Text Formatting with LATEX

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This document describes the LaTeX language. For specifics of how to run it on various platforms (e.g., Windows or UNIX), see the LaTeX Information page (http://www.rpi.edu/dept/arc/training/latex/), and follow the links for the on-line tutorials. The above web page also contains information on preparing a thesis or a resume, as well as many examples and links to other helpful information.

Chapter 1. LATEX Basics

1.1 What is T_EX ?

- TEX is the typesetting language upon which LATEX is built. It was designed and written by Donald Knuth especially for math and science. TEX is pronounced "Tech," similar to "Bach."
- TEX is portable. It is available for most computers and is used all over the world. TEX documents can be moved easily from one system to another, as long as the required fonts are on both systems.
- TeX comes with its own set of fonts, called "Computer Modern," used by default. These fonts exist in a variety of styles, including serif, sans serif, typewriter (fixed pitch), and an extensive set of mathematical symbols. It's also possible to use other font families, such as Times, Palatino, etc.
- TEX is also a programming language, making it possible to create commands that simplify its use.

1.2 What is LATEX?

- LATEX is a TeX macro package, originally written by Leslie Lamport, that simplifies the use of TeX. All the above features of TeX, including portability, also apply to LATEX. LATEX is pronounced either "Lay-tech" or "Lah-tech."
- Most LaTeX commands are "high-level" (such as chapter and section) and specify the logical structure of a document. The author rarely needs to be concerned with the details of document layout, concentrating instead on the content. Most plain TeX commands also work with LaTeX.
- The document class determines how the document will be formatted. LaTeX provides several standard document classes from which to choose.
- LATEX is flexible, gives you complete control, handles big, complex documents with ease, and never crashes or corrupts your files.

1.3 How LATEX Works

To use LaTeX, you first create a plain ASCII text file with any text editor. In this file you type both the text of your document and the LaTeX commands to format it. You then typeset your document, usually by clicking a button on a toolbar or selecting a menu item. Nowadays there are two routes for processing a LaTeX document:

- The traditional way is to run the latex program, which creates a DVI (Device Independent) file. This file is in binary format and not viewed directly. You then run a previewing program for viewing on screen and/or the dvips program to create a PostScript file for viewing or for printing via the ghostview/GSView program. GSView can also convert the document to PDF format.
- Alternatively you can run the relatively recent pdflatex program to create a PDF file for viewing or printing, usually with Adobe's Acrobat Reader.

The second method is more direct for PDF output, but the first is quicker and more convenient for previewing.

1.4 The LATEX Input File

LATEX input files have names that end with the extension .tex: for example, an acceptable file name might be myfile.tex. (Never use spaces in file names.) The input file contains both the text of your document and the LATEX commands needed to format it. The first command in the file, \documentclass, defines the style of the document.

1.4.1 Entering LATEX Commands

To distinguish them from text, all LaTeX commands (also called *control sequences*) start with a backslash "\". A command name consists of letters only and is ended by a space or a non letter (such as a comma, period, brace, etc). If it ends with a space, the space is "consumed" by LaTeX and does not appear in the output. An example is \today, which prints the current date. To avoid having the space after the command disappear, do the following:

\today\ is a good day. produces: April 16, 2007 is a good day.

There are also commands that consist of the backslash followed by exactly one non-letter. They are most often used to put a special symbol in the text. For example \\$ prints a \$ (which cannot be entered directly because LaTeX uses it to begin math mode). Spaces after these control symbols are not consumed.

LaTeX commands are case-sensitive. Most are all lowercase. A few commands use the first letter in uppercase such as Δ . Fewer still use all uppercase.

Some commands take an "argument," placed within curly braces { } after the command name. For example, \textbf{this text is bold} prints the text inside the braces in boldface type: this text is bold

LATEX uses grouping to limit the effect of certain commands. Braces { ... } are used to begin and end groups. (An environment is also a group; see page 5.) For example, the \large command is usually used inside a group:

produces: this is bigger than normal {\large this is bigger than normal} A command such as \large is called a "declaration" because, unless it is given within a group, its effect will continue until another declaration (in this case \normalsize) counteracts it. Note the difference between a declaration used inside a group and a command like \textbf{...}, which will not work unless an argument is provided inside a pair of braces following the command name.

The symbol % can be used to put a comment in your input file. When LATEX sees a %, it ignores the rest of the line.

When you use commands that specify a length, such as a command to set the size of a margin or a command to leave a certain amount of space, you will need to specify the units of measurement. LATEX recognizes the following units:

cm	centimeter	pt	printer's point, ≈ 72 per inch
mm	millimeter	em	font-dependent width of "m"
in	inch	ex	font-dependent height of "x"

1.4.2**Entering Text**

In the input file, words are separated by leaving one or more blank spaces. Paragraphs are separated by leaving one or more blank lines. (You can also use the command \par to indicate a new paragraph.) LATEX ignores multiple blank spaces and multiple blank lines in input files.

Type single quotation marks by using the left (') and right (') single quote marks on your keyboard. Type left double quotation marks by using using two single left quotes (''), and type right double quotation marks by using either two single right quotes ('') or the double quote key (").

There are three kinds of dashes in typeset documents: the hyphen (for compound words), the endash (for such things as page number ranges), and the emdash (used as a punctuation mark in English prose). Since there is only one dash on the keyboard, type -, --, and --- to get -, -, and --.

To prevent two words from being split at a line break, tie them together with the tilde character: for example Mr. "Smith will never appear with "Mr." at the end of one line and "Smith" at the start of the next.

Note that some characters have special meaning to LATEX and must be entered in a special way, as described in the next section.

1.4.3 Special Characters

Certain characters have special meaning to LATEX. An example is the % sign, which indicates that the remainder of the line is a comment and should not be processed. Below is the complete list of special characters. To have these characters print in your output, you must type them in your input file as shown below.

$\underline{\text{Character}}$	Type in file	Special LaTeX meaning
#	\#	Parameter in a macro; also used in tables
\$	\\$	Used to begin and end math mode
%	\%	Used for comments in the source file
&	\&	Tab mark, used in alignments
_	_	Used in math mode for subscripts
^	\^{}	Used in math mode for superscripts
~	\~{}	Tie character, used to produce a "hard" space
{	\{	Used to begin a group or an argument
}	\}	Used to end a group or an argument
\	\$\backslash\$	Used to begin a control sequence
<	\$<\$ (or \textless)	Otherwise, produces ;
>	\$>\$ (or \textgreater)	Otherwise, produces ¿

1.4.4 Structure of the Input File

LATEX input files must conform to a certain structure. They begin with the command \documentclass, and all the text of the document must be contained between the commands \begin{document} and \end{document}.

\documentclass[options] { class}
Preamble
\begin{document}
Document text
\end{document}

In the first command above, *class* specifies the type of document you intend to create. You can choose from one of the LATEX classes described in the next chapter. If you wish, you can also include one or more *options* to modify the behavior of the document class.

The *preamble* is the section of the file between the \documentclass{...} command and the \begin{document} command. This is the place to put commands that will influence the style of your entire document and macro definitions that you will use later. You may also load packages that add new features to LATEX. Text is not allowed in the preamble.

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The \begin{document} command indicates the end of the preamble and the beginning of your text. A corresponding \end{document} command always ends your files. A really short LATEX input file might look like:

```
\documentclass{article}
\begin{document}
This LaTeX file is short and sweet. It uses the article class,
a good all-purpose layout. There is nothing in the preamble, which
is perfectly acceptable.
This is a new paragraph. \textit{Here's some italic text}
and \textbf{some bold text}.
{\small The text inside these braces is smaller than normal.}
Now the text size is back to normal.
\end{document}
```

this produces:

This LaTeX file is short and sweet. It uses the article class, a good all-purpose layout. There is nothing in the preamble, which is perfectly acceptable.

This is a new paragraph. Here's some italic text and some bold text. The text inside these braces is smaller than normal. Now the text size is back to normal.

Longer examples, one using report class and one using letter class are included at the end of the next chapter.

1.5 Some LaTeX Vocabulary

Commands produce text or space. For example, \hspace{2in} and \vspace{2in} are commands that create 2 inches of horizontal and vertical space, respectively, and \textit{some italic words} puts the contents of its argument in italic type. Many commands take arguments, either mandatory or optional; some commands, like \today don't.

Mandatory arguments supply information required for a command to execute. For example, \hspace{2in} needs the information provided by the argument to generate the horizontal space. Mandatory arguments are enclosed in braces: { }.

Optional arguments are allowed on some commands and are enclosed in square brackets: []. For example, the size of type to be used for your main text is an optional argument in the {\documentclass} command. To use the article class in 11-point type, you would type \documentclass[11pt] {article}. Without this optional argument, you would get the default 10-point type.

Declarations produce neither text nor space, but either affect the way LaTeX prints the following text or provide information for later use. Font size changes are an example of declarations. \large will cause any text that follows to appear in a larger type size. Declarations are often used within a group to limit their scope. For example: {\large Only the text inside these braces will be large.}

Environments are blocks of text that receive special processing. An environment is defined by a matching \begin{environment name} ... \end{environment name}. An environment is also a group, in the same way that a pair of braces delimits a group. For example, a quotation might be formatted as follows:

\begin{quote} \small

This text is set off from surrounding text and indented from both margins. The font size of this quotation will be smaller because of the "small" command inside the quote environment. \end{quote}

Note that a blank line before an environment ends the previous paragraph. A blank line following an environment indicates that the next line starts a new paragraph. Environments can be nested, i.e., the first started is the last ended.

* Some commands can have a * appended to the name, which indicates a variation on a command or environment. For example, \\ indicates a line break. * indicates a line break with the restriction that LaTeX is not allowed to begin a new page at that point. Space printed by \vspace and \hspace commands is normally dropped if it appears at the beginning or end of a line or page. If you want the space printed no matter where it falls, you would use \hspace* or \vspace*. Normally, section headings are automatically numbered, but \section*{My Heading} will produce an unnumbered section heading.

Chapter 2. Creating A LATEX Document

2.1 Document Classes

The document class determines the overall layout of the document. There are five standard classes distributed with LATEX:

article for simple or short documents, including journal articles, and short reports. A good all-purpose class.

report for small books and longer reports containing chapters.

book for books.

letter for letters, either business or personal.

slides for making transparencies for projection on a screen.

These classes provide preset formats with default margins, paragraph formatting, and special commands suitable for producing specific sections. For example, the article, report, and book classes include a variety of commands to format section headings (\part, \chapter, \section, \subsection, \subsection, etc.), as well as commands to produce a title page and a table of contents. There are minor differences between these three classes. The book class, for example, uses a smaller printed page size—about 5×7.5 inches—and is formatted for two-sided printing by default. The article class is intended for shorter works and does not have chapters (so articles can be easily included in reports or books). The letter class provides special commands to produce the salutation, address, and closing.

These four classes are single-spaced by default, and have 10, 11, and 12-point type sizes available as options. 10 points is the default size.

The slides class uses sans-serif type fonts much larger than the usual ones and expects the document to be divided up into 1-page sections.

At Rensselaer, there is an additional class called **thesis**, which may be used to produce either a master's or a doctoral thesis with a format that meets the requirements of the Office of Graduate Education. It was written by Academic and Research Computing (ARC) using the report class as a base. The file thesis.cls is available for download from the thesis web page, http://helpdesk.rpi.edu/update.do?artcenterkey=325. To use the thesis class, begin your document with the line:

```
\documentclass{thesis}
```

Instructions are in ARC document, $Preparing\ A\ Thesis\ with\ ETEX$, available from the thesis web page.

2.2 Class Options

A document class may be modified by *options*, which are placed in square brackets after the \documentclass command. Multiple options are separated by commas:

\documentclass[option, option, option]{class}

The standard class options include:

10pt, 11pt, 12pt Selects the point size of main font for the document. If no option is specified, 10pt is assumed. This document uses 12-point type.

twocolumn Produces two-column pages.

titlepage Causes the \maketitle command to generate the title page on a separate page for the article class. This option is not necessary for the book and report classes, as they print separate title pages by default.

lequo Puts equation numbers on left side. (They are on the right by default.)

fleqn Left-aligns equations. (They are centered by default.)

twoside Formats for printing on both sides of paper. (Whether the document is actually printed two-sided depends on the printer.) Twoside is the default for the book class, but not for any of the other classes.

openright If the twoside option is in effect, chapters will begin on right hand pages. This is the default for the book class. It does not apply to the article class, which does not contain chapters. (The opposite of openright is openany.)

2.3 Packages

There are a large number of LaTeX packages available that provide a variety of additional features. Many packages are considered part of LaTeX; others are provided by expert users worldwide. If you sometimes find that the features of standard LaTeX do not provide the special formatting you want, chances are good that you can find a package to meet your needs. A package generally consists of one or more files that contain extra definitions and macros. Some packages are simple; others are complex and can contain options. The file names usually have the extension .sty.

You load a package with the \usepackage command, which should come immediately after the \documentclass command in your input file. The command has the form:

```
\usepackage[options]{package}
```

Each package may be included with its own \usepackage command, or you may use one command to load several packages by separating their names with commas. For example, if you are inserting graphics in your document (see chapter 7.), the package graphicx provides the commands to do this. The beginning of your input file might look like:

```
\documentclass[11pt]{article}
\usepackage{graphicx}
```

The \usepackage command above instructs LATEX to read the file graphicx.sty.

In addition to graphicx there are many other packages available, including packages to rotate text, use PostScript fonts (e.g., Times, Palatino, etc), and customize such things as headers and footers, citations and captions. Packages come with their own documentation. Many packages are routinely distributed with LaTeX and will already be on your system. You'll find documentation for these packages in the doc subdirectory of your installation. For example, if you are using the TeXLive 2005 distribution for Windows,

To see a current list of all available packages with brief descriptions, look at the Comprehensive TeX Archive Network (CTAN) catalog, http://texcatalogue.sarovar.org/brief.html.

package documentation is in folders under C:\TeXLive2005\texmf-dist\doc\latex\.

2.4 Making a Title Page

If you are using the article, report, or book class, you may want a title page for your document. To do this, you need to supply text for the title, author, and date, and then tell LATEX to generate the title page with the command \maketitle. In your LATEX input file, type commands such as the ones below. The \maketitle command, which actually prints the title page, must follow the \begin{document} command; the other commands, which just provide the information, can be placed in the preamble if you prefer.

```
\title{This is the Title} % provide title info
\author{My Name} % provide author info
\date{the date} % provide date
\maketitle % format and print title page
```

This is illustrated in the example of using the report class later in this chapter. If there are several authors, you can separate their names with \and, or you can separate them with \\ if you would like each name centered on a separate line. If you omit the \date command, LATEX will use the current date. If you want no date at all, use \date{}.

In the report and book classes, the title information appears on its own page. In the article class, it appears at the top of the first page of text. You can instruct the article class to make a separate page by using the documentclass option titlepage.

2.5 Making a Table of Contents

The command \tableofcontents, usually placed in the input file right after the \maketitle command, creates a table of contents using the information in the section headings (part, chapter, section, etc.). Since this information is taken from the previous run, you will need to run LaTeX twice on a new document for the entries in the table of contents to show up.

2.6 Behind the Scenes

2.6.1 Auxiliary Files

Part of the convenience of LaTeX is its ability to do cross references (see section 4.11) and to create a table of contents, a list of tables, and a list of figures.

Forward reference numbers, as well as page numbers for sections, figures and tables, are unknown when LaTeX is first processing the input file. LaTeX stores this information in auxiliary files as it processes the job. A second run allows LaTeX to extract the information from its auxiliary files and complete the table of contents, etc. Therefore all information used by LaTeX for tables of contents, etc. is from the previous run. The only way to be sure that all this material is correct is to format the file twice after making any changes. Usually for drafts, the difference between runs is not enough to matter, but for final versions you should remember to run LaTeX twice before printing.

The auxiliary files have the same "root" name as the LaTeX input file, but different extensions. For example, all documents need an AUX file. If the input file is named myfile.tex, the AUX file will be named myfile.aux. Other auxiliary files (see the list below) are needed only if you are producing a table of contents, etc. Auxiliary files are created automatically as they are needed.

```
filename.aux always needed
filename.toc for table of contents
filename.lot for list of tables
filename.lof for list of figures
```

2.6.2 How a Page is Built

When TeX or Late X builds a page, it considers all the parts (words, lines, paragraphs, etc.) to be different sized boxes. It starts with a simple box, an individual letter, and then builds words, which are considered to be hboxes (horizontal boxes). The words are then put together with glue to form a line, which is a larger hbox. A group of hboxes stacked together vertically (with glue between them) form a vbox (vertical box). A page is a large vbox made up of several smaller ones. You do not normally need to be concerned with this, but sometimes (such as when an error message refers to an "overfull hbox," meaning a line is too long and sticks out into the margin) it is helpful to know how TeX works.

2.7Example: Report Class

```
\documentclass[11pt]{report}
                                        % Report class in 11 points
\raggedright
                                        % Do not right-justify
\parindent0pt \parskip8pt
                                        % make block paragraphs
\begin{document}
                                        % End of preamble, start of
                                            document text.
\title{\bf An Example of Report Class}
                                        % Supply information
\author{Yours Truly}
                                            for the title page.
\date{\today}
                                            Use current date.
                                        % Print title page.
\maketitle
\pagenumbering{roman}
                                        % Roman page number for toc
\setcounter{page}{2}
                                        % Make it start with "ii"
\tableofcontents
                                        % Print table of contents
\chapter{A Main Heading}
                                        % Make a "chapter" heading
\pagenumbering{arabic}
                                        % Start text with arabic 1
Most of this example applies to the article and book classes
as well as to the report class. In article class, however,
the default position for the title information is at the top
of the first text page rather than on a separate page. Also, article
class does not have a "chapter" command.
A blank line starts a new paragraph. \textit{Note this: it will be
printed in italic type.}
\section{A Subheading}
                                        % Make a "section" heading
The following sectioning commands are available:
\begin{quote}
                                        % Start "set off", indented text
part \\
                                        % "\\" forces a new line
chapter \\
                                        % not available in article class
section \\
subsection \\
subsubsection \\
paragraph \\
subparagraph
                                        % End of indented text
\end{quote}
The *-form (e.g., ''section*") suppresses the section number and
does not make a TOC entry.
\end{document}
                                        % The required last line
```

2.8 Example: Letter Class

This is the letter class. It provides a format for standard parts of a business letter. As you can see, it uses many commands that do not exist in the article, report, and book classes.

This is a new paragraph.

Chapter 3. Document Layout

Defaults for all aspects of the document layout are set by the document classes. However, if you want to change the defaults, there are commands that enable you to do so. Commands controlling features that apply to the whole document should be placed in the preamble¹.

3.1 Line Spacing

The default is single spacing. If you want larger interline spacing for your document, you can use the \linespread command in the preamble. The following command produces a document with double spacing:

```
\linespread{1.6}
```

For "line and a half" spacing, use the value 1.3. The default spread is 1.

An alternative and more flexible way to control the linespacing is to use the package setspace. With this package, footnotes, figures, and tables remain single-spaced. The package also defines a new environment called singlespace, which you can use to include single-spaced sections within your document. To use the setspace package to produce a double-spaced document, include after the \documentclass command:

\usepackage{setspace}

and, in addition, put the command

\doublespacing

somewhere in the preamble.

You could use \onehalfspacing instead of \doublespacing, or you could use the command \setstretch{n} (specifying your own value for n—usually between 1 and 2) to set the spacing to whatever you want.

3.2 Paragraphs

To start a new paragraph, either leave a blank line or use the control sequence \par. By default, paragraphs are indented by 1.5em, which means 1.5 times the point size of the current font. (1 em is about the width of an "M".) No extra blank space is inserted between paragraphs. The commands \parindent and \parskip control paragraph indentation and paragraph separation. To get block paragraphs, for example, include in the preamble the commands:

```
\parindent=0in \parskip=8pt % this is variable, choose the number you want
```

¹the section between the \documentclass command and the \begin{document} command

3.3 Text Justification

By default, LaTeX justifies your text horizontally so that both left and right margins are smooth. If you prefer "ragged right" text, you can use the declaration:

```
\raggedright
```

Note that this has the side-effect of wiping out the paragraph indentation. (It assumes you want everything flush left.) If you want indented paragraphs, you must specifically request it (i.e., \parindent=1.5em) after the \raggedright declaration.

Vertical justification is controlled by using either \flushbottom or \raggedbottom. \flushbottom makes all text pages the same height, adding extra vertical space if necessary. \raggedbottom allows the height to vary a bit from page to page. \flushbottom is the default for the book class and for the twoside option in the article and report classes; otherwise \raggedbottom is the default.

3.4 Margins

Changing default margins, which depend on the class and the font size, is not as easy as you might think. The best way to control margins is to use the **geometry** package. This package has many options and extensive documentation in **manual.pdf** found in your directory ...\doc\latex\geometry\. The following examples should be obvious:

```
\usepackage[margin=1in]{geometry}  % 1 inch margins all around
\usepackage[left=1.2in,right=1in,top=1in,bottom=.8in]{geometry}
```

If you really want to do it manually, you need to know that internally top and left margins are set in reference to a value of one inch (which means that setting these margins equal to 0 produces one-inch margins). Therefore, setting topmargin to -.5in produces a top margin of .5 inches. The opposite margins (bottom and right) are determined indirectly by setting the height (textheight) and width (textwidth) of the text area.

to set margin	change the command
top margin	\topmargin
bottom margin	\textheight
left margin (for odd pages or single sided)	\oddsidemargin
left margin (for even pages, if using twoside)	\evensidemargin
right margin	\textwidth

LaTeX also leaves .5 inch at the top of the page for a header and about .6 inch at the bottom of the page for a footer. You must take this into account when choosing values for topmargin and textheight. The values below leave one inch between the paper edge and the text on all four sides.



3.5 Headers, Footers, and Page Numbering

The output page consists of the *head*, the *body* and the *foot*. Header and footer material, such as page numbers and/or section titles, appear in the head or the foot. All the classes (except letter) print at least the page number by default.

If you don't like the default action of the document class, you can determine what goes into the head and foot by using the pagestyle command. This command is often placed just after a \chapter or a similar command. There are four standard page styles:

\pagestyle{plain}: The page number is in the foot and the head is empty. This is the default page style for the article and report document classes.

\pagestyle{empty}: The head and foot are both empty.

\pagestyle{headings}: The page number and current section heading (the level of the heading is determined by the document class) is put in the head; the foot is empty. This is the default for the book class.

\pagestyle{myheadings}: Similar to the headings page style, except you specify the information (other than the page number) that goes in the head by using the markboth and markright commands. markboth is used for two-sided documents, and markright is used for one-sided:

```
\markboth{leftheader}{rightheader} \markright{rightheader}
```

\thispagestyle{style}: Changes the page style for the current page only. For example, to have nothing in the head and foot for the current page without affecting the style for the rest of the pages, use \thispagestyle{empty}.

You can also specify arabic (the default) or roman page numbering either in the preamble or in the text. It is common to put \pagenumbering{roman} before the text begins and \pagenumbering{arabic} after the first \chapter command. These commands also set the page number to 1. You can change the page number counter yourself with a command such as \setcounter{page}{2}.

If the above pagestyle commands don't do what you want, there is a package called fancyhdr that allows you to customize your headers and footers in an easy way. With this package you can define three-part headers and footers (left, right, and center), multiline headers and footers, separate headers and footers for even and odd pages, and more. To use it, include the following commands in the preamble:

```
\usepackage{fancyhdr}
\pagestyle{fancy}
```

For simple use, you need only to include the following 6 commands in your preamble, supplying your text inside the {} in each case: \lhead{}, \chead{}, \rhead{}, \lfoot{}, \cfoot{}, \rfoot{}. To suppress the horizontal line drawn by default under the header, use \renewcommand{\headrulewidth}{0pt}. For more information, see fancyhdr.pdf in your directory ...\doc\latex\fancyhdr\.

Chapter 4. Within the Text

Within the text, there will always be certain sections that require special treatment—such as a different size of type, indentation, or special placement on the page. Some specialized areas of text (particularly those that require indentation) are formatted with the help of LaTeX environments.

4.1 Section Headings

Since documents of any length are usually divided into sections, the classes article, report, and book have a set of commands which take the name of the section as an argument. The author uses these commands in the proper order, providing the section name, and LATEX takes care of formatting the headings (boldface, larger typesize, etc.) and numbering them appropriately. The sectioning commands are:

\part	\section	\paragraph
\chapter	\subsection	\subparagraph
	\subsubsection	

Note that the \chapter command is not available in article class. The \part heading is rarely used. It divides a very large document into parts, and does not affect the numbering used for the other headings. In most document classes, headings made with the lowest level headings, \paragraph and \subparagraph, are not numbered by default.

If you include the command \tableofcontents at the beginning of your document, LATEX takes the section headings and page numbers from the previous run of the document and inserts a table of contents at the place the command was issued. (Note that you need to process the document through LATEX twice to ensure an up-to-date table of contents.)

Normally section headings appear in the table of contents exactly as they do in the text. However, if a heading is too long to fit nicely into the table of contents, you can provide a shorter version as an optional argument:

```
\section[A short heading for the TOC]{This is a much longer heading that will appear in the text of the document}
```

You can make less formal headings by using the sectioning commands with a star (*) appended to the command names listed above. In this case, the section headings will not show up in the table of contents and will not be numbered. For example, to make a section heading called "Introduction" that is not numbered and does not appear in the table of contents, use the command:

\section*{Introduction}



4.2 Changing Type Style and Size

Sometimes you may want to change the style or size of text that is not a section heading. The following LaTeX commands change the style of the text you supply as an argument:

	italic	Italic shape, used mostly for emphasis
$\text{textsl}{\dots}$	slanted	Slanted shape, a bit different from italic
$\text{textsc}\{\dots\}$	SMALL CAPS	Small caps shape, use sparingly
$\text{textup}{\dots}$	upright	Upright shape, usually the default
<pre> </pre>		Boldface series, often used for headings Medium series, usually the default
<pre> </pre>		Roman family, usually the default Sans Serif family, used for posters, etc. Typewriter family, fixed-pitch characters
	emphasized	Use for emphasis, usually changes to italic

These commands can be combined, provided the font thus requested actually exists. For example, the command \textbf{\textit{This is bold italic}} produces: *This is bold italic*.

The following commands cause subsequent output to be printed in a different type size. The actual size produced by each command depends on the initial point size selected for the document. The default document size is 10 points. Therefore \normalsize means 10 points for a document in which no size option has been included. This document is printed in 12 points, so in this case, \normalsize is 12 points. (Note that when normalsize is 12 points, there is no difference between huge and Huge. They are both the largest size—25 points.)

\normalsize	normal size	\large	large
$\mbox{\sc small}$	small	\Large	larger
\footnotesize	smaller than small	\LARGE	larger still
\scriptsize	smaller still	\huge	huge
\tiny	tiny	\Huge	hugest

The size-changing commands are declarations, and therefore they are usually used within a group (i.e., braces) to delimit the range of their action. For example: {\small This type will be small} produces This type will be small.

To change both type size and style at the same time, commands can be used together. For example, the command \textbf{\large This will be big and bold} produces: This will be big and bold.

4.3 Starting New Lines and New Pages

Normally LATEX decides where to start a new line and a new page, always trying to pick the most aesthetically pleasing break points. But sometimes you want to force the start of a new line or page. The command \\ will force a new line. For example,

This will be on one line \\ this will be on the next line

If you want extra space between two lines, do not use two \\ commands in a row. Instead use an *optional* parameter (given inside square brackets) to specify the amount of blank space. For example, the following command will leave an extra space of 10 points between the lines:

This will be on one line $\setminus [10pt]$ this will be on the next line

To force a new page, the simplest command is \newpage, which starts a new page immediately. There is also the command \clearpage, which acts like \newpage except that it also forces any leftover figures or tables to print before starting the new page. With the twoside documentclass option, the command \cleardoublepage produces a blank page, if necessary, to ensure that the new page starts on a new sheet of paper.

4.4 Leaving Horizontal and Vertical Space

The commands \hspace and \vspace leave horizontal and vertical space in your text. Both commands take a mandatory parameter—the amount of blank space you want to leave. For example, \vspace{3in} will leave 3 inches of blank space in your text. If vertical space is requested in the middle of a paragraph, the space will appear after the current line has ended.

Space requested by the \hspace and \vspace commands disappears if it falls at the beginning or end of a line or page. To create space that remains no matter where it falls, use the variations \hspace* and \vspace*. For example, the following lines:

This text starts at the left margin\\
\hspace*{1in}This text starts a new line after a one-inch space

This text starts at the left margin

This text starts a new line after a one-inch space

4.5 Drawing Rules

To draw a line (horizontal or vertical) on the page, use the \rule command:

\rule[lift] { width } { height }

width is the horizontal dimension, height is the vertical dimension, and the optional parameter lift is the amount raised above the baseline. For example, the line below was drawn with the command \rule{\textwidth}{1pt}.

produces:

4.6 Footnotes

Footnotes are numbered automatically by LaTeX. The command \footnote{footnote text} should be placed exactly where you want the footnote number to appear, with no extra space between the \footnote command and the text before it. For example:

```
This is text with a note.\footnote{This is the note text. Here it is at the bottom of the page.}
```

produces:

This is text with a note.²

4.7 Centering

If you have only one line to center, it's easiest to use the plain TEX command \centerline; for example,

```
\centerline{This line will be centered}.
```

If you have several lines to be centered horizontally, the **center** environment is convenient. The example below produces three lines, each horizontally centered.

```
\begin{center}
This is line one. \\
This is line two. \\
This is line three.
\end{center}
```

There is also the declaration \centering, which is always used within a group—either a pair of braces or an environment. This is useful when you don't want the extra vertical space surrounding the center environment.

4.8 Quotations

The quote environment begins a new line and indents text from both sides. It is delimited with \begin{quote} and \end{quote}. Any special effects (such as changes to the type size or style) started within the quote environment are terminated by \end{quote}.

New paragraphs are block style: that is, no indent and a blank line as separation. This section is inside a quote environment.

There is also a very similar environment called quotation. The only difference is that paragraphs in the quotation environment are indented with no blank line between.

²This is the note text. Here it is at the bottom of the page.

4.9 Reproducing Text As-Is

To reproduce new lines and spaces exactly as they are in your input file, you have a choice of several methods.

The verbatim environment prints its text in typewriter-style type and sets it off from the rest of the document with blank lines before and after. (It does not indent.) To use it, surround the text with the commands \begin{verbatim} and \end{verbatim}. The only LATEX command obeyed inside this environment is \end{verbatim}. For example, the following input

```
All spacing is displayed in verbatim as entered.
So are special characters  ! @ # & * ( ) _ } ] \ | > <
    verbatim is used to display LaTeX commands in this document.
\end{verbatim}

produces:

All spacing is displayed in verbatim as entered.
So are special characters  ! @ # & * ( ) _ } ] \ | > <</pre>
```

A variation on the verbatim environment, called the alltt environment, is provided by a package. It is used in the same way as the verbatim environment and works the same, in that spaces and lines are retained from the input file. The difference is that LaTeX commands are recognized inside this environment. It cannot be used to reproduce LaTeX commands, but it is very useful if you want to print in roman or italic type instead of typewriter. Before you can use this environment, you must include the command \usepackage{alltt} following the \documentclass command.

verbatim is used to display LaTeX commands in this document.

If the text is short enough to be contained on one input line and should not be set off, you can use the \verb command. For example,

```
\verb+This is inside the \verb command+ produces:
```

This is inside the \verb command

Note that the "+" is used here to delimit the verbatim text. Any character except the "*" can be used as the delimiter.

4.10 Lists

The three LaTeX list environments all use the \item command to start new items in the list. The enumerate environment numbers items sequentially, the itemize environment puts a bullet in front of each item, and the description environment puts a boldface word or phrase in front of each item.

The following examples show both the output and the input used to create them.

Example of Enumerate

```
\begin{enumerate}
    \item Sugar
    \item Cream
    \item Chocolate
\end{enumerate}
```

Example of Itemize

```
\begin{itemize}
  \item Mix all ingredients together.
  \item Boil until the thermometer
  reaches 112 $^\circ$C.
  \item Stir and cool.
\end{itemize}
```

Example of Description

```
\begin{description}
  \item[dog] A loving animal that
  likes to sleep on the furniture.
  \item[cat] Aloof creature that can
  warm your feet on a winter's night
  \item[horse] Large animal, gives
  great rides. Eats a lot, luckily
  doesn't sleep on the furniture.
\end{description}
```

Below is an example of nesting list environments:

```
Here are some useful environments:
    \begin{itemize}
    \item center environment
    \item quote environment
    \item the three list environments:
     \begin{enumerate}
     \item enumerate (uses numbers)
     \item itemize (uses bullets)
     \item description (uses words)
     \end{enumerate}
    \end{itemize}
```

- 1. Sugar
- 2. Cream
- 3. Chocolate
 - Mix all ingredients together.
 - Boil until the thermometer reaches 112 °C.
 - Stir and cool.

dog A loving animal that likes to sleep on the furniture.

cat Aloof creature that can warm your feet on a winter's night

horse Large animal, gives great rides. Eats a lot, luckily doesn't sleep on the furniture.

Here are some useful environments:

- center environment
- quote environment
- the three list environments:
 - 1. enumerate (uses numbers)
 - 2. itemize (uses bullets)
 - 3. description (uses words)

4.11 Cross References

In longer documents, there are often cross references to sections, figures, tables, or equations. LaTeX provides the following commands for cross referencing:

\label{marker} set a marker for future reference

 $\mathbf{ref}\{marker\}$ include the number of the section, figure, etc. of the cor-

responding \label command

\pageref{marker} include the page number of the corresponding \label com-

mand

marker is an identifier that you choose—it may contain letters, numbers, or other characters (except for LATEX's special list of characters). It can be helpful, but not necessary, to start the marker name with a tag that identifies what is being marked: for example, sec: for sections, eqn: for equations, fig: for figures, etc. (See the example below.) The \label command should be placed immediately after a sectioning command, within an equation environment, or inside a figure or table environment immediately following the caption command.

\label{sec:xrefs}
For information on cross references,
see section~\ref{sec:xrefs} on
page~\pageref{sec:xrefs}.

For information on cross references, see section 4.11 on page 22.

Note that LATEX uses the numbers from the .aux file produced by the previous run, so it will take two runs (sometimes more) to get the cross references correct.

Chapter 5. Tabular Material

There are two environments in LATEX for formatting tabular material: the tabbing environment, which uses \begin{tabbing}...\end{tabbing}, and the tabular environment, which uses \begin{tabular}...\end{tabular}.

The tabbing environment works in a manner similar to a typewriter—you set the tabs and then move from one to another. Tab stops may be reset on any line. Page breaks within the tabbed material are allowed since each line is processed individually.

The tabular environment allows you to construct a much fancier looking table: for example, you can specify the alignment of each column and use horizontal and vertical lines. However, these tables cannot be broken across pages because LaTeX reads in the entire table at once to establish correct column widths. Often material inside a tabular environment is placed inside the table environment, which ensures that if it can't fit at the current location it will be "floated" to an appropriate location. For information on using the table environment, see Chapter 8...

5.1 Tabbing

Tabbing uses the following commands:

```
\= Set a tab stop
\> Move right to the next tab stop
\\ Terminate a line
```

Tabs are usually set in the first line but may also be added in later lines. A special line ending with the command \kill may be used to set tabs but not print the line. Below are two examples of tabbing. Note that the last entry does not require a \\ to end the line.

Example 1: A Very Simple Case

```
\begin{tabbing}
Column 1 \= Column 2 \= Column 3 \= Column4 \\
Col 1 \> Col 2 \> Col 3 \> Col 4 \\
one \> two \> three \> four
\end{tabbing}
```

Produces:

```
Column 1 Column 2 Column 3 Column 4
Col 1 Col 2 Col 3 Col 4
one two three four
```

Example 2: A Little More Complex

Produces:

First column Second column Third column

Second Third

This Text extends past tab 1 Third column

Text spans columns two and three

Col 1 Col 2 Col 3 Col 4

5.2 Tabular

The tabular environment requires an additional argument that specifies the alignment of each column (centered, left justified, etc.):

```
\begin{tabular}{align}
```

You may substitute any combination of the following symbols for the align argument:

- 1 Left-justified column entry
- c Centered column entry
- r Right-justified column entry
- p Paragraph column entry
- l Vertical rule column
- Double vertical rule column

The width necessary for each column is determined automatically from the widest entry. Inside the tabular environment, use the tab character (&) to move to the next column, \\ to end each line (except the last one), and \hline to insert a horizontal line.

The following examples illustrate the tabular environment. Note that you can center a table by enclosing the tabular environment inside a center environment.

5.2.1 A Simple Ruled Table

```
\begin{center}
 \hline
                      % draw horizontal line
  Name & Oblateness & Diameter \\
  \hline
  Mercury & 0 & 3,100 \\
  Venus & 0 & 7,700 \\
  Earth & 1/297 & 7,927 \\
  Mars & 1/192 & 4,200 \\
  Jupiter & 1/15 & 88,700 \\
  Saturn & 1/9.5 & 75,100 \\
  Uranus & 1/14 & 32,100 \\
  Neptune & 1/40 & 27,700 \\
  Pluto & ? & 3,600\\
  \hline
 \end{tabular}
\end{center}
```

Produces:

Name	Oblateness	Diameter
Mercury	0	3,100
Venus	0	7,700
Earth	1/297	7,927
Mars	1/192	4,200
Jupiter	1/15	88,700
Saturn	1/9.5	75,100
Uranus	1/14	32,100
Neptune	1/40	27,700
Pluto	?	3,600

5.2.2 Using Paragraph Columns, Spanning Columns

The following example illustrates making paragraphs within a table and placing text across multiple columns using the \multicolumn command. This command has the form:

```
\mbox{\mbox{multicolumn}} \{pos\} \{item\}
```

where n is the number of columns to be spanned, pos specifies the alignment of the item, and item is the text.

This example is inside the table environment, which ensures that the table will be "floated" rather than broken across a page (see chapter 8. on page 37) and also provides the opportunity to supply a caption. In this example, the optional parameter [hb] specifies that the table should appear "here" or at the bottom of the page.

To center tabular material inside the table environment, you can use the declaration \centering, which has the same effect as the center environment. (The centering action will be confined to inside the table environment.)

```
\begin{table}[hb] % place table 'here' or at bottom of page
\centering
\caption{More Things You can Do With Tabular}
\bigskip
 \begin{tabular}{|1|1|p{2.5in}|}
 \hline
 \mathcal{L}_{c} 
       & A paragraph 2.5 inches wide \\
 \hline
 Column 1 & Column 2 & This text is a paragraph.
                                                It will wrap
                   around to the next line if necessary. \\
 Column 1 & Column 2 & The paragraph column \\
 \hline
 \end{tabular}
\end{table}
```

Table 1: More Things You can Do With Tabular

Text in columns 1 and 2		A paragraph 2.5 inches wide
Column 1	Column 2	This text is a paragraph. It will
		wrap around to the next line if nec-
		essary.
Column 1	Column 2	The paragraph column

5.2.3 Aligning on the Decimal Point

Although LATEX does not provide a way to align numeric columns on a decimal point, it is possible to accomplish this by using two columns (the first right-aligned and the second left-aligned) and changing the column separator to be a decimal point.³

LATEX allows you to change the column separator with the command $@\{...\}$, which replaces the usual intercolumn space with whatever you put inside the curly braces. Therefore, if you use $@\{.\}$ in the $\begin{tabular}$ line, a "." will be placed between columns. When you enter the data, you must replace the decimal point in your numbers with a column separator (&). The example below illustrates how to do this.

```
\begin{tabular}{c r @{.} 1}
Pi expression
\multicolumn{2}{c}{Value} \\
                                              Pi expression
                                                               Value
                                                                 3.1416
\hline
\pi
                      & 3&1416
                                //
                                                                36.46
                                                 (\pi^{\pi})^{\pi}
                                                            80662.7
$\pi^{\pi}$
                      & 36&46
                                 //
$(\pi^{\pi})^{\pi}$ & 80662&7 \\
\end{tabular}
```

5.2.4 Suppressing Leading or Trailing Space

Another creative use of the $Q\{...\}$ command is to suppress leading or trailing space in a table. In this case the command would be $Q\{\}$, indicating no space should be inserted:

```
\begin{tabular}{0{} 1 0{}}
\hline
no leading or trailing space\\
hline
\end{tabular}

\begin{tabular}{1}
\hline
leading space left and right\\
hline
\end{tabular}
leading space left and right\\
hline
\end{tabular}
```

³For an another method, see the dcolumn package, provided as part of the LATEX "tools" bundle.

Chapter 6. Mathematics

One of the greatest strengths of LaTeX is its ability to typeset formulas and equations. To make it easier to enter mathematical text, LaTeX has defined several hundred Greek symbols, mathematical symbols, delimiters, and operators. These are listed in Appendix A of this memo.

IFTEX has several modes for setting math text, which are described below. When in math mode, IFTEX sets type differently than when in text mode. For example, all letters are set in the math italic typeface, and spaces in the input are ignored because IFTEX uses its own "mathematically correct" spacing. Therefore, if you want to use normal text or retain spaces while in math mode, you must enclose this text with an "mbox": \mbox{this is normal text}. Also, new paragraphs are not allowed within math mode, so be sure not to leave any blank lines.

If your mathematical expressions are particularly complex or sophisticated, you may want to look at AMS-LATEX, a collection of packages that provides extensions to LATEX's mathematical capabilities. The amssymb package provides additional mathematical symbols; the amsmath package provides additional environments for building mathematical expressions. For help with using AMSLATEX, see *The Short Math Guide for LATEX*, at: ftp://ftp.ams.org/pub/tex/doc/amsmath/short-math-guide.pdf. The official documentation is amsldoc.pdf, which you can find on your system in ...\doc\latex\amslatex\.

6.1 In-line Math

LaTeX's in-line math environment allows you to place mathematical formulas in the midst of ordinary text. Typically such mathematical formulas are roughly the same size as the text they're embedded in. This environment can be invoked in one of three ways:

The following paragraph is typical of the use of in-line math:

The quadratic equation $\frac{2+bx+c}{0}$ has two roots whose nature depends on the sign of the discriminant $d = \frac{b^2}{0}$. If d>0, then there are two distinct real roots; if d=0, then there are two real and equal roots; and if d<0, then the two roots are conjugate complex numbers.

produces:

The quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ has two roots whose nature depends on the sign of the discriminant $d = \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$. If d > 0, then there are two distinct real roots; if d = 0, then there are two real and equal roots; and if d < 0, then the two roots are conjugate complex numbers.



6.2 Display Math (for unnumbered equations)

The displaymath environment puts space before and after equations and centers them by default. For left-justified equations, include fleqn as an option in the documentclass command: for example, \documentclass[fleqn]{article}. Like inline math, displaymath can be invoked in one of three ways:

The next paragraph illustrates the solution to the quadratic equation:

```
The quadratic equation ax^2 + bx + c = 0 has two roots \ x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt\{b^2 - 4ac\}}{2a} \] where the nature of the roots is determined by the sign of the discriminent b^2 - 4ac.
```

produces:

The quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ has two roots

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

where the nature of the roots is determined by the sign of the discriminent $b^2 - 4ac$.

6.3 Equation Environment (for numbered equations)

The equation environment is exactly like the displaymath environment except that an equation number in parentheses is placed to the right of the displayed formula. (For left-side numbering, include leqno as an option to the \documentclass command.) The environment is invoked with \begin{equation}...\end{equation} as illustrated below:

```
The derivative of the function f(x) at the point x_0 is f'(x_0) = \lim_{x \to 0} x_0 if f(x) - f(x_0) = x_0 \quad \text{f(x) - f(x_0)} \quad x_0 \quad \text{derivation}
```

produces:

The derivative of the function f(x) at the point x_0 is

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{x \to x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} \tag{1}$$

6.4 Equarray Environment (for multiline equations)

The eqnarray environment builds a three-column array of numbered equations, with the first column right-justified, the second centered, and the third left-justified. It is used mainly for displaying multi-line formulas. It numbers each line by default, but you can include the command \nonumber on any line to suppress the equation number. (Or you can use the alternative environment eqnarray*, which does not number any lines.) The following example illustrates this environment. Note that you can use the \label and \ref commands to refer to equation numbers in the text.

```
These three products can be expanded and simplified to produce these equations:

begin{eqnarray}

(a + b)(a + b) & = & a^2 + ab + ba + b^2 \nonumber \\
 & = & a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \label{eq:simp1} \\

(a + b)(a - b) & = & a^2 - ab + ba - b^2 \nonumber \\
 & = & a^2 - b^2 \label{eq:simp2} \\
 (a + b)^3 & = & a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3 \label{eq:simp3} \end{eqnarray}

The results after simplification are shown in equations \ref{eq:simp1}, \ref{eq:simp2}, and \ref{eq:simp3}.
```

produces:

These three products can be expanded and simplified to produce these equations:

$$(a+b)(a+b) = a^{2} + ab + ba + b^{2}$$

$$= a^{2} + 2ab + b^{2}$$

$$(a+b)(a-b) = a^{2} - ab + ba - b^{2}$$

$$= a^{2} - b^{2}$$

$$(a+b)^{3} = a^{3} + 3a^{2}b + 3ab^{2} + b^{3}$$

$$(3)$$

The results after simplification are shown in equations 1, 2, and 3.

The amsmath package provides additional environments for formatting multiline equations (e.g., split, align, gather, etc) and is highly recommended.



6.5 Array Environment (for matrices, etc.)

The array environment is not itself a math environment; it must be enclosed within a math environment of your choosing. It is used for building rectangular arrays of numbers, matrices, etc. array is the math equivalent of tabular and uses the same syntax.

Here is an example of the array environment used to build a 5×5 magic square:

```
\[
\begin{array}{cccc}

17& 24& 1& 8& 15\\
23& 5& 7& 14& 16\\
4& 6& 13& 20& 22\\
10& 12& 19& 21& 3\\
11& 18& 25& 2& 9
\end{array}
\]
```

produces:

```
    17
    24
    1
    8
    15

    23
    5
    7
    14
    16

    4
    6
    13
    20
    22

    10
    12
    19
    21
    3

    11
    18
    25
    2
    9
```

Here is an example for a general matrix:

```
\begin{equation}
A = \left(
  \begin{array}{cccc}
    a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \ldots & a_{1,n} \\
    a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \ldots & a_{2,n} \\
    \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
    a_{m,1} & a_{m,2} & \ldots & a_{m,n}
  \end{array}
\right)
\end{equation}
```

produces:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \dots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \dots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & a_{m,2} & \dots & a_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(4)$$

Section 6.6.6 (Large Delimiters) on page 34 has more examples of arrays.

6.6 Building Mathematical Expressions

6.6.1 Superscripts and Subscripts

In math mode, the symbols '' and '' are used to make superscripts and subscripts. If more than one character is to be used as a superscript or subscript, enclose the characters in braces. For example:

produces:

$$2^{2^{2}} = 2^{4} = 4^{2}$$

$$a_{i_{1}}^{2} = b_{i,j}^{2}$$

$${}_{2}F_{3}^{1}$$

$${}_{1}P_{4}^{3}$$

6.6.2 Spaces in Math Mode

In math mode, LaTeX ignores blanks typed in the input. However, the following symbols allow you to add (or subtract) small amounts of space in your equations:

\; thick space \: medium space \, thin space \! negative space

In addition, you can make a larger space (about the width of an "M") with the command \quad. The command \quad provides twice as much space.

6.6.3 Dots, Braces, and Bars

The commands \ldots, \cdots, \vdots, and \ddots are used to produce a string of three dots on the base line, on the math centerline, vertically, or on the diagonal, respectively. The commands \overline, \underline, \overbrace, and \underbrace are used to build horizontal groups. For example:

produces:

$$2^{n} = \underbrace{2 \times 2 \times \cdots \times 2}_{\text{k terms}}$$

$$k \cdot x = \underbrace{x + x + \cdots + x}_{\text{k terms}}$$



6.6.4 Fractions

The '/' can be used to make simple fractions, but the \frac commmand is used for most fractions; its two arguments are the numerator and denominator. Two variations of a fraction are provided by the plain TEX commands \atop and \choose.

- $\frac{a}{b} \neq \frac{a/b}{c/d}$ \qquad \{a\atop b} \qquad \{a\choose b\} \$\$
- $$$ 1 + 2 + 3 + \cdot + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} $$$

produces:

$$\frac{a}{b} \frac{a/b}{c/d} \quad a \quad \binom{a}{b}$$

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0 \qquad y'' = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

6.6.5 Radicals, Integrals, and Summations

The \sqrt command creates a square root sign for its mandatory argument. An optional argument for the radicand allows you to construct cube roots, nth roots, etc. The sign automatically grows to fit the argument, as these examples show:

produces:

$$\sqrt{2} = 1.4142$$
 $c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ $\sqrt[3]{8} = 2$ $\sqrt{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}$

Integral signs are produced with the \int command, and summation signs are produced with the \sum command. These symbols are often used with superscripts and subscripts:

produces:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{a}^{b} e^{x^{2}} dx$$

$$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} i} \sum_{\substack{i=1 \ j=2}}^{\infty}$$

$$\sum \Delta V = \iiint_{V} dv$$

6.6.6 Large Delimiters

The commands \left and \right are used to put large delimiters (such as () []) in displayed formulas. (For braces, use \{ and \}). See Appendix A for a complete list of delimiters. There must be a \right for every \left and vice versa for each output line, although the left and right delimiters need not be the same type. You can even use a period to create an invisible delimiter—very useful if you need an odd number of delimiters. Large delimiters are often used with the array environment. Below are two examples of large delimiters. (For another example, see Section 6.5 on page 31.)

```
\[
\mbox{det} = \left|
\begin{array}{lllll}
c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & \ldots & c_n \\
c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & \ldots & c_{n+1} \\
c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & \ldots & c_{n+2} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
c_n & c_{n+1} & c_{n+2} & \ldots & c_{2n}
\end{array}
\right| > 0.
```

produces:

$$\det = \begin{vmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & \dots & c_n \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & \dots & c_{n+1} \\ c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & \dots & c_{n+2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_n & c_{n+1} & c_{n+2} & \dots & c_{2n} \end{vmatrix} > 0.$$

```
\[
\mbox{signum}(x)=\left\{
\begin{array}{r1}
   1 & \mbox{if $x>0$} \\
   0 & \mbox{if $x=0$} \\
   -1 & \mbox{otherwise}
\end{array} \right.
\]
```

produces:

$$\operatorname{signum}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Chapter 7. Including Graphics

7.1 Creating the Graphics File

The easiest way to put graphics into your LaTeX document is to first create the graphic using a software package, such as Maple, Matlab, CorelDRAW, Xfig, Gnuplot, etc. You can also use a Windows application such as Word or Excel to create an eps (Encapsulated PostScript) file by printing to a file following certain steps, described in http://www.rpi.edu/dept/arc/training/latex/Examples/graphics.pdf.

If you are using LATEX plus dvips to produce your final output, you should save the graphic as encapsulated PostScript (eps), the only acceptable format. If you are using pdfLATEX (which produces a pdf file directly), acceptable formats are pdf, jpeg, or png, but *not* eps. A general rule of thumb for graphics formats is to use pdf or eps for vector graphics (line art, graphs, etc), jpeg for photographs, and png for screen shots.

If you are using pdflaTeX and your graphics files are in eps format, you can convert them to pdf using the epstopdf utility, which is most likely on your system. Run this program from the command line (in Windows, open a command window and cd to the appropriate folder):

```
epstopdf myfigure.eps generates myfigure.pdf
```

After doing this, you will have two files for your graphic, one eps and one pdf.

If you are using LaTeX plus dvips, the jpeg2ps utility is handy. It converts JPEG images to eps files without uncompressing the images. The JPEG data is simply "wrapped" with PostScript, yielding considerably smaller PostScript files. Use it from the command line:

```
jpeg2ps -h image.jpg > image.eps
```

You may already have jpeg2ps on your system; if not, you can download it from: http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/support/jpeg2ps/.

7.2 Importing the Graphic into your LATEX Document

LaTeX's standard graphics bundle includes two packages for importing graphics: graphics and graphicx. The extended package, graphicx, provides a more convenient method of supplying parameters and is recommended. Therefore first step is to put in your preamble the command:

```
\usepackage{graphicx}
```

This package defines a new command called \includegraphics, which allows you to specify the name of the graphic file as well as supply optional arguments for scaling or rotating. So, at the spot you want to insert the graphic (named for example, myfigure.eps or myfigure.pdf) use the \includegraphics command, for example:

 $\label{lem:linear_extension} $$ \clin = 4in \ \mbox{ myfigure} $$ note filename extension is omitted $$$

If you want to be able to process your file using either latex or pdflatex, you'll need to have your graphics files in both eps format and one of the others, such as pdf. Then omit the filename extension on the \includegraphics command: latex will look for an eps file, and pdflatex will look for a pdf, jpg, or png file.

The \includegraphics command also provides optional arguments for scaling or rotating the figure. Inside the [...], you can specify a number of optional arguments, separated by commas. In the example above, width=4in will scale the width of graphic to four inches. Since no height is specified, the height will be scaled so that the figure remains in proportion. The most commonly used arguments are:

```
width scale graphic to the specified width (aspect ratio preserved)
height scale graphic to the specified height (aspect ratio preserved)
scale graphic by scale factor. (scale=2 makes the graphic twice as large
as its natural size; scale=.5 makes it half as large.)
angle rotate graphic by specified number of degrees. A positive number in-
dicates the counter-clockwise direction. (angle=90 rotates 90 degrees
counter-clockwise.)
```

Note that in the following example, the graphic is *first* rotated counter-clockwise by 90 degrees and *then* scaled to a width that will just fit within the margins:

```
\includegraphics[angle=90,width=\textwidth]{myfigure}
```

Usually the includegraphics command is put inside the figure environment, which allows the image to move or "float" to another location so that it is never split between pages. The figure environment is described in chapter 8..

7.3 Viewing the Output

If your graphics files are in pdf, jpeg or png formats, you can run pdfIATEX and view the result with Acrobat or GSView. If your files are eps, it is important to note that after running IATEX, the resulting .dvi file does not actually contain the eps graphics; it only contains commands that the printer driver, dvips, subsequently uses to include the graphics when making the PostScript file. Most dvi previewers try to display eps files (ususually by calling on ghostscript), but rotated material may not display properly in the dvi preview. To see a correct display, run dvips to make a PostScript file and then use GSView/ghostview to view it.

Complete documentation for the graphics bundle is in the file grfguide.pdf; look for it on your system. Information on the graphicx package is in section 4.4. For an extensive treatment of including graphics, see *Using Imported Graphics in LaTEX and pdfLaTEX* by Keith Reckdahl of Stanford University. It includes all you would ever want to know with many examples: http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/info/epslatex.pdf.

Chapter 8. Placing Figures & Tables (Floats)

If you have figures or tables in your document, you'll want to make sure that they are not broken across pages. To accomplish this, LATEX provides two environments, figure and table, which move or "float" the material inside the environment to a location where it all fits. Meanwhile, LATEX fills the current page with text to avoid half empty pages. The commands to use these two environments look like:

There are also "starred" versions of these environments (table* and figure*), which, in 2-column text, place floats across both columns.

Note that these environments have nothing to do with actually preparing your figures or tabular material (discussed in chapters 5. and 7.); they only ensure that whatever material is inside the environment gets "floated" and is not broken between pages.

To place the floated material, LATEX first tries to put the figure or table at the top of the current page. If it doesn't fit there, it next tries the bottom of the current page, then the top of the next page. Failing that, it will try to place the figure or table on a page containing only floated material (no text). Usually, the default behavior places the floats satisfactorily. However, if you wish, you can supply an optional parameter to specify a list of preferred locations; for example, if you begin a table:

\begin{table}[htp]

LATEX will first try to place the table "here"—that is, at the spot you gave the \begin{table} command, then the top of the next page, and finally on a page containing only floats (which often means on a page by itself). The possible positioning parameters are:

- h here: at the place in the text where the environment occurs.
- t top: at the top of a text page.
- b bottom: at the bottom of a text page.
- p page: on a special page containing only floats.

8.1 Making a Caption

The floated material usually includes a numbered caption. Within the figure or table environment, you can supply a caption with the command \caption{caption text}. Usually the caption for a table is typed above the table and the caption for a figure below the figure. The table environment prefixes the caption text with "Table n:" (where n is the number of the table supplied by LATEX); the figure environment prefixes the text with "Figure n:". In fact, the caption prefix is the only difference between the figure and table environments. The \caption command also supplies information for a List of Figures and/or a List of Tables. To print out such a list at the beginning of

your document, simply place the command \listoftables or \listoffigures after the \tableofcontents command.

If your caption is very long and you do not want the whole thing repeated in the list of figures or tables, you can use an optional parameter (specified in square brackets) to supply a shorter version for the List. For example, a table caption might look like:

```
\caption[A short caption for the list of tables]{This is a very long caption for this table, requiring lots of explanation. It could go on for several lines.}
```

You can also use the \label command (see section 4.11 on cross referencing) so that you can refer to your figure or table elsewhere in the document. Note that the \label command must immediately follow the caption command. If it precedes the caption, the number used in the reference will be incorrect.

8.2 Examples

Note that you can put anything inside the figure environment: it can be text, a diagram, an image (see chapter 7.) or any other kind of illustration. Likewise, a table environment can contain any LaTeX commands or text, but usually contains tabular material inside the tabular environment (see section 5.2).

The example below encloses tabular material in the table environment, which allows it to to float to an appropriate spot in the text. This table is floated to the top of the next page because there is not enough room for it to be placed "here". Note the placement of the \caption and \label commands in this example and the example figure on the next page.

```
\begin{table}[htp]
\caption{Contract Expenses to Date}
\label{tab:exp}
\begin{center}
  \begin{tabular}{lr}
    Item & Amount\\
  \hline
    Salaries (research assistants, secretary) & \$24,000 \\
    Travel expenses & \$8,000 \\
    Software & \$2,000 \\
    \cline{2-2} \\[-8pt]
    Total & \$34,000
  \end{tabular}
\end{center}
\end{table}
```

Table 2: Contract Expenses to Date

Item	Amount
Salaries (research assistants, secretary)	\$24,000
Travel expenses	\$8,000
Software	\$2,000
Total	\$34,000

The following example produces a figure that uses a line drawing of a cat, which LATEX places "here" because there happens to be room for it. There are two versions of the image, cat.eps and cat.pdf, so that either LATEX or pdfLATEX can be used. Note that the \includegraphics command below does not specify an extension on the file name, leaving it up to LATEX or pdfLATEX to find the appropriate file.

```
\begin{figure}[htp]
  \centering
  \includegraphics[angle=30,width=.6\textwidth]{cat}
  \caption{A Tipsy Cat}
  \label{fig:cat}
\end{figure}
```

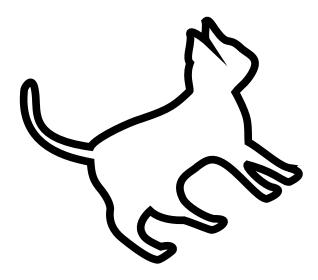


Figure 1: A Tipsy Cat

8.3 Overcoming Problems with Float Placement

When placing floated material, LaTeX follows certain rules, explained in detail in Lamport's LaTeX User's Guide and Reference Manual, section C.9. If you find that your table or figure is not appearing where you think it should, it could be that LaTeX's constraints on how much of a text page can be taken up by floats are getting in the way. You can override these constraints by including a! in the optional argument containing the positioning parameters. For example, if you use \begin{table}[!htp], LaTeX will try extra hard to place the float where you want it.

Do NOT give only one possible placement parameter (e.g., h), because if the float cannot be placed where you specified, it could be pushed to the end of the section or document with all subsequent figures or tables behind it.

LATEX has room in its memory to hold only a certain number of floats. If you want to include many figures or tables together, without intervening text, you can avoid problems by including the command \clearpage after every approximately 10 floats. This command prints all queued floats and starts a new page.

8.4 Landscape Figures and Tables

To print an entire figure or table, including the caption, in landscape orientation, use the rotating package (in addition to graphicx for images). Load it in the preamble as usual with the \usepackage command:

```
\usepackage{rotating}
```

This package defines two new environments, sidewaysfigure and sidewaystable, which you then use in place of the standard LaTeX environments figure and table. The sideways environments always put the landscape table or figure on a page by itself. For example, to make a landscape page containing a rotated graphic and caption, use commands such as:

```
\begin{sidewaysfigure}
\includegraphics{myfigure}
\caption{Turn the page sideways to look at this figure.}
\end{sidewaysfigure}
```

The file http://www.rpi.edu/dept/arc/training/latex/Examples/exrotating.tex contains examples of using both the graphicx and the rotating packages to include landscape figures and tables. To see the results after running pdflatex, view the output in the file

http://www.rpi.edu/dept/arc/training/latex/Examples/exrotating.pdf.

Full documentation for the rotating package is in the book, *The LATEX Companion* by Mittlebach and Goossens.

Chapter 9. Preparing a Bibliography

LATEX provides built-in support for citing references, which is straightforward and relatively easy to use. However, it's not very flexible. If your bibliography is large or if you use the same references in several documents, you may prefer to use BibTeX, a companion program to LATEX that allows you to store all your references in an external database file. You can then refer to this database in your LATEX document, and cite any reference within it. Both methods are described below.

9.1 Using LaTeX's built-in Method

To prepare a bibliography the "standard" way, the first step is to cite various works within your text using the \cite{key} command. key is a reference keyword of your choosing that identifies the work. For example your document might include, at the appropriate places, the commands: \cite{lamport} \cite{kopka} \cite{goossens}. These commands place numbers (enclosed in square brackets) in the text that match the numbers automatically generated in the bibliography. (Remember to run LATEX twice to get correct numbers in the text!)

To include an item in the bibliography without citing it in the text, use the \nocite command; for example: \nocite{smith,jones}.

Then, at the end of the document, you format the bibliography, sorting the entries as you wish them to appear, using the a special environment called thebibliography.

Below is an example of a thebibliography environment, followed by the output it produces. On the \begin{thebibliography} line, the width of the item in the second pair of braces determines the indent of the entries. This item is usually a dummy number with as many digits as the highest-numbered entry. In this case, the "9" indicates there are fewer than 10 entries. If there are 10 or more but less than 100, use the number 99.

Within this environment, each entry starts with the \bibitem command. The argument for this command is the same keyword used in the corresponding \cite command in the text. The \bibitem commands automatically generate a number in square brackets before each entry. The first entry in the list will be numbered 1.

Note that in the book and report classes, **Bibliography** is used as the chapter title; in the article class, **References** is used as the section heading.

```
\begin{thebibliography}{9}
\bibitem{lamport} Leslie Lamport. \textit{\LaTeX\ -- A Document
    Preparation System}. Addison-Wesley, second edition, Reading, MA, 1994.
\bibitem{kopka} Helmut Kopka and Patrick W.~Daly. \textit{A Guide
    to \LaTeX}. Addison-Wesley, fourth edition, Boston, MA, 2004.
\bibitem{goossens} Michel Goossens, Frank Mittelbach, et al. \textit{The
    \LaTeX\ Companion}. Addison-Wesley, second edition, Boston, MA, 2004.
\end{thebibliography}
```

References

- [1] Leslie Lamport. LaTeX A Document Preparation System. Addison-Wesley, Reading, MA, second edition, 1994.
- [2] Helmut Kopka and Patrick W. Daly. A Guide to \(\mathbb{L}T_EX\). Addison-Wesley, fourth edition, Boston, MA, 2004.
- [3] Michel Goossens, Frank Mittelbach et al. *The LATEX Companion*. Addison-Wesley, second edition, Boston, MA, 2004.

If you want to change the heading for the reference listing, just change the value of \refname (for article class) or \bibname (book or report class) by adding a line like this in your preamble: \renewcommand{\bibname}{Literature Cited}.

If you like, you can choose a label to identify the work in both the text and in the bibliography, instead of the number assigned by LATEX. You do this by including an optional label on the \bibitem command. (The \cite command doesn't change.) For example, to refer to the third book as "companion," its entry in the thebibliography environment would be:

\bibitem[companion]{goossens} Michel Goossens, Frank Mittelbach, et al. \textit{The \LaTeX\ Companion}. Addison-Wesley, second edition, Boston, MA, 2004.

9.2 Using BibT_EX

9.2.1 Overview

BibTeX automatically generates a list of references from information contained in a bibliographic database—a file you create whose name ends with the extension .bib. The entries in your .bib file are called in your LaTeX file with various \cite commands, just as in the built-in method described above. In your LaTeX file, you provide just two more pieces of information: A bibliographystyle command to specify the formatting style of the citations and the bibliography (this can appear anywhere in your LaTeX file), and at the point you want the bibliography printed, a bibliography command to provide the name of the .bib file.

After processing your document through LaTeX (or pdfLaTeX) you run BibTeX, which will format the citations according to the style you've specified. You then need to run LaTeX (or pdfLaTeX) again to process the output created by BibTeX, and finally once more to resolve the references. Your resulting output will then contain your citations and formatted bibliography.

9.2.2 Creating the .bib File

The .bib file is a plain text file that you create and edit with any text editor. The following example of a Bibtex entry illustrates the structure. Each entry begins with the document type preceded by the "@" sign. This is followed by a unique label that you make up and that you will use to cite the entry in your text. Then each field (in any order) uses the format keyword = $\{data\}$. Note that the data can be enclosed in either quotation marks or braces, and each line except the last must end with a comma.

```
@article{Hefferon04,
    author = "Jim Hefferon",
    title = "{CTAN} for {S}tarters",
    year = "2004",
    journal = "{TUGB}oat",
    volume = "25",
    number = "2",
    pages = "126--127"
}
```

The above example refers to an article within a journal. There are many different document types: book, article (in a journal), article (in a collection), chapter (in a book), thesis, report, paper (in a Proceedings), etc. There is a prescribed set of fields for each type of document. A book entry might look like:

```
@book{Kopka04,
    author = {Helmut Kopka and Patrick W.~Daly},
    title = {Guide to {\LaTeX}},
    edition = {fourth},
    publisher = {Addison-Wesley},
    address = {Boston, MA},
    year = {2004}
}
```

If a work has more than one author, separate them with the keyword "and" so BibTEX can distinguish the different names. If the BibTEX style does not preserve all your capitalization (for example within titles), you can tell BibTEX to keep them by using braces around the letters in question.

9.2.3 Running BibT_EX

After processing your file with LaTeX (or pdfLaTeX), you run the BibTeX program by clicking on the BibTeX toolbar icon (if your editor has one), or by typing the command bibtex followed by the name of your document without the .tex extension. The information for every document you have cited will be extracted from your database, formatted according to the style you specify, and stored in a bibliographic (.bbl) file ready for LaTeX to use. When you run LaTeX again it will build the bibliography from the .bbl file and generate warnings about unresolved references. Subsequent runs will resolve the references, and the warnings will disappear.

Suppose you have a file called myrefs.bib that contains the two bibliographics entries above, and the file testbib.tex contains the following:

```
\documentclass{article}
\begin{document}
We are testing the use of Bib\TeX\ using two entries.
One is a book \cite{kopka04}, and the other is an article in a journal. \cite{hefferon04}
\bibliographystyle{plain} % use style plain.bst
\bibliography{myrefs} % find references in myrefs.bib \end{document}
```

The result of running LaTeX, then BibTeX then LaTeX twice more would be:

We are testing the use of BibTeX using two entries. One is a book [2], and the other is an article in a journal. [1]

References

- [1] Jim Hefferon. CTAN for Starters. TUGBoat, 25(2):126-127, 2004.
- [2] Helmut Kopka and Patrick W. Daly. *Guide to LATEX*. Addison-Wesley, Boston, MA, fourth edition, 2004.

9.2.4 Bibliography Styles

Bibliography styles are files (with the extension .bst), that tell BibTEX how to format the information in the .bib file. The standard styles are:

```
plain entries are sorted alphabetically and are labelled with numbers.
```

unsrt the same as plain except entries appear in the order in which they were cited.

abbry the same as plain except names, month names, journal names are abbreviated.

alpha entries are sorted alphabetically, and the labels are made from the author's or authors' (or editor's) name and the year of publication.

The .../bst subdirectory of your TEX installation contains the styles (.bst files) installed by default, and the *The LATEX Companion*, chapter 12, describes others.

There are also various LaTeX packages that provide other styles, such as author-date citations instead of numbers. To use one of these packages, you need to include its name with the normal \usepackage command in your preamble. One highly recommended and flexible package is Natbib. In addition to loading the Natbib package in the preamble, you need to use a bibliography style that supports the author-date style. (Some possible choices are "plainnat", "unsrtnat", "abbrvnat" and "apalike".) Also, Natbib uses slight variations of the \cite command: you just append a "t" (for textual) or "p" (for parenthetical), to the basic \cite command, for example:

Citation command	Natbib output
\citet{hefferon04}	Hefferon (2004)
\citep{hefferon04}	(Hefferon, 2004)
\citet[chapter 4]{kopka04}	Kopka and Daly (2004, chapter 4)
\citep[see] [chap.~4] {kopka04}	(see Kopka and Daly, 2004, chap. 4)

Using the same myrefs.bib file as in the previous example, and changing the testbib.tex file to read:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{natbib}
\begin{document}
We are testing the use of Bib\TeX\ using two entries.
One is a book by \citet{kopka04}, and the second is an article in a journal \citep{hefferon04}.
\bibliographystyle{apalike} % use style apalike.bst
\bibliography{myrefs} % find references in myrefs.bib
\end{document}
```

produces, after running LATEX, then BibTEX, then LATEX twice more:

We are testing the use of BibTeX using two entries. One is a book by Kopka and Daly (2004); the second is an article in a journal (Hefferon, 2004).

References

Hefferon, J. (2004). CTAN for Starters. TUGBoat, 25(2):126–127.

Kopka, H. and Daly, P. W. (2004). *Guide to LATEX*. Addison-Wesley, Boston, MA, fourth edition.

9.2.5 For More Information

For more information on LaTeX's built-in method and on using BibTeX, see any of the three books in section 9.1.

For on-line information on BibTeX, there is an excellent tutorial by Andrew Roberts: http://www.andy-roberts.net/misc/latex/latextutorial3.html

A longer, more complete document covering both LaTeX's basic bibliography method and BibTeX is $Tame\ the\ BeaST$ by Nicolas Markey:

http://tug.ctan.org/tex-archive/info/bibtex/tamethebeast/ttb_en.pdf

An excellent, concise overview of the Natbib package is the file natnotes.pdf, and the Natbib manual is in natbib.pdf. You can find both these files at:

http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/macros/latex/contrib/natbib/

Chapter 10. Special Topics

10.1 Managing a Large Document

If you are preparing a book, thesis, or any document with multiple parts, it's convenient to work on the different chapters or sections separately. To do this, create a separate .tex file for each section, and create a "root" .tex file that contains the \documentclass command, the preamble material, the \begin{document} and \end{document} commands, and multiple \include commands. The \include commands tell LATEX to read the separate .tex files that contain the text of the document. Each \include command starts a new page in your output. Note that the individual section files do not include \begin{document} and \end{document} and \end{document} commands.

The command, \includeonly, which must go in the preamble, can be used to select from the \include list only certain file(s) to be processed.

As an example, the root file for a book with 6 chapters might be called mybook.tex, and the files for the chapters might be named chap1.tex, chap2.tex, etc. The root file mybook.tex, which is the file on which you run LaTeX, would look something like:

```
\documentclass{book}
\includeonly{chap1,chap2}  % only these files will be processed
\begin{document}
\include{chap1}
\include{chap2}
\include{chap3}
\include{chap4}
\include{chap5}
\include{chap6}
\end{document}
```

10.2 Generating an Index

It is relatively easy to generate an index by using LaTeX commands combined with the support program *MakeIndex*. This memo covers just the basics of MakeIndex; details are in the documentation accompanying the program, makeindex.dvi, which should be already on your system under the doc folder. For example, if you are using TeXLive 2005 on Windows, you'll find the documentation in:

C:\TeXLive2005\texmf-dist\doc\makeindex\base\makeindex.dvi.

Suppose your LaTeX input file is called myfile.tex. To make an index, you need to do the following things in that file:

- 1. Load the package makeidx with the command: \usepackage{makeidx}
- 2. In the preamble, place the command: \makeindex



- 3. At the place you want the index to appear (usually the end of the document), put the command: \printindex
- 4. Put index entries throughout the text (as close as possible to the actual word or phrase being indexed) using the command \index{entry}, where entry is the index entry. Examples of various index entries are shown in the table at the bottom of the page.

Now, generate the index by running LaTeX, then running makeindex, and finally running LaTeX once more. If you don't have a "makeindex" button on the toolbar of your editor/shell, you can run it from the command line or use the editor's Help feature to add it to the toolbar. Below is an example of doing the 3-step process from the command line. Note that you should not include the filename extensions on your commands; the programs will then do the right thing.

latex (or pdflatex) myfile	In addition to producing the .dvi or pdf file, this generates the file myfile.idx, which contains all the index entries and page numbers.
makeindex myfile	MakeIndex processes myfile.idx and produces the file myfile.ind, which contains the LATEX commands to format the index.
latex (or pdflatex) myfile	When LATEX or pdfLATEX finds the \printindex command, it reads in the file myfile.ind. The resulting output includes the formatted index.

If you change your document after producing the .ind file, be sure to run MakeIndex again to create an up-to-date .ind file before running LATEX for the final time.

The package showidx, which comes with LaTeX, prints all index entries in the margin of the text. This is a useful tool for checking the index in draft copies.

ĿTEX Input	Index Entry	Comments
\index{colors}	colors, 14	Main entry
\index{colors!blue}	blue, 14	Subentry under "colors"
\index{colors!blue!navy}	navy, 15	Subsubentry
\index{gnu@\textsl{gnu}}	gnu, 22	Formatted text
\index{gnat \textbf}	gnat, 25	Formatted page number

Examples of Index Entries

10.3 Including hyperlinks

Both LATEX and pdfLATEX can use the hyperref package to place live links in the PDF file. By including \usepackage{hyperref} as the last package in your preamble, you will automatically get bookmarks corresponding to your sections, and hyperlinks from your tables of contents and \cite and \ref references. The package has a number of options; some of the most useful are:

- **colorlinks** makes the text of the link colored instead of framed with a box. It's also possible to choose the color of the links with the linkcolor, urlcolor, and citecolor options.
- plainpages=false distinguishes between frontmatter and mainmatter page numbers. With this option, hyperref writes different anchors for pages "ii' and "2".
- pdfpagelabels sets PDF page labels so that Acrobat Reader displays the page number as (say) "iv (4 of 40)" rather than simply "4 of 40". plainpages=false and pdfpagelabels are usually used together.
- breaklinks allows a line break in a long link (such as a TOC entry). Works with pdf\(\mathbb{P}T_{EX} \) only.
- linktocpage makes the page number, not the text, the link in TOC, LOF, and LOT. It's especially useful if you use LATEX and dvips to get your PDF file, as this method cannot use breaklinks. If you also have long URLs in the body of the thesis, the breakurl package can help. For documentation, look on your system for the file breakurl.pdf.

The hyperref package also provides the command \url{URL} to link to a URL from the text, for example: \url{http://www.ctan.org/} or \url{mailto:email@email.com}. The command \href{URL}{text} provides a more sophisticated method, where "URL" is the address and "text" is the text displayed in the document. For example, to avoid having the text "mailto:" appear in the document, use \href{mailto:myfriend@rpi.edu}{myfriend@rpi.edu}.

Be sure to run LATEX or pdfLATEX twice to ensure correct hyperlinks.

Abbreviated example file:

```
\documentclass{report}
\usepackage{ifpdf}  % to use same .tex file for both latex & pdflatex
% the following specifies different options to hyperref depending on
% whether latex or pdflatex is being run.
\ifpdf
  \usepackage[colorlinks,linkcolor=blue,urlcolor=blue,citecolor=blue,
    plainpages=false,pdfpagelabels,breaklinks]{hyperref}
\else
  \usepackage[colorlinks,linkcolor=blue,urlcolor=blue,citecolor=blue,
    plainpages=false,pdfpagelabels,linktocpage]{hyperref}
\fi
\begin{document}
    ... body of your document goes here ...
\end{document}
```

The official documentation for hyperref is manual.pdf. Look for it on your system in .../doc/latex/hyperref/.



10.4 Accents and Special Characters

LaTeX provides commands that allow you to print accents required by many European languages. The table below shows how to apply a variety of accents to the letter o. Of course, any other letter can be used in place of o.

If you want to place an accent on top of an i or a j, however, you need to print them without their dots. You can print a dotless i or j by typing \i and \j. For example, ĭ is formed by typing \u{\i}.

ò	\'{o}	ó ∖'{o}	ô	\^{o}	õ	\~{o}
ō	\={o}		ö	\"{o}	ô	\r{o}
ŏ	\u{o}	ŏ \v{o}	ő	\H{o}	Q	\c{o}
ö	\d{o}	$\bar{\mathrm{o}}$ /p{o}	oo	\t{oo}		

Note that the accent commands that are control symbols (i.e., they consist of just one non-letter) can also be used without braces. For example $\ \circ$ and $\ \circ$ both produce $\hat{\circ}$.

The special letters that are part of European languages can be generated with the following commands:

For example:

na\"{\i}ve, r\'esum\'e, {\AA}ngstr{\o}m, se\~norita, stra{\ss}e
produces:

naïve, résumé, Ångstrøm, señorita, straße

Appendix A Mathematical Symbols

All the following symbols (except the "non-mathematical symbols" listed on the next page) must be used in math mode. To use one of the symbols in ordinary text, put it in math mode by surrounding it with dollar signs: α .

The AMSETEX package, amssymb, provides additional math symbols. For a list, see http://www.rpi.edu/dept/arc/training/latex/amssymblist.pdf.

Greek Alphabet

α	\alpha	ι	\iota	ϱ	\varrho
β	\beta	κ	\kappa	σ	\sigma
γ	\gamma	λ	\lambda	ς	\varsigma
δ	\delta	μ	\mu	au	\tau
ϵ	\epsilon	ν	\nu	v	\upsilon
ε	\varepsilon	ξ	\xi	ϕ	\phi
ζ	\zeta	O	o^1	φ	\varphi
η	\eta	π	\pi	χ	\chi
θ	\theta	ϖ	\varpi	ψ	\psi
ϑ	\vartheta	ρ	\rho	ω	\omega
Γ	\Gamma	Ξ	\Xi	Φ	\Phi
Δ	\Delta	Π	\Pi	Ψ	\Psi
Θ	\Theta	\sum	\Sigma	Ω	\Omega
Λ	Lambda	Υ	\Upsilon		

Capitals not shown are produced with English capital letters.

Miscellaneous Symbols

×	\aleph	1	\prime	\forall	\forall
\hbar	\hbar	Ø	$\ensuremath{\setminus} \mathrm{emptyset}$	\exists	\exists
\imath	\imath	∇	\nabla	\neg	\neg
J	\jmath		\surd	b	\flat
ℓ	\ell	\top	$\setminus top$	þ	\natural
\wp	$\backslash \mathrm{wp}$	\perp	\bot	#	\sharp
\Re	\Re		$\$ Vert or $\$	4	\clubsuit
\Im	$\backslash \mathrm{Im}$	Z	\angle	\Diamond	\diamondsuit
∂	\partial	\triangle	\triangle	\Diamond	\heartsuit
∞	\infty	\Diamond	\Diamond	\spadesuit	\spadesuit
Ω	\mho		$\overline{\text{Box}}$	\	\backslash
\sum	$\overline{\text{sum}}$	Π	$\overline{\text{prod}}$	П	\setminus coprod
\int	\int	∮	\oint	\bowtie	$\sqrt{\text{Join}}$

The symbols whose names are underlined require latexsym, a standard LATEX package. Load it with the command: \usepackage{latexsym}.

¹An ordinary "o" looks Greek when used in a math environment: $\$o\$ \to o$.

Non-Mathematical Symbols

These symbols can be used in either text mode or math mode:

†\dag ‡\ddag $\S \setminus S$ $\P \setminus P$ © \copyright £\pounds

Function Names

When using function names in a math environment, you can prefix them with a \ so that they will print as normal text rather than in italics:

\arccos	\arcsin	\arctan	$\backslash arg$	\cos	\cosh
$\setminus \cot$	$\backslash \mathrm{coth}$	$\backslash \mathrm{csc}$	$\backslash \deg$	\det	\dim
$\langle \exp$	\gcd	$\backslash \mathrm{hom}$	\inf	\ker	\lg
\lim	\liminf	\limsup	\ln	\log	\max
\min	\Pr	\sec	$\setminus \sin$	\slash sinh	\sup
\tan	anh				

Delimiters

The following symbols can expand in size to "fit around" the expressions they delimit. To make a delimiter the right size, use it with the \left ... \right commands described in section 6.6.6.

(())	\lfloor		\rfloor
[[]]	\lceil]	\rceil
{ \{	} \}	\langle \langle	\rangle	\rangle
	\	↑ \uparrow	\uparrow	\Uparrow
/ /	\setminus \setminus backslash	↓ \downarrow	\Downarrow	\Downarrow
		↑ \updownarrow	1	\Updownarrow

Relational Operators

\leq	\le or \leq	\geq	\geq	\equiv	\equiv
\prec	\prec	\succ	\succ	\sim	\sim
\preceq	\preceq	\succeq	\succeq	\simeq	\searrow
\ll	\ll	\gg	\gg	\asymp	\asymp
\subset	\subset	\supset	\supset	\approx	\approx
\subseteq	\subseteq	\supseteq	\supseteq	\cong	\setminus cong
	\sqsubset		\sqsupset	\perp	$\langle perp \rangle$
	\sqsubset eq	\supseteq	$\sqrt{\text{sqsupseteq}}$	\bowtie	\bowtie
\in	\in	\ni	\ni	\propto	\propto
\vdash	\vdash	\dashv	\dashv	=	\models
\smile	\smile		\mid	÷	$\backslash doteq$
\frown	\frown		\parallel		
*	\not<	\nearrow	\not>	\neq	\ne

Note that \not before a relation will negate it.

The symbols whose names are underlined require the latexsym package.

Binary Operators

\pm	\pm	\cap	\cap	\vee	\vee
干	\mp	\bigcup	\cup	\wedge	\wedge
\	\setminus	\forall	\uplus	\oplus	\bigcirc
•	\cdot	П	\sqcap	\ominus	\ominus
\times	\times	\sqcup	\sqcup	\otimes	\cot
*	\ast	\triangleleft	\triangleleft	\oslash	\circ
*	\star	\triangleright	\triangleright	\odot	$\setminus odot$
\Diamond	\diamond	}	\wr	†	\backslash dagger
0	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	‡	\ddagger
•	\bullet	\triangle	\bigtriangleup	П	\amalg
÷	\div	∇	\bigtriangledown	\triangleleft	\lhd
\leq	\unlhd	\trianglerighteq	\unrhd	\triangleright	$\$

The symbols whose names are underlined require the <code>latexsym</code> package.

Math Accents

\hat{a}	\hat{a}	$\check{a} \qquad \text{\check}\{a\}$	$\breve{a} \setminus breve\{a\}$
\acute{a}	$\action {acute{a}}$	$\grave{a} \qquad \langle \operatorname{grave}\{\mathtt{a}\}$	\tilde{a} \tilde{a}
\bar{a}	$\operatorname{bar}\{a\}$	$\vec{a} \qquad \text{\vec{a}}$	$\dot{a} \langle \det\{a\} \rangle$
\ddot{a}	\dot{a}	$\widehat{x-y} \setminus \text{widehat}\{x-y\}$	$\widetilde{xyz} \setminus \text{widetilde}\{xyz\}$

Arrows

\leftarrow	\leftarrow	\leftarrow \longleftarrow	\uparrow	\uparrow
\Leftarrow	Leftarrow	← \Longleftarrow	\uparrow	Uparrow
\longrightarrow	\rightarrow	$\longrightarrow \setminus longrightarrow$	\downarrow	\downarrow
\Rightarrow	\Rightarrow	$\Longrightarrow \setminus \text{Longrightarrow}$	\Downarrow	\Downarrow
\longleftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	$\longleftrightarrow \setminus longleftrightarrow$	\uparrow	\updownarrow
\Leftrightarrow	\Leftrightarrow	\iff \Longleftrightarrow	1	\Updownarrow
\longmapsto	$\mbox{\mbox{$\backslash$}}$ mapsto	$\longrightarrow \setminus longmapsto$	7	\nearrow
\leftarrow	$\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ $	\hookrightarrow \hookrightarrow	\	\searrow
	\leftharpoonup	→ \rightharpoonup	/	\swarrow
$\overline{}$	\leftharpoondown	→ \rightharpoondown		\nwarrow
\rightleftharpoons	\rightleftharpoons	\rightarrow \leadsto		

The symbols whose names are underlined require the latexsym package.

Appendix B

Error Messages

Most files need some debugging before they print properly. This section describes some common errors and shows how to correct them.

Responding to Errors

When LATEX finds an error, it generates a message such as:

This means the \section command was misspelled, and the error occurred on line 9 of the input file.

You can respond with:

```
h for help
```

 \mathbf{x} for exit

press the **Return** key to ignore it and hope for the best. LaTeX will try to recover from the error and continue processing. Sometimes you can tell from viewing the output what went wrong.

If it stops with a * prompt, it often means you have forgotten \end{document}. Enter it at the prompt (and fix the file later).

If you mistyped the file name or for some other reason LATEX cannot find a file, it will ask for another filename. If you don't want to enter a new filename, quit the program by typing Ctrl-d or Ctrl-c. Another handy "Emergency stop sequence" is Ctrl-z.

Windows users: Do not simply close the Command window without responding! The window may disappear but LaTeX is still running, which will cause confusion when you run it again.

Some Common Errors

- A command was misspelled and LATEX doesn't recognize it.
- You have a special character (e.g., &, \$, #, %) in the text. Enter these as \&, \\$, \# or \%.
- Whatever you \begin{...}, you must \end{...}. This includes braces: { ... }.
- You inserted too many tabs on the line before the \\.
- A command wasn't given all its arguments and is trying to use the rest of the file for an argument.

Errors About Boxes

Another common error (actually just a warning) refers to an underfull hbox (or vbox). These errors are harmless and may be safely ignored. They mean there is more blank space on a line (or page) than LaTeX thinks is aesthetically pleasing. (LaTeX is very fussy.)

Sometimes underfull hbox messages are the result of using the linebreak command (\\) inappropriately. LaTeX will generate this warning if you use \\ just before or after a new paragraph or before starting an environment that begins on a new line anyway.

Errors that refer to "overfull hboxes" mean that a line is too long. For example, you might get a message such as this one:

```
Overfull \textbf{hbox} (19.45158pt too wide) in paragraph at lines 1206--1215
```

LATEX is warning you that a line sticks out into the margin. It was forced to do this because otherwise the line would contain unacceptably wide white spaces. Depending on how the output actually looks, you may or may not want to correct the problem. To correct it, you could reword the sentence so that it breaks better, or instruct LATEX how to hyphenate a certain word. Suppose LATEX doesn't know how to hyphenate the word "environment" that occurs in the line. You can make LATEX put the hyphens in "environment" temporarily or permanently. To do it permanently, put the following command in the preamble (note: more than one word can be added in the command if words are separated by spaces):

```
\hyphenation{en-vi-ron-ment}
```

For a temporary fix, put discretionary hyphens \- in the offending word where it appears in the text. This is a one-time fix, and unused discretionary hyphens do not show up in the text:

en\-vi\-ron\-ment

Errors Relating to Memory

Sometimes LaTeX complains that it's out of memory, but it usually isn't. The symptoms listed below can be fixed as described:

It won't do all your tables or figures
It won't do a three-page table
You just want one big paragraph
You are using tabular

Put \clearpage between them.
That's right, it must be broken up.
Sorry, LATEX needs breaks.
Did you leave out a \\

or have too many tabs on a line?

It won't take the caption

Use \caption[short list entry]{Verification}

Use \caption[short list entry]{Very long caption}

to trim size for listoftables/figures entry Are they in First-In, Last-Out order?

You have nested environments

Resources

General Information on LATEX

Books

ETEX − A Document Preparation System by Leslie Lamport. Addison-Wesley, second edition, Reading, MA, 1994.

A Guide to \(\mathbb{E}T_{E}X\) by Helmut Kopka and Patrick W. Daly. Addison-Wesley, fourth edition, Boston, MA, 2004.

The Later Companion by Michel Goossens, Frank Mittelbach, et al. Addison-Wesley, second edition, Boston, MA, 2004.

On line

For on-line tutorials, example files, and links to other information, see the Rensselaer LATFX Information page: http://www.rpi.edu/dept/arc/training/latex/

A longer, more complete Introduction than this document is *The Not So Short Introduction to \not\!\! ET_FX \not\!\! 2_{\mathcal E}* by Tobias Oetiker (150 pages):

http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/info/lshort/english/lshort.pdf

A useful on-line command reference is:

http://computing.ee.ethz.ch/.soft/latex/green/ltx-2.html

The official LATEX searchable FAQ is at: http://www.tex.ac.uk/faq

A good resource for all kinds of information is the TEX Users Group (TUG) at http://tug.org.

You can also earch the Comprehensive TeX Archive Network (CTAN): http://tug.ctan.org/search.html

LATEX packages

For a list of available packages with brief descriptions, see the CTAN catalog: http://texcatalogue.sarovar.org/brief.html.

When you find a package you think may help you, before downloading it from CTAN, check first to see if you already have it installed. If not, you will need to download it and then install it. The following, from the FAQ, describes how to install a new package: http://www.tex.ac.uk/cgi-bin/texfaq2html?label=instpackages

LATEX Thesis

The Rensselaer thesis web page,

http://helpdesk.rpi.edu/update.do?artcenterkey=325, has links to download Rensselaer's thesis class and to several documents that will help you prepare your thesis and create the PDF files necessary for electronic submission.

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Mathematical Expressions

For information on using AMSLaTeX, see *The Short Math Guide for LaTeX*, at: ftp://ftp.ams.org/pub/tex/doc/amsmath/short-math-guide.pdf

A detailed treatment of math, including both standard LaTeX and AMSLaTeX is *Math Mode* by Herbert Voss (150 pages):

http://www.tex.ac.uk/tex-archive/info/math/voss/mathmode/Mathmode.pdf

Symbols

A list of AMS Font symbols is at:

http://www.rpi.edu/dept/arc/training/latex/amssymblist.pdf

A manageable list of many useful symbols is "The Great, Big List of LaTeX Symbols" compiled by David Carlisle, Scott Pakin, and Alexander Holt,

http://www.rpi.edu/dept/arc/training/latex/LaTeX_symbols.pdf

The Comprehensive LaTeX Symbols List (Pakin) shows all the possible symbols and the packages required to access them (>100 pages):

http://tug.ctan.org/tex-archive/info/symbols/comprehensive/symbols-letter.pdf

Graphics

Rensselaer example files, input and output

Files that illustrate how to import graphics and also how to create eps files from Windows applications:

```
http://www.rpi.edu/dept/arc/training/latex/Examples/graphics.tex (input) http://www.rpi.edu/dept/arc/training/latex/Examples/graphics.pdf (output)
```

Examples of using both the graphicx and the rotating packages to include landscape figures and tables:

```
http://www.rpi.edu/dept/arc/training/latex/Examples/exrotating.tex (input) http://www.rpi.edu/dept/arc/training/latex/Examples/exrotating.pdf (output)
```

General graphics information

Complete documentation for the graphics bundle is in the file grfguide.pdf; look for it on your system. Information on the graphicx package is in section 4.4.

A helpful discussion of graphics formats, inporting graphics, and tools for conversion is Strategies for including graphics in LATEX documents by Klaus Höppner at http://www.tug.org/pracjourn/2005-3/hoeppner/hoeppner.pdf

http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/info/epslatex.pdf

Conversion utilities (see also page 35)

The epstopdf utility converts eps files to pdf files. It is very likely part of your TeX/LaTeX distribution.

The jpeg2ps utility converts JPEG images to eps files without uncompressing the images. If you don't already have jpeg2ps on your system, you can get it from: http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/support/jpeg2ps/

BibTEX

There is extensive material on BibT_EX in the three books mentioned in the first section.

For on-line information on BibTeX, there is a helpful tutorial by Andrew Roberts: http://www.andy-roberts.net/misc/latex/latextutorial3.html

A longer, more complete document covering both \LaTeX 's basic bibliography method and BibTeX is $Tame\ the\ BeaST$ by Nicolas Markey:

http://tug.ctan.org/tex-archive/info/bibtex/tamethebeast/ttb_en.pdf

An excellent, concise overview of the Natbib package is the file natnotes.pdf, and the Natbib manual is in natbib.pdf. You can find both these files at:

http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/macros/latex/contrib/natbib/

Installing LATEX

The **TeXLive** distribution is a comprehensive TeX system with binaries for Windows and most flavors of Unix, including GNU/Linux. It also provides the popular MacTeX distribution and ProTeXt (see below). TeXLive is distributed each year on DVD and CD by the TeX Users Group to its members. For more information on TeXLive, see http://tug.org/texlive/. Downloading is free, but the download is huge. Therefore, with the exception of TeXLive for Windows (see below), the best way to get the distribution may be to join TUG (http://tug.org/join.html).

Windows

- TeXLive: Rensselaer has made TeXLive for Windows available on RCS space. For general information see the Readme file, http://www.rpi.edu/dept/arc/software/latex-doc/Readme-RPI.html. To install the software, follow the detailed installation instructions at http://www.rpi.edu/dept/arc/software/latex-doc/install-windows.pdf. You should print these instruction for easier use when installing.
- MikTeX: This popular distribution can be downloaded free from http://miktex.org/. It's not quite as inclusive as TeXLive, but has a nice "package manager" that makes it easy to install new packages. It uses its own previewer, called Yap. An easy way to install MikTeX is to use ProTeXt (http://tug.org/protext/), which guides the installation via an explanatory

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pdf file with clickable links. ProTeXt is also included with recent TeXLive distributions.

You will need an editor/shell to work with LaTeX on Windows. WinShell (http://winshell.org) and WinEdt (http://winedt.com) are both highly recommended.

UNIX systems

Linux and other UNIX-like systems usually have TeX/LaTeX as an installation option, so you may already have it installed. To check if it's on your system, just type latex at a command prompt. If it's not there, you may be able to install it easily using your system administration package management tool. Another excellent option is TeXLive, which is likely to be more up-to-date than the version that came with your system.

Macintosh

The highly recommended **MacTeX** distribution is a complete, easy-to-install TeX distribution for Mac OS X users that requires Mac OS 10.3 or higher. Information and installation instructions are at http://tug.org/mactex/. It is also included with recent TeXLive distributions.