

Illustrating Good Practice in L^AT_EX

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1 Introduction

This document is not meant to be a guide on how to use L^AT_EX, since plenty of those already exist. Rather, what follows is an incoherent collection of examples that illustrate good practice. For more of my awesome L^AT_EX resources, visit <https://github.com/nkosten4/LaTeX-templates>.

2 Eigenvalues of a Hermitian Operator

It is not hard to show that the eigenvalues of a Hermitian operator are real. Let $|a\rangle$ be an eigenstate of the Hermitian operator A corresponding to eigenvalue a , then

$$A|a\rangle = a|a\rangle. \quad (2.1)$$

Then we have

$$\langle a|A|a\rangle = \langle a|a|a\rangle = a\langle a|a\rangle. \quad (2.2)$$

Taking the Hermitian conjugate of both sides of (2.1) gives

$$\langle a|A^\dagger = a^*\langle a|. \quad (2.3)$$

Then we also have

$$\langle a|A^\dagger|a\rangle = a^*\langle a|a\rangle \quad (2.4)$$

Since A is Hermitian, we have $\langle a|A^\dagger|a\rangle = \langle a|A|a\rangle$. Then comparing (2.2) and (2.4) gives

$$(a - a^*)\langle a|a\rangle = 0.$$

This, of course, implies that $a = a^*$, since $\langle a|a\rangle \neq 0$. Then it must be the case that a is real.

3 Unit Basis Vectors

Let $\hat{\mathbf{i}}$, $\hat{\mathbf{j}}$, and $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ be unit vectors parallel to the x , y , and z axes, respectively. An arbitrary vector \mathbf{a} can be expanded in terms of these *basis vectors*:

$$\mathbf{a} = a_x\hat{\mathbf{i}} + a_y\hat{\mathbf{j}} + a_z\hat{\mathbf{k}}. \quad (3.1)$$

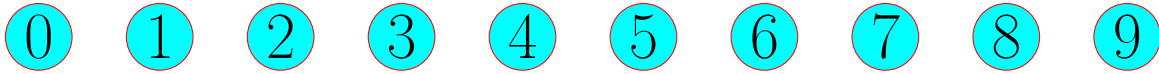
One can label a point P by its Cartesian coordinates (x, y, z) , but sometimes it is more convenient to use *spherical* coordinates (r, θ, ϕ) ; r is the distance from the origin (the magnitude of the position vector \mathbf{r}), θ (the angle down from the z -axis) is called the *polar angle*, and ϕ (the angle around from the x -axis) is the *azimuthal angle*. The unit vectors $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$, $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$, $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ constitute an orthogonal basis set. In terms of the Cartesian unit vectors,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{r}} &= \sin\theta\cos\phi\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \sin\theta\sin\phi\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \cos\theta\hat{\mathbf{k}}, \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} &= \cos\theta\cos\phi\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \cos\theta\sin\phi\hat{\mathbf{j}} - \sin\theta\hat{\mathbf{k}}, \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} &= -\sin\phi\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \cos\phi\hat{\mathbf{j}}. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.2)$$

Finally, one can label a point P by its cylindrical coordinates (ρ, ϕ, z) ; ϕ has the same meaning as in spherical coordinates, and z is the same as Cartesian, but ρ is the distance to P from the z -axis. The unit vectors are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \hat{\rho} &= \cos \phi \, \hat{i} + \sin \phi \, \hat{j}, \\ \hat{\phi} &= -\sin \phi \, \hat{i} + \cos \phi \, \hat{j}, \\ \hat{z} &= \hat{k}. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.3)$$

4 Awesome Circled Numbers



Here are some cool circled numbers. The first argument is whatever is to be circled, and the second argument is the background color. The third argument is the outline color, and the fourth argument is the color of the first argument.

