2.3 Pros and Cons of using R

To re-cap and summarise, below is a table outlining the primary pros and cons of using R, as I see it:

Pros	Cons
$\bullet$ A flexible programming language	$\bullet$ Steep learning curve
$\bullet$ Free, platform-independent	$\bullet$ Packages vary in quality and vary over time
$\bullet$ Open source	$\bullet$ Updating can be tricky
$\bullet$ Lots of contributors	$\bullet$ Assumptions can be cryptic
$\bullet$ Broad in scope	$\bullet$ Frustrating when code won't run
$\bullet$ Always evolving	$\bullet$ When it runs... is it correct?
$\bullet$ Great for stats research	$\bullet$ Requires independent checks/debugging/programming skills

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