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Abstract

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This is where the abstract goes. Hopefully this document will serve as an example for preparing a Cal Poly Master's thesis. It was thrown together pretty quickly. A lot more neat LaTeX features, help, and examples can be found on the web. Here is one: <http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX>

For developing LaTeX documents in the Windows environment, I use TeXnicCenter (<http://www.toolscenter.org/>). A simple WYSIWYG LaTeX editor (though I had problems getting it to work with this thesis format) is **LyX** (<http://www.lyx.org/>).

I use **InkScape** (<http://www.inkscape.org/>) to create any drawings/figures needed. It is a free vector graphics editor that is very powerful and popular. There is an example figure produced with InkScape in Figure 1.1. InkScape can export images in many different formats. Export your images as PDF or EPS and put into your LaTeX document. If you're creating a PDF document with **pdflatex**, then export as a PDF image. If you're creating PostScript then export as EPS. Rasterized images such as JPEG can also be easily included in LaTeX.

LaTeX can also produce nice equations. Did you know that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1} = \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \dots = \frac{\pi}{4}$? A non-inline equation can be found in Figure 2.1. I treated my equations as figures but they can be treated specially as Equations.

An example of a table can be found in Table 3.1.

The bibliography section is very easy to create. When gathering references, I used the ACM digital library (<http://portal.acm.org/portal.cfm>) to grab the Bibtex entries. Papers in the digital library have Bibtex entries ready to be copied and pasted into your bibliography. Create a separate file called something like "bibliography.bib"

and paste in your Bibtex entries. LaTeX (and Bibtex) generate your bibliography section for you – very easy! I can cite references very easily. Here is a paper called *Dual contouring of hermite data* [3]. Here is a paper called *Surface simplification using quadric error metrics* [2]. I’ve also cited software located at some websites [1] [4].

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Chapter 1

Introduction

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LaTeX is a document markup language and document preparation system for the TeX typesetting program.

It is widely used by mathematicians, scientists, philosophers, engineers, and scholars in academia and the commercial world, and by others as a primary or intermediate format (e.g. translating DocBook and other XML-based formats to PDF) because of the quality of typesetting achievable by TeX. It offers programmable desktop publishing features and extensive facilities for automating most aspects of typesetting and desktop publishing, including numbering and cross-referencing, tables and figures, page layout and bibliographies.

LaTeX is intended to provide a high-level language to access the power of TeX. LaTeX essentially comprises a collection of TeX macros, and a program to process LaTeX documents. Since TeX's formatting commands are very low-level, it is usually much simpler for end-users to use LaTeX.

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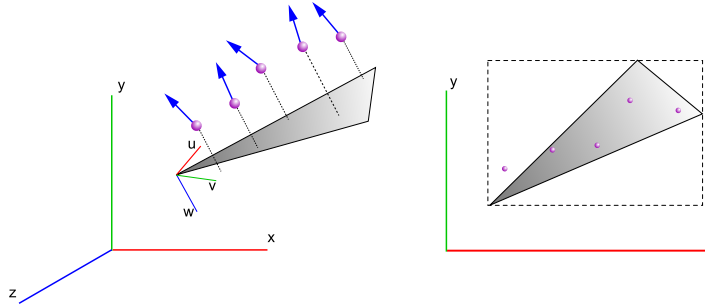


Figure 1.1: This is an example figure. This graphic was drawn in Inkscape (<http://www.inkscape.org/>), a free vector drawing application. Figures can be exported from Inkscape as PDF images or as EPS (depending upon if you want LaTeX to generate a PDF or a PostScript document.)

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Chapter 2

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Figure 2.1: This is a sample matrix equation.

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Chapter 3

Results

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	Hi-Res	Lo-Res	Reduction	Hi-Res	Lo-Res	Speedup
Row Data A	225,467	43,850	80.6%	360	90	4.0
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Table 3.1: Here is some performance data for the system.

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