
Academic Presentations

A LaTeX Template Using the beamer Class

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Introduction

Introduction 1: Choice of a Reasonable Aspect Ratio

When preparing a presentation, we often do not know whether the native aspect ratio of the projector in the seminar room/lecture hall will be 4:3 or 16:9 (or 16:10).

In this case, it may be a good idea to choose an **intermediate aspect ratio**, see <https://github.com/josephwright/beamer/issues/497>. The idea behind this recommendation is that it minimizes the average loss of available space.

Hence, these templates include a presentation in the **14:9 aspect ratio** (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/14:9_aspect_ratio): while it is imperfect for probably every projector that you will encounter, it is good on average for all of them.

(Please note that $14:9 \doteq 1.556$, which is pretty close to the “officially” recommended $20:13 \doteq 1.5385$.)

Introduction 2

*Great Minds Discuss Ideas.
Average Minds Discuss Events.
Small Minds Discuss People.*

—<https://quoteinvestigator.com/2014/11/18/great-minds/>

Background

- Temporal discounting is key concept in economics.
- Normative model: exponential discounting. However, observed decisions are hard to explain (e.g., Dohmen, Falk, Huffman, and Sunde, 2012).
- One alternative: the “focusing model” by Köszegi and Szeidl (2013).

Introduction 3

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Preview of the Results

- There is no feasible method at present known of preventing the inclusion of the resin of the latex with the rubber during coagulation.
- ⇒ Although the separation of the resin from the solid caoutchouc by means of solvents is possible, it is not practicable or profitable commercially.

Introduction 4: Beamer block Environments

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The block environment. The block environment. The block environment. The block environment. The block environment. Block title example: 0123456789 äöüß ÄÖÜ Often finding flowers in official fjords.

An exemplary example

I am the exampleblock environment. Use me for examples.

Summary: Things to remember

The alertblock environment. Use this environment for really important stuff. The alertblock environment.

Introduction 5: Beamer block Environment with Different Colors

A block in the default color

The block environment. The block environment. The block environment. The block environment. A block in the default color.

A block in yellow

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Introduction 6: Beamer definition and theorem Environments

Definition (A Very, Very, Very, Very, Very, Very Long Name of a Concept that Spans Two Lines)

The definition environment. Upright.

Theorem (Theorem's name)

The theorem environment. Italic.

Lemma (Lemma's Name)

The lemma environment. Italic.

Corollary (Corollary's Name)

The corollary environment. Italic.

Proof of Theorem's Name

The proof environment. Upright.



Study Design

Study Design 1: Design of the Study

- The latex of the best rubber plants furnishes from 20% to 50% of rubber.
- As the removal of the impurities of the latex is one of the essential points to be aimed at, it was thought that the use of a centrifugal machine to separate the caoutchouc as a cream from the watery part of the latex would prove to be a satisfactory process.

Study Design 2: Design of the Study

The watery portion of the latex soaks into the trunk, and the soft spongy rubber which remains is kneaded and pressed into lumps or balls:

BAL_{1:1}^I, BAL_{1:1}^{II}: Each payment transferred on single day.

UNBAL_{1:n}^I: Earlier payoff concentrated, while later payoff dispersed over $n = 2, 4$, or 8 dates.

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Study Design 3: Control Experiment

- Control for alternative explanations.
- Many of the example sentences were taken from <http://sentence.yourdictionary.com/latex>.

Study Design 4: An Example enumerate List

1. First itemtext
 - a. First itemtext
 - i. First itemtext
 - ii. Second itemtext
 - iii. Last itemtext
 - iv. First itemtext
 - b. Second itemtext
 - c. Last itemtext
 - d. First itemtext
2. Second itemtext
3. Last itemtext
4. First itemtext

Study Design 5: An Example `itemize` List

- First itemtext
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 - Second itemtext
 - Last itemtext
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Study Design 6: Some Example Text

Let's include some Greek letters: α , β , σ

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Test: $\chi\rho\sigma\tau$ $\chi\rho\varsigma$ τ $\chi\rho\sigma$ τ . Math mode, upright: σ

Study Design 7: Some Example Formulas

Let's include some additional Greek letters: γ , ϕ , σ_ϵ , c^α

$$p(R, \phi) \sim \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\tilde{W}_n(\gamma) \exp \left[iR/a \left(\sqrt{k^2 a^2 - \gamma^2} \cos \phi \right) \right]}{(k^2 a^2 - \gamma^2)^{3/4} H_n^{(1)} \left(\sqrt{k^2 a^2 - \gamma^2} \right)} d\gamma$$

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Let's test the math bold style

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} := \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}(X_1) & \cdots & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{Cov}(X_n, X_1) & \cdots & \text{Var}(X_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

Study Design 8: Additional Example Formulas (with upright π)

Only variables are set in italics according to ISO style—hence, we use upright “d,” “e,” and “ π ” (`\mathup{d}`, `\mathup{e}`, and `\mathup{\pi}`), respectively).

