As shown on page 5 of the textbook, special characters such as \$, {, $\tilde{\ }$, and % are produced with a preceding backslash. Another way to produce these characters is to use the **\verb#stuff#** command, which typesets "stuff" verbatim (including spaces and special characters) in a typewriter font. The beginning and ending # delimiters can be replaced with other non-letter characters such as $\hat{\ }$, $\hat{\ }$, 4, or !.

Only use \verb to display short strings verbatim. Do not use \verb to change the font. For that purpose there is the command \texttt{text} which prints "text" in a typewriter font.

There are other commands which change the font: