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Chapter 1

Preliminaries

Introduction

Description

At some point during my LATEX writing life, I decided to put together a portfolio of cool tricks and tips, which I had used in the past or wanted to apply i the future. Something like an index or a portfolio.

I wanted that document to consist of multiple small parts, one for each tip, and each part should contain both example code and the complied example. A great deal of searching was done to find a technical solution which would allow for a document which would allow for:

- 1. indexable, possible multi-page examples
- 2. examples to be compiled in isolation, free of package conflicts which would surely emerge in such a document
- 3. a modular structure, with each example be a short .tex file which would be included to the collection

I did a related question a while back on TeX-StackExchange, but there was no good answer.

Finally, I managed to get a satisfactory result with the pdfpages package. I put together a template document to be used for each example, compile it and then include the output .pdf to the collection document.

The code pattern of the top-level document can be seen below.

Enjoy!

NOTE: Some of the tricks use the minted package to typeset LATEXcode. This requires the addition of the -shell-escape option when building your LATEXdocument. For example, my build command in a Linux environment is:

```
"/usr/local/texlive/2016/bin/x86_64-linux/pdflatex" -synctex=1 -shell-escape -interaction=nonstopmode %.tex
```

WARNING: Compiling LATEX documents with the -shell-escape option enabled is considered a security risk. Only use it to compile documents you trust.

Used Packages

pdfpages

Code

```
\documentclass[onepage]{book}
\usepackage{pdfpages}
\begin{document}

\tableofcontents
\chapter{Preliminaries}
\includepdf[pages=-, fitpaper=false, addtotoc={1,section,1,Template,sec:template}]{tricks/introduction/introduction.pdf}

<ohere-includes>
\end{document}
```

Check on the next section for the template code of each section.

Template

Description

A uniform template is useful to keep all the tips and examples of this portfolio consistent and searchable. The related code, both for the preamble and the document, as well as the compiled examples are provided in separate sections. For this section, the template code is presented.

To create a new trick:

- 1. Create a new folder inside the tricks subfolder
- 2. Copy the code presented in the *Document* subsection into a new root.tex document
- 3. Build that root.tex document
- 4. Add an entry to the portfolio.tex overarching document and compile it

Used Packages

```
xcolor, listings, url, hyperref
```

Preamble

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage[a4paper, total={7in, 9in}]{geometry}
\pagestyle{empty}
\usepackage{xcolor} % Required for listings color definitions
\definecolor{Brown}{cmyk}{0,0.81,1,0.60}
\definecolor{OliveGreen}{cmyk}{0.64,0,0.95,0.40}
\definecolor{CadetBlue}{cmyk}{0.62,0.57,0.23,0}
\definecolor{lightlightgray}{gray}{0.9}
\usepackage{listings} % computer code language formatting
\lstdefinestyle{tex-style} {
                                   % Code langugage
language=TeX,
basicstyle=\ttfamily,
                                  % Code font, Examples: \footnotesize, \ttfamily
%keywordstyle=\color{OliveGreen},
                                  % Keywords font ('*' = uppercase)
commentstyle=\color{gray},
                                  % Comments font
                                   % Line nums position
numbers=none,
numberstyle=\tiny,
                                   % Line-numbers fonts
stepnumber=1,
                                  % Step between two line-numbers
                                  % How far are line-numbers from code
numbersep=5pt,
backgroundcolor=\color{lightlightgray}, % Choose background color
                                   % A frame around the code
frame=single,
tabsize=2,
                                  % Default tab size
                                   % Caption-position = bottom
captionpos=b,
breaklines=true,
                                  % Automatic line breaking?
breakatwhitespace=false,
                                  % Automatic breaks only at whitespace?
                                  % Dont make spaces visible
showspaces=false,
showtabs=false,
                                  % Dont make tabls visible
                            % Column format
columns=flexible,
morekeywords={__global__, __device__} % CUDA specific keywords
```

```
\lstset{style=tex-style}

\usepackage[hyphens]{url}
\usepackage{hyperref}
\hypersetup{
colorlinks=true,
citecolor=black,
filecolor=black,
linkcolor=blue,
urlcolor=blue
}
```

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage[a4paper, total={7in, 9in}]{geometry}
\pagestyle{empty} % Prevent relative page numbers
%% Default definitions
\input{../default-setup}
%% Example-specific packages
%% Example-specific preamble
\begin{document}
\section*{<example-title>}
\subsection*{Description}
<a-few-words-on-the-example>
\subsection*{Sources}
\textit{<add reference sources here>}
\url{<or paste a url>}
\subsection*{Used Packages}
\verb|<state-the-required-packages-here|
\subsection*{Preamble}
\begin{latex}
<paste-the-example-related-preamble-code-here>
\end{latex}
\subsection*{Document}
\begin{latex}
```

```
<paste-the-document-code-here-for-presentation>
\end{latex}

\subsection*{Result}

<write-the-example-document-code-here-for-compilation>
\end{document}
```

Chapter 2

Authoring tricks

Hand-written annotations

Description

Steven B. Segletes has shown a beautiful way to represent hand-written annotations over a text, with arrows and variable orientation.

