Scientific Writing and Publishing for the Future

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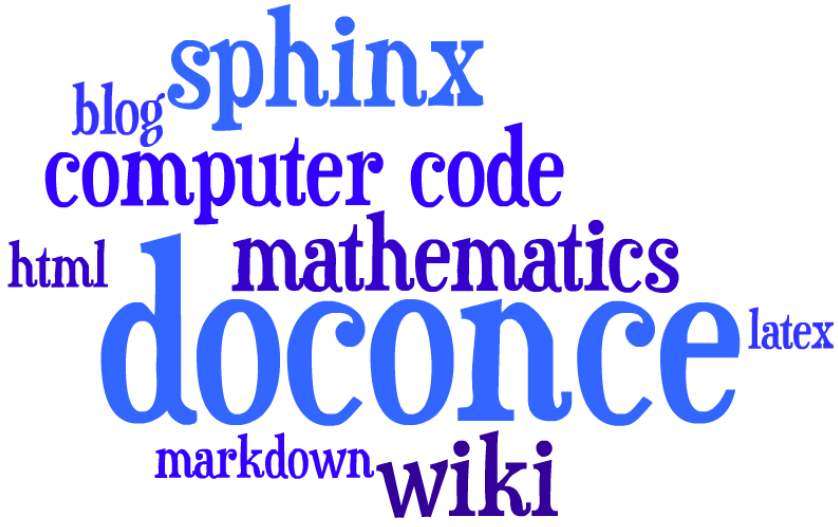

1. Challenges with tools for scientific writing
2. Pros and cons of various tools
3. DocOnce: Write once, include anywhere
4. A tour of DocOnce

Challenges with tools for scientific writing

Scientific writing = LaTeX

- Pre 1980: handwriting + publisher
- Post 1985: scientists write LaTeX
- Post 2010: a few scientists explore new digital formats

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Big late 1990s question: Will MS Word replace LaTeX? It never did!

LaTeX PDF is mostly suboptimal for the new devices

The book will survive (LaTeX is ideal)

The classical report/paper will survive (LaTeX is ideal)

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Long Titles Look More Impressive Than Short Ones

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Abstract

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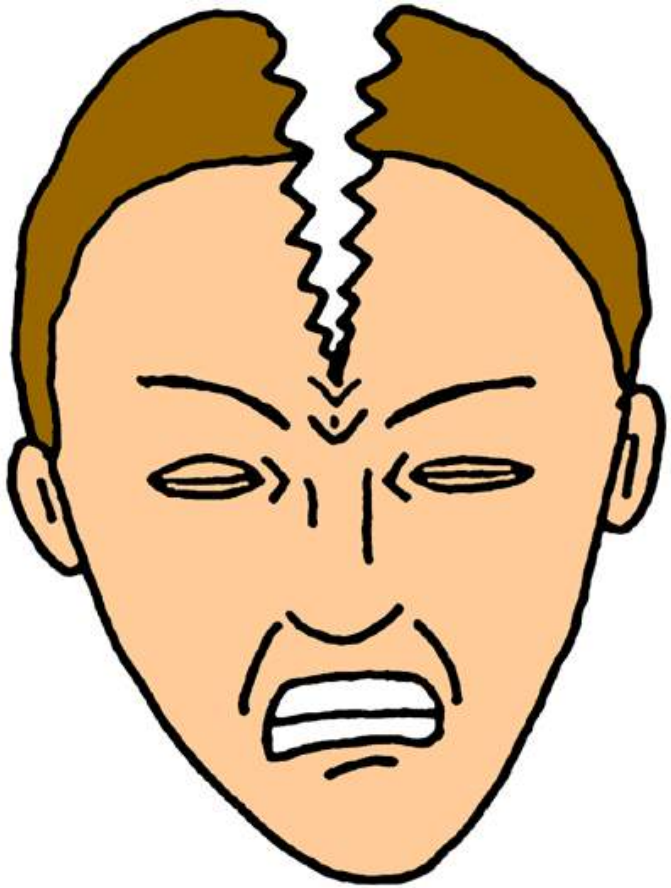
But there is an explosion of new platforms for digital learning systems!

MOOCs, Kahn Academy, ndla, H5P, Haiku Learning, Opigno, ...

My headache: How to write scientific material that can be easily published through old and new media?



LaTeX-for-paper and *HTML-for-screen* are two very different writing styles and technology platforms.

Scope: documents with *much* math and computer code

Key question:

What tools should I use for scientific writing?

