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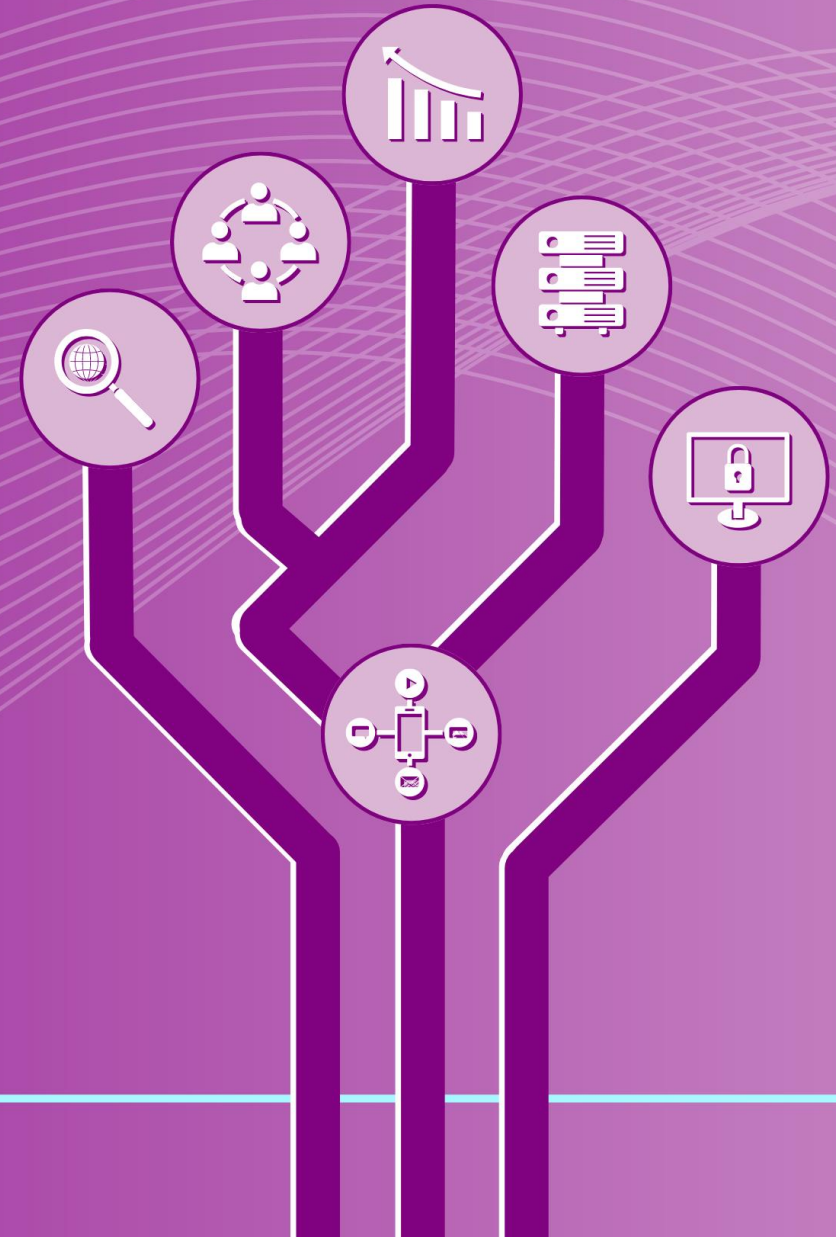
ANALYTICS

reprun

Automating complete
reproducibility verifications

Benjamin Daniels and Ankriti Singh

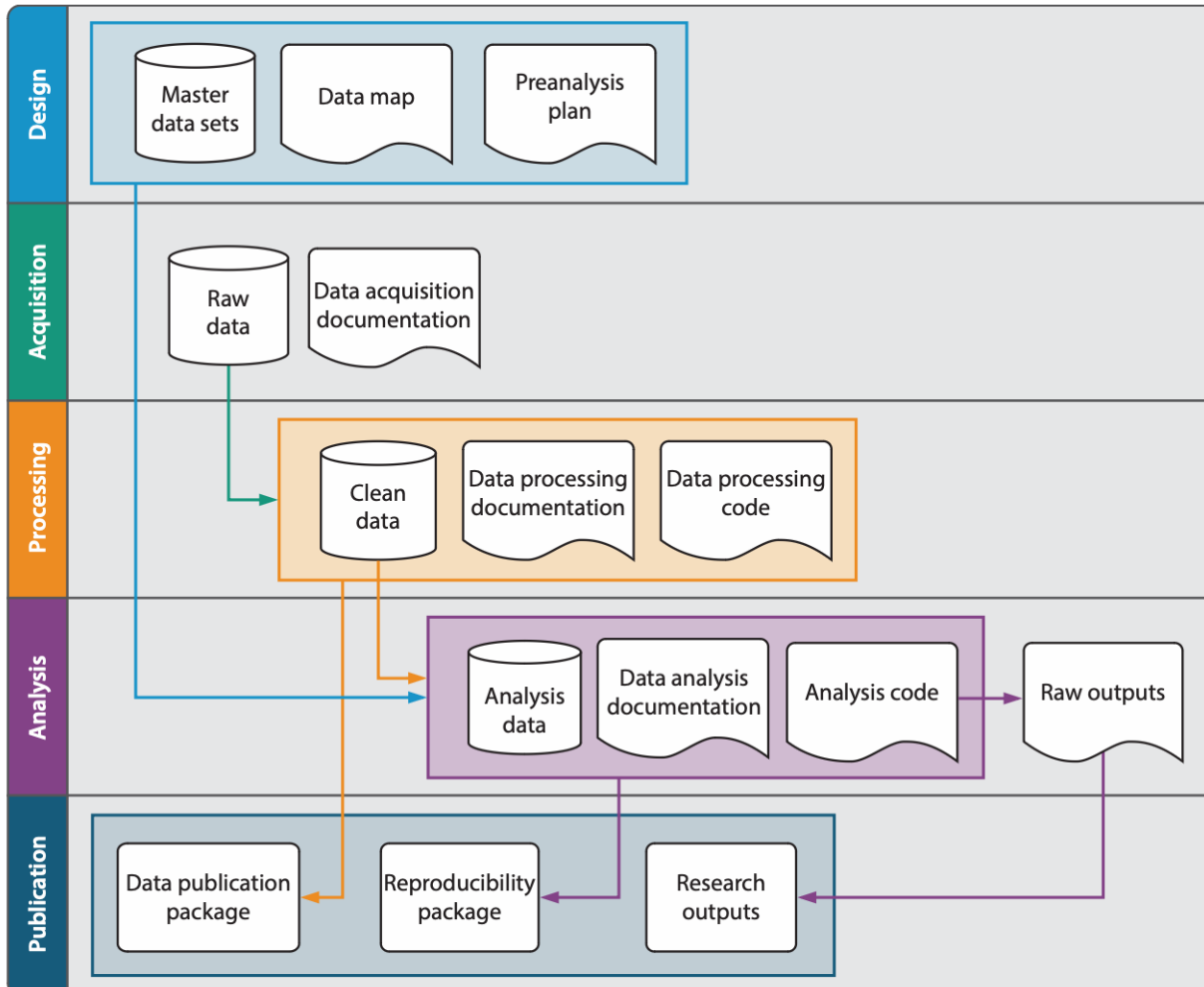
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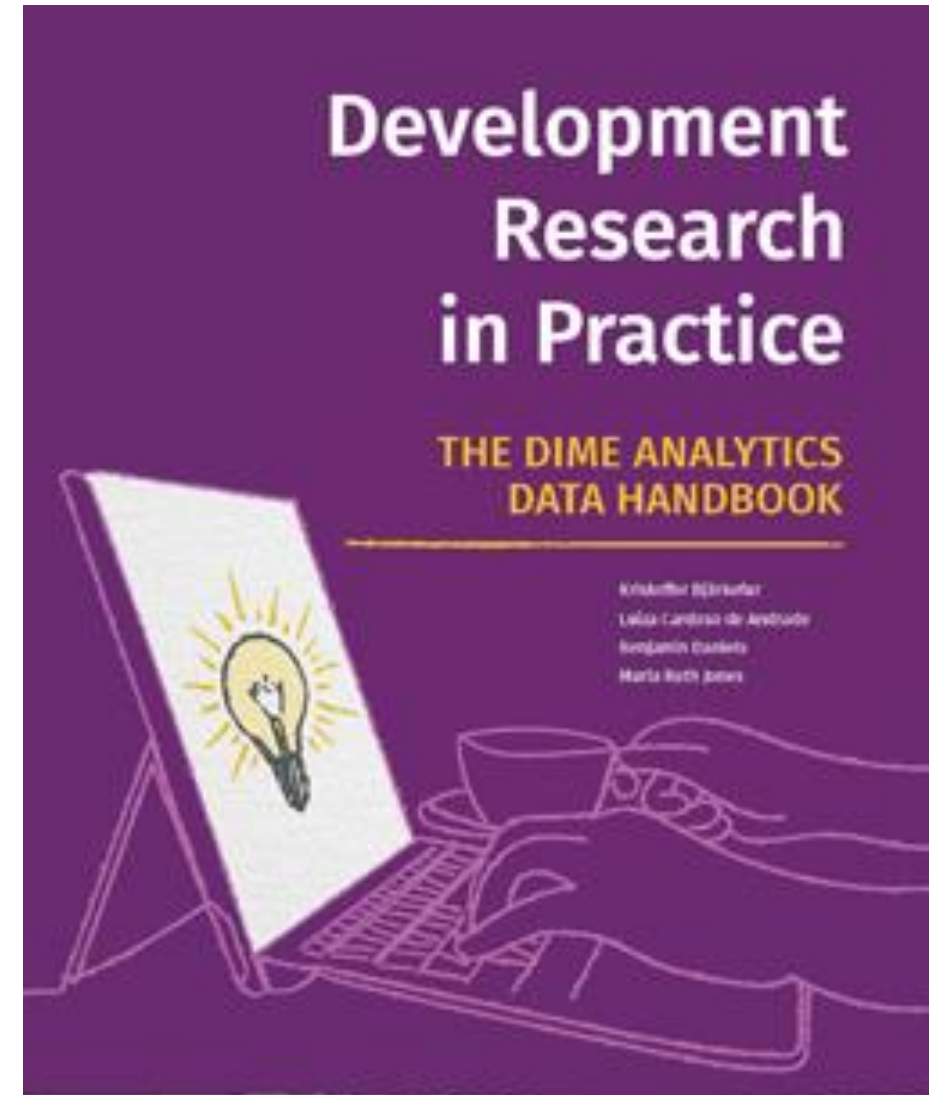
Motivation

Research Workflow at DIME

FIGURE 8.1 Research data work outputs



Source: DIME (Development Impact Evaluation), World Bank.



Stata Remains Dominant in Economics/Development

Harvard Data Science Review • Issue 2.4, Fall 2020

Reproducibility and Replicability in Economics

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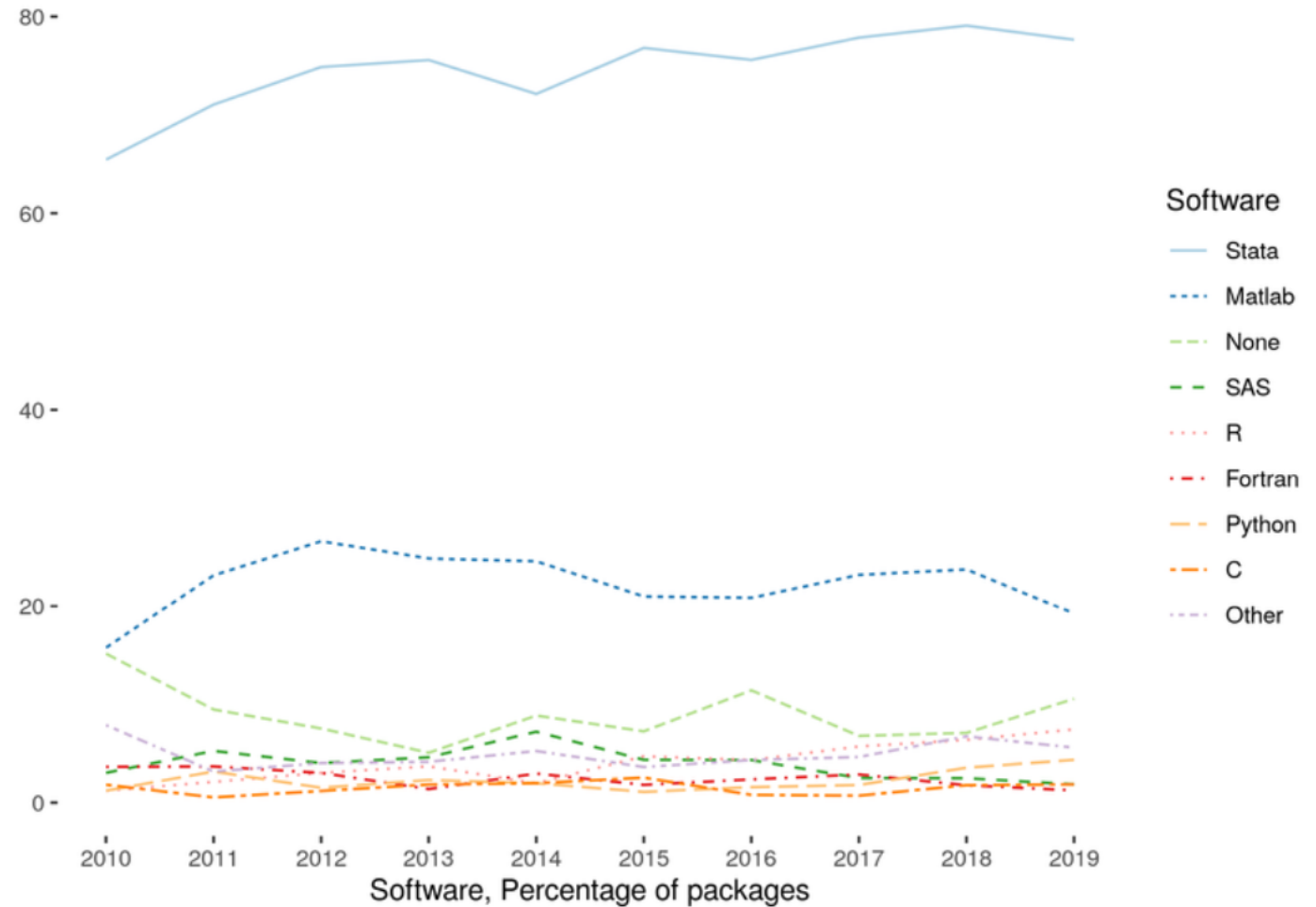


Figure 2. Software usage in supplements to journals of the American Economic Association, based on parsing of file extensions. From Vilhuber (2020)

Reproducibility Remains a Challenge

AEA Papers and Proceedings 2024, 114: 878–890
<https://doi.org/10.1257/pandp.114.878>

Report of the AEA Data Editor

The American Economic Association (AEA) data editor’s mission is to “design and oversee the AEA journals’ strategy for archiving and curating research data and promoting reproducible research” (Duflo and Hoynes 2018). The 2018 “Report by the AEA Data Editor” (Vilhuber 2019) articulates how to implement that mission. We conduct comprehensive prepublication reproducibility checks for all regular AEA journals, develop and maintain guidance for authors, and work with peers at societies and groups in economics and elsewhere. We conduct basic checks on replication packages for *Papers and Proceedings*. General policy and various auxiliary policies are listed in online Appendix A.

In order to achieve the greatest transparency and data availability, we engage with data creators and providers to discuss access to data for narrow reproducibility checks and for broader data availability and reuse, including providing guidance on how to make data publication compliant with findability, accessibility, interoperability, and reusability (FAIR) practices (FORCE11 2016) and assisting them in finding additional resources.

TABLE 1—RECOMMENDATIONS

	CA	R&R
Accept	7	24
Accept—with changes	249	0
Conditional accept	62	0
Revise and resubmit	0	3

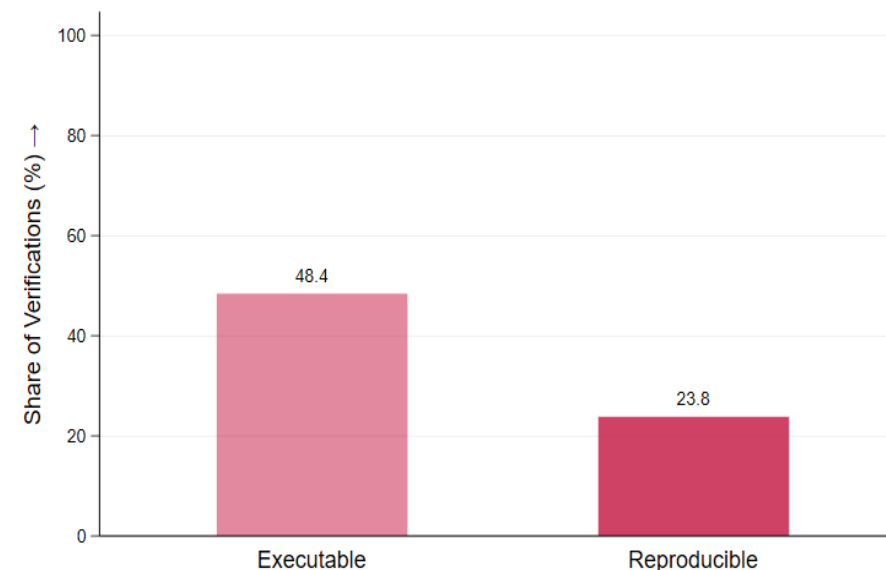
checks and for the preservation of data for replication packages.

A. Prepublication Verification of Computational Reproducibility

The Process

Prepublication verification is conducted by the data editor’s team at Cornell University. Requests for assessment of reproducibility are received and assigned to a team member who then assesses data availability and compliance with requirements. When some data are available, a full or limited reproducibility check is conducted. If we cannot obtain access to the data

Success Rates: Initial Execution vs. Reproducibility of First Submissions



From PRWP verifications:

- Only **1 in 4** of papers pass reproducibility verification on the first try
- About **half** of papers have code that runs successfully on the first try

DIME Analytics Solution: PRWP Verifications



World Bank Policy Research Working Papers

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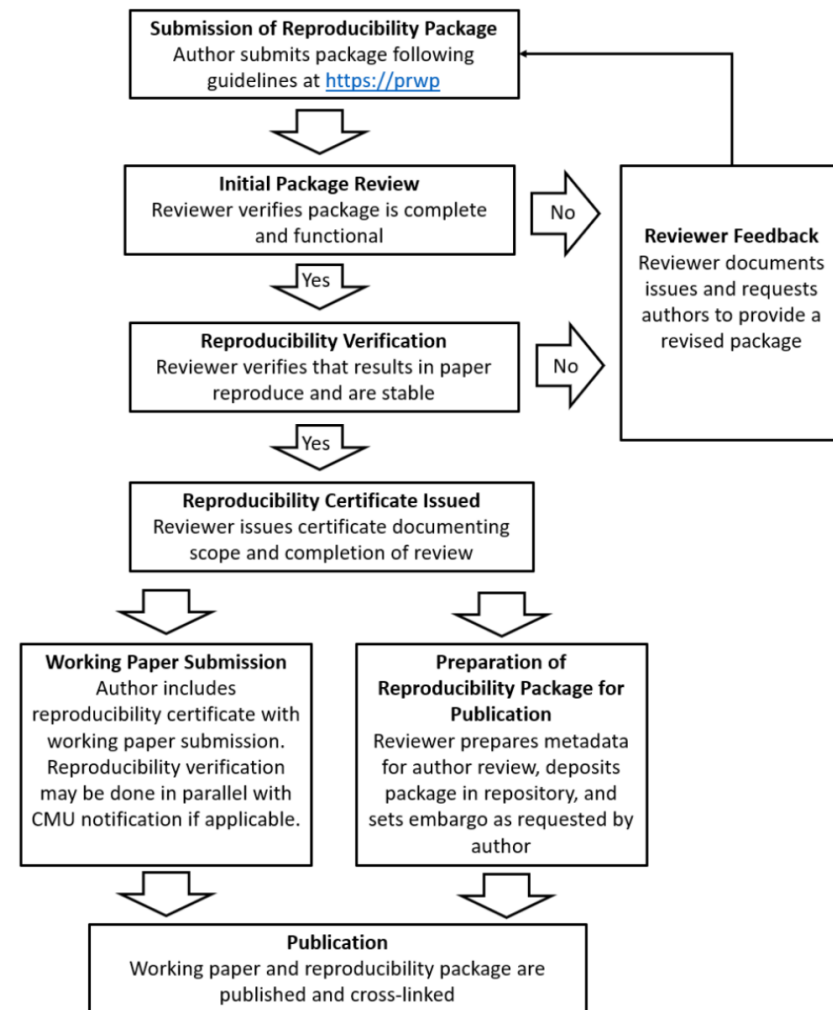
Bridging the Gap in Trade Reporting: Insights from the Discrepancy Index

World, 2024

Siddhesh Vishwanath Kaushik, Sonja Mitikj

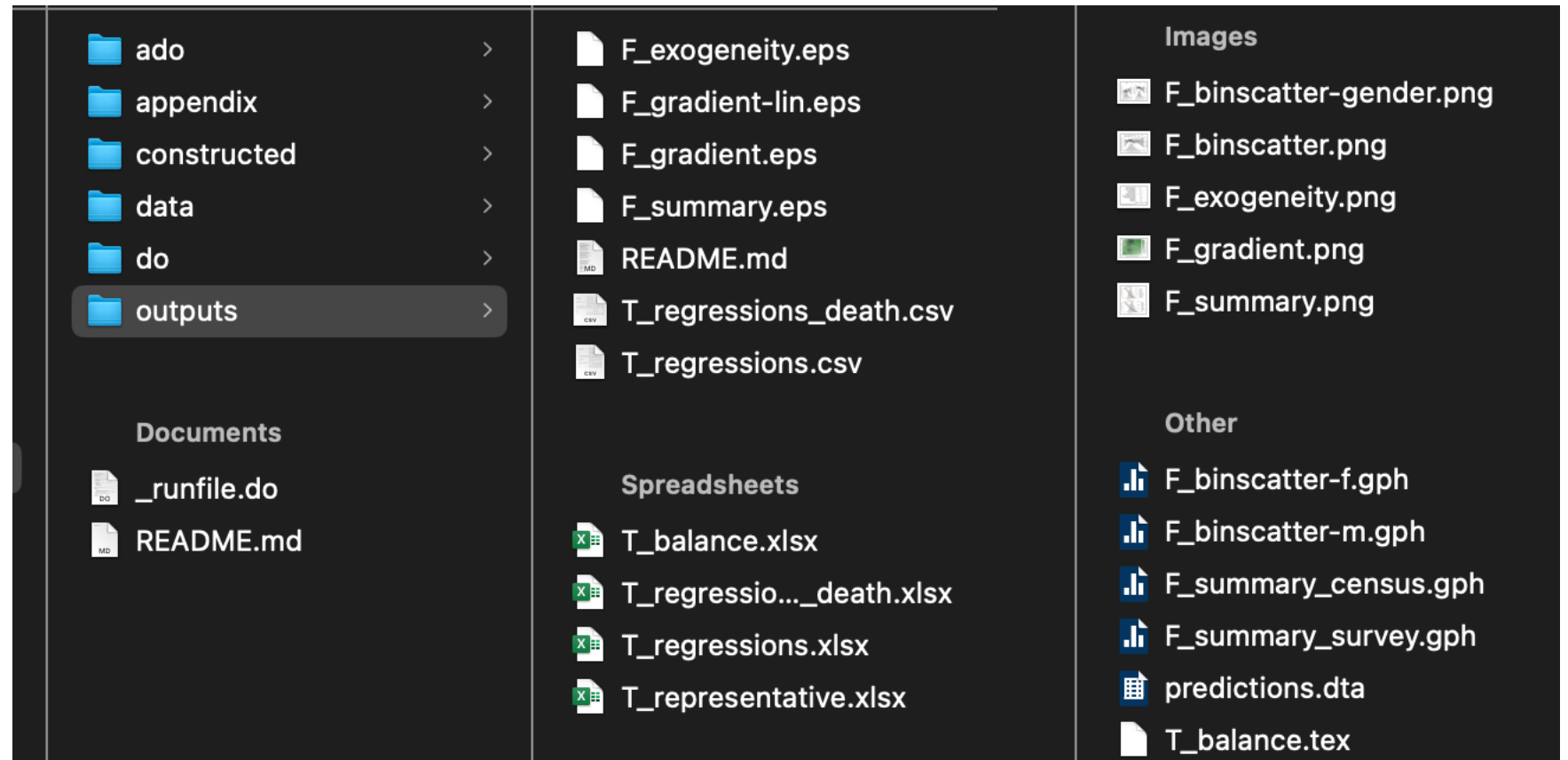
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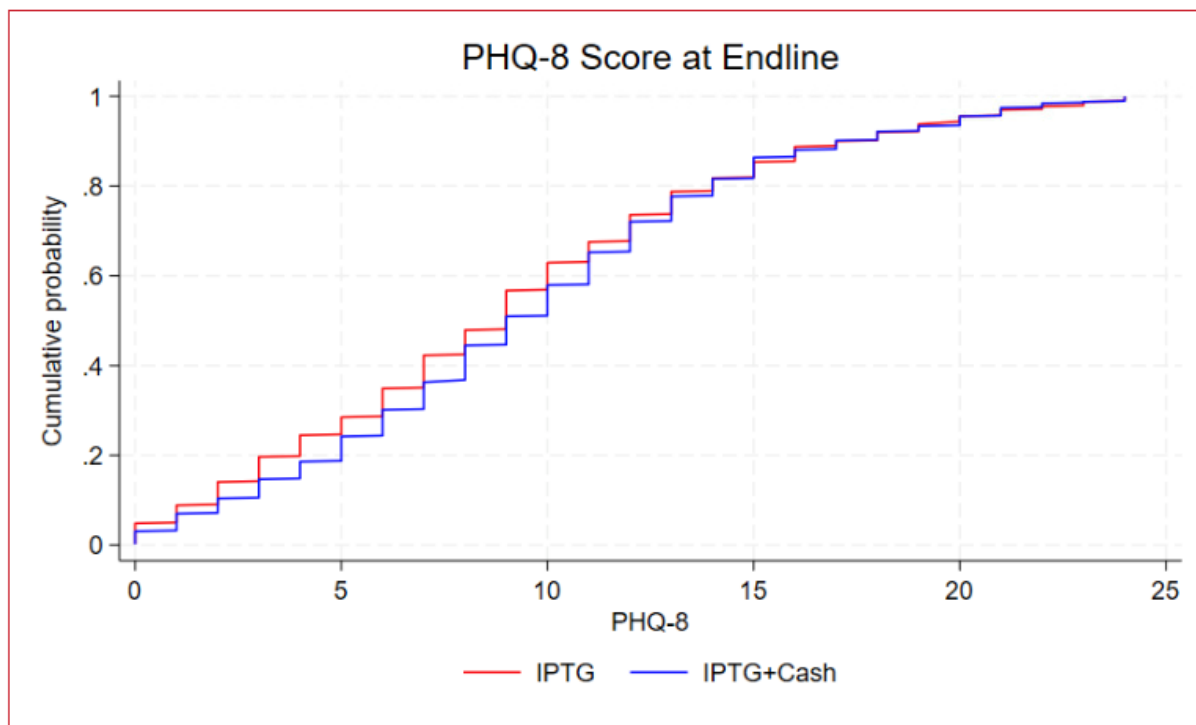
Verifying Reproducibility from Outputs is Slow

