

Intro to L^AT_EX

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A Sample Mathematics Paper

- a \LaTeX file is a text file. The file name should end in “.tex”
- <https://github.com/scheinerman/SampleMathPaper>
- Download the ZIP file containing all the files in the folder.
- Open paper.tex in TeXStudio
- To typeset click the “Build and View” button  in TeXStudio.



Skeleton of a \LaTeX document

- The first line of a typical \LaTeX document is this:

```
\documentclass[options]{class}
```

where class is one of: article report letter book slides beamer etc.
and options: 11pt 12pt twoside twocolumn etc.

- The lines following `\documentclass` are known as the preamble. Here you define your own commands `\newcommand{\ZZ}{\mathbb{Z}}`, load optional packages `\usepackage{amsmath}`, etc.
- The main text of the document is enclosed between lines that say `\begin{document}` and `\end{document}`.



Typing

To type ordinary text, simply type what you want. To start a new paragraph, simply skip a line.

Certain characters have special meanings.

- `\` is used to begin a command.
- `$` any math should begin and end with a `$`.
- `%` is used to begin a comment.
- `{ }` start and end of a command argument.
- `&` used as a column delimiter in certain environments

To use these special characters in your text put a `\` before the character.

For `\` use the command `\textbackslash`

because `\\` is equivalent to `\newline`.



Quotes

To enclose words in double quotes, begin with two back tick characters and end with two apostrophes. Do not use the double quote key.

Use `‘double’` to produce “double”.

To enclose words in single quotes, begin with a single back tick character and end with a single apostrophe.

Use `'single'` to produce 'single'.



Font size and styles

Let the document class and logical structures of \LaTeX pick the appropriate size.¹

Likewise with font style. In general, you do not need to pick the font. Variable names in mathematics mode are automatically typeset in italics as in $x + 1$. Similarly, the font style in section heads, theorems, etc., are automatically produced for you.

- To typeset in *italics* use `\textit{...}`.
- To typeset in **boldface** use `\textbf{...}`.
- To typeset in san serif use `\textsf{...}`.
- To typeset in typewriter use `\texttt{...}`.

The system of fonts used by \LaTeX is known as the Computer Modern family. If you prefer Times Roman, include these commands in the preamble of your file:

```
\usepackage{times}  
\usepackage{mathptm}
```

¹For example, text in a footnote is automatically typeset smaller than text in the main body of the document.



Accents

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- Create your own operator ² using the $\text{DeclareMathOperator}$ command. For example, to make $\backslash\text{id}$ the identity operator:
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Now we can type $\backslash\text{id}(x)$ to produce $\text{id}(x)$. The $\text{DeclareMathOperator}$ command must go in the preamble

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- For a multiline equation use the `eqnarray` environment.



align environment

The `align*` environment is superb for lining up equations. (Omit the `*` for numbered equations.)

```
\begin{align*}
3x-y&=0 & 2a+b &= 4 \\
x+y &=1 & a-3b &=10
\end{align*}
```

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - y &= 0 \\ x + y &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

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text in math

To insert ordinary text inside of mathematics mode, use `\text`:

\$\$

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cases environment

Use the cases environment to define a function piecewise.

```
$$  
|x| =  
\begin{cases}  
x & \text{when } x \ge 0 \text{ and} \\ -x & \text{otherwise.} \\ \end{cases}  
$$
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Theorems

In the preamble

```
\newtheorem{thm}{Theorem}[section]
\newtheorem{lem}[thm]{Lemma}
\newtheorem{prop}[thm]{Proposition}
\newtheorem{cor}[thm]{Corollary}
\newtheorem{conj}[thm]{Conjecture}
```

First line defines the `thm` environment named `Theorem` with numbering style is based on the `section`.

Second line define the `lem` environment named `Lemma` sharing the same numbering as `thm`



Theorems

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\begin{thm}
```

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```
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```

```
\begin{lem}
```

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Proofs

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Cross References

Numbered \LaTeX structures can be given a label `\label{structure:cross-ref}` you can refer to that structure with the corresponding ref command

```
\ref{structure:cross-ref}
```

```
\pageref{structure:cross-ref}
```

```
\eqref{structure:cross-ref}
```

Remember the polynomial $g(x)$ in equation `\eqref{eq:polynomial}`.

Remember the polynomial $g(x)$ in equation (1).



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- To process the files paper.tex and paper.bib, run these commands on your computer:

```
pdflatex paper  
bibtex paper  
pdflatex paper  
pdflatex paper
```



Figures

Save figures as .pdf or .png.

```
\begin{figure}[ht]
\begin{center}
\includegraphics[width=0.10\textwidth]{doodle}
\end{center}
\caption{A doodle created with the Xfig program.}
\label{fig:doodle}
\end{figure}
```

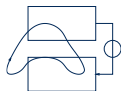


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Tables

```
\begin{center}
\begin{tabular}{l|c|r}
Left flush & Centered & Right Flush \\
\hline
Row 1 & Middle of row one & right side of row 1 \\
A second row & row \#2 & R2
\end{tabular}
\end{center}
```

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Relations and operations

`\begin{itemize}`

`\item` Equality-like: $x=2$, $x \neq 3$, $x \cong y$, $x \propto y$,
 $y \sim z$, $N \approx M$, $y \asymp z$, $P \equiv Q$.