However, a severe limitation is that these notes float at specified coordinates over a page and will not follow the text during pagination.

```
Note: My system didn't have the <code>emerald</code> font installed. I used the instructions found in <code>https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/79713/install-emerald-font-package-on-ubuntu</code> to install it. This official link <code>https://www.tug.org/fonts/fontinstall-personal.html</code> may provide some additional context.
```

Sources

https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/317190/handwritten-comments-and-annotations-in-margin?newsletter=1&nlcode=544695%7c921f

Used Packages

lipsum, stackengine, scalerel, everypage, xcolor, emerald, rotating, fontenc

Preamble

```
\usepackage{lipsum} % Used to create dummy text
\usepackage{stackengine} % Highly customised stacking of objects, insets, baseline changes,
\usepackage{scalerel} % Constrained scaling and stretching of objects
\usepackage{everypage} % Provide hooks to be run on every page of a document
\usepackage{xcolor} % Driver-independent color extensions for LaTeX and pdfLaTeX
\usepackage{emerald} % The used annotation font
\usepackage{rotating} % Rotation tools, including rotated full-page floats
\usepackage[T1]{fontenc} % Standard package for selecting font encodings
\def\PageTopMargin{1in}
\def\PageLeftMargin{1in}
\newcommand\atxy[3]{%
 \AddThispageHook{\smash{\hspace*{\dimexpr-\PageLeftMargin-\hoffset+#1\relax}}
     \raisebox{\dimexpr\PageTopMargin+\voffset-#2\relax}{#3}}}
\raggedright\fontfamily{fts}\selectfont\color{#5}#6}}}
\newcommand\handxform[7]{% SCALING IS EMPLOYED TO EXPAND THE USEFUL RANGE OF #7
 \raisebox{#1}{%
   \scalebox{4}[#6]{% THE 4X SCALING IS LATER COUNTERED BY 0.25
     \raisebox{#2}{%
      \rotatebox{#3}{%
        \stretchto{%
          \rotatebox{#4}{%
            \char#5}%
        }{0.25\dimexpr#7\relax}% THE 0.25 IS COUNTERED BY THE EARLIER 4X SCALING
      }%
     }%
```

```
}%
}%
             [2][1]{\hat{-}90}{12}{47}{#1}{#2}
\newcommand\handline
             [2][1]{\hat{-90}}{90}{62}{\#1}{\#2}
\newcommand\handrightarrow
\newcommand\handleftarrow
             [2][1]{\hat{55ex}}_{-0.5ex}_{90}_{90}_{62}_{#1}_{#2}}
\t $$ \operatorname{stretchto}\operatorname{x}_{4}{\c}_{42}_{\c}_{7}}}
             [2][1]{\handyform{.10ex}{-.08ex}{ 0}{ -0}{91}{#1}{#2}}
\newcommand\handuparrow
\newcommand\handdownarrow
```

```
\begin{minipage}[c]{0.7\linewidth}
        \lim [1-2]
\end{minipage}
\label{linewidth} $$ \arrowvert = 1] {15cm} {3cm} {0.25} \liminf {red} {\sim [4]} $$
\handnote[4]{1cm}{5cm}{3cm}{blue}{I have a really short comment}
\[ [2] {7ex} \] (6ex) \]
to display text rotation}
\handnote[89]{1cm}{10cm}{red}{This is a vertical note}
handlines: \handline{6ex}\handline[3]{12ex}\\
       handrightarrows: \handrightarrow{4ex}\handrightarrow[2]{5ex}\\
       handleftarrows: \\ \handleftarrow{4ex} \\ \handleftarrow[2]{5ex} \\ \\ \handleftarrow[2]{5ex} \\ \\ \handleftarrow[2]{5ex} \\ \\ \handleftarrow[2]{5ex} \\ \\ \handleftarrow[2]{6ex} \\ \\ \handl
       handhookrightarrows: \handhookrightarrow[1]{4ex}\handhookrightarrow[2.1]{7ex}\\
       handhookleftarrows:\handhookleftarrow[1]{5ex}\handhookleftarrow[2.1]{9ex}\\
       hand stealth left arrows: \\ hand stealth left arrow [2] {5ex} \\ hand stealth left arrow [2] \\ hand stealth left arrow [2] {5ex} \\ hand stealth left arrow [2] \\ hand stealth left arrow 
       handstealthrightarrows: \handstealthrightarrow{5ex}\handstealthrightarrow[2]{5ex}\\
       handuparrows \handuparrow{2ex}\handuparrow[1.2]{4ex}\\
       handdownarrows \handdownarrow{2ex}\handdownarrow[1.2]{4ex}}
```

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relatively comment to display text

ACCENTS:

handlines: handrightarrows:

handleftarrows:

handhookrightarrows:

handhookleftarrows: handstealthleftarrows:

handstealthrightarrows:

handuparrows

handdownarrows

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Calculations in LaTeX

Description

Programmatic execution and self-containment often require the performance of calculations within a \LaTeX Two options dominate:

The calc package is mostly intended for use in the manipulation of lengths. Be careful on the way it treats real numbers and the implicit unit conversion.

For more involved calculations, the fp package provides a greater set of functionality.

Read the raw code for examples of broken code, in cases of syntactical omissions.

Sources

Used Packages

calc, fp

Preamble

```
Length manipulation using the \verb|calc| package:

\setlength{\mylength}{\textwidth}
\setlength{\myotherlength}{3cm}

\rule{\mylength}{5pt}

\setlength{\templength}{\mylength-\myotherlength}
\rule{\templength}{5pt}

%\setlength{\templength}{5pt}

%\setlength{\templength}{\mylength-2*\myotherlength} % This doesn't work, because the untyped 2 will lated be assinged a unit type
```

```
\setlength{\templength}{\mylength-\myotherlength*2}
\rule{\templength}{5pt}
\setlength{\templength}{\mylength-\myotherlength*\real{2.5}}
\rule{\templength}{5pt}
~\\
The same commands work inside a tikz environment:\\
\begin{tikzpicture}
\node[draw, anchor=west](n1) at (0,0) {Node 1};
\node[draw, anchor=east](n2) at (\mylength,0) {Node 2};
\draw (\mylength, 0) node[anchor=east] {Node 2};
\label{lem:lemgth} $$\left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2.5} \right) $$
\node[draw](n3) at (\templength,0) {Node 3};
\end{tikzpicture}
~\\
Arithmetic and algebra using \verb|fp| package:
\FPset{varA}{10}
varA = \varA
\FPset{varB}{3}
varB = \varB
\FPeval{varC}{clip(varA+varB)}
\varA + \varB = \varC
\FPeval{varD}{round(varA^varB,3)}
\varA \^\ \varB = \varD
\FPmin{\varE}{\varA}{\varB}
min(\varA, \varB) = \varE
\FPlsolve{\varF}{\varA}{\varB}
\varA*x+\varB=0 $\Rightarrow$ x=\FPuse{clip(\varF)}
\FPeval{\varG}{arctan(\varA)}
arctan(\varA) = \FPuse{round(\varG,3)}
~\\
The same functionality can be used within a math environment:
\begin{equation}
10\cdot x + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x=\FPuse{clip(\varF)}
\end{equation}
~\\
Sadly, the \verb|fp| package requires the full backslash notation (\textbackslash) to define
   variable names for several of its functions. This has the downside that numbers cannot be
   used as part of the variable name, as they cannot be included in a backslashed name.
```

Length manipulation using the calc package:

The same commands work inside a tikz environment: $\boxed{\text{Node } 1}$

Node 3

Node 2

Arithmetic and algebra using fp package:

varA = 10

 $\mathrm{varB}=3$

10 + 3 = 13

 $10^{\circ} 3 = 1000.000$

min(10, 3) = 3

 $10*x+3=0 \Rightarrow x=-0.3$

 $\arctan(10) = 1.471$

The same functionality can be used within a math environment:

$$10 \cdot x + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -0.3 \tag{1}$$

Sadly, the fp package requires the full backslash notation (\) to define variable names for several of its functions. This has the downside that numbers cannot be used as part of the variable name, as they cannot be included in a backslashed name.

Calculations in LaTeX 2: Python Integration

Description

The interfaces of the calc and fp packages may seem cumbersome to some. Furthermore, their capabilities are definitely limited.

pythontex offers Python integration for a LaTeXdocument. A Python shell is invoked and is passed any code contained within the pythontex environments. The results can be then accessed from the LaTeXcode. To use pythontex, in this case in a Linux environment:

- 1. Write your LATEX document, containing any valid pythontex code
- 2. Compile the LATEX document (e.g. pdflatex root.tex) to generate pythontex-specific code files
- 3. Run the pythontex program on the LATEX document (i.e. pythontex root.tex). This should read the generated code files and executre all Python commands
- 4. Compile the LATEX document anew to include the pythontex output

Read through the verbatim example code and the result for more information on the usage of the package.

Note 1: Currently pythontex does not support a lower build directory (e.g. ./build/output.pdf). All files must be at the same level as the root document.

Note 2: I have not managed to setup an automated build chain of commands within TeXstudio. Calling pythontex from within it sometimes produces runtime errors, especially when making matplotlib figures, whereas calling pythontex manually from the console runs fine. I have not found the cause. I tried calling using an external bash script to run pythontex from within TeXstudio but this didn't help either.

Note 3: pythontex is not compatible with the listings package. If you need to typeset code listings you can use the minted package instead. minted calls the pygments software, which requires the -shell-escape IATEX compilation option. This imposes some security risks, so do not use on documents you do not trust.

Note 4: This document uses the gnuplot extension of pgfplots, which requires the -shell-escape build option.

Sources

https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/397234/how-to-do-mathematical-programming-in-latex?newsletter=1&nlcode=544695%7c921f

https://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/macros/latex/contrib/pythontexhttp://tug.ctan.org/tex-archive/macros/latex/contrib/minted.pdf

Used Packages

graphicx

Preamble

```
Python\TeX provides a multitude of environments which allow \LaTeX to interact with Python.
The \mintinline{latex}{\pyb}/\mintinline{latex}{pyblock} environment typesets the passed code into the
→ \LaTeX document and also executes it. However, it will not print out any results.
\pyb{my_str='hi'}
\begin{pyblock}
 my_str+=' there'
  print('Python says: {0}!'.format(my_str))
\end{pyblock}
You can access the last printout done by Python using the \mintinline{latex}{\printpythontex} command.
The \mintinline{latex}{\pyc}/\mintinline{latex}{pycode} environment both executes code and typesets
\rightarrow results, but does not typeset the code itself.
\pyc{my_str="calculations"}
\begin{pycode}
  my_str="calculations"
  print("Let's do some {0}".format(my_str))
\end{pycode}
You can use the \mintinline{latex}{\pys}/\mintinline{latex}{pysub} environment to substitute Python
\rightarrow variable values into \LaTeX code, using the \verb|!{...}| format.
In this example, \verb|sympy| expression manipulation is used to generate a function expression, which
\hookrightarrow is then plotted using \verb|gnuplot|.
\begin{pycode}
 from sympy import *
 x = symbols('x')
  f = integrate(cos(x)*sin(x), x)
\end{pycode}
\begin{pysub}
  \begin{tikzpicture}
  \label=\$x\$, ylabel=\$y\$, samples=200, no \ markers, title=\$!\{latex(f)\}\$]
  \addplot[black] gnuplot {!{f}};
  \end{axis}
  \end{tikzpicture}
\end{pysub}
The \texttt{r} string prefix prevents escaping characters. This can be used to effectively perform
\begin{pycode}
  print(r'\begin{center}')
    print(r'\textit{A message from Python!}')
    print(r'\end{center}')
\end{pycode}
```

```
Now, let us focus on actual calculations done with \verb|pythontex|.
\textbf{Example 1: Typical arithmetic}
\begin{pyblock}
 x1 = 5.1
 x2 = 7.4
 y = 3*x1**2 + 5*x2**0.5
\end{pyblock}
The answer is \py{y}.
\textbf{Example 2: Math environment code generation}
pys{1 + 1 = !{1+1}}
~\\
\textbf{Example 3: String manipulation}
\begin{pyblock}
 username = "Doctor"
 password = "Zee"
\end{pyblock}
\begin{pysub}
  Your username is: \textit{!{username}}\\
  Your password is: \text{textit}\{\{password}\}\
\end{pysub}
~\\
\textbf{Example 4: Using} \verb|matplotlib| \textbf{to generate figures}
The \mintinline{latex}{pylabcode} block automatically imports the \mintinline{python}{matplotlib}
\hookrightarrow module.
First of all, notice the usage of the \texttt{textwidth} variable, which was passed to the Python
\rightarrow environment at the preamble, to control the size of the figure.
Following that, the matplotlib commands are juxtaposed.
Finally, a .pdf figure is saved with the \mintinline{python}{savefig} command.
\textbf{Note:} Your initial \LaTeX must have any \mintinline{latex}{\includegraphics} commands

→ commented out, because these files have not yet been created by \verb|pythontex|. Once the image

\ \ \hookrightarrow \  files are created, you can un-comment any image include commands.
\begin{pylabcode}
  figwidth = 0.4*pytex.pt_to_in(pytex.context.textwidth)
 figheight = 3/4*figwidth
 rc('text', usetex=True)
  rc('font',**{'family':'serif', 'serif':['Times']})
  rc('font', size=10.0)
  rc('legend', fontsize=10.0)
  x = linspace(0, 3*pi)
  figure(figsize=(figwidth, figheight))
  plot(x, sin(x), label='\$\sin(x)\$')
  plot(x, sin(x)**2, label='$\sin^2(x)$', linestyle='dashed')
  xlabel(r'$x$-axis')
  ylabel(r'$y$-axis')
  xticks(arange(0, 4*pi, pi), ('$0$','$\pi$', '$2\pi$', '$3\pi$'))
  axis([0, 3*pi, -1, 1])
  legend(loc='lower right')
```

```
savefig('myplot.pdf', bbox_inches='tight')
\end{pylabcode}

\begin{center}
\includegraphics{myplot.pdf}
\end{center}
```

The \pyb/pyblock environment typesets the passed code into the LATEX document and also executes it. However, it will not print out any results.

```
my_str='hi'
my_str+=' there'
print('Python says: {0}!'.format(my_str))
```

You can access the last printout done by Python using the \printpythontex command.

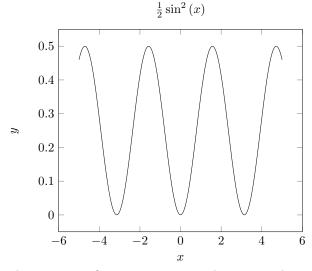
Python says: hi there!

The $\pyc/pycode$ environment both executes code and typesets results, but does not typeset the code itself.

Let's do some calculations

You can use the \pys/pysub environment to substitute Python variable values into LATEXcode, using the !{...} format.

In this example, sympy expression manipulation is used to generate a function expression, which is then plotted using gnuplot.



The r string prefix prevents escaping characters. This can be used to effectively perform LATEX code generation within a pycode block.

A message from Python!

Now, let us focus on actual calculations done with pythontex.

Example 1: Typical arithmetic

```
x1 = 5.1

x2 = 7.4

y = 3*x1**2 + 5*x2**0.5
```

The answer is 91.6314705087.

Example 2: Math environment code generation 1+1=2

Example 3: String manipulation

username = "Doctor"
password = "Zee"

Your username is: *Doctor* Your password is: *Zee*

Example 4: Using matplotlib to generate figures

The pylabcode block automatically imports the matplotlib module. First of all, notice the usage of the textwidth variable, which was passed to the Python environment at the preamble, to control the size of the figure. Following that, the matplotlib commands are juxtaposed. Finally, a .pdf figure is saved with the savefig command.

Note: Your initial LATEX must have any \includegraphics commands commented out, because these files have not yet been created by pythontex. Once the image files are created, you can un-comment any image include commands.

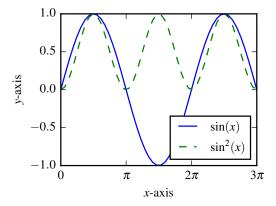


Figure Wrapping

Description

Wrapping a figure around text isn't a stock functionality in LATEX, but the wrapfig package provides a clean interface for that purpose.