These circled numbers work in equations too!

$$\int_{\textcircled{a}}^{\textcircled{b}} f(x)dx + \int_{\textcircled{b}}^{\textcircled{a}} f(x)dx = \textcircled{0}$$

5 Consider a Graph

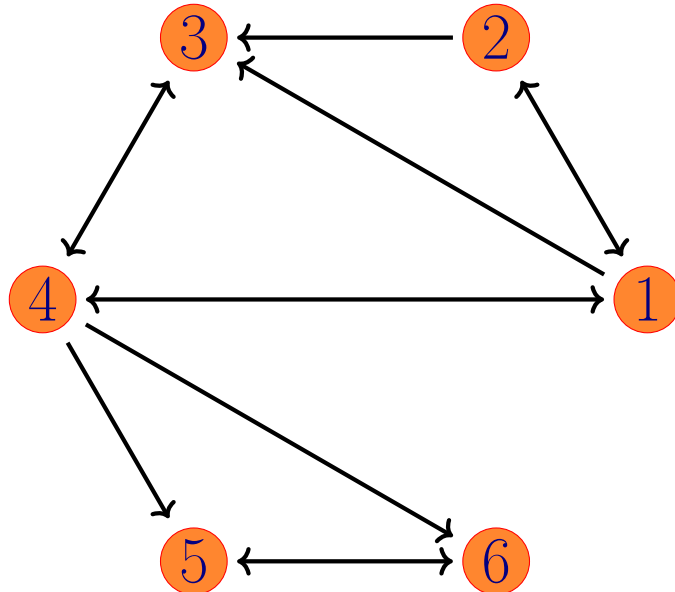
Consider a graph with vertices

$$V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

and edges

$$E = \{1 \rightarrow 2, 1 \rightarrow 3, 1 \rightarrow 4, 2 \rightarrow 1, 2 \rightarrow 3, 3 \rightarrow 4, 4 \rightarrow 1, 4 \rightarrow 3, 4 \rightarrow 5, 4 \rightarrow 6, 5 \rightarrow 6, 6 \rightarrow 5\}$$

The directed graph for this vertex set V and edge set E is



6 Classical Electromagnetism

Here are the Maxwell equations:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_o} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_o \mathbf{J} + \mu_o \epsilon_o \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \end{cases}.$$

The Lorentz force law reads

$$\mathbf{F} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}).$$

Finally, most experts agree that

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V - \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}.$$

7 Matrix Multiplication

Consider some $A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times p}$. We can represent these matrices as

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1q} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2q} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{p1} & a_{p2} & \cdots & a_{pq} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1p} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{q1} & b_{q2} & \cdots & b_{qp} \end{pmatrix}$$

respectively. Then the product AB can be written

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} + \cdots + a_{1q}b_{q1} & a_{11}b_{12} + \cdots + a_{1q}b_{q2} & \cdots & a_{11}b_{1p} + \cdots + a_{1q}b_{qp} \\ a_{21}b_{11} + \cdots + a_{2q}b_{q1} & a_{21}b_{12} + \cdots + a_{2q}b_{q2} & \cdots & a_{21}b_{1p} + \cdots + a_{2q}b_{qp} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{p1}b_{11} + \cdots + a_{pq}b_{q1} & a_{p1}b_{12} + \cdots + a_{pq}b_{q2} & \cdots & a_{p1}b_{1p} + \cdots + a_{pq}b_{qp} \end{pmatrix}.$$

8 Electric Fields on Pointy Things

The pointy bits on a conducting surface should produce greater electric fields than the flat bits. Let's show that numerically. Laplace's equation, in two dimensions, reads

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} = 0. \quad (8.1)$$

We can solve Laplace's equation numerically using a finite difference method for a rectangular region. That is, we partition a rectangle into a lattice of grid points. If the spacing in the x -direction is Δx , the second derivative $\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2}$ is

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = \frac{V(x + \Delta x, y) - 2V(x, y) + V(x - \Delta x, y)}{\Delta x^2}. \quad (8.2)$$

Similarly, if the spacing in the y -direction is Δy , the second derivative $\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2}$ is

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} = \frac{V(x, y + \Delta y) - 2V(x, y) + V(x, y - \Delta y)}{\Delta y^2}. \quad (8.3)$$

For convenience, let's say $\Delta x = \Delta y = h$. The Laplacian operator in two-dimensions becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = \frac{V(x + h, y) + V(x - h, y) + V(x, y + h) + V(x, y - h) - 4V(x, y)}{h^2}. \quad (8.4)$$

Then Laplace's equation becomes

$$V(x+h, y) + V(x-h, y) + V(x, y+h) + V(x, y-h) - 4V(x, y) = 0 \quad (8.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V(x, y) = \frac{V(x+h, y) + V(x-h, y) + V(x, y+h) + V(x, y-h)}{4}}. \quad (8.6)$$

That is, the potential $V(x, y)$ is the average of its four neighboring points on the lattice. Let's make this concrete by drawing a diagram.