`\item` Order: $x < y$, $y \leq z$, $z \geq 0$, $x \preceq y$, $y \succ z$.

`\item` Arrows: $x \rightarrow y$, $y \leftarrow x$, $A \rightarrow B$, $A \iff B$,
 $x \mapsto f(x)$, $A \rightarrow B$.

`\item` Set stuff: $x \in A$, $b \notin C$, $A \ni x$. Use

`\verb|\notin|` rather than `\verb|\not\in|`. $A \cup B$,
 $X \cap Y$, $A \setminus B = \emptyset$, $A \subseteq B$, $B \supseteq A$

`\item` Arithmetic: $3+4$, $5-6$, $7 \cdot 8 = 7 \times 8$,

$3 \div 6 = \frac{1}{2}$, $f \circ g$, $A \oplus B$,

$v \otimes w$.

`\item` Mod: As a binary operation, use `\verb|\bmod|`: $x \bmod N$. As a
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Use the right dots

Do not type three periods; instead use `\cdots` between operations and `\ldots` in lists: $x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n$ and (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) .



Built up structures

```
\begin{itemize}
\item Fractions:  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{x-1}{x-2}$ .
\item Binomial coefficients:  $\binom{n}{2}$ .
\item Radicals:  $\sqrt{3}$ ,  $\sqrt[3]{12}$ ,  $\sqrt{1+\sqrt{2}}$ .
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Sums and Products

Do not use `\Sigma` and `\Pi`.

\$\$

`\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} \not= \prod_{j=1}^{10} \frac{j}{j+1}`

\$\$

\$\$

`\bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k`

`\quad`

`\bigoplus_{j=1}^{\infty} V_j`

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Integrals

```
$$  
\int_0^1 x^2 \, dx  
$$
```

$$\int_0^1 x^2 dx$$

The extra bit of space before the dx term is created with the `\,` command.



Limits

\$\$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x+h) - \sin(x)}{h} = \cos x .$$

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Matrices

\$\$

```
A = \left[\begin{matrix} 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & \pi \end{matrix}\right] .
```

\$\$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & \pi \end{bmatrix} .$$

In line:

```
$A = \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}\right]$.
```

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A big matrix

```
$$ D = \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_n \end{array} \right]. $$
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Style and decorated letters

- Parentheses and square brackets are easy: $(x - y)(x + y)$, $[3 - x]$.
- For curly braces use `\{` and `\}`: $\{x : 3x - 1 \in A\}$.
- Absolute values: $|x - y|$, $\|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|$.
- Floor and ceiling `\lfloor` `\pi` `\rfloor` = `\lceil` e `\rceil`: $\lfloor \pi \rfloor = \lceil e \rceil$.
- To make delimiters grow so they are properly sized to contain their arguments, use `\left[`, `\right[` `\left\{`, `\right\}`:

$$\left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right]^2 = \exp \left\{ -\frac{x^2}{2} \right\}$$

Use `\bigl`, `\Bigl`, `\bigr`, and the matching `\bigr`, etc.

$$\bigl((x_1 + 1)(x_2 - 1) \bigr) = \bigl((x_1 + 1)(x_2 - 1) \bigr).$$

- Underbraces `\underbrace{1+1+\cdots+1}_{\text{\textit{\$n\$ times}}}` = `\$`
$$\underbrace{1 + 1 + \cdots + 1}_{n \text{ times}} = n .$$



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- Primes: $\$a'\$, \$b''\$, a', b'' .$
- Hats: $\$\bar{a}\$, $\$\hat{a}\$, $\$\vec{a}\$, $\$\widehat{a}_j\$.
 $\bar{a}, \hat{a}, \vec{a}, \widehat{a}_j$.$$$$
- Vectors are often set in bold: $\$\mathbf{x}\$ x . Don't use `\textbf` in mathematics mode and don't use `\mathbf` in text mode.$
- Calligraphic letters (for sets of sets): $\$\mathcal{A}\$ \mathcal{A} .$
- Blackboard bold for number systems: $\$\mathbb{C}\$ \mathbb{C} .$



Defining your own commands

- For example, if you refer to the positive orthant \mathbb{R}_+^n frequently, put the following line in your preamble:

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- For example, suppose your paper uses column vectors frequently. We define a new command named `\col` like this:

```
\newcommand{\col}[1]{\left[\begin{matrix} #1 \end{matrix}\right]}
```

The `[1]` means that `\col` takes one argument. The `#1` shows where that one argument goes. Now we can type

```
$$
```

```
\col{1\\2\\3} + \col{-1\\3\\-2} = \col{0\\5\\1}
```

```
$$
```

easily.





Donald Knuth.

The T_EXbook.

Addison-Wesley Professional, 1984.