- No obvious file format or output structure
- Many non-git-compatible outputs (images)



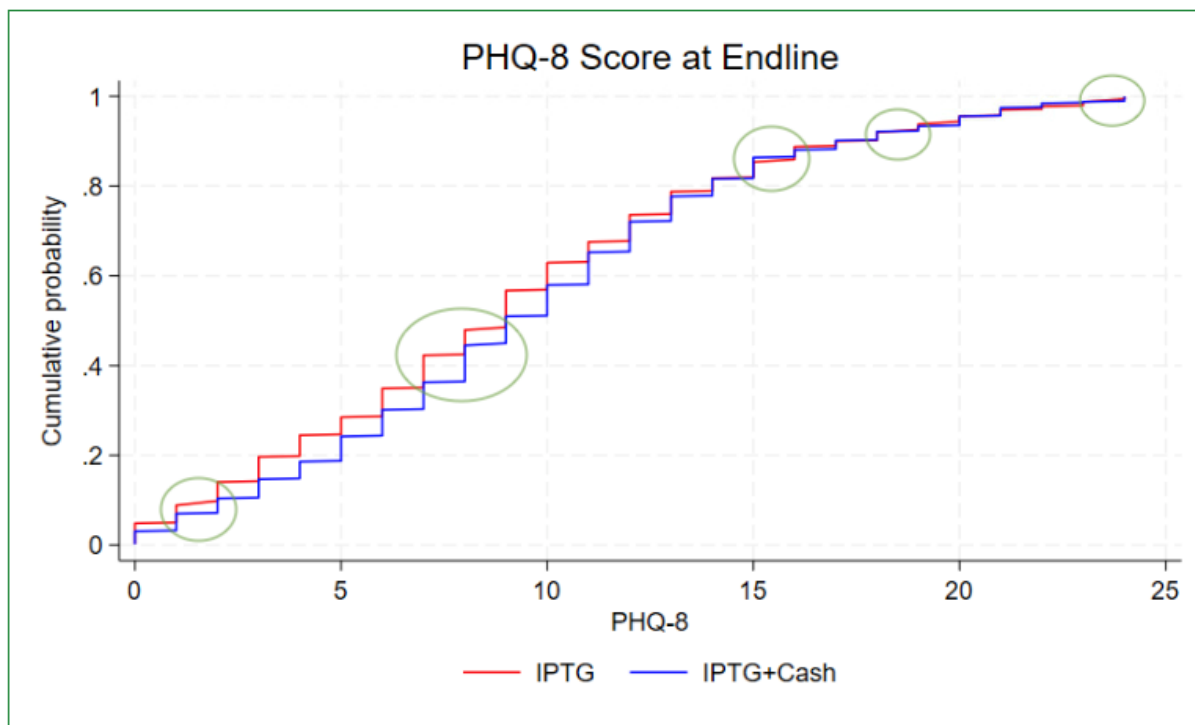
Spot the differences!

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Diff: +70 B (100%)

Not very noticeable... (diff view)



Now... find the cause...

```
Project
├── rhcp-markets
│   ├── .git
│   ├── ado
│   ├── constructed
│   ├── data
│   └── do
│       ├── appendix-mediation.do
│       ├── appendix-oneminute.do
│       ├── appendix.do
│       ├── figures.do
│       ├── fs-gmm.do
│       ├── makedata-appendix.do
│       ├── makedata-figures.do
│       ├── makedata-irt.do
│       ├── makedata-tables.do
│       ├── README.md
│       ├── table-3.do
│       ├── tables-birbhum.do
│       ├── tables.do
│       └── temp.do
├── outputs
│   ├── .DS_Store
│   ├── .gitignore
│   ├── CITATION.cff
│   ├── CODE_OF_CONDUCT.md
│   ├── do.zip
│   ├── LICENSE
│   ├── README.md
│   └── runfile.do
└── runfile.do
    1 // Set global path locations
    2
    3 ssc install repkit, replace
    4
    5 global birbhum "/Users/bbdaniels/Library/CloudStorage/Box-Box/Das Data Archive/pii/Birbhum/BirbhumEvaluation/Constructed"
    6 global box "/Users/bbdaniels/Documents/Papers/RHCP Markets"
    7 global git "/Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/rhcp-markets"
    8 . repado using "${git}/ado/"
    9 . cd "${git}/ado/"
    10
    11 . ssc install iefieldkit , replace
    12 . ssc install winsor
    13 . net install binsreg , from("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/nppackages/binsreg/master/stata")
    14 . net install st0085_2 , from("http://www.stata-journal.com/software/sj14-2")
    15 . net install st0030_3 , from("http://www.stata-journal.com/software/sj7-4")
    16 . net install st0640 , from("http://www.stata-journal.com/software/sj21-2")
    17
    18 . net from "https://github.com/bbdaniels/stata/raw/main/"
    19 . net install betterbar
    20 . net install outwrite
    21 . net install easyirt
    22 . net install labelcollapse
    23 . net install bivreg
    24 . net install tabgen
    25
    26 . copy "https://github.com/graykimbrough/uncluttered-stata-graphs/raw/master/schemes/scheme-uncluttered.scheme" ///
    27 | "${git}/ado/scheme-uncluttered.scheme" , replace
    28
    29 set scheme uncluttered , perm
    30 graph set eps fontface "Helvetica"
    31
    32 // Globals
    33
    34 // Options for -tway- graphs
    35 global tw_opts ///
    36 . title(, justification(left) color(black) span pos(11)) ///
    37 . graphregion(color(white) lc(white) lw(med)) bgcolor(white) ///
    38 . ylab(,angle(0) nogrid) xtit(,placement(left) justification(left)) ///
    39 . yscale(noline) xscale(noline) legend(region(lc(none) fc(none)))
    40
```

One big problem

There is no guarantee that the **root cause** of unstable outputs will be anywhere near the output!

