LaTeX Tutorial

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1 Introduction

1.1 Smaller title

I can type sentences and paragraphs just by typing. A new line doesn't do anything really but it helps you see your text easier and track changes better. I like to start a new line for each sentence.

A blank line, however, does start a new paragraph. You can force line breaks with double backslashes but I wouldn't advise this. Be careful with some special characters when typing such as ampersands, percentage, dollar, at symbol etc. To show these as text, use a \setminus before: %, \$, &, \$. But these shouldn't come up regularly anyway. For single quotation marks, use 'at the start and' at the end. For double quotes, use "and". If you didn't, the left one would look "weird".

I can change things like the spacing between paragraphs using setlength.

1em sets the spacing to one uppercase character's height. begingroup and endgroup define a region where the changes are localized. If we didn't have these, the changes would be applied everywhere after this point.

For figures, I use .pdf where possible (vector graphics instead of rasterized). It's also ok to use .eps (gets converted to .pdf), .png, potentially others like .jpeg.

2 Typesetting maths

You can add maths inline using x = mx + b, or x = mx + b. You can put it on its own line using

$$A\Sigma + \Sigma^T A = B$$

But I typically use an equation environment

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi} \tag{1}$$

TEMPERATURE SCALES				
UNIT	WATER FREEZING POINT	WATER BOILING POINT	NOTES C	CURSEDNESS
CELSIUS	0	100	USED IN MOST OF THE WORLD	2/10
KELVIN	273,15	373.15	0K IS ABSOLUTE ZERO	2/10
FAHRENHEIT	32	212	OUTDOORS IN MOST PLACES IS BETWEEN 0-100	3/10
RÉAUMUR	0	80	LIKE CELSIUS, BUT WITH 80 INSTEAD OF 100	3/8
RØMER	7.5	60	FAHRENHEIT PRECURSOR WITH SIMILARLY RANDOM DESIGN	4/10
RANKINE	491.7	671.7	FAHRENHEIT, BUT WITH O'F SET TO ABSOLUTE ZERO	6/10
NEUTON	0	33-іян	POORLY DEFINED, WITH REFERENCE POINTS LIKE "THE HOTTEST WATER YOU CAN HOLD YOUR HAND IN"	7-ISH/10
WEDGEWOOD	-8	-6.7	INTENDED FOR COMPARING THE MELTING POINTS OF METALS, ALL OF UHICH IT WAS VERY WRONG ABOUT	9/10
GALEN	-4?	4??	RUNS FROM -4 (COLD) TO 4 (HOT). O 15 "NORMAL"(?)	4/-4
REAL CELSIUS	100	0	IN ANDERS CELSIUS'S ORIGINAL SPECIFICATION, BIGGER NUMBERS ARE <i>COLDER</i> ; OTHERS LATER FLIPPED IT	10/0
DALTON	0	100	A NONLINEAR SCALE; O°C AND 100°C ARE O AND 100 DALTON, BUT 50°C IS 53.9 DALTON	53.9/50

Figure 1: Make sure you write a caption.

Or the same way but not with numbering

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ax^2} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}}$$

Importing other packages can bring other ways of typesetting maths, eg the amsmath package brings the align environment, which works the same way but also allows you to split equations across multiple lines

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2\cos(\theta)\sin(\theta) \tag{2}$$

$$=1-2\cos^2(\theta). \tag{3}$$

The double backslash starts a new line and the ampersands are the anchor points for each line. For more information on breaking across multiple lines and and different ways of numbering, look up and have a go with other environments. For example, using subequations, align:

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2\cos(\theta)\sin(\theta) \tag{4a}$$

$$=1-2\cos^2(\theta). \tag{4b}$$

Using equation, aligned:

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2\cos(\theta)\sin(\theta)$$

$$= 1 - 2\cos^2(\theta).$$
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