Theorem (simplest form of the *Central Limit Theorem*)

Let X_1, X_2, \dots be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with mean 0 and variance 1 on a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$. Then

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}} \leq y\right) \rightarrow \mathfrak{N}(y) := \int_{-\infty}^y \frac{e^{-v^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \, dv \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

or, equivalently, letting $S_n := \sum_{k=1}^n X_k$,

$$\mathbb{E}f\left(S_n / \sqrt{n}\right) \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v) \frac{e^{-v^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \, dv \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ for every } f \in \mathcal{BC}(\mathbb{R}).$$

Study Design 9: An `siunitx` Example Table

Table 1. Overview of the choice lists presented to subjects (adapted from Gerhardt, Schildberg-Hörisch, and Willrodt, 2017).

	Alternative A				Alternative B			
	$c_{A,1}$	$p_{A,1}$	$c_{A,2}$	$p_{A,2}$	$c_{B,1}$	$p_{B,1}$	$c_{B,2}$	$p_{B,2}$
<i>Choice List I: risky/risky ($x = €22.00$, $r = €7.50$, $k = €11.50$; 25 rows)</i>								
Top row	€ 3.00	50%	€22.00	50%	€ 3.00	50%	€ 7.00	50%
Center row	€ 3.00	50%	€22.00	50%	€ 9.00	50%	€13.00	50%
Row with $m = 0$	€ 3.00	50%	€22.00	50%	€10.50	50%	€14.50	50%
Bottom row	€ 3.00	50%	€22.00	50%	€15.00	50%	€19.00	50%
<i>Choice List II: safe/risky ($x = €16.00$, $r = €5.00$, $k = €5.00$; 19 rows)</i>								
Top row	€11.00	100%			€11.00	50%	€21.00	50%
Center row	€11.00	100%			€ 6.50	50%	€16.50	50%
Row with $m = 0$	€11.00	100%			€ 6.00	50%	€16.00	50%
Bottom row	€11.00	100%			€ 2.00	50%	€12.00	50%
<i>Choice List III: "long shot" ($x = €14.00$, $r = -€36.00$, $k = €7.00$; 21 rows)</i>								
Top row	€ 7.00	90%	€50.00	10%	€ 7.00	90%	€10.00	10%
Row with $m = 0$	€ 7.00	90%	€50.00	10%	€11.00	90%	€14.00	10%
Center row	€ 7.00	90%	€50.00	10%	€12.00	90%	€15.00	10%
Bottom row	€ 7.00	90%	€50.00	10%	€17.00	90%	€20.00	10%
<i>Choice List IV: delayed payoffs ($x = €18.00$, $r = €6.00$, $k = €8.50$, paid in one week; 20 rows)</i>								
Top row	€ 9.50	50%	€12.00	50%	€ 9.50	50%	€24.00	50%
Above-center row	€ 9.50	50%	€12.00	50%	€ 5.00	50%	€19.50	50%
Below-center row	€ 9.50	50%	€12.00	50%	€ 4.50	50%	€19.00	50%
Row with $m = 0$	€ 9.50	50%	€12.00	50%	€ 3.50	50%	€18.00	50%
Bottom row	€ 9.50	50%	€12.00	50%	€ 0.00	50%	€14.50	50%

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2. The rows of cells from which the laticiferous vessels are formed can be distinguished (6.3 p.p. vs. 2.6 p.p.; $p < 0.01$).

Results 2: Our Main Results

The charts are taken from Dertwinkel-Kalt, Gerhardt, Riener, Schwerter, and Strang (2017).

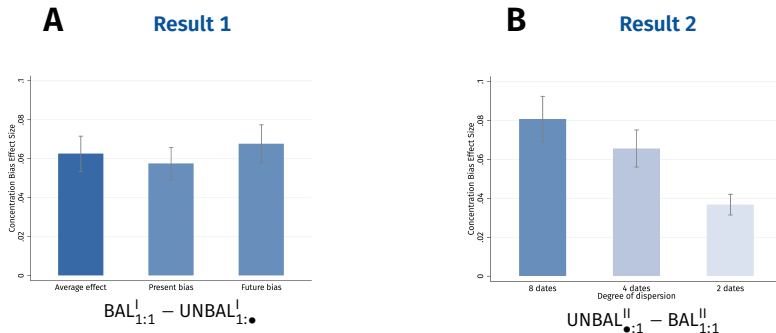
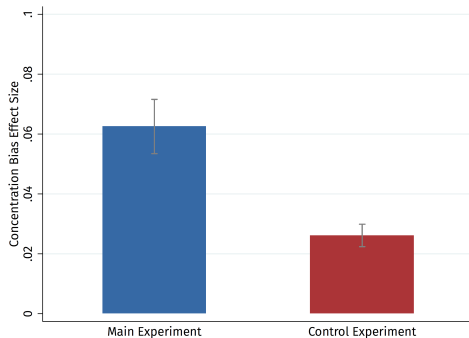


