# The Ultimate $\LaTeX$ Guide

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Basic Commands

• Bold Italic <u>Underline</u>

#### 1.2 Math

- $\frac{1}{2}$   $\sqrt{2}$   $x^2$   $x_i$
- $x_i = \frac{1}{2}$

## 1.3 Tables

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
1	2	3
4	5	6

## 1.4 Figures



Figure 1: This is a scary figure. I advise running.

## 2 Mathematics

#### 2.1 Subscripts and Superscripts

- ullet Create a subscript with the  $\_$  character:  $x_i$
- Create a superscript with the  $^{\wedge}$  character:  $x^2$
- You can also combine them:  $x_i^2$

#### 2.2 Brackets and Parentheses

• Round brackets: (function arguments)

 $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ 

• Square brackets: (vectors)

 $\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]$ 

• Curly brackets: (sets)

 $\left\{\frac{1}{2}\right\}$ 

• Absolute value: (absolute values)

 $\left|\frac{1}{2}\right|$ 

• Floor: (floor function, i.e. rounding down)

 $\left| \frac{1}{2} \right|$ 

• Ceiling (ceiling function, i.e. rounding up)

 $\left\lceil \frac{1}{2} \right\rceil$ 

• Angle brackets: (inner product)

 $\left\langle \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle$ 

• Double angle brackets: (outer product)

 $\left\langle \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \right\rangle$ 

#### 2.3 Matrices

• Plain: a matrix with no brackets

 $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{array}$ 

• Parentheses: a matrix with round brackets

 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ 

• Square brackets: a matrix with square brackets

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ 

• Curly brackets: a matrix with curly brackets

• Absolute value: a matrix with absolute value brackets

 $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$ 

• Double absolute value: a matrix with double absolute value brackets

 $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$ 

#### 2.4 Fractions and Binomials

• Binomials:

 $\binom{n}{k}$ 

• Fractions with numbers:

 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

• Fractions with text:

 $\frac{numerator}{denominator}$ 

• Function arguments:

 $f(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ 

 $\bullet\,$  Nested fractions:

$$\frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{x}}$$

• Fractions with subscripts:

$$\frac{x_i}{x_{i+1}}$$

• Overflow example:

$$a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \frac{1}{a_3} + \dots$$

#### 2.5 Aligning Equations

• Aligning equations with the align environment:

$$a = b \tag{1}$$

$$c = d (2)$$

 $\bullet$  Use the asterisk to align equations without numbers:

$$a = b$$

$$c = d$$

• Two columns:

$$a = b$$

$$e = f$$

$$c = d$$

$$= f$$

$$g = h$$

• Lopsided:

$$\frac{1}{2} = a$$

 $\bullet\,$  Displaying large equations:

$$p(x) = 3x^{6} + 14x^{5}y + 590x^{4}y^{2} + 19x^{3}y^{3}$$
$$+ 14x^{2}y^{4} + 3xy^{5} + y^{6} + 3x^{5} + 14x^{4}y + 19x^{3}y^{2}$$

• Grouping equations:

$$a = b$$

$$c = a + b$$

## 2.6 Operators

• Summation: to calculate the sum of a series

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

the sum of  $x_i$  from i = 1 to i = n

• Product: to calculate the product of a series

$$\prod_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

the product of  $x_i$  from i = 1 to i = n

• Union:

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

• Intersection:

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

 $\bullet$  Integral:

$$\int_{a}^{b} x$$

• Double integral:

$$\iint_{a}^{b} x$$

• Triple integral:

$$\iiint_a^b x$$

• Contour integral:

$$\int_{a}^{b} x$$

• Limit:

$$\lim_{x \to 0} x$$

• Logarithm:

$$\log_2 x$$

• Derivative:

$$\frac{d}{dx}x$$

• Partial derivative:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}x$$