

# Review and Tips

$\text{\LaTeX}$  for Math and Science  
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# Error Checking

- TeXnic Center and other programs auto-correct obvious errors. The problem is that errors become more difficult for it to auto-correct, as your  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  becomes more complicated.

# Error Fixing

- $\text{\LaTeX}$  is often not descriptive about the error or its location.
- My method involves knowing the last time the program compiled, and taking roughly half of the document and either cutting it into another document or commenting out the lines.
- Thus at each step you know whether the error occurs in the upper or lower half, then repeat until the error location is narrowed down.

# “Good” Practices in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

- Just like programming code, creating readable .tex is helpful for yourself and us as graders. Also, if you plan to share documents.
- A comment on sharing documents, you may need to send the packages along with the .tex itself.
- So like code, use tabs, new lines, and comments to your advantage. For example if you enter `\\` or `\newline`, then start a new line on the .tex file itself, and do the same with tabs and such.

# Geometry package

- Allows for manipulation of margins, page size, and many other things. Otherwise margins take too much thought/time.
- The following is an example of making a file with 1in margins all around.

```
\usepackage[left=1in,right=1in,top=1in,bottom=1in] ...  
...{geometry}
```

Or

```
\usepackage{geometry}  
\geometry{left=1in,right=1in,top=1in,bottom=1in}
```

# Enumerate package

- Allows for you to declare your own labels for enumerate where you could use A, a, I, i or 1 as the characters to count.
- If you would like a A, a, I, i or 1 to not act as a counter, then put {} around the letter or entire text not used in the counter.
- Here's an example

l1 T(1,2)

l2 S(2)

l11 Z(1)

- This is the code of the example above.

```
\begin{enumerate}[{I}1]  
  \item $T(1,2)$  
  \item $S(2)$  
  \setcounter{enumi}{10}  
  \item $Z(1)$  
\end{enumerate}
```

# Math Mode comments

- You may not have math modes within a math mode such as  $\$ x^2 \$ x^2+1 \$ \$$ . This creates an error in the document.
- The `\text` command should only be used within math modes, not when typing normal text.
- If you want to create one sided brackets, use `\left.` or `\right.` whichever is appropriate in the case.
- Example:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \right)$$

Code:

```
 $\left.\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}\frac{x^n}{n!}\right)$ 
```