# Introduction to LATEX BIOST 561

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### First things first...

Is it Lah-Tech or Lay-Tech ?

### What is LATEX?

- "A document preparation system for high-quality typsetting"
- It is not a word processor like Microsoft Word

### Why use LATEX?

- Formatting is clean, uniform, professional
- Math formulas look great and they're easy to include
- Good for large documents (e.g., dissertations, textbooks)
- Handles citations easily

#### Why not use LATEX?

- Have to remember lots of commands
- Need to compile before you can see the document
- Making comments, tracking edits not as straightforward
- Some applied journals prefer Word

### How to get LATEX

Everything you need is on Box.

But, for your own computers:

- Get a TEX distribution
- Get a TEX editor (my favorite is texmaker)
- Or, compile using the department servers

#### **Basic Structure**

- 1. Specify type ("class") of document: article, beamer
- 2. (Optional preamble)
- 3. Begin document
- 4. (Insert your text here)
- 5. End document

An example....

#### Example 1:

```
\documentclass{article}
\begin{document}
This is a sentence.
\end{document}
```

### Compiling

- 1. Save your code as filename.tex
- 2. Compile
  - Open in TEX editor, "Build" / "Typeset"
  - Use department servers: pdflatex filename.tex
  - Errors displayed on console and in .log file
- 3. Open .pdf (other files created, but you can ignore)

#### Example 2:

```
\documentclass{article}
%Start of preamble
\title{Example Document}
\author{Kelsey] %there is an error here
\date{November 2, 2017}
%End of preamble
\begin{document}
\maketitle
This is a sentence.
\end{document}
```

### LATEX Commands

- Start with a backslash, usually contain letters only
- End with a space, number, or non-letter
- Required parameters (if applicable) specified within { } after command
- Optional parameters (if applicable) specified within [] after command

Example: \maketitle

#### Text Commands

- \underline: underline
- \textit: italicize
- \textbf: bold
- \texttt: typewriter
- \\: line break
- \: add a space
- \LaTeX: writes \( \text{LTEX} \)
- \clearpage: inserts page break at current position
- \par: start new paragraph
- \today: today's date November 2, 2017

#### Font Size

tiny scriptsize footnotesize small normalsize large Large

## LARGE huge Huge

### **Special Characters**

Symbols with special meaning in  $\prescript{LATeX}$ :

```
# $ % ^ & _ { } ~ \
```

Need to put backslash in front of them:

```
\# \$ \% \^ \& \_ \{ \} \~ \textbackslash
```

### Math Symbols

#### Many built in commands:

- \beta:  $\beta$
- $\hat{p}$ :  $\hat{p}$
- $\sum_{i=1}^{n} n: \sum_{i=1}^{n}$
- ullet \sim:  $\sim$
- \approx: ≈

### Typing Math

- Inline:  $\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$ 
  - \(...\)
  - \$ ... \$
- Display mode:

$$\hat{eta} = \left( \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X} 
ight)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{y}$$

- \$\$ ... \$\$
- \[ ... \]
- equation, eqnarray, align environments
- Comparison here<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/40492/what-are-the-differences-between-align-equation-and-displaymath

```
\begin{align}
E(\hat\beta)
& = E \left[(X^\top X)^{-1} X^\top y \right] \\
& = (X^\top X)^{-1} X^\top E \left[ y \right] \\
& = (X^\top X)^{-1} X^\top X \beta \nonumber \\
& = \beta
\end{align}
```

$$E(\hat{\beta}) = E\left[ (X^{\top}X)^{-1}X^{\top}y \right]$$

$$= (X^{\top}X)^{-1}X^{\top}E\left[ y \right]$$

$$= (X^{\top}X)^{-1}X^{\top}X\beta$$

$$= \beta$$
(3)

```
\[\left( \begin{array}{cc}
a & b \\
d & e \\
\end{array} \right) \]

\( \begin{array} \ d & e \\
d & e \\
d & e \\
d & e \\
\( \begin{array} \ d & e \\
d &
```

```
\[\begin{bmatrix}
a & b \\
d & e \\
\end{bmatrix}\]
```

 $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ d & e \end{bmatrix}$ 

```
\[ I(x<10) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
1 & \mbox{if $x < 10$}; \\
0 & \mbox{if $x \geq 10$}. \end{array}\right. \]</pre>
```

$$I(x < 10) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x < 10; \\ 0 & \text{if } x \ge 10. \end{cases}$$

