
Formatting Instructions for D3S3: Data-driven and Differentiable Simulations, Surrogates, and Solvers at NeurIPS 2024

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2 right-hand margins. Use 10 point type, with a vertical spacing (leading) of 11 points.
3 The word **Abstract** must be centered, bold, and in point size 12. Two line spaces
4 precede the abstract. The abstract must be limited to one paragraph.

5 1 Submission of papers to D3S3@NeurIPS 2024

6 The D3S3@NeurIPS 2024 follows the NeurIPS 2024 format. Except for the footnote in the first page,
7 nothing else has been changed.

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10 presented here. For for the page limit of the main paper, refer to the workshop webpage ([https://
11 d3s3workshop.github.io/](https://d3s3workshop.github.io/)). Additional pages *containing only acknowledgments and references*
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13 for presentation at the conference.

14 The margins in 2024 are the same as those in previous years.

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16 indicated below. Please make sure you use the current files and not previous versions. Tweaking the
17 style files may be grounds for rejection.

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20 <https://d3s3workshop.github.io/>

21 The file `d3s3_neurips_2024.pdf` contains these instructions and illustrates the various formatting
22 requirements your D3S3@NeurIPS paper must satisfy.

23 The only supported style file for D3S3@NeurIPS 2024 is `d3s3_neurips_2024.sty`, rewritten for
24 L^AT_EX 2_ε. **Previous style files for L^AT_EX 2.09, Microsoft Word, and RTF are no longer supported!**

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26 `preprint`, which creates a preprint for submission to, e.g., arXiv, and `nonatbib`, which will not
27 load the `natbib` package for you in case of package clash.

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37 do is replace the author, title, abstract, and text of the paper with your own.

38 The formatting instructions contained in these style files are summarized in Sections 2, 3, and 4
39 below.

40 **2 General formatting instructions**

41 The text must be confined within a rectangle 5.5 inches (33 picas) wide and 9 inches (54 picas) long.
42 The left margin is 1.5 inch (9 picas). Use 10 point type with a vertical spacing (leading) of 11 points.
43 Times New Roman is the preferred typeface throughout, and will be selected for you by default.
44 Paragraphs are separated by 1/2 line space (5.5 points), with no indentation.

45 The paper title should be 17 point, initial caps/lower case, bold, centered between two horizontal
46 rules. The top rule should be 4 points thick and the bottom rule should be 1 point thick. Allow 1/4 inch
47 space above and below the title to rules. All pages should start at 1 inch (6 picas) from the top of the
48 page.

49 For the final version, authors’ names are set in boldface, and each name is centered above the
50 corresponding address. The lead author’s name is to be listed first (left-most), and the co-authors’
51 names (if different address) are set to follow. If there is only one co-author, list both author and
52 co-author side by side.

53 Please pay special attention to the instructions in Section 4 regarding figures, tables, acknowledgments,
54 and references.

55 **3 Headings: first level**

56 All headings should be lower case (except for first word and proper nouns), flush left, and bold.
57 First-level headings should be in 12-point type.

58 **3.1 Headings: second level**

59 Second-level headings should be in 10-point type.

60 **3.1.1 Headings: third level**

61 Third-level headings should be in 10-point type.

62 **Paragraphs** There is also a \paragraph command available, which sets the heading in bold, flush
63 left, and inline with the text, with the heading followed by 1 em of space.

64 **4 Citations, figures, tables, references**

65 These instructions apply to everyone.

66 4.1 Citations within the text

67 The natbib package will be loaded for you by default. Citations may be author/year or numeric, as
68 long as you maintain internal consistency. As to the format of the references themselves, any style is
69 acceptable as long as it is used consistently.

70 The documentation for natbib may be found at

71 `http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/natbib/natnotes.pdf`

72 Of note is the command `\citet`, which produces citations appropriate for use in inline text. For
73 example,

74 `\citet{hasselmo}` investigated\dotso

75 produces

76 Hasselmo, et al. (1995) investigated...

77 If you wish to load the natbib package with options, you may add the following before loading the
78 neurips_2024 package:

79 `\PassOptionsToPackage{options}{natbib}`

80 If natbib clashes with another package you load, you can add the optional argument `nonatbib`
81 when loading the style file:

82 `\usepackage[nonatbib]{d3s3_neurips_2024}`

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84 the previous work of Jones et al. [4],” not “In our previous work [4].” If you cite your other papers
85 that are not widely available (e.g., a journal paper under review), use anonymous author names in the
86 citation, e.g., an author of the form “A. Anonymous” and include a copy of the anonymized paper in
87 the supplementary material.

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89 Footnotes should be used sparingly. If you do require a footnote, indicate footnotes with a number¹
90 in the text. Place the footnotes at the bottom of the page on which they appear. Precede the footnote
91 with a horizontal rule of 2 inches (12 picas).

92 Note that footnotes are properly typeset *after* punctuation marks.²

93 4.3 Figures

94 All artwork must be neat, clean, and legible. Lines should be dark enough for purposes of reproduction.
95 The figure number and caption always appear after the figure. Place one line space before the figure
96 caption and one line space after the figure. The figure caption should be lower case (except for first
97 word and proper nouns); figures are numbered consecutively.

98 You may use color figures. However, it is best for the figure captions and the paper body to be legible
99 if the paper is printed in either black/white or in color.

100 4.4 Tables

101 All tables must be centered, neat, clean and legible. The table number and title always appear before
102 the table. See Table 1.

103 Place one line space before the table title, one line space after the table title, and one line space after
104 the table. The table title must be lower case (except for first word and proper nouns); tables are
105 numbered consecutively.

¹Sample of the first footnote.

²As in this example.



Figure 1: Sample figure caption.

Table 1: Sample table title

Part		
Name	Description	Size (μm)
Dendrite	Input terminal	~ 100
Axon	Output terminal	~ 10
Soma	Cell body	up to 10^6

Note that publication-quality tables *do not contain vertical rules*. We strongly suggest the use of the booktabs package, which allows for typesetting high-quality, professional tables:

<https://www.ctan.org/pkg/booktabs>

This package was used to typeset Table 1.

4.5 Math

Note that display math in bare TeX commands will not create correct line numbers for submission. Please use LaTeX (or AMSTeX) commands for unnumbered display math. (You really shouldn't be using \$\$ anyway; see <https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/503/why-is-preferable-to> and <https://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/40492/what-are-the-differences-between-align-equation-and-displaymath> for more information.)

4.6 Final instructions

Do not change any aspects of the formatting parameters in the style files. In particular, do not modify the width or length of the rectangle the text should fit into, and do not change font sizes (except perhaps in the **References** section; see below). Please note that pages should be numbered.

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- `xfig` "patterned" shapes are implemented with bitmap fonts. Use "solid" shapes instead.

130 • The `\bbold` package almost always uses bitmap fonts. You should use the equivalent AMS
131 Fonts:

132 `\usepackage{amsfonts}`

133 followed by, e.g., `\mathbb{R}`, `\mathbb{N}`, or `\mathbb{C}` for \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{N} or \mathbb{C} . You can also
134 use the following workaround for reals, natural and complex:

```
135 \newcommand{\RR}{I\!\!R} %real numbers
136 \newcommand{\Nat}{I\!\!N} %natural numbers
137 \newcommand{\CC}{I\!\!C} %complex numbers
```

138 Note that `amsfonts` is automatically loaded by the `amssymb` package.

139 If your file contains type 3 fonts or non embedded TrueType fonts, we will ask you to fix it.

140 5.1 Margins in L^AT_EX

141 Most of the margin problems come from figures positioned by hand using `\special` or other
142 commands. We suggest using the command `\includegraphics` from the `graphicx` package.
143 Always specify the figure width as a multiple of the line width as in the example below:

```
144 \usepackage[pdftex]{graphicx} ...
145 \includegraphics[width=0.8\linewidth]{myfile.pdf}
```

146 See Section 4.4 in the graphics bundle documentation ([http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/](http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/latex/required/graphics/grfguide.pdf)
147 [latex/required/graphics/grfguide.pdf](http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/latex/required/graphics/grfguide.pdf))

148 A number of width problems arise when L^AT_EX cannot properly hyphenate a line. Please give LaTeX
149 hyphenation hints using the `\-` command when necessary.

150 References

151 References follow the acknowledgments in the camera-ready paper. Use unnumbered first-level
152 heading for the references. Any choice of citation style is acceptable as long as you are consistent. It
153 is permissible to reduce the font size to `small` (9 point) when listing the references. Note that the
154 Reference section does not count towards the page limit.

155 [1] Alexander, J.A. & Mozer, M.C. (1995) Template-based algorithms for connectionist rule extraction. In
156 G. Tesauero, D.S. Touretzky and T.K. Leen (eds.), *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 7*, pp.
157 609–616. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

158 [2] Bower, J.M. & Beeman, D. (1995) *The Book of GENESIS: Exploring Realistic Neural Models with the*
159 *GEneral NEural Simulation System*. New York: TELOS/Springer-Verlag.

160 [3] Hasselmo, M.E., Schnell, E. & Barkai, E. (1995) Dynamics of learning and recall at excitatory recurrent
161 synapses and cholinergic modulation in rat hippocampal region CA3. *Journal of Neuroscience* **15**(7):5249-5262.

162 A Appendix / supplemental material

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