

Reproducible Research

The literate programming solution

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Mathematical versus Statistical Scholarship

$$(A \rightarrow B) \iff (\neg B \rightarrow \neg A)$$

Observation: Non B ($\neg B$)

Conclusion: Observing $\neg B$,
gives A is not true.

Statistical Logic:

$$(A \rightarrow B) \iff (\neg B \rightarrow \neg A)$$

If the observed X makes
 $P(B)$ very small, then we
infer A is unlikely.

In mathematics: Having a *proof* means to has been
verified by at least (1/2/3) Phd mathematicians in the
field.

In computational science: “An article in a scientific
*publication is not the scholarship itself, it is merely
advertising of the scholarship. The actual scholarship is
the complete software development environment and the
complete set of instructions which generated the figures.*”
Jon Claerbout, 1992

In computational statistics: all the instructions, the data
and the explanation of the methods used are collected
so that any reader can reproduce the study.

The R and Bioconductor projects allow this.

Literate Programming, Don Knuth, 19992.

See Statistical Proof? in January 2018, Bulletin of the AMS.