Could be in data construction many files back, for example.

(re)Introducing reprun

Results

Generating the report for comparing the two runs.

reprun output created by user bbdaniels at 19 Jul 2024 16:13:01
Operating System Mac (Apple Silicon) MacOSX 14.5.0
Stata MP - Version 18.5 running as version 14.1

Checking file:

↳ /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/target-3.do

Lines where Run 1 and Run 2 mismatch for any value:

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	
15				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
19							Change	Change	DIFF	
20	Change	Change	DIFF				Change	Change	DIFF	
24				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	

Done checking file:

↳ /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/target-3.do

SMCL-file with report written to: /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/output-3/reprun/target-3.do.reprun.smcl

Total run time: 0.07 seconds

Here's how it works

- Two basic problems that lead to all others:
 - Unset seed
 - Unstable sort
- We detect them by comparing the RNG state and the sort RNG state after EVERY line
- We then get a data checksum
- Then we do it again

```
1 //
2
3 clear
4
5 sysuse auto.dta , clear
6
7 local MYFAKELocal = `MYFAKELocal' + 1
8
9 #d cr
10
11 expand 2 , gen(check)
12
13 isid make check, sort
14
15 sort foreign
16
17 di as err "SAME FROM THE SUBROUTINE: `MYFAKELocal'"
18
19 gen x = _n
20 gen y = rnormal()
21
22 set seed 123455
23
24 duplicates drop make , force
25
26
27 //
```


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15				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
19							Change	Change	DIFF	
20	Change	Change	DIFF				Change	Change	DIFF	
24				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	

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(re)Introducing `reprun`

```
Results
Generating the report for comparing the two runs.

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Stata MP - Version 18.5 running as version 14.1

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Lines where Run 1 and Run 2 mismatch for any value:
```

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum		
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match
15				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF
19							Change	Change	DIFF
20	Change	Change	DIFF				Change	Change	DIFF
24				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF

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SMCL-file with report written to: /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/target-3.do.smcl

Total run time: 0.07 seconds
```

```
1 //
2
3 clear
4
5 sysuse auto.dta , clear
6
7 local MYFAKELOCAL = 'MYFAKELOCAL' + 1
8
9 #d cr
10
11 expand 2 , gen(check)
12
13 isid make check, sort
14
15 sort foreign
16
17 di as err "SAME FROM THE SUBROUTINE: 'MYFAKELOCAL'"
18
19 gen x = _n
20 gen y = rnormal()
21
22 set seed 123455
23
24 duplicates drop make , force
25
26
27 //
```

Complete reporting with [reprun , verbose]

```
Results
Generating the report for comparing the two runs.

reprun output created by user bbdaniels at 19 Jul 2024 16:24:50
Operating System Mac (Apple Silicon) MacOSX 14.5.0
Stata MP - Version 18.5 running as version 14.1

Checking file:
↳ /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/target-3.do

Lines where Run 1 and Run 2 mismatch or change for any value:
```

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum		
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match
5							Change	Change	OK!
11							Change	Change	OK!
13				Change	Change	OK!	Change	Change	OK!
15				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF
19							Change	Change	DIFF
20	Change	Change	DIFF				Change	Change	DIFF
22	Change	Change	OK!						
24				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF

```
Done checking file:
↳ /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/target-3.do

SMCL-file with report written to: /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targ

Total run time: 0.13 seconds
```

```
1 //
2
3 clear
4
5 sysuse auto.dta , clear
6
7 local MYFAKELOCAL = `MYFAKELOCAL' + 1
8
9 #d cr
10
11 expand 2 , gen(check)
12
13 isid make check, sort
14
15 sort foreign
16
17 di as err "SAME FROM THE SUBROUTINE: `MYFAKELOCAL'"
18
19 gen x = _n
20 gen y = rnormal()
21
22 set seed 123455
23
24 duplicates drop make , force
25
26
27 //
```

Issue-targeted reporting with [reprun , compact]

```
Results
Generating the report for comparing the two runs.

reprun output created by user bbdaniels at 19 Jul 2024 16:20:16
Operating System Mac (Apple Silicon) MacOSX 14.5.0
Stata MP - Version 18.5 running as version 14.1

Checking file:
↳ /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/target-3.do

Lines where Run 1 and Run 2 mismatch and change for any value:
```

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum		
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match
15				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF
20	Change	Change	DIFF				Change	Change	DIFF
24				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF

```
Done checking file:
↳ /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/target-3.do

SMCL-file with report written to: /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/target-3.do.smcl

Total run time: 0.09 seconds
```

```
1 //
2
3 clear
4
5 sysuse auto.dta , clear
6
7 local MYFAKELOCAL = `MYFAKELOCAL' + 1
8
9 #d cr
10
11 expand 2 , gen(check)
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19 gen x = _n
20 gen y = rnormal()
21
22 set seed 123455
23
24 duplicates drop make , force
25
26
27 //
```

SMCL / git-trackable output logs

reprun output created by user bbdaniels at 19 Jul 2024 16:20:16
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Stata MP – Version 18.5 running as version 14.1

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24				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	

Done checking file:
↳ /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/target-3.do

Debuggable – see exact Stata state line-by-line (you shouldn't need this but we do)

