

AMS Bootcamp: LaTeX Tutorial

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- Bibliographies

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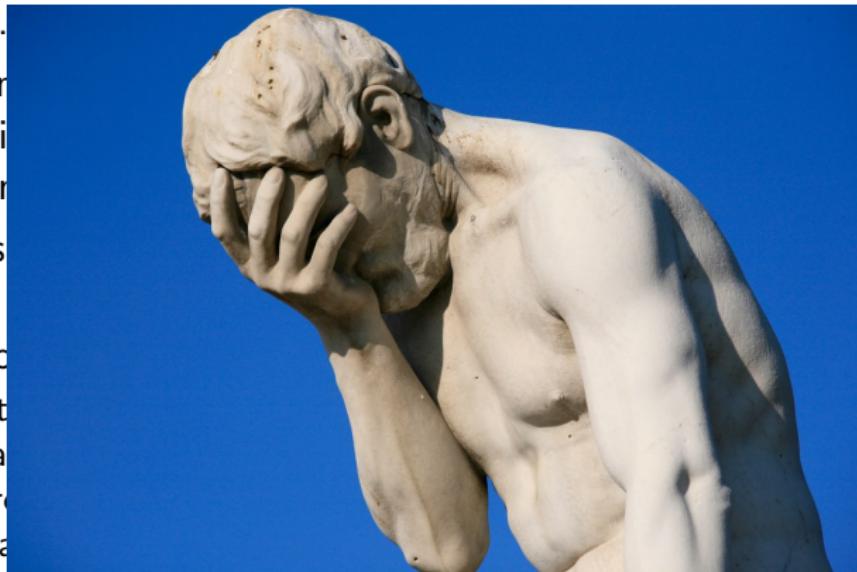
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- It is found in nature, but synthetic latexes can be made by polymerizing a monomer such as styrene that has been emulsified with surfactants.
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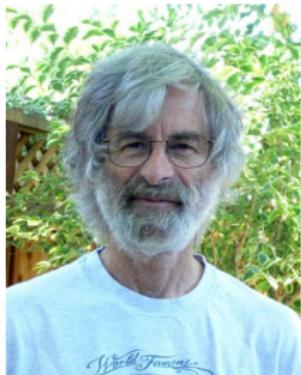
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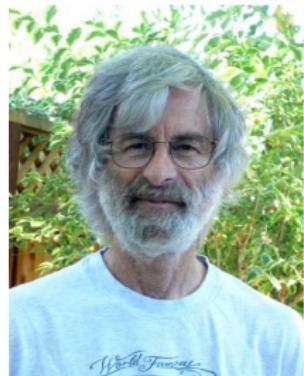
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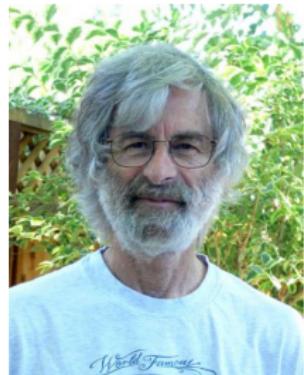
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Learning Outcomes

By the end of this tutorial, participants will be able to...

- Write a simple LaTeX article with conscious awareness of preamble and document content.
- Typeset documents containing thoughtfully formatted mathematical expressions/statements.
- Utilize common commands and environments relevant to scientific and mathematical communication.

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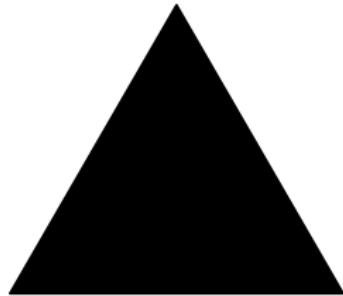
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 - Word processors (e.g. MS Word, Apple Pages)
 - Presentation tools (e.g. MS PowerPoint, Apple Keynote)
 - Learning management and testing tools (e.g. Canvas, GradeScope)

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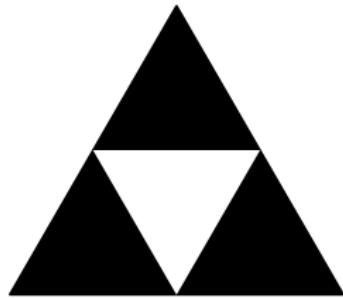
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Example

Journal article with A4 paper size and 12-point font

```
\documentclass[a4paper,12pt]{article}
```

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\begin{document}
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Loads packages for mathematics typesetting, enumeration and multiple-column formatting, and graphical tools:

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\usepackage{amsmath, amsthm, amssymb, mathtools, enumitem,  
multicols, tikz, pgfplots}
```

Common Commands

Title Page

Preamble

```
\title{<Document Title>}  
\author{<Name>}  
\date{<Date>}
```

Document

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\maketitle
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- Environments alter the typesetting rules
- Can be nested when multiple environments are in play
- The document environment is necessary at the outermost level of each LaTeX file

More to come...

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- Placement options
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 - `h` – “here”
 - `b` – “bottom”
 - `p` – “separate page”
 - `!` – “override \LaTeX parameters”

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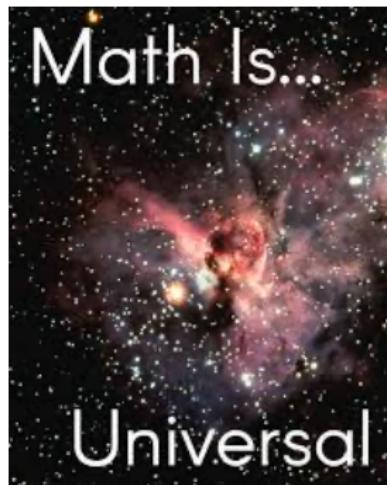


Figure: Re-creation of South Park's iconic "Math is universal" poster.
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Math is universal