Sources

```
https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/118602/how-to-text-wrap-an-image-in-latex Frog image from: http://animal-wildlife.blogspot.gr/2011/08/tree-frog.html
```

Used Packages

wrapfig, graphicx

Preamble

```
{\centering
 {\Large Figure Wrapping Example}\\
 \vspace{5pt}
 {\large writeLaTeX}\\
 \vspace{5pt}
 \today\\
 \vspace{5pt}
\begin{wrapfigure}{R}{0.3\textwidth}
 \centering
 \includegraphics[width=0.25\textwidth]{frog.jpg}
 \caption{\label{fig:frog1}This is a figure caption.}
\end{wrapfigure}
\lipsum[1]
\begin{wrapfigure}{L}{0.3\textwidth}
 \centering
 \includegraphics[width=0.25\textwidth]{frog.jpg}
 \caption{\label{fig:frog2}This is a figure caption.}
\end{wrapfigure}
\lim [2-3]
```

Figure Wrapping Example writeLaTeX

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Figure 2: This is a figure caption.

The cleveref package

Description

cleveref is a very powerful package which provides functionality for cross-referencing within a document. See the example for an overview of the functionality.

Warning 1: cleveref has to be loaded after hyperref

Warning 2: cleveref is not compatible with ieeetrantools (see links below). That means that it cannot refer to IEEEeqnarray environments properly. Some workarounds may exist but they are not guaranteed not to break anything else.

Sources

```
http://ctan.math.utah.edu/ctan/tex-archive/macros/latex/contrib/cleveref/cleveref.pdf
https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/1863/which-packages-should-be-loaded-after-hyperref-instead-
of-before#1868
https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/227137/how-to-use-cleveref-with-ieeeeqnarray
https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/132823/ieeetrantools-clash-with-cleveref
https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/250733/ieeetran-cls-and-cleveref-the-special-case-of-ieeeeqnarray
https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/119225/cleveref-cleveref-appears-to-not-be-so-clever-sorry-
for-the-pun-but-i-couldnt
```

Used Packages

graphicx, hyperref, cleveref

Preamble

```
\begin{figure}[b]
  \centering
  \includegraphics[width=0.25\linewidth]{frog.jpg}
  \caption{This is a figure}
  \label{fig:1}
\end{figure}

\begin{equation}
  x^2+y^2=z^2
\label{eq:1}
\end{equation}
\begin{equation}
  \begin{equation}
  \begin{equation}
  \label{eq:2}
```

```
\end{equation}
The cleveref package allows you to:
\begin{itemize}
  \item prefix the type of the reference automatically: \cref{fig:1}
  \item reference with small and capital initial letters: \Cref{eq:1}, \cref{eq:1}.
  \item reference a range: \crefrange{eq:1}{eq:2}
  \item get the type of the reference: \namecref{fig:1}, \namecref{eq:1}
  \item get the page number of the reference: \cpageref{eq:1}
  \end{itemize}
```



Figure 1: This is a figure

$$x^{2} + y^{2} = z^{2}$$
 (1)
 $e^{\pi} = -1$ (2)

The cleveref package allows you to:

- prefix the type of the reference automatically: figure 1
- reference with small and capital initial letters: Equation (1), equation (1).
- reference a range: equations (1) to (2)
- get the type of the reference: figure, equation
- \bullet get the page number of the reference: page 2

Replace the Missing Reference Symbol (??)

Description

Typically, when a reference to a missing label occurs, a double question mark appears (??). This is hard to track or search for. Instead, this symbol can be changed to an arbitrary string, for better visibility. The same holds for the missing citation symbol.

Sources

Used Packages

etoolbox, xpatch

Preamble

```
%% Example-specific packages
\usepackage{etoolbox} % programming facilities geared primarily towards LaTeX class and
   package authors
\usepackage{xpatch} % generalizes the macro patching commands provided by etoolbox
%% Example-specific preamble
% must be done after loading hyperref
\newcommand{\myunknownrefsymbol}{\color{red}CITE}
\makeatletter
\patchcmd{\@setref}{??}{\color{red}\textless REF \textgreater}{}{}
\def\@citex[#1]#2{\leavevmode
 \let\@citea\@empty
 \@cite{\@for\@citeb:=#2\do
   {\@citea\def\@citea{,\penalty\@m\}%
    \edef\@citeb{\expandafter\@firstofone\@citeb\@empty}%
    \ifOfilesw\immediate\write\Oauxout{\string\citation{\Ociteb}}\fi
    \@ifundefined{b@\@citeb}{\hbox{\reset@font\bfseries \myunknownrefsymbol}%
      \G@refundefinedtrue
      \@latex@warning
      {Citation '\@citeb' on page \thepage \space undefined}}%
    {\@cite@ofmt{\csname b@\@citeb\endcsname}}}}{#1}}
\makeatother
```

Document

```
Figure \ref{missing} is missing.\\
The same holds for reference \cite{missing-book}.
```

Result

```
Figure <REF > is missing.

The same holds for reference [CITE].
```

Chapter 3

Tables

Colors in table elements

Description

Sometimes tables need some color in them. The colortbl package offers some nice functionalities and works with tabularx as well.