```
s-ado 1 l:1&srng:XAA0000000000030390807dc721521c1068239508a962ee8101169323a15d9b92d24b570a7fd53dfedb2ecbd28d4c5efae220a2d5327cd7542b63fe65bc3b35aa11c82752a855ccbf0a3775dfffb369eccffab9dca3e1
ado    * aea9606a0e7af034bfc5ad38612b5da740ea5dd0c55f0f169a7c954c779e00aed430fe68ac2dda135f56664c30f69441b4d9a12c68a816903f78422debb5084304398f3fcb9861d4870f25726187487bef644ec2d7622e0ead731a
adolg  * 4f1207bab25f73ecbf50318d57f0ed16550965068b333a17f50ed63d652a4470fabd85042901e0a18ca34ec9cc630f1298d5cbb4a1d657acfc3d25a41e90a6ea18dad2c7ff9b710e7ef46baf1ef3d08f40809c011798ba6c0fd3e
kit    * 8ac3f631818a77771d58d2df716fa1c3549dc6203ff5a7856a1c6c9a99c6f78d5d0120139399fa6dcb4838a8c5ceb63c05902d243fa0043580aa2841e51cba402131a556b70a766d0a9a0827c3707548076cb0f3bf373b2e807810
root   * ddfcdc764261fc43cb65c43f5fe8ceb5a0f83d140248628dda298b9212d14271a35f45c26c34baaa1211eec8dc86bb47b44f8e8a3d71c9357c194b9f72197ef2037087ed0513bae49224bf2cc1cac81b889e93bc572f6fcce09d0a
root_parse * 6f0c9a54e782b6d51faccca2c2485574ad5b54cbc010d0941bd92fae66da2cdc493de376964a1dcad7ddbc4e1dbaafc54cf5d428261813b5a8ba40f83b28b9d887f49ec4600c446d393117a20f8bfd1d71d1844bca3bcb18ebb009
root_search * faf00e5111f9920552430d5aff132dfd4107add2bae28c378d38fe702852c0385a0460a2916c208e917ddc94f72ed7ff3d20ac40b9c182a24d5cf8dc67254bbb4b236d8e521a4ba2c5b838e2735db4586564dad414f881a3e064d
run    * c322cd717dfbac10d609797c77992226c273ac185a78ed66bfbe60b9573c5a887bb5cf2ebc59693478c67db25d2675c99e942c7cc644f39d7eac2cb52473340bb3e00fe82f140a9038c9f5f1b0433f2c1f9f486e95c306e26e581a
loop-file * 41bc95b80a78ae5eb0d595af9ced3f24da4caa1dd7d6e4f84e54636b40b3fbda1e79af18c4c26156cb744f95cc3b6324a592ca07627e1cb2ee6b36eb3a3aef054484b09f60703a18dc34fca4e2b5d5cce5025499eac32e471fd54
multi-file * 7447d7809df2d7d24b6165e799a075ab5d091a02be71611fc9d796834560c761070f06429856d96854fdeb1d34d164e3788f53bba252fa80e51e3f7b66dfb0c8e149e31afe8979f6bca1d189e626057df1904b4ebf01a1366aa1f7
single-file * 74a0001000001383977&srngstate:1103013865XA112210f4b16c1cb10507a1f38cb440c40003c9a83566fa1201b69ab0aff2f2401e18&data:&sdsum:0&loopt:&srngcheck:0
table-with-unstable * 1:5&srng:XAA0000000000030390807dc721521c1068239508a962ee8101169323a15d9b92d24b570a7fd53dfedb2ecbd28d4c5efae220a2d5327cd7542b63fe65bc3b35aa11c82752a855ccbf0a3775dfffb369eccffab9dca3e1
targets * aea9606a0e7af034bfc5ad38612b5da740ea5dd0c55f0f169a7c954c779e00aed430fe68ac2dda135f56664c30f69441b4d9a12c68a816903f78422debb5084304398f3fcb9861d4870f25726187487bef644ec2d7622e0ead731a
comments * 4f1207bab25f73ecbf50318d57f0ed16550965068b333a17f50ed63d652a4470fabd85042901e0a18ca34ec9cc630f1298d5cbb4a1d657acfc3d25a41e90a6ea18dad2c7ff9b710e7ef46baf1ef3d08f40809c011798ba6c0fd3e
output-1 * 8ac3f631818a77771d58d2df716fa1c3549dc6203ff5a7856a1c6c9a99c6f78d5d0120139399fa6dcb4838a8c5ceb63c05902d243fa0043580aa2841e51cba402131a556b70a766d0a9a0827c3707548076cb0f3bf373b2e807810
output-2 * ddfcdc764261fc43cb65c43f5fe8ceb5a0f83d140248628dda298b9212d14271a35f45c26c34baaa1211eec8dc86bb47b44f8e8a3d71c9357c194b9f72197ef2037087ed0513bae49224bf2cc1cac81b889e93bc572f6fcce09d0a
output-3 * 6f0c9a54e782b6d51faccca2c2485574ad5b54cbc010d0941bd92fae66da2cdc493de376964a1dcad7ddbc4e1dbaafc54cf5d428261813b5a8ba40f83b28b9d887f49ec4600c446d393117a20f8bfd1d71d1844bca3bcb18ebb009
reprun  * faf00e5111f9920552430d5aff132dfd4107add2bae28c378d38fe702852c0385a0460a2916c208e917ddc94f72ed7ff3d20ac40b9c182a24d5cf8dc67254bbb4b236d8e521a4ba2c5b838e2735db4586564dad414f881a3e064d
  > m.do * c322cd717dfbac10d609797c77992226c273ac185a78ed66bfbe60b9573c5a887bb5cf2ebc59693478c67db25d2675c99e942c7cc644f39d7eac2cb52473340bb3e00fe82f140a9038c9f5f1b0433f2c1f9f486e95c306e26e581a
    > m.txt * 41bc95b80a78ae5eb0d595af9ced3f24da4caa1dd7d6e4f84e54636b40b3fbda1e79af18c4c26156cb744f95cc3b6324a592ca07627e1cb2ee6b36eb3a3aef054484b09f60703a18dc34fca4e2b5d5cce5025499eac32e471fd54
      > m.txt.dta * 7447d7809df2d7d24b6165e799a075ab5d091a02be71611fc9d796834560c761070f06429856d96854fdeb1d34d164e3788f53bba252fa80e51e3f7b66dfb0c8e149e31afe8979f6bca1d189e626057df1904b4ebf01a1366aa1f7
      > target-3.do.reprun. * 74a0001000001383977&srngstate:1103013865XA112210f4b16c1cb10507a1f38cb440c40003c9a83566fa1201b69ab0aff2f2401e18&data:&sdsum:0&loopt:&srngcheck:0
reursion * 1:5&srng:XAA0000000000030390807dc721521c1068239508a962ee8101169323a15d9b92d24b570a7fd53dfedb2ecbd28d4c5efae220a2d5327cd7542b63fe65bc3b35aa11c82752a855ccbf0a3775dfffb369eccffab9dca3e1
  > reprun * aea9606a0e7af034bfc5ad38612b5da740ea5dd0c55f0f169a7c954c779e00aed430fe68ac2dda135f56664c30f69441b4d9a12c68a816903f78422debb5084304398f3fcb9861d4870f25726187487bef644ec2d7622e0ead731a
    > m.do * 4f1207bab25f73ecbf50318d57f0ed16550965068b333a17f50ed63d652a4470fabd85042901e0a18ca34ec9cc630f1298d5cbb4a1d657acfc3d25a41e90a6ea18dad2c7ff9b710e7ef46baf1ef3d08f40809c011798ba6c0fd3e
      > m.txt * 8ac3f631818a77771d58d2df716fa1c3549dc6203ff5a7856a1c6c9a99c6f78d5d0120139399fa6dcb4838a8c5ceb63c05902d243fa0043580aa2841e51cba402131a556b70a766d0a9a0827c3707548076cb0f3bf373b2e807810
        > m.txt.dta * ddfcdc764261fc43cb65c43f5fe8ceb5a0f83d140248628dda298b9212d14271a35f45c26c34baaa1211eec8dc86bb47b44f8e8a3d71c9357c194b9f72197ef2037087ed0513bae49224bf2cc1cac81b889e93bc572f6fcce09d0a
          > target-3.do.reprun. * 6f0c9a54e782b6d51faccca2c2485574ad5b54cbc010d0941bd92fae66da2cdc493de376964a1dcad7ddbc4e1dbaafc54cf5d428261813b5a8ba40f83b28b9d887f49ec4600c446d393117a20f8bfd1d71d1844bca3bcb18ebb009
            > reprun * faf00e5111f9920552430d5aff132dfd4107add2bae28c378d38fe702852c0385a0460a2916c208e917ddc94f72ed7ff3d20ac40b9c182a24d5cf8dc67254bbb4b236d8e521a4ba2c5b838e2735db4586564dad414f881a3e064d
              > m.do * c322cd717dfbac10d609797c77992226c273ac185a78ed66bfbe60b9573c5a887bb5cf2ebc59693478c67db25d2675c99e942c7cc644f39d7eac2cb52473340bb3e00fe82f140a9038c9f5f1b0433f2c1f9f486e95c306e26e581a
                > m.txt * 41bc95b80a78ae5eb0d595af9ced3f24da4caa1dd7d6e4f84e54636b40b3fbda1e79af18c4c26156cb744f95cc3b6324a592ca07627e1cb2ee6b36eb3a3aef054484b09f60703a18dc34fca4e2b5d5cce5025499eac32e471fd54
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                    > target-3.do.reprun. * 74a0001000001383977&srngstate:1103013865XA112210f4b16c1cb10507a1f38cb440c40003c9a83566fa1201b69ab0aff2f2401e18&data:&sdsum:1543242008&loopt:&srngcheck:1543242008
```

Handles loops and sub-do-files

```
Results
Generating the report for comparing the two runs.

reprun output created by user bbdaniels at 19 Jul 2024 16:15:56
Operating System Mac (Apple Silicon) MacOSX 14.5.0
Stata MP - Version 18.5 running as version 14.1

Checking file:
↳ /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/target-2.do

Lines where Run 1 and Run 2 mismatch for any value:
```

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	
15				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
22	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	x:1 type:A
22	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	x:1 type:B
22	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	x:1 type:C
22	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	x:2 type:A
22	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	x:2 type:B
22	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	x:2 type:C
22	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	x:3 type:A
22	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	x:3 type:B
22	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	x:3 type:C
22	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	x:4 type:A
22	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	x:4 type:B
22	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	x:4 type:C
22	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	x:5 type:A
22	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	x:5 type:B
22	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	x:5 type:C
26				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
27	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	
31				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	