### LATEX Environments

- Helpful for formatting entire blocks of text
- Start with \begin statement
- End with \end statement
- Examples:
  - array, bmatrix, align
  - itemize, enumerate (bulleted, numbered lists)
  - table, figure

#### **Tables**

- tabular environment
- Specify column alignment (left, center, right)
- Separate columns with &, separate rows with \\
- Vertical lines with |, horizontal lines with \hline
- The R packages xtable and function kable in the knitr package can sometimes help

#### **Tables**

```
Console //fs2-vip-nfs.nfs.biost.priv/students/grindek/Documents/ 🖒
                                                      -0
> data(cars)
> (small.cars <- head(cars))
  speed dist
          10
         22
5
          16
          10
> library(knitr)
Warning message:
package 'knitr' was built under R version 3.4.2
> kable(small.cars,format='latex')
\begin{tabular}{r|r}
\hline
speed & dist\\
\hline
4 & 2\\
\hline
4 & 10\\
\hline
7 & 4\\
\hline
7 & 22\\
\hline
8 & 16\\
\hline
9 & 10\\
\hline
\end{tabular}
>
```

#### **Tables**

```
\begin{tabular}{|r|cccrl|}
\hline
& & & \multicolumn{3}{c|}{Survival at 10 years} \\
& Total & Events & \% & \multicolumn{2}{c|}{95\% CI} \'\
\hline
Group 1 & 12 & 11 & 90.9 & 75.4 & 100.0 \\
Group 2 & 11 & 7 & 66.7 & 44.7 & 99.5 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
```

			Survival at 10 years			
	Total	Events	%	95% CI		
Group 1	12	11	90.9	75.4	100.0	
Group 2	11	7	66.7	44.7	99.5	

### **Figures**

- Use the graphicx package
- Lets you include pdf, png, jpeg, gif
- Include captions with \caption
- Label for easy referencing with \label
- Cannot be broken over pages (tables, too), so considered to be a "float"
  - If it doesn't fit on current page, will be "floated" to a later one
  - Some control over this (e.g., [h] = here, [t] = top, [h!] = ignore other parameters that might prevent float from being placed here)

### **Figures**

\includegraphics[width=0.5\linewidth]{RooHalloween}\includegraphics[scale=0.3, angle=90]{RooPuppy}





```
My dog was a 'hot" dog for Halloween
(see Figure \ref{puppy})
\begin{figure}[h!]
\centering
\includegraphics[height=0.3\textheight]{RooHalloween}
\caption{Adorable puppy dressed as sriracha bottle.}
\label{puppy}
\end{figure}
```

My dog was a "hot" dog for Halloween (see Figure 1)



Figure: Adorable puppy dressed as sriracha bottle.

#### Macros

- Define your own commands instead of typing the same thing over and over again
- Specify in preamble
- Or, store in another file (preamble.tex) and load this in with \include{preamble.tex}

Example:  $\mbox{\newcommand}(R){\mbox{\newcommand}(R)}$  will produce  $\mathbb R$  by writing  $\mbox{\newcommand}(R)$ 

### **BibTEX**

- Citation tool
- Keep one file with information about all sources (mybib.bib)
- Easy to reference any source in that file, in whatever style is needed (e.g., APA)
- To get information for mybib.bib file: Google Scholar > Cite > BibTEX

### BibT<sub>E</sub>X

My mybib.bib file contains the following entry:

```
@article{mckeague2015adaptive,
                title={An adaptive resampling test for detecting the
                 author={McKeague, Ian W and Qian, Min},
                 journal={Journal of the American Statistical Associations of the American Statistical Association of the American Statistical 
                volume={110},
                number=\{512\}.
                pages={1422--1433},
                year={2015},
                publisher={Taylor \& Francis}
```

### BibTEX

Let's look at an example where we cite this article two different ways:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{natbib}
\begin{document}
I thought \cite{mckeague2015adaptive} was very
interesting. In fact, it was so interesting that I'm going
to cite it two different ways \citep{mckeague2015adaptive}
\bibliographystyle{plainnat}
\bibliography{mybib}
\end{document}
```

#### Beamer

- For making slides like these!
- It's a document class: \documentclass{beamer}
- There are many different themes
  - I'm using the default
  - Others here
- Take a look at my slides (and corresponding .tex file) for example

#### Miscellaneous

- You can define your own class
  - \documentclass{myclass.cls}
  - Or, use someone else's class file. I did this for my CV (you can find resume class files online)
  - There's one for UW dissertations: uwthesis.cls
- You can use LATEX to make posters
- Need help? Ask Google.
- You can do nearly all of this in R Markdown