


# FPGA packet filter with Ethernet MAC with a RISC-V softcore processor

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**Index Terms**—FPGA Packet filter, Ethernet MAC, RISC-V, Softcore processor

## I. INTRODUCTION

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- 4) bare\_conf\_compsoc.tex
- 5) bare\_jrnl\_comsoc.tex

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- bare\_jrnl.tex
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- bare\_jrnl\_compsoc.tex
- bare\_conf\_compsoc.tex
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Fig. 1. Simulation results for the network.

TABLE I  
AN EXAMPLE OF A TABLE

One	Two
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### D. Figures

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Note that, for IEEE-style tables, the `\caption` command should come BEFORE the table. Table captions use title case. Articles (a, an, the), coordinating conjunctions (and, but, for, or, nor), and most short prepositions are lowercase unless they are the first or last word. Table text will default to `\footnotesize` as the IEEE normally uses this smaller font for tables. The `\label` must come after `\caption` as always.

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  select randomly  $W \subset \mathbf{X}$ 
   $N_t \leftarrow |\{i : \mathbf{t}_i = \mathbf{t}\}|$  for  $\mathbf{t} = -1, +1$ 
   $B_i \leftarrow \sqrt{\text{MAX}(N_{-1}, N_{+1})/N_{\mathbf{t}_i}}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ 
   $\hat{\mathbf{H}} \leftarrow B \cdot (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W}) / (\|\mathbf{X}\| + \|\mathbf{W}\| - \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W})$ 
   $\beta \leftarrow (I/C + \hat{\mathbf{H}}^T \hat{\mathbf{H}})^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{H}}^T B \cdot \mathbf{T})$ 
  return  $\mathbf{W}, \beta$ 

PREDICT( $\mathbf{X}$ )
   $\mathbf{H} \leftarrow (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W}) / (\|\mathbf{X}\| + \|\mathbf{W}\| - \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W})$ 
  return SIGN( $\mathbf{H}\beta$ )

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### VIII. MATHEMATICAL TYPOGRAPHY AND WHY IT MATTERS

Typographical conventions for mathematical formulas have been developed to **provide uniformity and clarity of presentation across mathematical texts**. This enables the readers of those texts to both understand the author's ideas and to grasp new concepts quickly. While software such as L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and MathType<sup>®</sup> can produce aesthetically pleasing math when used properly, it is also very easy to misuse the software, potentially resulting in incorrect math display.

IEEE aims to provide authors with the proper guidance on mathematical typesetting style and assist them in writing the best possible article. As such, IEEE has assembled a set of examples of good and bad mathematical typesetting [?], [?], [?], [?], [?].

Further examples can be found at <http://journals.ieeeauthorcenter.ieee.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/IEEE-Math-Typesetting-Guide-for-Latex-Users.pdf>

#### A. Display Equations

The simple display equation example shown below uses the “equation” environment. To number the equations, use the \label macro to create an identifier for the equation. LaTeX will automatically number the equation for you.

$$x = \sum_{i=0}^n 2iQ. \quad (2)$$

is coded as follows:

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\begin{equation}
\label{deqn_ex1}
x = \sum_{i=0}^n 2{i} Q.
\end{equation}

```

To reference this equation in the text use the \ref macro. Please see (2)

is coded as follows:

Please see (\ref{deqn\_ex1})

#### B. Equation Numbering

**Consecutive Numbering:** Equations within an article are numbered consecutively from the beginning of the article to the end, i.e., (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), etc. Do not use roman numerals or section numbers for equation numbering.

**Appendix Equations:** The continuation of consecutively numbered equations is best in the Appendix, but numbering as (A1), (A2), etc., is permissible.

**Hyphens and Periods:** Hyphens and periods should not be used in equation numbers, i.e., use (1a) rather than (1-a) and (2a) rather than (2.a) for subequations. This should be consistent throughout the article.

### C. Multi-Line Equations and Alignment

Here we show several examples of multi-line equations and proper alignments.

**A single equation that must break over multiple lines due to length with no specific alignment.**

The first line of this example

The second line of this example

The third line of this example (3)

is coded as:

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\begin{multline}
\text{The first line of this example}\\
\text{The second line of this example}\\
\text{The third line of this example}
\end{multline}
```

**A single equation with multiple lines aligned at the = signs**

$$a = c + d \quad (4)$$

$$b = e + f \quad (5)$$

is coded as:

```
\begin{align}
a &= c+d \\
b &= e+f
\end{align}
```

The align environment can align on multiple points as shown in the following example:

$$x = y \quad X = Y \quad a = bc \quad (6)$$

$$x' = y' \quad X' = Y' \quad a' = bz \quad (7)$$

is coded as:

```
\begin{align}
x &= y & X &= Y & a &= bc \\
x' &= y' & X' &= Y' & a' &= bz
\end{align}
```

### D. Subnumbering

The amsmath package provides a subequations environment to facilitate subnumbering. An example:

$$f = g \quad (8a)$$

$$f' = g' \quad (8b)$$

$$\mathcal{L}f = \mathcal{L}g \quad (8c)$$

is coded as:

```
\begin{subequations}\label{eq:2}
\begin{align}
f &= g \label{eq:2A}\\
f' &= g' \label{eq:2B}\\
\mathcal{L}f &= \mathcal{L}g \label{eq:2C}
\end{align}
\end{subequations}
```

### E. Matrices

There are several useful matrix environments that can save you some keystrokes. See the example coding below and the output.