Sources

https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/50349/color-only-a-cell-of-a-table

Used Packages

colortbl

Preamble

```
\usepackage[table]{xcolor} % table option invokes the colortbl package \usepackage{tabularx}
```

Document

```
\centering
\begin{tabularx}{0.5\linewidth}{%
   >{\columncolor{gray!80}[.5\tabcolsep]}1%
   >{\columncolor{white}[.5\tabcolsep]}X%
   !{\color{blue}\vline}
   @{\color{blue!50}\vrule width \doublerulesep}
   !{\color{blue}\vline}%
   >{\columncolor{white}[.5\tabcolsep]}r%
 \textbf{Header 1}
                                        & \textbf{Header 2}
                                                                   & \textbf{Header 3} \\ \
     hline
                                        & \cellcolor{blue!25}coloured & contents
                                                                                     \\ \hline
                                                                                   11
 \rowcolor{red!25} And
                                      & some
                                                                 & more
 \rowcolor{red!25} \cellcolor{gray!80}And & some
                                                                         & more
```

Result

Header 1	Header 2	Header 3
Some	coloured	contents
And	some	more
And	some	more

Chapter 4

Miscellaneous

Custom Labels

Description

I wanted an easy-ish way to make and print labels for some storage boxes I use. I had tried tables in MS Word, and while dimensions and images are straightforward to build, it requires a lot of mouse clicking, dragging and typing, each time I want to make a new label.

The ticket pakage provides some amenities to do that. The philosophy behind it is that

- 1. you define some key lengths in the preamble, pertaining to the label geometry
- 2. you define a default ticket background, placing there any content which is common to all tickets
- 3. you define a ticket, which places the passed arguments appropriately for each label

Then, you call the ticket command for each new label you want to make.

In theory, this allows you to parse .csv files and turn their contents into labels (e.g. for conference badges). Read the annotated code for more insight.

Sources

http://mirror.utexas.edu/ctan/macros/latex/contrib/ticket/doc/manual.pdf

Used Packages

ticket, graphicx, tikz

Preamble

```
% Define key quantities
% These are used to manually draw geometry
\newcommand{\labelWidth}{80}
\newcommand{\labelHeight}{60}
\newcommand{\labelSepHeight}{12}
\newcommand{\imageHeight}{45}
% Setup the ticket package lengths
% These are used by the ticket package
\unitlength = 1mm % Used unit
\ticketSize{80}{60} % label dimensions in \unitlength
\ticketNumbers{2}{4} % number of labels in each page
\ticketDistance{0}{0} % separation between each label. I selected 0 to cut both edges at once
% Define the default ticket background
% I used a single tikzpicture to draw the default layout. In theory you could use multiple
   separate \put commands, but I found the coordinate system awkward.
\renewcommand{\ticketdefault}{%
  \put(0,0){%
   \begin{tikzpicture}[x=1mm, y=1mm] % It helps turning tikz units into real mms for easier
         % Add temporary grid for easier positioning of elements
        \draw [gray!50, step=10] (0,0) grid + (\labelWidth,\labelHeight);
        \node (zeroMark) at (2,2) {0};
   % Draw a frame
   \draw (0,0) -- %
```

```
(\labelWidth, 0) --%
   (\labelWidth, \labelHeight) --%
   (0, \labelHeight) --%
   cycle;
   % Draw the horizontal line
   \draw (0, \labelHeight-\labelSepHeight) -- (\labelWidth, \labelHeight-\labelSepHeight);
   \end{tikzpicture}
% Define the ticket content
\newcommand{\myLabel}[2]{\ticket{%
   \put(0, 0){%
     \begin{tikzpicture}[x=1mm, y=1mm]
     % Draw the lable title
     \node[anchor=center] (title) at (0.5*\labelWidth, \labelHeight-0.6*\labelSepHeight) {\
         Huge\textbf{#1}};
     % Insert the image
     \node[anchor=center] (img) at (0.5*\labelWidth, 0.5*\labelHeight-0.5*\labelSepHeight ) {\
         includegraphics[height=\imageHeight mm]{#2}};
     % The two diagnonal points are inserted to create a tikz image as large as the label. In
         this way, it is correctly placed within the image.
     \node at (\labelWidth, \labelHeight) {};
     \node at (0, 0) \{\};
     \end{tikzpicture}}%
 }
}
```

```
% Just use one \myLabel{title}{imageFile} for each label
\myLabel{Springs}{images/springs.jpg}
\myLabel{Magnets}{images/magnets}
\myLabel{Nails}{images/nails}
\myLabel{Regulators}{images/regulators}
\myLabel{Sandpaper}{images/sandpaper}
\myLabel{Screws}{images/screws2}
```

Springs	Magnets
Nails	Regulators
Sandpaper	Screws
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Chapter 5

Mathematics Typesetting

Set math mode as default for each item in list

Description

Often times, a list containing only math-type content is needed. Typically, for each new list item the \$\$ math environment definition is required.

Instead, this example shows a workaround in order to pre-load the math environment automatically for each new list item.

Used Packages

enumitem, xpatch

Preamble

Document

```
\begin{mathlist}
  \item x + y = z
  \item e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0
  \item E=mc^2
  \item \)Non math - mode % Jumping out of math-mode
  \end{mathlist}
  \begin{enumerate}
  \item Foo % It's regular and not in math mode!
  \end{enumerate}
```

Result

```
1. x + y = z
```

2.
$$e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$$

- 3. $E = mc^2$
- 4. Non math mode
- 1. Foo

Summation with Limits on the Side

Description

Some times placing the summation limits to the side of the summation symbol can provide better typesetting or simply save vertical space. This is how to achieve this.

