27 plyr_1.8.6 xtable_1.8-4
[5] evaluate_0.14 zip_2.1.1 rlang_0.4.8 stringi_1.5.3
[9] openxlsx_4.2.3 rmarkdown_2.5 tools_4.0.2 foreign_0.8-80
[13] kutils_1.70 xfun_0.19 compiler_4.0.2 htmltools_0.5.0
[17] knitr_1.30
```

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