**A simple matrix:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

is coded as:

```
\begin{equation}
\begin{matrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{matrix}
\end{equation}
```

**A matrix with parenthesis**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

is coded as:

```
\begin{equation}
\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}
\end{equation}
```

**A matrix with square brackets**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

is coded as:

```
\begin{equation}
\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
\end{equation}
```

**A matrix with curly braces**

$$\begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

is coded as:

```
\begin{equation}
\begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{Bmatrix}
\end{equation}
```

**A matrix with single verticals**

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} \quad (13)$$

is coded as:

```
\begin{equation}
\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}
\end{equation}
```

**A matrix with double verticals**

$$\begin{Vmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{Vmatrix} \quad (14)$$

is coded as:

```
\begin{equation}
\begin{Vmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{Vmatrix}
\end{equation}
```

### F. Arrays

The array environment allows you some options for matrix-like equations. You will have to manually key the fences, but there are other options for alignment of the columns and for setting horizontal and vertical rules. The argument to array controls alignment and placement of vertical rules.

A simple array

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} a+b+c & uv & x-y & 27 \\ a+b & u+v & z & 134 \end{array} \right) \quad (15)$$

is coded as:

```
\begin{equation}
\left(
\begin{array}{cccc}
a+b+c & uv & x-y & 27 \\
a+b & u+v & z & 134
\end{array}
\right)
\end{equation}
```

A slight variation on this to better align the numbers in the last column

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} a+b+c & uv & x-y & 27 \\ a+b & u+v & z & 134 \end{array} \right) \quad (16)$$

is coded as:

```
\begin{equation}
\left(
\begin{array}{cccc}
a+b+c & uv & x-y & 27 \\
a+b & u+v & z & 134
\end{array}
\right)
\end{equation}
```

An array with vertical and horizontal rules

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} a+b+c & uv & x-y & 27 \\ \hline a+b & u+v & z & 134 \end{array} \right) \quad (17)$$

is coded as:

```
\begin{equation}
\left(
\begin{array}{c|c|c|c}
a+b+c & uv & x-y & 27 \\
\hline
a+b & u+v & z & 134
\end{array}
\right)
\end{equation}
```

Note the argument now has the pipe “|” included to indicate the placement of the vertical rules.

### G. Cases Structures

Many times cases can be miscoded using the wrong environment, i.e., array. Using the cases environment will save keystrokes (from not having to type the \left\lbrace) and automatically provide the correct column alignment.

$$z_m(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \beta_m(t) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

is coded as follows:

```
\begin{equation*}
\{z_m(t)\} =
\begin{cases}
1, & \text{\text{if}} \backslash \{\beta_m(t)\}, \\
0, & \text{\text{otherwise.}}
\end{cases}
\end{equation*}
```

Note that the “&” is used to mark the tabular alignment. This is important to get proper column alignment. Do not use \quad or other fixed spaces to try and align the columns. Also, note the use of the \text macro for text elements such as “if” and “otherwise.”

### H. Function Formatting in Equations

Often, there is an easy way to properly format most common functions. Use of the \ in front of the function name will in most cases, provide the correct formatting. When this does not work, the following example provides a solution using the \text macro:

$$d_R^{KM} = \arg \min_{d_i^{KM}} \{d_1^{KM}, \dots, d_6^{KM}\}.$$

is coded as follows:

```
\begin{equation*}
d_{\text{R}}^{\text{KM}} = \underset{\{\text{arg min}\}}{\{d_1^{\text{KM}}, \dots, d_6^{\text{KM}}\}}.
\end{equation*}
```

### I. Text Acronyms Inside Equations

This example shows where the acronym “MSE” is coded using \text{} to match how it appears in the text.

$$\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2$$

```
\begin{equation*}
\text{\text{MSE}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{\text{i}} - \hat{Y}_{\text{i}})^2
\end{equation*}
```

## IX. CONCLUSION

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## APPENDIX

### PROOF OF THE ZONKLAR EQUATIONS

Use `\appendix` if you have a single appendix: Do not use `\section` anymore after `\appendix`, only `\section*`. If you have multiple appendixes use `\appendices` then use `\section` to start each appendix. You must declare a `\section` before using any `\subsection` or using `\label` (`\appendices` by itself starts a section numbered zero.)

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