Sources

 $\verb|https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/283939/having-sub-super-scripts-on-the-side-for-sum/properties and the stackexchange and the stacker and the stackexchange and the stacker and t$

Used Packages

amsmath

Preamble

\usepackage{amsmath}

Document

```
Standard summation:
\begin{equation}
\sum_{1}^{\infty} 1/x
\end{equation}

Using \verb|\nolimits|:
\begin{equation}
\sum\nolimits_{1}^{\infty}1/x
\end{equation}

Using \verb|\textstyle|:
\begin{equation}
{\textstyle\sum}_{1}^{\infty}1/x
\end{equation}
```

Result

Standard summation:

$$\sum_{1}^{\infty} 1/x \tag{1}$$

Using \nolimits:

$$\sum_{1}^{\infty} 1/x \tag{2}$$

Using \textstyle:

$$\sum_{1}^{\infty} 1/x \tag{3}$$

Chapter 6
tikz tricks

File System Structure

Description

A tree file system graphical structure is generated, drawn as a tikz image. The trees tikz library is used to build the structure.

Sources

 $\label{lem:http://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/306415/connecting-tree-nodes-with-double-arrows-a-lackef?newsletter=1&nlcode=544695\%7c921f$

Used Packages

tikz

Preamble

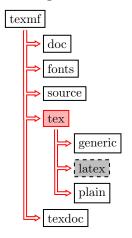
```
\documentclass[class=article, crop=false]{standalone}
\usepackage{tikz}
\usetikzlibrary{trees,decorations.markings}
```

Example Code

```
\tikzstyle{every node}=[draw=black,thick,anchor=west]
\tikzstyle{selected}=[draw=red,fill=red!30]
\tikzstyle{optional}=[dashed,fill=gray!50]
\newcommand{\arrowcolor}{red}
\newcommand{\arrowfillcolor}{white}
\pgfdeclarelayer{front}
\pgfsetlayers{main,front}
\makeatletter
\pgfkeys{%
/tikz/path on layer/.code={
\def\tikz@path@do@at@end{\endpgfonlayer\endgroup\tikz@path@do@at@end}%
\pgfonlayer{#1}\begingroup%
}%
\makeatother
\begin{tikzpicture}[%
rightarr/.pic={\path[pic actions] (-0.4,0)-(-1,-0.35)-(-1,.35)--cycle;},
grow via three points={one child at (0.5,-0.7) and
two children at (0.5,-0.7) and (0.5,-1.4),
edge from parent path={(\tikzparentnode.south) |- (\tikzchildnode.west)},
edge from parent/.style={
decoration={
markings,
```

```
mark=at position 1 with{\coordinate (0, 0) pic[\arrowcolor,fill=\arrowfillcolor,scale=0.22]{
   rightarr};},
},
draw = \arrowcolor,
line width = 3pt,
shorten >= 5.7pt,
shorten <= 2pt,
postaction = {decorate},
postaction = {draw,line width=1.4pt,white,path on layer=front},
}]
\node {texmf}
child { node {doc}}
child { node {fonts}}
child { node {source}}
child { node [selected] {tex}
child { node {generic}}
child { node [optional] {latex}}
child { node {plain}}
}
child [missing] {}
child [missing] {}
child [missing] {}
child { node {texdoc}};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

Example Result



File System Structure 2

Description

Another way to plot a file system structure is to take advantage of the forest package. Note that for this specific example forest v2 or greater is required.

Sources

```
https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/328886/making-a-directory-tree-of-folders-and-files?newsletter=
1&nlcode=544695%7c921f
https://www.ctan.org/pkg/forest
```

Used Packages

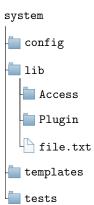
forest, tikz

Preamble

```
%% Example-specific packages
\usepackage[edges]{forest}
%% Example-specific preamble
% Define custom colors
\definecolor{folderbg}{RGB}{124,166,198}
\definecolor{folderborder}{RGB}{110,144,169}
% Define the folder and file drawing commands
\newlength\Size
\setlength\Size{4pt}
\tikzset{%
 folder/.pic={%
   \filldraw [draw=folderborder, top color=folderbg!50, bottom color=folderbg] (-1.05*\Size
       ,0.2\Size+5pt) rectangle ++(.75*\Size,-0.2\Size-5pt);
   \filldraw [draw=folderborder, top color=folderbg!50, bottom color=folderbg] (-1.15*\Size,-\
      Size) rectangle (1.15*\Size,\Size);
 },
 file/.pic={%
   \filldraw [draw=folderborder, top color=folderbg!5, bottom color=folderbg!10] (-\Size,.4*\
      Size+5pt) coordinate (a) |-(Size,-1.2*Size)| coordinate (b) --++(0,1.6*Size)|
      coordinate (c) -- ++(-5pt,5pt) coordinate (d) -- cycle (d) \mid- (c) ;
 }
% Edit forest options
\forestset{%
 declare autowrapped toks={pic me}{}, % This is an option to hold the value desired for each
     node. Eventually, this will take values such as pic {file}. By default, it is empty
 pic dir tree/.style={% We define a style for trees of this kind, pic dir tree
     folder, % Select the directory-style, provided by the folder/edges library
    font=\ttfamily,
    grow'=0,
   },
```