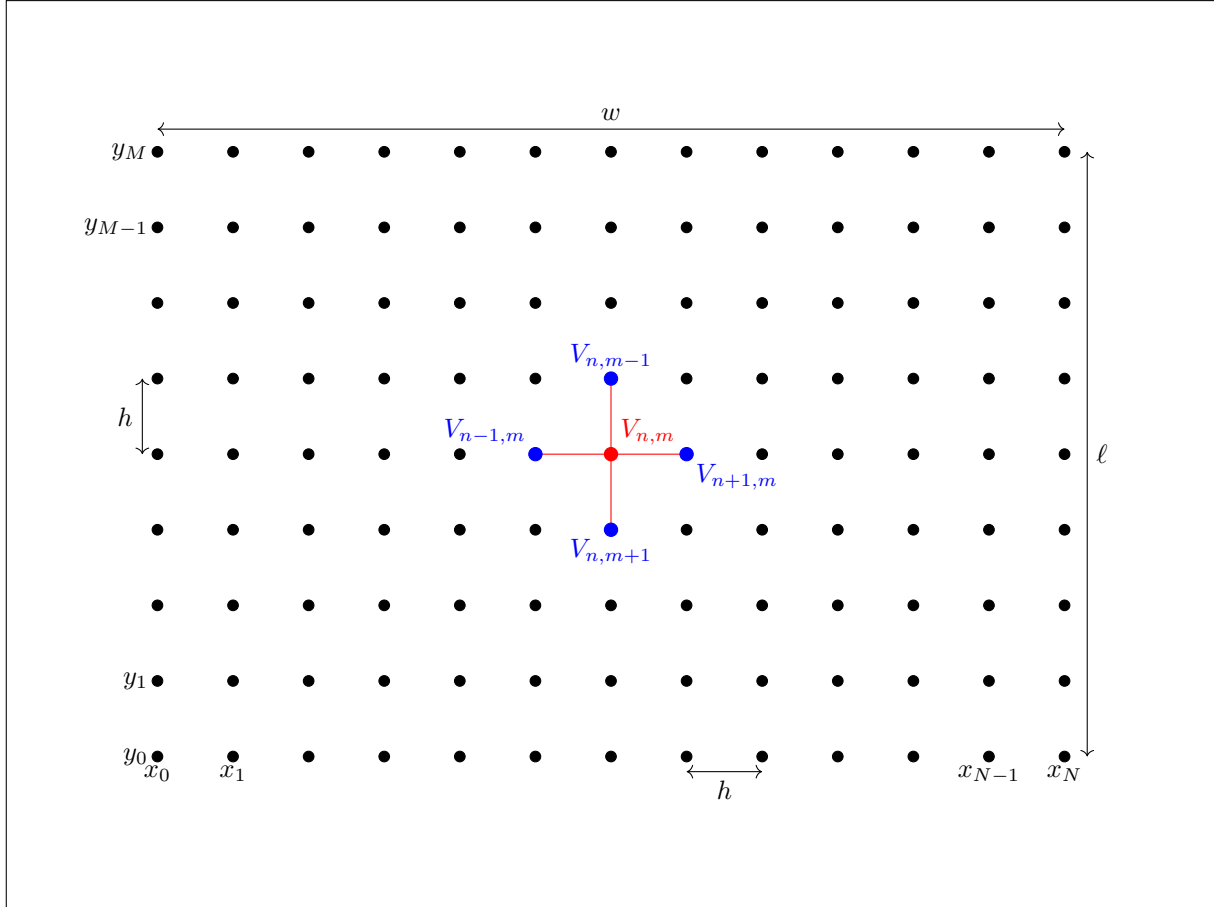


Figure 1: A two-dimensional lattice of points.