```
Results

Stepping into sub-file:
↳ /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/target-2.do
↳ /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/target-3.do

Lines where Run 1 and Run 2 mismatch for any value:
```

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	
15				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
19							Change	Change	DIFF	
20	Change	Change	OK!				Change	Change	DIFF	
24							Change	Change	DIFF	

```
Stepping back into file:
↳ /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/target-2.do

Lines where Run 1 and Run 2 mismatch for any value:
```

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	
33							Change	Change	DIFF	

```
Done checking file:
↳ /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/target-2.do

SMCL-file with report written to: /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/output-2/reprun/t

Total run time: 0.35 seconds
```

It will only yell at you if you do the forbidden merge

```
Done checking file:
```

```
↳ /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets/target-mmm.do
```

```
Warning:: Your code contains many-to-many merges on lines: 10.
```

```
As the Stata Manual says: if you think you need to perform an m:m merge, then we suspect you are wrong.
```

```
Reference the above section of the Stata Manual for troubleshooting.
```

```
SMCL-file with report written to: /Users/bbdaniels/GitHub/repkit/src/tests/reprun/targets//reprun/target-mmm.do.reprun.smcl
```

```
Total run time: 0.49 seconds
```

Current syntax

help file for **reprun**

Title

reprun – This command is used to automate a reproducibility check for a single Stata do-file, or a set of do-files called by a main do-file. The command should be used interactively; **reprun** will execute one run of the do-file and record the state of Stata after the execution of each line. It will then run the entire do-file a second time and flag all potential reproducibility error caused by comparing the Stata state to the first run *after each line*. Debugging and reporting options are available.

Syntax

```
reprun "do-file.do" [using "/directory/" ] , [verbose] [compact] [suppress(rng|srng|dsum|loop)] [debug] [noclear]
```

By default, **reprun** will execute the complete do-file specified in "do-file.do" once (Run 1), and record the "seed RNG state", "sort order RNG", and "data checksum" after the execution of every line, as well as the exact data in certain cases. **reprun** will then execute the do-file a second time (Run 2), and find all *changes* and *mismatches* in these states throughout Run 2. A table of mismatches will be reported in the Results window, as well as in a SMCL file in a new directory called /reprun/ in the same location as the do-file. If the using argument is supplied, the /reprun/ directory containing the SMCL file will be stored in that location instead.

<i>options</i>	Description
<u>v</u>erbose	Report all lines where Run 1 and Run 2 mismatch <u>or</u> change for any value
<u>c</u>ompact	Report only lines where Run 1 and Run 2 mismatch <u>and</u> change for either the seed or sort RNG
<u>s</u>uppress(types)	Suppress reporting of state changes that do not result in mismatches for seed RNG state (rng), sort order RNG (srng), and/or data checksum (dsum), for any reporting setting
<u>d</u>ebug	Save all records of Stata states in Run 1 and Run 2 for inspection in the /reprun/ folder
<u>n</u>oclear	Do not reset the Stata state before beginning reproducibility Run 1

Two things to note:

5.1 Fixing RNG Errors With `set seed`

It is very easy to “fix” RNG and sort order RNG errors without resolving the underlying problems in the code. One could write `set seed XXXXX` and/or `set sortseed XXXXX` at the beginning of the main do-file. This is almost certainly the wrong thing to do. Our guideline is that that main RNG should be seeded *once per independent statistical process*; such that the order of independent processes can be interchanged without affecting the outcomes of either. A statistician should be able to determine where such a “process” begins and ends.

We remind readers that the sort order RNG should basically *never* be set manually,

5.2 A Note on the Certainty of Error Detection

In very rare cases, two runs are not sufficient to detect the existence of replicability issues. For example, it may be the case that a particular sort is not unique, but only results in two observations potentially changing places. Then the odds that the first and second run are identical is 50%. It is not difficult to come up with even more extreme situations where one configuration dominates most runs of the code, and alternative results appear in an arbitrarily small percentage of executions. We have no solution to this issue at present; we rely on the fact that the vast majority of replicability problems have probability very near 100% of not producing the exact same configuration of states in any two consecutive runs.

In practice

Reproducibility Verification in Practice

Reviewer confirms the package is:



Complete

Produces every output in the manuscript



Stable

Produces the same outputs every run



Consistent

Tables and figures reproduced match exactly those in the paper

reprun helps confirm stability



Complete

Produces every output in the manuscript



Stable

Produces the same outputs every run



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Example 1

Unstable
sorting

Identifying instability in outputs

- Received a package for reproducibility verification.
- Observed slight instability in nearly all results every time the code was executed.
- Instability was detectable only by tracking changes in Git.

15 changed files		Outputs\TableA2-B.txt				
Outputs\Table10.txt	☐			@@ -1,14 +1,14 @@		
Outputs\Table5.txt	☐	1	1	(1)	(2)	(3)
Outputs\Table6.txt	☐	2	2	VARIABLES	diarrhea	cold cough
Outputs\Table7.txt	☐	3	3			
Outputs\Table8.txt	☐	4		- midc	0.010	-0.007 0.012
Outputs\Table9.txt	☐	5		-	(0.008)	(0.013) (0.011)
Outputs\TableA1-A.txt	☐	6		- sd_idrc	0.016	0.041*** 0.021**
Outputs\TableA1-B.txt	☐	7		-	(0.011)	(0.009) (0.008)
Outputs\TableA1-C.txt	☐	8		- male	0.008	-0.020 -0.035
Outputs\TableA2-A.txt	☐	9		-	(0.014)	(0.026) (0.018)
Outputs\TableA2-B.txt	☐	4		+ midc	0.010	-0.010 0.011
Outputs\TableA2-C.txt	☐	5		+	(0.007)	(0.012) (0.010)
Outputs\TableA3-A.txt	☐	6		+ sd_idrc	0.015	0.042*** 0.021**
Outputs\TableA3-B.txt	☐	7		+	(0.011)	(0.010) (0.008)
Outputs\TableA3-C.txt	☐	8		+ male	0.008	-0.020 -0.035*
		9		+	(0.014)	(0.025) (0.018)
		10	10	Observations	1,831	3,341 2,187
		11	11	- R-squared	0.013	0.017 0.025
		12	12	+ R-squared	0.013	0.016 0.025
		13	13	Robust standard errors in parentheses		
		14	14	*** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1		

Identifying source using reprun

Running `reprun` on the do-file

- Flags changes in sort RNG order and Data Checksum
- Default option generates a long report →

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	
193				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
194				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
195				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
196				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1512				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1513				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1514				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1515				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1516				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1517				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1518				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1524				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1525				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1526				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1528				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1530				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1534				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1535				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1537				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1542				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	var: income2017
1543				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	var: income2017
1542				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	var: employed2017



Compact reporting

Using compact option to quickly identify errors:

- Reports only lines where Run 1 and Run 2 mismatch **and** change for either the seed or sort RNG

Checking file:

↳ C:/Users/wb558768/Documents/GitHub/reprun-example/CleanDataCoxBazar.do

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	
193				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1512				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1515				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1566				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1662				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	

```
CleanDataCoxBazar.do X
192
193   sort uid1
194   by uid1: gen dup = cond(_N==1,0,_n)
195   drop if dup==2
196   drop dup uid_r2 cbps_r2_status
197   save "RawData\instrument_cbps", replace
198
```

```
1508 ***** Create Panel *****
1509   use "RawData\baseline", clear
1510   append using "RawData\follow_up"
1511   *** merge instrument
1512   merge m:1 uid1 using "RawData\instrument_cbps"
1513   drop if _merge!=3
1514   drop _merge
1515   sort uid1 id
1516   by uid1 id : gen dup = cond(_N==1,0,_n)
```

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193				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1512				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1515				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1566				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
1662				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	

Line 193: Sorting on non-unique variable and dropping observations

```
CleanDataCoxBazar.do X
192
193  sort uid1
194  by uid1:  gen dup = cond(_N==1,0,_n)
195  drop if dup==2
196  drop dup uid_r2 cbps_r2_status
197  save "RawData\instrument_cbps", replace
198
```

Line 1512: Merging resulting dataset

Line 1515: non-unique sort