There is a jungle of outlets your scientific writings should address

- BW paper
- Color paper
- Slides
- Web w/design
- Wiki
- Blog
- Notebook
- ...

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- LaTeX *inline* math: works with all math-enabled formats (LaTeX, MathJax, Sphinx, Markdown, MediaWiki, Confluence, ...)
- LaTeX *equation* math:
  - **LaTeX**: `equation*`, `equation`, `align*`, `align` + `eqnarray`, `split`, `alignat`, ... (numerous!)
  - **MathJax**: `equation*`, `equation`, `align*`, `align`
  - **MediaWiki**: `equation*`, `equation`, `align*`, `align`
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My colleagues face fundamental problem with going from LaTeX to IPython notebook (=Markdown)

Plan

I am used to write LaTeX paper/book-style with lots of cross-references and *floating* figures, code snippets, tables, algorithms, but now I *want to convert to IPython notebooks*.

Problem

Must have fixed figures, code snippets, tables. No algorithm environment, cross-referencing, equation referencing. All code needed for a snippet to run must be included. *It's a different writing style, but lots of new opportunities*.

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Solution I: Use a format that translates to many

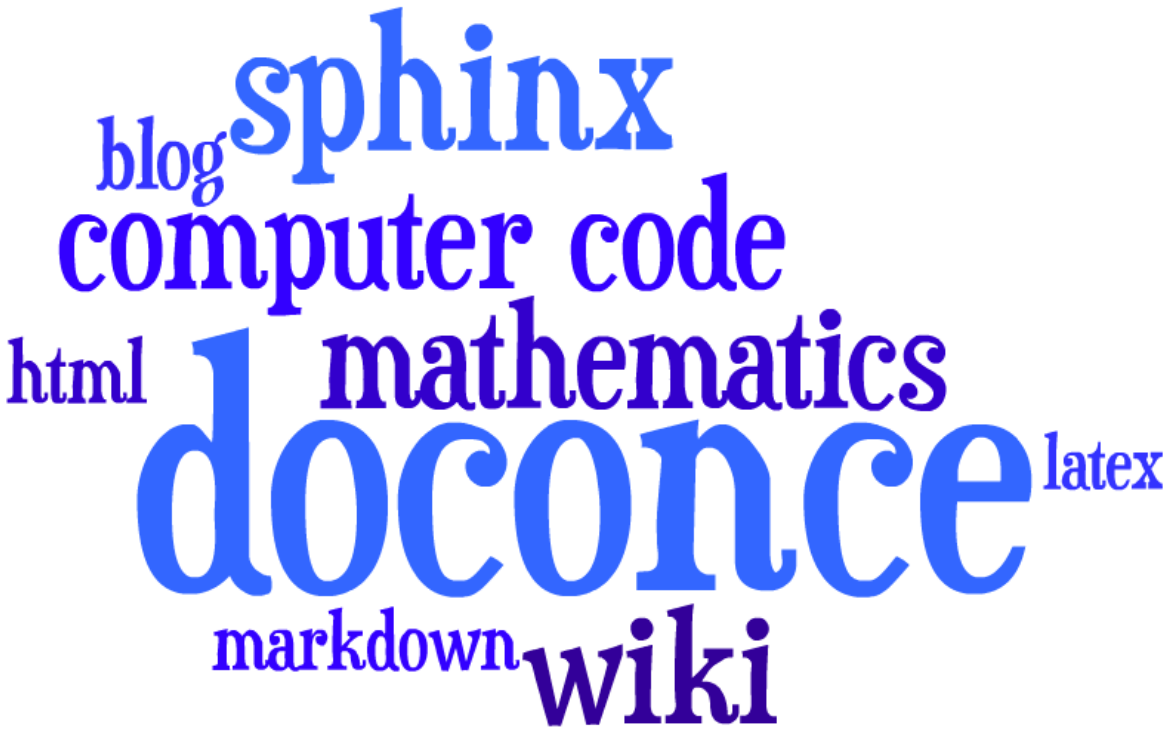
- Sphinx can do nice HTML, LaTeX, epub, (almost) plain text, man pages, Gnome devhelp files, Qt help files, texinfo, JSON
- Markdown can do LaTeX, HTML, MS Word, OpenOffice, XML, reStructuredText, epub, DocBook, ... but not Sphinx
- IPython notebook: can do LaTeX, reStructuredText, HTML, PDF, Python script
- Sphinx and Markdown has some limited math support

Solution II: Use DocOnce

DocOnce offers minimalistic typing, great flexibility wrt format, especially for scientific writing with *much math and code*.

- Can generate LaTeX, HTML, Sphinx, Markdown, MediaWiki, Google wiki, Creole wiki, reST, plain text
- Made for large science books *and* small notes
- Targets paper and screen
- Many special features (code snippets from files, embedded movies, admonitions, modern LaTeX layouts, extended math support for Sphinx/Markdown, ...)
- Very effective for generating slides from ordinary text
- Applies Mako: DocOnce text is a program (!)
- Much like Markdown, less tagged than LaTeX, HTML, Sphinx

DocOnce: Write once, include anywhere



DocOnce demos

http://doconce.github.com/teamods/writing_reports/

- LaTeX-based PDF for screen, for printing, for phone
- Plain HTML or Bootstrap or Bootswatch or with a template or another template or solarized
- Sphinx: agni, pyramid, classy, fenics, redcloud
- HTML for Google or Wordpress for blog posts
- MediaWiki (Wikipedia, Wikibooks, etc)
- DocOnce source code and tutorial

DocOnce disclaimer

- Based on text transformations (reg.exp.) so valid syntax may occasionally give problems

DocOnce divorce

At any time one can divorce from DocOnce and marry one of the output formats, such as LaTeX or Sphinx. The generated code is clean.

DocOnce experience

- Code generation is a great thing
- Preprocessors a la Mako is a great thing
- Less tagging than LaTeX/HTML is a great thing
- Code generation software becomes a repository of advanced and nice constructs for layout

Title, authors, date, toc

```
TITLE: Some Title
AUTHOR: name1 at institution1, with more info & institution2
AUTHOR: name2 email:name2@web.com at institution
DATE: today

# A table of contents is optional:
TOC: on
```

Notice

Title and authors must have all information *on a single line*!

Abstract

```
__Abstract.__
Here goes the abstract...
```

Or:

```
__Summary.__
Here goes the summary...
```

Section headings

Headings are surrounded by = signs:

```
======= This is an H1/chapter heading =======

===== This is an H2/section heading =====

===== This is an H3/subsection heading =====

=== This is an H4/paragraph heading ===

__This is a paragraph heading.__
```

Markup and lists

```
* Bullet list items start with `*`
  and may span several lines
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* color{red}{colored words} too
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Labels, references, index items

```
# Insert index items in the source
idx{key word1} idx{key word2}

# Label
===== Some section =====
label{this:section}

# Make reference
As we saw in Section ref{this:section}, references, index
items and labels follow a syntax similar to LaTeX
but without backslashes.

# Make reference to equations
See (ref{eq1})-(ref{myeq}).

# Make hyperlink
"some link text": "https://github.com/doconce/doconce"

# Hyperlink with complete URL as link text
URL: "https://github.com/doconce/doconce"
```

Figures and movies

Important:

Figures with HTML and LaTeX size info, and caption: *everything on one line*

```
FIGURE: [figdir/myfig, width=300 frac=1.2] My caption. label{fig1}
```

Movies are also supported:

```
MOVIE: [http://youtu.be/IDeGDFZSYo8, width=420 height=315]
```

and rendered as

http://youtube.com/IDeGDFZSYo8

Math

Inline math as in LaTeX:

```
...where $a=\int_{\Omega}fdx$ is an integral.
```

gets rendered as ...where $a = \int_{\Omega} fdx$ is an integral.

An equation environment is surrounded by `!bt` and `!et` tags, the rest is plain LaTeX:

```
!bt
\begin{align}
\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= \nabla^2 u,
label{a:eq}\\
\nabla\cdot\pmb{v} & = 0
label{b:eq}
\end{align}
!et
```

which is rendered as

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \nabla^2 u, \tag{1}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{v} = 0 \tag{2}$$

Math flexibility

Limit math environments to

```
\[ ... \]

\begin{equation*}
\end{equation*}

\begin{equation}
\end{equation}

\begin{align*}
\end{align*}

\begin{align}
\end{align}
```

DocOnce fix of shortcomings

- Sphinx, Markdown, and MediaWiki cannot have `align` with labels
- MathJax (HTML, Sphinx, Markdown, Mediawiki, ...) cannot handle equation references across web pages

Displaying code

Code is enclosed in !bc and !ec tags:

```
!bc pycod
def solver(I, a, T, dt, theta):
    """Solve u'=-a*u, u(0)=I, for t in (0,T] with steps of dt."""
    dt = float(dt); N = int(round(T/dt)); T = N*dt
    u = zeros(N+1); t = linspace(0, T, N+1)

    u[0] = I
    for n in range(0, N):
        u[n+1] = (1 - (1-theta)*a*dt)/(1 + theta*dt*a)*u[n]
    return u, t
!ec
```

This gets rendered as

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Copying code from source files

We recommend to copy as much code as possible directly from the source files:

```
@@@CODE path/to/file
@@@CODE path/to/file   fromto: start-regex@end-regex
```

For example, copying a code snippet starting with `def solver(` and ending with (line not included) `def next(x, y,` is specified by start and end regular expressions:

```
@@@CODE src/somefile.py  fromto: def solver\(@def next\(x,\s*y,
```

Typesetting of code is implied by the file extension

- `.py`: `pypro` if complete file, `pycod` if snippet
- `.pyopt`: visualized execution via the Online Python Tutor
- `.f`, `.f90`, `f.95`: `fpro` and `fcod`
- `.cpp`, `.cxx`: `cpppro` and `cppcod`
- `.c`: `cpro` and `ccod`
- `.*sh`: `shpro` and `shcod`
- `.m`: `mpro` and `mcod`
- `ptex2tex`: between 40+ code styles in LaTeX
- `pygments` is used for code in HTML (ca 10 styles)

Demonstrating code execution; Online Python Tutor

With `!bc pyoptpro` or a file `*.pyopt`, the code applies the Online Python Tutor for displaying program flow and state of variables:

```
def solver(I, a, T, dt, theta):
    dt = float(dt)
    N = int(round(T/dt))
    T = N*dt
    u = [0.0]*(N+1)
    t = [i*dt for i in range(N+1)]

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    for n in range(0, N):
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    return u, t

u, t = solver(I=1, a=1, T=3, dt=1., theta=0.5)
print u
```

(Visualize execution)

Demonstrating code execution; Sage Cell Server

With `!bc pyscpro` or a file `*.pysc`, the code is typeset in a sage cell:

```
a = 2
b = 3
print 'a+b:', a + b

# In a sage cell we can also plot
from matplotlib.pyplot import *
from numpy import *
x = linspace(0, 4*pi, 101)
y = exp(-0.1*x)*cos(x)
plot(x, y)
xlabel('x'); ylabel('y')
show()
```

Warning

Works only in Sphinx documents (but HTML support is possible).

Demonstrating code execution; IPython notebook

Can take a DocOnce source and transform to an IPython notebook with source

Tables

```
|-------------------------------|
|time  | velocity | acceleration |
|---r-------r----------r--------|
| 0.0  | 1.4186   | -5.01        |
| 2.0  | 1.376512 | 11.919       |
| 4.0  | 1.1E+1   | 14.717624    |
|-------------------------------|
```

Gets rendered as

time	*velocity*	*acceleration*
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2.0	*1.376512*	*11.919*
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Newcommands for math

- `newcommands*.tex` files contain newcommands
- Used directly in LaTeX
- Substitution made for many other formats

Labels, citations, index, bibliography

Lables, citations, index, and bibliography follow the ideas of LaTeX, but without backslashes:

```
===== My Section =====
label{sec:mysec}

idx{key equation} idx{$\u$ conservation}

We refer to Section ref{sec:yoursec} for background material on
the *key equation*. Here we focus on the extension


!bt
\begin{equation}
\Ddt{\u} = \mycommand{v} label{mysec:eq:Dudt}
\end{equation}
!et
Equation (ref{mysec:eq:Dudt}) is important, see
cite{Larsen_et_al_2002,Johnson_Friedman_2010a}.
Also, cite{Miller_2000} supports such a view.

Figure ref{mysec:fig:myfig} displays the features.

FIGURE: [fig/myfile, width=600] My figure. label{mysec:fig:myfig}

===== References =====
```

Exercises

DocOnce offers a special format for *exercises*, *problems*, *projects*, and *examples*:

```
===== Problem: Flip a Coin =====
label{demo:ex:1}
files=flip_coin.py, flip_coin.pdf
solutions=mysol.txt, mysol_flip_coin.py
keywords = random numbers; Monte Carlo simulation

!bsubex
Make a program that simulates flipping a coin $N$ times.

!bhint
Use `r = random.random()` and define head as `r <= 0.5`.
!ehint
!esubex

!bsubex
Compute the probability of getting heads.

!bans
0.5.
!eans
!esubex
```

Exercises

All *exercises*, *problems*, and *projects* in a document are parsed and available in a data structure (list of dicts) for further processing (e.g. making a book of problems).

```
[{'answer': '',
  'closing_remarks': '',
  'file': ['flip_coin.py', 'flip_coin.pdf'],
  'hints': [],
  'keywords': ['random numbers', 'Monte Carlo simulation'],
  'label': 'demo:ex:1',
  'solution_file': ['mysol.txt', 'mysol_flip_coin.py'],
  'subex': [{'answer': '',
             'file': None,
             'hints': ['Use `r = random.random()` ...'],
             'solution': '',
             'text': 'Make a program that simulates ...'},],
  'title': 'Flip a Coin',
  'type': 'Problem'}]
```

Use of preprocessors

- Simple if-else tests a la the C/C++ preprocessor
- `FORMAT` variable can be used to test on format, e.g.
  - if latex/pdflatex do one sort of code (raw LaTeX)
  - if html, do another type of code (raw HTML)
- Easy to comment out large portions of text
- Easy to make different versions of the document
- The mako preprocessor is really powerful - gives a complete programming language inside the document!

DocOnce admonitions

Use with caution!

Such environments may light up the document, but can be disturbing too. Some admon styles have icons.

Going deeper.

More details can be separated from the rest.

Time for review!

Tasks:

- Maybe ask a question?
- Or two?

Conclusion:

- A special "block" admonition has less pronounced typesetting and can be used when no special icon is desired. Good for slides.

Generalized references

- Chapters can be stand-alone documents or parts of a book
- In a book you frequently refer to other chapters
- When a chapter is a stand-alone document, it must refer to another stand-alone chapter document
- This requires *generalized cross-referencing*
- LaTeX has a solution: `xr`
- DocOnce has a solution also for HTML, Sphinx, Markdown, ...

```
ref[internal][latex cite][external]

...as shown in ref[Section ref{sec:eqs}][ in cite{math_eqs_2020}][
the document "Mathematical Equations":
"http://some.net/doc/matheqs.html" cite{math_eqs_2020}].
```

Slides

Very effective way to generate slides from running text:

- Take a copy of your DocOnce prose
- Strip off as much text as possible
- Emphasize key points in bullet items
- Focus on key equations, figures, movies, key code snippets
- Insert `!split` wherever you want a new slide to begin
- Insert `!bpop` and `!epop` around elements to pop up in sequence (or insert `|\pause|` inside code blocks)
- Use 7 = or 5 = in headings (H2 or H3)
- Supported slide types: Beamer, HTML, HTML5 (reveal.js, deck.js, csss, dzslides)

Example on slide code

```
!split
===== Headline =====

 * Key point 1
 * Key point 2
 * Key point 3: Although long
   bullet points are not recommended in general, we need
   it here for demonstration purposes to investigate
   what happens with the slide layout where there is
   so much text under one point

FIGURE: [fig/teacher1, width=100 frac=0.4]

Key equation:

!bt
\[ -\nabla^2 u = f \quad\hbox{in }\Omega \]
!et

And maybe a final comment?

!split
===== Next slide... =====
```

Grid layout of slide: MxN cells

Example with a bullet list to the left and a figure to the right (two cells: 00 and 01):

```
!split
===== Headline =====

!bslidecell 00
!bpop
 * Key point 1
 * Key point 2
 * Key point 3
!epop

!bpop
!bt
\[ -\nabla^2 u = f \quad\hbox{in }\Omega \]
!et
!epop

!eslidecell

!bslidecell 01
FIGURE: [fig/broken_pen_and_paper, width=400 frac=0.8]
!eslidecell

!split
===== Next slide... =====
```

Classic slide types

- LaTeX Beamer
- Plain HTML w/various styles
  - separate slides w/navigation
  - one big slide

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DocOnce to HTML

Run in terminal window:

```
doconce format html doconcefile

# Solarized HTML style
doconce format html doconcefile --html_solarized

# Control pygments typesetting of code
doconce format html doconcefile --pygments_html_style=native

# Or use plain <pre> tag for code
doconce format html doconcefile --no_pygments_html

# Further making of slides
doconce slides_html doconcefile reveal --html_slide_theme=darkgray
```

Output for blog posts

Two formats of blog posts are supported:

- Google's blogspot.com: just paste the raw HTML (full support of math and code)
- Wordpress: despite limited math, DocOnce manipulates the math such that even `equation` and `align` work in Wordpress :-)

For wordpress, add `-wordpress`:

```
doconce format html doconcefile --wordpress
```

and paste the code into the text area.

DocOnce to pdfLaTeX

```
doconce format pdflatex doconcefile --latex_code_style=lst

pdflatex doconcefile
bibtex doconcefile
pdflatex doconcefile
```

DocOnce to Sphinx

```
doconce format sphinx doconcefile

# Autocreate sphinx directory
doconce sphinx_dir theme=pyramid doconcefile

# Copy files and build HTML document
python automake-sphinx.py

google-chrome sphinx-rootdir/_build/html/index.html
```

Much easier than running the Sphinx tools manually!

Output for wiki

Only MediaWiki supports math.

```
doconce format mwiki doconcefile
```

Recommended site:

- ShoutWiki for standard wikis

Publishing of "official" documents:

- Wikibooks (can test code in the sandbox)
- Wikipedia

DocOnce to other formats

```
doconce format pandoc doconcefile  # (Pandoc extended) Markdown
doconce format gwiki  doconcefile  # Googlecode wiki
doconce format cwiki  doconcefile  # Creole wiki (Bitbucket)
doconce format rst    doconcefile  # reStructuredText
doconce format plain  doconcefile  # plain, untagged text for email
```

Installation

- Source at GitHub (recommended!)
  - `git clone` + `python setup.py install`
- Many dependencies...
  - Must have `preprocess` and `mako`
  - Need `latex`, `sphinx`, `pandoc`, etc. (see the Installation description)
  - Easy for slides: only `preprocess` and `mako` are needed :-)

Writing tips for LaTeX writers who want to convert to DocOnce *and generate other formats*

- `doconce latex2doconce` helps the translation
- Use `\[ \]`, `equation`, `equation*`, `align`, `align*` and nothing more for equations
- Figures: avoid subfigures (combine image files instead), use `\includegraphics`, have captions after graphics, use short figure captions, position exactly where needed
- Tables: have them inline (not floating), with no caption
- Computer codes: have them inline (not floating)
- Rewrite all `pageref` commands
- Do not use *algorithm* environments, use simple list formatting instead
- Avoid math in section headings
- Use `pdflatex` or `xetex`
- Use BibTeX (can easily be converted to publish used by DocOnce)
- Use `\href` for links (and insert links frequently)
- Use the `bm` package for boldface $\boldsymbol{u}$

DocOnce writing tips

Figures and movies:

- Prepare figures in the right format: EPS for `latex`, PDF for `pdflatex`, PNG, GIF or JPEG for HTML formats (`html`, and HTML output from `sphinx`, `rst`, `pandoc`). One can omit the figure file extension and `doconce` will pick the most appropriate file for the given output format.
- Let plotting programs produce both PDF/EPS and PNG files. (Recall that PDF and EPS are vector graphics formats that can scale to any size with much higher quality than PNG or other bitmap formats.)
- Use `doconce combine_images` to combine several images into one.
- Store all figures in a directory (tree) with name `fig` or `fig-X`, where `X` is some short logical name for the current document.
- Store all movies in a directory (tree) with name `mov` or `mov-X`.
- Favor the movie formats MP4, WebM, and Ogg (best suited for modern browsers).

DocOnce writing tips

- `\bm{u}` gives nicer boldface typesetting of math symbols than the alternatives `\boldsymbol{u}` and `\pmb{u}`.
- For HTML-based formats using MathJax, `\bm{u}` is not supported and therefore automatically replaced by `\boldsymbol{u}` by DocOnce.
- Use `\\textcolor{blue}{formula}` in math expressions to color a part.
- Not all LaTeX math is supported by MathJax. Some legal LaTeX math might give MathJax problems - then one has to rewrite the expression to find a syntax that works both with LaTeX and MathJax.
- Use `doconce spellcheck *.do.txt` to automatically spellcheck files.
- Avoid page references and footnotes.

Writing tips for sphinx and other formats

For output formats different from `latex`, `pdflatex`, and `html`:

- Use labels only right after section headings and in equations.
- Be careful with labels in `align` math environments: `pandoc` and `mwiki` cannot refer to them.
- `sphinx` output requires
  - no math in section headings or figure captions (gets removed in references).
  - running text to start in column 1.
  - progressive section headings: after chapter (9 =) comes section (7 =), then subsection (5 =), then paragraph (3 =). Do not make jumps in this progression.
  - index entries (`\index{keyword}`) before the paragraph where they are introduced and place them *before* subsubsection headings (`===  ...  ===`) and after subsection and section headings.
  - a line of text and no comment or math before code or list.