```
\begin{figure}[h]
\includegraphics[width=0.3\textwidth]{math_universal.png}
\label{fig:math_universal}
\caption{Re-creation of South Park's iconic ‘Math is
universal’ poster. https://andyborne.com/math/freestuff.html}
\end{figure}
```

Notes

- The commands `\includegraphics`, `\caption`, and `\label` belong *inside* the figure (or other `<float>`) environment
- The marker used for `\label{<marker>}` is the same one used to reference this figure elsewhere in the document with `\ref{<marker>}`

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- The `<columns>` option conveys how many columns the table contains and the justification (alignment) of each:
 - l – left-justified
 - c – center-justified
 - r – right-justified

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Table Example

Table of Greek letters

```
\begin{table}[t]
\caption{Some Greek Letters}
\begin{tabular}{| c | c | c |}\hline
Letter & Lowercase & Uppercase \\ \hline
alpha & $\alpha$ & $\mathrm{A}$ \\ \hline
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\end{tabular}
\label{tbl:greek}
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- Vertical bars within the `<columns>` option add vertical lines at corresponding boarders to columns
- The command `\\"` moves to the next row of the table
- The command `\hline` adds a horizontal line at the boarder above the following row

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Text Environments

Text environments create a block of text with modified typesetting rules for various circumstances:

- quote – Indented quote block
- quotation – Like quote, but with indented paragraphs
- verse – Like quotation, but indentation inverted
- verbatim – Monospaced text with literal characters (good for replicating computer code in LaTeX)
- verbatim* – Like verbatim, but with spaces as □

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- Each source in BibTeX has an associated reference key (user-determined) for use in citations.
 - The command `\cite{<key>}` will place an in-line citation to the corresponding reference.
 - Only sources that are cited in line will be added to the displayed reference list.

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Example BibTeX Code

The following would be placed in the .bib file corresponding to the LaTeX document:

```
@article{Man2002, % cite key  
title={The oral glucose minimal model: Estimation of insulin se  
author={C. D. Man and A. Caumo and C. Cobelli},  
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<code>\in</code>	\in	<code>\ni</code>	\ni
<code>\sum_{j=1}^n</code>	$\sum_{j=1}^n$	<code>\prod_{j=1}^n</code>	$\prod_{j=1}^n$
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Operator	Example	Operator	Example
<code>\lim_{x\rightarrow\infty}</code>	$\lim_{x\rightarrow\infty}$	<code>\max_{n\leq c}</code>	$\max_{n\leq c}$
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 - `\begin{align} ... \end{align}` – multiple equations (or columns of equations) with vertical alignment specified by “`&`” (one label per equation)
- Within the environments above, math is set in “display style” (as opposed to the “text style” of inline math)
- Typically used for the mathematical statements within important results, esp. to be referenced elsewhere

Display Mode

Single-Equation Example

Code

```
\begin{equation}
\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ such that } |x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon.
\end{equation}
```

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ such that } |x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon. \quad (1)$$

Display Mode

Multiple-Equation Example

Code

```
\begin{align}
\dot{G}(t) &= -[p_1 + X(t)] G(t) + p_1 \cdot G_b & \\
G(0) &= G_b, \\
\dot{X}(t) &= -p_2 X + p_3 [I(t) - I_b], & \\
X(0) &= 0. \\
\end{align}
```

$$\dot{G}(t) = -[p_1 + X(t)] G(t) + p_1 \cdot G_b, \quad G(0) = G_b, \quad (2)$$

$$\dot{X}(t) = -p_2 X + p_3 [I(t) - I_b], \quad X(0) = 0. \quad (3)$$

Numbering may be suppressed by using environment `align*`.

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Delimiter	Text
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Angle Brackets	\langle \rangle
Vertical Lines	\lvert \rvert
Double Vertical Lines	\lVert \rVert

Math Fonts

Font	Command	Examples	Required Packages
Blackboard	<code>\mathbb{}</code>	$\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$	<code>amssymb</code>
Calligraphic	<code>\mathcal{}</code>	$\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{P}$	<code>None</code>
Roman	<code>\mathrm{}</code>	A, B, K	<code>None</code>
Italic	<code>\mathit{}</code>	$123, abc, ABC$	<code>None</code>
Script	<code>\mathscr{}</code>	$\mathscr{C}, \mathscr{L}, \mathscr{B}$	<code>mathrsfs</code>

Additional Resources

- <https://www.overleaf.com/learn>
- <https://www.latex-tutorial.com>
- <https://tex.stackexchange.com>
- <https://detexify.kirelabs.org/classify.html>
- <http://ctan.math.washington.edu/tex-archive/macros/latex/required/amsmath/amsldoc.pdf>
- Workshop today, 1-3 pm (yay!)