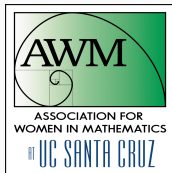# LaTeX *Workshop I*

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- If you want to use LaTeX locally on your computer, you need to install a compiler, MiKTeX, and an editor of your choice, I use Texmaker.

What is LaTeX?

(Input) `main.tex`

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\usepackage{amsmath,amsthm,amssymb,amsfonts}

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%the "preamble"
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%packages and document configurations go here

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%actual content goes here

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    https://bdeewang.com/activities/cs/undergrad-colloq/

- Open workshop_canvas.tex.

- Copy everything to your Overleaf project, or a new .tex file on your local TeX editor.

- Make sure it compiles!

- Once you're done, look back at this presentation.

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  e.g. \documentclass[11pt]{article} and \begin{theorem}[Quadratic Formula].

Commands

Your turn!

- Open the `workshop_canvas.tex` file.

- Solve the given simple algebra question, and typeset your answer.

- Try and use math mode, in-line and display, while experimenting with some commands.

- Make sure your file compiles without an error.

- If finished early, try typesetting random equations.

- Head to `https://detexify.kirelabs.org/classify.html` and find commands for various math symbols that you know.

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   \item[$\bullet$] bulleted, or

   \item[(c)] lettered. But also nested lists
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\end{theorem}
\begin{proof}
A proof of the theorem.
\end{proof}

\begin{lemma}[Euler, 1847]
A lemma by Euler.
\end{lemma}

\begin{definition}
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\begin{problem}
What is $2^2$?
\end{problem}
\begin{proof}[Solution]
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\end{proof}
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Lemma 1.2 (Euler, 1847). *A lemma by Euler.*

Definition 1.3. A definition.

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Solution. $2^2 = 2 \cdot 2 = 4$. □

Environments

Your turn!

- Open the workshop_canvas.tex file back again.

- Initiate the problem environment with label "Test", and create a list with two simple problems.

- Write solutions using the proof environment.

- Make sure you compile without any errors.

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\includegraphics[width=5cm]{thunder}
%scales image so that it's 5cm wide

\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{lightning}
%scales image so that it's as wide as the entire page
```

Aligning Math

How do we get the following? Display math mode doesn't seem enough.

Aligned Math Example

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \qquad \text{given}$$

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0 \qquad \text{divide by } a, \text{ since } a \neq 0$$

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x = -\frac{c}{a} \qquad \text{subtract } \frac{c}{a}$$

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = -\frac{c}{a} + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 \qquad \text{add } \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2} \qquad \text{complete the square and simplify}$$

$$x + \frac{b}{2a} = \pm\frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \qquad \text{take square roots}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \qquad \text{subtract } \frac{b}{2a} \text{ and simplify}$$

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- Initiate a proof environment with label "Solution to Workshop Problem".

- Use the `align*` environment and add

$$1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{5}$$

  in as many steps as possible.

  What is you use the `align` environment?

- Make sure you compile without any errors.

Macros: Custom Commands

Add to Preamble

```latex
%if something is too long, abbreviate it
\newcommand{\RR}{\mathbb R}
\newcommand{\qq}{\mathbf Q}

%define commands that don't exist
\newcommand{\id}{\operatorname{id}}

%the first command takes one argument and the second two
\newcommand{\set}[1]{\left\{#1\right\}}
\newcommand{\setp}[2]{\left\{#1\ :\ #2\right\}}

%don't like the way a command looks, redefine it
\renewcommand{\Re}{\operatorname{Re}}
\renewcommand{\emptyset}{\varnothing}
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Debugging Tips

Core idea: compile frequently and often.

- Try googling error messages. Not always a good strategy, LaTeX notoriously gives terrible error messages.

- Not sure which line is causing an error? Steadily comment out more and more of your document to isolate the problem.

  Hotkey for toggling commenting in Overleaf is `ctrl + /`, and in Texmaker use `ctrl + T` to comment and `ctrl + U` to uncomment.

- Using a new package? Skimming through the manual can be helpful.

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- Some instructors share templates.

Maybe Next Time

- Making slides with `beamer`.

- Drawing figures using `tikz`.

- Drawing commutative diagrams using `tikz-cd`

- Manage a bibliography using `bibtex`.

References

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