Figure 1. (A) Difference between treatment and control condition. **(B)** Heterogeneity.

Results 3: Main vs. Control Experiment

Rule out some alternative explanations (Dertwinkel-Kalt et al., 2017).

Result 3



Results 4: Another `siunitx` Example Table

Table 2. Example of a regression table (adapted from Gerhardt, Schildberg-Hörisch, and Willrodt, 2017). Never forget to mention the dependent variable (here, m_{\sim})!

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Treatment	-0.390 (+0.352)	-0.228 (-0.205)	-0.729* [+0.377]	-0.449* [-0.245]	-0.453** {+0.204}
Female	0.948*** (0.354)	0.061 (0.233)	0.188 (0.372)	0.305 (0.226)	0.385* (0.222)
Female × Treatment	0.169 (0.514)	0.251 (0.325)	0.892* (0.533)	0.454 (0.341)	0.439 (0.307)
Final high school grade	-0.101 (0.198)	0.013 (0.144)	0.076 (0.224)	0.117 (0.146)	0.039 (0.133)
Trait self-control	-0.016 (0.016)	0.002 (0.010)	-0.016 (0.015)	-0.000 (0.010)	-0.007 (0.009)
Constant	2.357*** (0.239)	1.512*** (0.144)	-0.322 (0.265)	2.158*** (0.161)	1.437*** (0.152)
Observations	303	289	295	304	1191
R^2	0.057	0.008	0.039	0.043	0.024
Treatment × (1 + Female)	-0.221	0.023	0.163	0.004	-0.014
$p_F[\text{Treatment} \times$ $(1 + \text{Female}) = 0]$	0.327	0.008	0.192	0.000	0.003

Notes: Dependent variable: m_{\sim} . Robust standard errors (cluster-corrected for column 5) in parentheses. *** $p < 0.01$, ** $p < 0.05$, * $p < 0.1$. Missing observations ($N < 308$) due to exclusion of trials in which subjects behaved irrationally (i.e., chose a dominated option). The regressors Final high school grade and Trait self-control are mean-centered.

Results 5: Yet Another `siunitx` Example Table

Table 3. Figure grouping via `siunitx` in a table.

(1)	(2)	(3)
-0.100*	-0.100 01*	-123 456.444***
(2.871)	(2.871 23)	[+50 000.123]

Discussion

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- See also Dohmen et al. (2012) and Bordalo, Gennaioli, and Shleifer (2013).

Discussion 2: Conclusion

- When exposed to air, the latex gradually undergoes putrefactive changes accompanied by coagulation.
- The addition of a small quantity of ammonia or of formalin to some latices has the effect of preserving them.
- There is, however, reason to believe the following.
- The coagulation of latex into rubber is not mainly of this character.

Discussion 3: An Automated Animation

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Figure 2. Step 1—Angle: 30.0°

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Figure 2. Step 7—Angle: 210.0°

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Figure 2. Step 9—Angle: 270.0°

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Figure 2. Step 10—Angle: 300.0°

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Figure 2. Step 11—Angle: 330.0°

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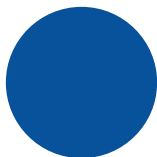


Figure 2. Step 12—Angle: 360.0°

Discussion 4: Testing the `allowframebreaks` option

Let's test automatic numbering with the `allowframebreaks` option.