```
before typesetting nodes={% We'll collect the pic me settings while parsing the tree and add
      them to the edge path by appending the option to the value of edge label
   for tree={%
     edge label+/.option={pic me},
   },
 },
},
pic me set/.code n args=2{% pic me set takes 2 arguments. The first is the name of a Forest
    style to-be-created. The second is the name of a pic such as folder or file.
  \forestset{%
   #1/.style={%
     inner xsep=2\Size,
     pic me={pic {#2}},
 }
pic me set={directory}{folder}, % We just create 2 such styles for now.
pic me set={file}{file},
```

```
\begin{forest}
  pic dir tree, % Import the tree preamble
  where level=0{}{% folder icons by default; override using file for file icons
    directory, % All level 0 nodes will use the directory format
},
[system % Now draw the tree
[config]
[lib
[Access]
[Plugin]
[file.txt, file] % Override the default folder format and use the file format, as defined
    above
]
[templates]
[tests]
]
\end{forest}
```



Adding Noise to Plots

Description

Sometimes realistic noise needs to be added to function plots. The following code demonstrates that.

The \pgfmathstoreseed{arg1} and \pgfmathrestoreseed can be used to manipulate the random number generator seed.

The rand function returns uniform noise. It would be nice to find some native command for Gaussian, white, etc noises.

Sources

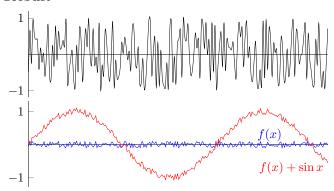
Used Packages

pgfplots

Preamble

```
\begin{tikzpicture}[samples=200, domain=0:5*360]
\begin{axis}[
width=10cm, height=4cm,
enlarge x limits=false,
xtick=\empty,
axis lines *= middle,
\pgfmathsetseed{126838}
\addplot [no markers, smooth] {rand};
\end{axis}
\end{tikzpicture}
\noindent
\begin{tikzpicture}[samples=250, domain=0:10]
\begin{axis}[
width=10cm, height=4cm,
enlarge x limits=false,
xtick=\empty,
axis lines *= middle,
```

```
|
\pgfmathsetseed{126838}
\addplot[color=blue] {rand/10};
\node[right] at (axis cs:7.5,0.3) {\color{blue}$f(x)$};
\pgfmathsetseed{126838}
\addplot[color=red] {rand/10 + sin (deg(x))};
\node[left] at (axis cs:10,-0.7) {\color{red}$f(x) + \sin x$};
\end{axis}
\end{tikzpicture}
```



Dual axes in tikz

Description

Dual scaling in a tikz figure is a common need. This example shows a nice way to have two y axes in a single tikzpicture; one on the left and one on the right.

Sources

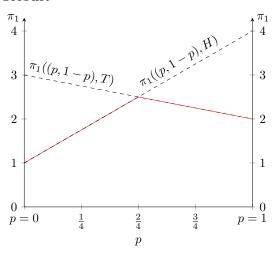
https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/316978/how-to-draw-a-graph-with-several-axes?newsletter= 1&nlcode=544695%7c921f

Used Packages

pgfplots

Preamble

```
\begin{tikzpicture}
\pgfplotsset{% <-- common presets for both axes
 ylabel=$\pi_1$,
 domain=0:1,xmin=0,xmax=1,
 ymin=0,ymax=4.3,
 enlargelimits=false,
 clip=false % Controls whether any paths inside of an axis shall be clipped. Used to avoid
     clipping red text which is outside the plot limits.
\begin{axis}[
axis y line=left,
                             % <-- left y axis
ylabel style={at={(0,1)},rotate=-90,anchor=east},% <--</pre>
axis x line=bottom,
                      % <--
x axis line style={-},
                             % <--
xlabel=$p$,
xtick={0, 0.25, 0.75, 1},
                          % <--
xticklabels={$p=0$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $p=1$},% <--
\addplot[dashed] { -x+3} node[above,sloped,pos=0.2] { \phi_1((p,1-p),T)$};
\addplot[dashed] {3*x+1} node[above,sloped,pos=0.7] {$\pi_1((p,1-p),H)$};
\addplot[red] \{ifthenelse(x>0.5,-x+3,3*x+1)\};
-| (0.5,0) node[below] {\hat y} = \frac{1}{2}; % path elements (i.e. the nodes) are outside
   of the graph area
```



Arrows within Text

Description

Tikz can store node positions within the text, which can be later used to rout arrows.

Sources

 $\label{lem:https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/408177/drawing-an-arrow-between-two-parts-of-a-sentence? \\ newsletter=1&nlcode=544695\%7c921f$

Used Packages

t.ikz

Preamble

Document

```
This is a very long \tikz[baseline=(node1.base)]\node (node1) {\underline{sentence that}};
appears
in this very \tikz[baseline=(node2.base)]\node (node2) {\underline{short short}}; document.

\text{begin{tikzpicture}[overlay]}
% Bend above text line
\draw[-latex] (node2.north) to[bend right] (node1.north);
% Angled
\draw[-latex] (node2.south) -- ++(0,-1.5ex) -| (node1.south);
```

Result

This is a very long $\underline{\text{sentence that}}$ appears in this very $\underline{\text{short short}}$ document.