# Style and Usage For the IEEE Journal of Oceanic Engineering (10 May 2013)

#### FIGURE SIZES & FORMATS

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Any character or symbol in or around the figure must have a point size no smaller than 8 once fitted in the one- or two-column format, and the font style must be consistent across all figures. In addition, all axes must have SI units that are consistent with units described in the text. If units do not appear on the axes labels, they must be stated in the figure caption. Likewise, callouts and mathematical symbols appearing in figures must be consistent with those appearing in the figure captions and in the main body of the text.

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Table 1. Minimum dots per inch (DPI) density required fo	r
black & white (B&W), grey-scale, and color figures.	

	Format	DPI at final printed size
<b>B&amp;W</b> line art, graphs, charts, tables	TIFF	<b>600</b> (1 bit/sample)
Grey-scale images and graphics	TIFF	300 (8 bits/sample)
Color images and graphics for online publication	RGB TIFF	400
<b>Color</b> images and graphics for printed publication (1)	RGB EPS	400

#### (1) Mandatory Color Printing Charges apply and are computed as follows:

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## GEOGRAPHICAL COORDINATES (Lat, Lon)

When referring to geographic coordinates in text, figures or captions, always specify the hemispheres (N or S) and (E or W). There is one space between the degree, minute, or second symbols and the hemisphere designation (e.g. 34° N, not 34° N).

whole degrees 34° N, 63° S, 120° E, 75° W

decimal degrees 60.4225° E

degrees decimal minutes 60° 25.35' E

degrees minutes seconds 60° 25' 21" E

Radians are not used for latitudes and longitudes.

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#### **DATES & TIMES**

All formats listed below are acceptable, note placement of commas in dates.

day month year 12 February 2011

month day, year February 12, 2011, or Sunday, February 12, 2011

February 12-24, 2011

February to June 2011

universal time (hh:mm:ss) 06:24:55 Z

18:24:55 Z

local time (24h) (hh:mm:ss) 02:05:06 L

14:05:06 L

local time (12h) (hh:mm:ss) 05:12:04 A.M. (small caps A.M.)

05:12:04 P.M. (small caps P.M.)

#### MATHEMATICAL SYMBOLS

# Multiplication, Conjugation, Convolution, Correlation

(LateX commands in italics)

multiplication of scalars:

use a space between the variables or terms (A B or (A-B) (C+D) ) if a space is ambiguous, use the in-line multiply symbol (A×B) (not the letter x or the centered dot symbol).

multiplication of vectors or tensors:

- dot product of two vectors yielding a scalar:

use the in-line centered dot symbol ( $\c cdot$ ) ( $A \cdot B$ ) (not the period character.)

- cross product of two vectors yielding a vector:

use the in-line multiply symbol  $(A \times B)$  (not the letter x)

conjugation: use the superscript asterisk (A\*)

convolution: use the in-line centered asterisk (\ast or \convolution) (A\*B)

correlation: use the in-line centered star (star) ( $A \star B$ )

In all cases, authors must define the intended meaning of a particular mathematical symbol in the text preceding its first appearance in an equation.

# **Exponentials, Powers of 10**

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use A exp(-B) or A e<sup>-B</sup> for separated equations with exponentials, use only A exp(-B) for in-line equations with exponentials, use the form A \times 10^{-B} for powers of 10 although the form A e-B is used is some programming languages to mean A \times 10^{-B}, it is not valid in technical writing
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## **Compound Units**

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product of two or more units:
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use the in-line centered dot symbol (·)

 $N \cdot m$  (not N m or Nm or N×m)

ratio of units:

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use a single solidus (/) to separate the numerator from the denominator, or use a product with the exponent (-1) for terms in the denominator m/s or m·s<sup>-1</sup> (not ms<sup>-1</sup> which means 1/ms) dB/(m·kHz) or dB·m<sup>-1</sup>·kHz<sup>-1</sup> (not dB/m/kHz which is ambiguous)
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## **Spelling Of Frequently Occuring Compound Words**

## SIGNAL PROCESSING

USE INSTEAD OF

bandpass band-pass

bandwidth band width, band-width baseband base band, base-band beam former, beam-former

beamforming beam forming

beamwidth beam width, beam-width broadband broad band, broad-band

highpass high-pass lowpass low-pass

midfrequency mid-frequency (single word construction with mid or multi, multibeam multi-beam except when the resulting word is

multiuser multi-user difficult to read, Chicago Manual of Style)

narrowband narrow-band

passband pass band, pass-band stopband stop band, stop-band sideband side band, side-band

wideband wide-band

## **UNDERWATER ACOUSTICS**

USE INSTEAD OF

acoustical (adj.) acoustic

(follow Henk Medwin's sounding rule: use the adjective form "acoustical"

whenever a substitution with "optical" sounds right!)