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Discussion 5: Testing the allowframebreaks Option (1/3)

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Discussion 6: Testing the `allowframebreaks` Option (2/3)

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Discussion 7: Testing the `allowframebreaks` Option (3/3)

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Math “Torture” Test

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Most of the following examples are taken from *The T_EXbook* (Knuth, 1984, see <https://ctan.org/pkg/texbook>) and were adapted for L^AT_EX from Karl Berry’s torture test for plain T_EX math fonts.

$$x + y - z, \quad x + y * z, \quad z * y / z, \quad (x + y)(x - y) = x^2 - y^2,$$

$$x \times y \cdot z = [xyz], \quad x \circ y \bullet z, \quad x \cup y \cap z, \quad x \sqcup y \sqcap z,$$

$$x \vee y \wedge z, \quad x \pm y \mp z, \quad x = y / z, \quad x := y, \quad x \leq y \neq z, \quad x \sim y \simeq z \equiv y \not\equiv z, \quad x \subset y \subseteq z$$

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta, \quad O(n \log n \log n), \quad \Pr(X > x) = \exp(-x/\mu),$$

$$(x \in A(n) \mid x \in B(n)), \quad \bigcup_n X_n \parallel \bigcap_n Y_n$$

$$\text{In-text matrices } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 1 & m & n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Math “Torture” Test (2/8)

$$a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{a_3 + \frac{1}{a_4}}}}$$

$$\binom{p}{2} x^2 y^{p-2} - \frac{1}{1-x} \frac{1}{1-x^2} = \frac{a+1}{b} \Big/ \frac{c+1}{d}.$$

$$\sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 + x}}}}}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{1 + \sqrt[k]{1 + \sqrt[5]{1 + \sqrt[4]{1 + \sqrt[3]{1 + x}}}}}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}\right) |\varphi(x + iy)|^2 = 0$$

$$\pi(n) = \sum_{m=2}^n \left[\left(\sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \lfloor (m/k) / \lceil m/k \rceil \rfloor \right)^{-1} \right].$$

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{t - ib}{t^2 + b^2} e^{iat} dt = e^{ab} E_1(ab), \quad a, b > 0.$$

$$\mathbf{A} := \begin{pmatrix} x - \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & x - \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & x - \lambda \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u & x \\ v & y \\ w & z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{matrix} & C & I & C' \\ \begin{matrix} C \\ I \\ C' \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ b & 1-b & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1-a \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \text{ converges if } |z| < \left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} \right)^{-1}.$$

$$\frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} \rightarrow f'(x) \quad \text{as } \Delta x \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\|u_i\| = 1, \quad u_i \cdot u_j = 0 \quad \text{if } i \neq j.$$

$$\text{The confluent image of } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{an arc} \\ \text{a circle} \\ \text{a fan} \end{array} \right\} \text{ is } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{an arc} \\ \text{an arc or a circle} \\ \text{a fan or an arc} \end{array} \right\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &\leq T(2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil}) \leq c(3^{\lceil \lg n \rceil} - 2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil}) \\&< 3c \cdot 3^{\lg n} \\&= 3c n^{\lg 3}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(x + y)(x - y) &= x^2 - xy + yx - y^2 \\&= x^2 - y^2 \\(x + y)^2 &= x^2 + 2xy + y^2.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx\right)^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r^2} dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left(e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}} \Big|_{r=0}^{r=\infty} \right) d\theta \\ &= \pi.\end{aligned}$$

$$\prod_{k \geq 0} \frac{1}{(1 - q^k z)} = \sum_{n \geq 0} z^n / \prod_{1 \leq k \leq n} (1 - q^k).$$

$$\sum_{\substack{0 < i \leq m \\ 0 < j \leq n}} p(i, j) \neq \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^q \sum_{k=1}^r a_{ij} b_{jk} c_{ki} \neq \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq p \\ 1 \leq j \leq q \\ 1 \leq k \leq r}} a_{ij} b_{jk} c_{ki}$$

$$\max_{1 \leq n \leq m} \log_2 P_n \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$p_1(n) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{v=0}^{\infty} (1 - \cos^{2m}(v!^n \pi/n))$$

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Appendix

Appendix: Modeling Concentration Bias

Subjects consider a sequences of consequences \mathbf{c} from choice set \mathbf{C} .

- **Standard discounted utility:** Suppose that the instantaneous utility function u satisfies $u' > 0$ and $u'' \leq 0$, and that earlier consequences are preferred over later consequences of the same magnitude, i.e., $D(t) \leq 1$:

$$U(\mathbf{c}) := \sum_{t=1}^T D(t) u(c_t), \quad \text{where, e.g.,} \quad D(t) = \delta^t \text{ or } D(t) = \frac{1}{1+k t}.$$

- **Focusing model (Kőszegi and Szeidl, 2013):**

$$\tilde{U}(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{C}) := \sum_{t=1}^T g_t D(t) u(c_t), \quad \text{where}$$

$$g_t \equiv g[\max_{c' \in \mathbf{C}} u(c'_t) - \min_{c' \in \mathbf{C}} u(c'_t)]$$

- Weighting function $g[\cdot]$ increases in difference of maximum and minimum possible utility at a point in time.
- Subjects overweight intertemporal consequences with a greater range.