

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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