As shown in Fig. (1), we partition the interval $0 < x < w$ into $N + 1$ evenly spaced points. That is,

$$x_n = nh, \quad \text{for } n \in \{0, 1, \dots, N\}. \quad (8.7)$$

Likewise, we divide the interval $0 < y < \ell$ into $M + 1$ evenly spaced points. That is,

$$y_m = mh, \quad \text{for } m \in \{0, 1, \dots, M\}. \quad (8.8)$$

Shown on the following pages is the implementation of this numerical method.

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1 """
2 Created on Mon Feb 03 13:12:20: 2020
3 Author: Nicholas D. Kostin
4 Description: Numerical solution to Laplace's equation for a rectangle
5 """
6

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7 import numpy as np, matplotlib.pyplot as plt
8
9 plt.rcParams['mathtext.fontset'] = 'stix'
10 plt.rcParams['font.family'] = 'STIXGeneral'
11
12 # Physical constants
13 eps0 = 8.85e-12 # permittivity of free space
14
15 # Dimensions of region
16 region_width = 120 # Horizontal length of region
17 region_length = 80 # Vertical length of region
18
19 # Dimensions of conducting rectangle
20 rectangle_width = 60 # Horizontal length of conducting rectangle
21 rectangle_length = 40 # Vertical length of conducting rectangle
22
23 # Location of bottom-left corner of conducting rectangle
24 rect_corner = 20
25
26 # Set potential at boundaries of region to be zero
27 boundary_potential = 0
28
29 # Dirichlet Boundary conditions on conducting rectangle
30 # All sides at the same potential
31 V_box = 9
32
33 # Set color interpolation and color map
34 color_interpolation = 20
35 color_map = plt.cm.coolwarm # dope-ass colors
36
37 # Create lattice of points
38 X, Y = np.meshgrid(np.arange(0, region_width), np.arange(0, region_length))
39
40 # Set array size and the interior value with some guess
41 V = np.ones((region_length, region_width))
42 V.fill(0)
43
44 # Set potential at boundaries of region
45 V[1, :] = boundary_potential # potential at bottom
46 V[region_length - 1, :] = boundary_potential # potential at top
47 V[:, 1] = boundary_potential # potential at left
48 V[:, region_width - 1] = boundary_potential # potential at right
49
50
51 # Set potential at boundaries of conducting rectangle
52 V[rect_corner, rect_corner:rect_corner + rectangle_width] = V_box # potential at bottom
53 V[rect_corner + rectangle_length, rect_corner:rect_corner + rectangle_width] = V_box #
    potential at top
54 V[rect_corner:rect_corner + rectangle_length, rect_corner] = V_box # potential at left
55 V[rect_corner:rect_corner + rectangle_length, rect_corner + rectangle_width] = V_box #
    potential at right
56
57 # Implement 1000 iterations (and hope that's enough for convergence)
58 for iteration in range(0,1000):
59     for i in range(1, region_length - 1, 1):
60         for j in range(1, region_width - 1, 1):
61             # Conducting surfaces are equipotentials
62             if rect_corner <= i <= rect_corner + rectangle_length and rect_corner <= j <=
    rect_corner + rectangle_width:
63                 V[i, j] = V[i, j]
64             # Implement finite difference method
65             else:
66                 V[i, j] = (1/4) * (V[i - 1][j] + V[i + 1][j] + V[i][j - 1] + V[i][j + 1])
67
68 # Create array for electric field
69 E = np.zeros((region_length, region_width, 2))
70
71 # Compute electric field

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72 for i in range (region_length):
73     for j in range (region_width):
74         # Electric field is zero inside a conductor
75         if rect_corner <= i <= rect_corner + rectangle_length and rect_corner <= j <=
            rect_corner + rectangle_width:
76             E[i, j] = [0, 0]
77         # Electric field is derivative of potential otherwise
78         elif i != 0 and i != region_length - 1 and j != 0 and j != region_width - 1:
79             E[i, j] = [(V[i + 1, j] - V[i - 1, j]) / (2), (V[i, j + 1] - V[i, j - 1]) / (2)]
80
81 # Create array for magnitude of the electric field
82 E_magnitude = np.zeros((region_length, region_width))
83
84 # