A Simple LaTeX Article

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Abstract

This is a simple example of a LaTeX article demonstrating basic formatting, mathematics, figures, and references. It serves as a template for academic papers and reports.

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1 Introduction

LaTeX is a powerful document preparation system widely used in academia. It excels at typesetting documents with complex mathematical formulas, scientific notation, and precise formatting requirements.

This document demonstrates:

- Basic document structure
- Text formatting
- Mathematical equations
- Figures and tables
- Cross-references

2 Mathematical Formulas

2.1 Inline Mathematics

Einstein's famous equation is $E = mc^2$, where E is energy, m is mass, and c is the speed of light.

2.2 Display Equations

The quadratic formula solves equations of the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \tag{1}$$

Euler's identity is often called the most beautiful equation in mathematics:

$$e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0 \tag{2}$$

2.3 Multi-line Equations

Using the `align` environment:

$$(x + y)^2 = x^2 + 2xy + y^2 \tag{3}$$
$$(x - y)^2 = x^2 - 2xy + y^2 \tag{4}$$

3 Lists and Formatting

3.1 Unordered Lists

Benefits of using LaTeX:

- Professional typesetting quality
- Excellent mathematical notation
- Automatic numbering and cross-referencing
- Version control friendly (plain text)
- Free and open source

3.2 Ordered Lists

Steps to create a LaTeX document:

1. Write the content in a `.tex` file
2. Compile using `pdflatex` or similar
3. Review the PDF output
4. Make corrections and recompile

3.3 Text Emphasis

You can make text **bold**, *italic*, underlined, or `monospaced`. You can also *emphasize* text, which adapts to context.

4 Tables

Table 1 shows a comparison of compilation engines.

Table 1: LaTeX Compilation Engines

Engine	**Speed**	**Fonts**	**Unicode**
pdfLaTeX	Fast	Limited	Basic
XeLaTeX	Medium	System	Full
LuaLaTeX	Medium	System	Full

5 Figures

To include an image, use:

```
\begin{figure}[htbp]
    \centering
    \includegraphics[width=0.6\textwidth]{filename}
    \caption{Your caption here}
    \label{fig:label}
\end{figure}
```

6 Cross-References

LaTeX provides excellent cross-referencing capabilities. For example:

- Equation 1 shows the quadratic formula
- Equation 2 is Euler's identity
- Table 1 compares compilation engines
- This is Section 7

7 Conclusions

This document has demonstrated basic LaTeX features including:

- Document structure and organization
- Mathematical typesetting (Equations 1 and 2)
- Lists and text formatting
- Tables (Table 1)
- Cross-referencing

LaTeX provides consistent, professional-quality typesetting that is ideal for academic and technical documents.

Acknowledgments

This template can be used freely for your own documents. Modify it to suit your needs.

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