```
1508 ***** Create Panel *****
1509 use "RawData\baseline", clear
1510 append using "RawData\follow_up"
1511 *** merge instrument
1512 merge m:1 uid1 using "RawData\instrument_cbps"
1513 drop if _merge!=3
1514 drop _merge
1515 sort uid1 id
1516 by uid1 id :  gen dup = cond(_N==1,0,_n)
```

Fixing the issues

Updated the code to sort uniquely, which resolved the original issue and the subsequent issues stemming from it.

Checking file:

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Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	

→ No mismatches and/or changes detected

Done checking file:

↳ C:/Users/wb558768/Documents/GitHub/reprun-example/CleanDataCoxBazar.do

Example 2

m:m merge

Identifying instability in outputs

- Outputs were **not** compatible with Git for tracking changes.

Table 4a: Relationship between decision-making measures and autonomy (women)

	RAI (no controls)	RAI(controls)
Decision-maker	0.106 (0.044)**	0.081 (0.044)*
Agree woman is decision-maker	0.122 (0.049)**	0.073 (0.048)
High decision input	0.170 (0.045)***	0.153 (0.045)***
High decision autonomy	0.229 (0.044)***	0.198 (0.044)***
N1	505	505
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N3	505	505
N4	505	505
R1	0.011	0.078
R2	0.016	0.101
R3	0.029	0.096
R4	0.053	0.108

OLS models with marginal effects. Robust standard errors in parentheses. * p<0.1 ** p<0.05; *** p<0.01

The decision-maker index represents the percentage of agricultural domains where the respondent reports being a decision-maker (either solely or jointly).

High input represents the percentage of agricultural domains where the respondent reports having input on most or all decisions.

High decision ability represents the percentage of agricultural domains where the respondent reports being able to make their own decisions to a high extent.

All indices are transformed into z-scores.

LASSO-selected controls for the adjusted model include ARB status, education, age difference between spouses, and province fixed effects.

Run 1

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Run 2

Identifying instability in outputs

- Outputs were **not** compatible with Git for tracking changes.
- Instability could only be identified through manual inspection.

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Run 2

Identifying source using reprun

- Setup: main do-file calling two other do-files
- Running reprun:

`reprun "${folder}/main.do", compact`

```
main.do x
1 clear
2 clear matrix
3 clear mata
4 set more off
5 set maxvar 10000
6 set varabbrev on
7
8 * set directory
9 if c(username) == "wb558768" {
10     global folder "C:/Users/wb558768/Documents/GitHub/ReplicationPackage154_v1"
11 }
12
13
14 cd "$folder"
15
16 * set globals
17 global mainbaseline "Main baseline master data.dta"
18 global spousalsurvey "Spousal survey master data.dta"
19 global maindata "Spousal survey- decision-making complete"
20 global widedata "Spousal survey_wide.dta"
21
22 * run files
23 do "data prep.do"
24 do "analysis.do"
```

Identifying source using reprun

- Setup: main do-file calling two other do-files
- Running reprun:
`reprun "${folder}/main.do", compact`
- Warning in the result window:
many-to-many merge

Starting reprun. Creating the do-files for run 1 and run 2.

Command Warning: Many-to-many merge on Line 438

Done creating the do-files for run 1 and run 2.

Executing "main.do" for run 1.

Done executing "main.do" for run 1.

Executing "main.do" for run 2.

Done executing "main.do" for run 2.

```
main.do x
1 clear
2 clear matrix
3 clear mata
4 set more off
5 set maxvar 10000
6 set varabbrev on
7
8 * set directory
9 if c(username) == "wb558768" {
10     global folder "C:/Users/wb558768/Documents/GitHub/ReplicationPackage154_v1"
11 }
12
13
14 cd "$folder"
15
16 * set globals
17 global mainbaseline "Main baseline master data.dta"
18 global spousalsurvey "Spousal survey master data.dta"
19 global maindata "Spousal survey- decision-making complete"
20 global widedata "Spousal survey_wide.dta"
21
22 * run files
23 do "data prep.do"
24 do "analysis.do"
```

Results from reprun

Generates report after the warning:

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Checking file:
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Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	

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 ↳ data prep.do

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	
438				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	
495				Change	Change	DIFF				
495				Change	Change	DIFF				
495				Change	Change	DIFF				
495				Change	Change	DIFF				
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Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	
23				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	

Stepping into sub-file:
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 ↳ analysis.do

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	
26	Change					OK!	Change	Change	DIFF	
27				Change	Change	DIFF				
29				Change	Change	DIFF				
30				Change	Change	DIFF				
77				Change	Change	DIFF				
81				Change	Change	DIFF				
85				Change	Change	DIFF				
89				Change	Change	DIFF				
109				Change	Change	DIFF				
113				Change	Change	DIFF				
117				Change	Change	DIFF				
121				Change	Change	DIFF				
147				Change	Change	DIFF				
153				Change	Change	DIFF				
184				Change	Change	DIFF				
189				Change	Change	DIFF				
197				Change	Change	DIFF				
203				Change	Change	DIFF				

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Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	
24	Change					OK!	Change	Change	DIFF	

Done checking file:
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Identifying source in code

```

data prep.do x main.do
435
436 use "Spousal survey - Decision-making.dta", clear
437
438 merge m:m arbid using "Baseline control variables.dta", gen(controlmerge)
439
440 drop if controlmerge==2
441 drop if arbid=="
442

```

```

490 *3.11. Impute controls with median value:
491
492
493 foreach var in wife_age husband_age agediff parentsresent ed incomediff{
494     gen `var'miss = `var'==.
495     sum `var', d
496     replace `var' = `r(p50)' if `var'miss==1
497 }

```

```

21
22 * run files
23 do "data prep.do"
24 do "analysis.do"

```

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Identifying source in code

Line 438: many-to-many merge flagged

```
data prep.do x main.do
435
436 use "Spousal survey - Decision-making.dta", clear
437
438 merge m:m arbid using "Baseline control variables.dta", gen(controlmerge)
439
440 drop if controlmerge==2
441 drop if arbid=="
442
```

Line 495: Summary of variables from the merged dataset

```
490 *3.11. Impute controls with median value:
491
492
493 foreach var in wife_age husband_age agediff parentsresent ed incomediff{
494     gen `var'miss = `var'==.
495     sum `var', d
496     replace `var' = `r(p50)' if `var'miss==1
497 }
```

Line 23 in main.do also flagged

```
21
22 * run files
23 do "data prep.do"
24 do "analysis.do"
```

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↳ data prep.do

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	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	
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Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
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23				Change	Change	DIFF	Change	Change	DIFF	

Cascading instability

- In analysis do-file: All the lines with commands line “outreg” or “dtable” that exports or prepares the results flagged
- Analysis file flagged in main.do as well

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 ↳ analysis.do

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Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
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24	Change		OK!	Change	Change	DIFF				

Done checking file:
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Fixing the issues

- Made the data unique and corrected the many-to-many merge to a many-to-one merge.
- Ran rebrun again.
- No mismatches detected.

```
Checking file:  
↳ C:/Users/wb558768/Documents/GitHub/ReplicationPackage154_v2/main.do
```

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	

No mismatches and/or changes detected

```
Stepping into sub-file:  
↳ C:/Users/wb558768/Documents/GitHub/ReplicationPackage154_v2/main.do  
↳ data prep.do
```

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	

No mismatches and/or changes detected

```
Stepping back into file:  
↳ C:/Users/wb558768/Documents/GitHub/ReplicationPackage154_v2/main.do
```

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	

No mismatches and/or changes detected

```
Stepping into sub-file:  
↳ C:/Users/wb558768/Documents/GitHub/ReplicationPackage154_v2/main.do  
↳ analysis.do
```

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	

No mismatches and/or changes detected

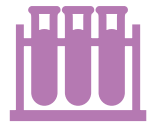
```
Stepping back into file:  
↳ C:/Users/wb558768/Documents/GitHub/ReplicationPackage154_v2/main.do
```

Line #	Seed RNG State			Sort Order RNG			Data Checksum			Loop iteration:
	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	Run 1	Run 2	Match	

No mismatches and/or changes detected

```
Done checking file:  
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```

Key Takeaways



Ensures Reproducibility: reprun verifies that your Stata scripts produce consistent results, enhancing reliability.



Identifies Instabilities: Pinpoints specific lines and commands causing discrepancies across runs.



Simplifies Verification: Automates the process of verifying reproducibility, saving time and effort.

Thank you!



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