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# Abstract

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# Preface

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## Examples

Chapter ?? is based on work conducted in UBC's Maple Syrup Laboratory by Dr. A. Apple, Professor B. Boat, and Michael McNeil Forbes. I was responsible for tapping the trees in forests X and Z, conducted and supervised all boiling operations, and performed frequent quality control tests on the product.

A version of chapter ?? has been published [? ]. I conducted all the testing and wrote most of the manuscript. The section on "Testing Implements" was originally drafted by Boat, B. Check the first pages of this chapter to see footnotes with similar information.

Note that this preface must come before the table of contents. Note also that this section "Examples" should not be listed in the table of contents, so we have used the starred form: \section\*{Example}.

# Table of Contents

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# Acknowledgements

This is the place to thank professional colleagues and people who have given you the most help during the course of your graduate work.



# Dedication

The dedication is usually quite short, and is a personal rather than an academic recognition. The *Dedication* does not have to be titled, but it must appear in the table of contents. If you want to skip the chapter title but still enter it into the Table of Contents, use this command `\chapter[Dedication]{}`.

Note that this section is the last of the preliminary pages (with lowercase Roman numeral page numbers). It must be placed *before* the `\mainmatter` command. After that, Arabic numbered pages will begin.

# Chapter 1

## This is a Chapter

### 1.1 A Section

Here is a section with some text. Equations look like this  $y = x$ .<sup>1</sup>

This is an example of a second paragraph in a section so you can see how much it is indented by.

#### 1.1.1 This is a Subsection

Here is an example of a citation: [? ]. The actual form of the citation is governed by the `bibliographystyle`. These citations are maintained in a BibTeX file `sample.bib`. You could type these directly into the file. For an example of the format to use look at the file `ubcsample.bbl` after you compile this file.<sup>2</sup>

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#### This is a Subsubsection

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**This is a Subparagraph** This is the last level of organisation. If you need more than this, you should consider reorganizing your work...

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<sup>1</sup>Here is a footnote.

<sup>2</sup>Here is another footnote.

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$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy e^{-z^2} dz \quad (1.1)$$

In order to show you what a separate page would look like (i.e. without a chapter heading) I must type some more text. Thus I will babble a bit and keep babbling for at least one more page... What you should notice is that the chapter titles appear substantially lower than the continuing text.

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## 1.2 Quote

Here is a quote:

This is a small poem,  
a little poem, a Haiku,  
to show you how to.  
—Michael McNeil Forbes.

This small poem shows several features:

- The use of the `quote` and `center` environments.
- The `\newpage` command has been used to force a page break. (Sections do not usually start on a new page.)
- The `pagestyle` has been set to suppress the headers using the command `\thispagestyle{plain}`. Note that using `\pagestyle{plain}` would have affected all of the subsequent pages.

## 1.3 Programs

Here we give an example of a new float as defined using the `float` package. In the preamble we have used the commands

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\floatstyle{ruled}  
\newfloat{Program}{htbp}{lop}[chapter]
```

This creates a “Program” environment that may be used for program fragments. A sample `python` program is shown in Program ?? (Note that Python places a fairly restrictive limit on recursion so trying to call this with a large  $n$  before building up the cache is likely to fail unless you increase the recursion depth.) Instead of using a `verbatim` environment for your program chunks, you might like to `include` them within an `alltt` environment by including the `\usepackage{alltt}` package (see page 187 of the *L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X* book). Another useful package is the `\usepackage{listings}` which can pretty-print many different types of source code.

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**Program 1.1** Python program that computes the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci number using memoization.

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```
def fib(n,_cache={}):
    if n < 2:
        return 1
    if n in _cache:
        return _cache[n]
    else:
        result = fib(n-1)+fib(n-2)
        _cache[n] = result
    return result
```

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