backscatter back-scatter cross section cross-section

group speed group velocity (when referring to propagation speed

isospeed layer isovelocity layer of sound waves)

normal mode normal-mode

seabed sea bed sea bottom seabottom seafloor sea floor seawater sea water

sound speed sound velocity (velocity implies a vector, speed is a scalar)

sound-speed profile waveform wavefront waveguide sound-velocity profile wave form, wave-form wave front, wave-front wave guide, wave-guide

waveheight wave height

wavelength wave length, wave-length wave number wavenumber, wave-number

#### **GENERAL**

USE INSTEAD OF

cannot can't (no contractions in technical writing)

database data base data set dataset do not don't

website web-site

## **EXPRESSIONS TO AVOID**

USE INSTEAD OF
after at the conclusion of
a variety of a variety of different

about, near in the vicinity of, in the neighborhood of because due to the fact that, the reason why

before prior to

during in the course of, during the course of

if in the event that innovative new and innovative instant instant of time join together now at this point in time

offshore of to offshore of in order to

today in this day and age, at the present time

whether whether or not while during the time that

## **Grammar and Usage in IEEE Transactions**

## 1) Apostrophes:

- Form the possessive singular of nouns by adding 's (Avogadro's theorem), unless the final consonant is s (Burns' theorem).
- Possessive pronouns (hers, its, yours, theirs, ours) have no apostrophe.
- Indefinite pronouns use the apostrophe to show possession (someone's rule).
- No apostrophes in plural form of acronyms and numbers, i.e., FETs, 1980s.

## 2) That (defining) vs. Which (non-defining):

- A non-defining clause gives extra information and is not essential to the sentence. It always starts with "which" and is surrounded by commas.
- A defining clause is essential to the meaning of the sentence. It can start with "that" or "which"; "that" is preferred.

#### 3) Punctuation:

- In a series of three or more terms, use a comma after each term except the last (time, temperature, altitude).
- Enclose parenthetical expressions between commas

Improvement, as shown in Fig. 1, is attained by adding the cogeneration. The address *i*, which is the starting address of the message, is then transferred

- Brief phrases or single words, such as however, may or may not be parenthetical (such connectives at the head of a sentence are more commonly left unpunctuated).
- The commas may be omitted if the interruption to the flow of the sentence is slight.

However the sum may change later, it is calculated now.

The sum is calculated now, however it may change later.

The sum, however it may change later, is calculated now.

In all three examples the meaning remains constant; the single commas of the first and second sentences have the same parenthetical function as the paired commas of the third.

- No commas between adjectives (a planar equiangular spiral antenna).
- The abbreviations etc., i.e., and e.g., are parenthetical and use the comma as follows: cables, transformers, etc., are needed.
- Abbreviations for academic degrees, titles following a name, and certain restrictive terms of identification should be punctuated as follows:

Robert D. Lorenz, Ph.D.

Ian T. Wallace, Member, requests that ...

E. A. Brockmann, Jr., states that ...

- Use the semicolon to separate two complete sentences forming a compound sentence.
- Use a colon after an independent clause to introduce a list.
- Punctuation always goes inside quotation marks, except for the colon and semicolon.

#### 4) Quotation marks:

- Use single quotation marks around quotes within quotes.
- Quotes may be used around a new or special usage of a term the first time only, but use of quotes in this manner should be kept to a minimum.

#### 5) Parentheses and brackets:

- Use double parentheses in math only.
- Use brackets for text, as in [see (10)].

#### 6) Compound nouns:

- Compound nouns made from a one-syllable verb and a short adverb are one word when found that way in the dictionary (setup, takeoff, breakup, readout).
- Compound nouns are likely to be two words, without a hyphen, or one word (bandwidth, bypass, flowchart, phase shift, sideband, standing wave).
- Compound nouns of more than two words can be hyphenated.

## 7) Hyphens:

- No hyphen in adjectives following a verb (predicative adjectives): (the theorem is well known) but this is a well-known theorem (see 3rd rule below)
- No hyphen in a pair of words, modifying a third word separately: (a tall water tower, a hot metal cylinder, normal mode propagation)
- If the first word modifies the second, and the resulting pair modifies the third, there is a hyphen in the pair (a high-frequency signal, a second-order equation).

## **Exceptions:**

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adverbs ending in "ly," (a highly stressed beam). comparatives or superlatives (a higher order equation, a worst case value, the nearest neighbor method).
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- No hyphen in chemical compounds (sodium chloride crystals).

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  - Alloys and mixtures take the en dash (NI–Co, He–Ne laser).
- Compound verbs and their participles are generally hyphenated (to arc-weld, freezedried).
- No hyphen in verbs formed with up, out, down, off, on, etc., (to set up, to break down)

#### WORDS OFTEN CONFUSED

Affect: to change or modify (verb). Effect: result (noun); cause (verb).

Alternate: to continously switch between two states (verb); a substitute (noun).

alternately (adv.) one after the other in turns.

Alternative: a matter of choice between two things.

Among: involves more than two things.

Between: involves more than two things, but considers each individually.

Compare to: point out resemblances between different objects. Compare with: point out differences between same objects.

Complement: complete (verb); adjunct part to complete a whole (noun).

Compliment: praise

Compose: a set composed of members.

Comprise: a set comprising members; members comprising a set.

Assure: provide a guarantee, make safe Ensure: make sure something happens. Insure: underwrite an insurance policy.

Farther: distance. Further: quantity.

Fewer: modifies plural nouns specifying countable units, e.g., fewer tubes. Less: modifies singular mass nouns and singular abstract nouns, e.g., less air.

Imply: something suggested though not expressed.

Infer: something deduced from evidence.

Number: a large number of people. Amount: a large amount of water.

Principal: chief, main, most important (adjective).

Principle: a rule (noun).

Precede: come before.
Proceed: continue, advance.

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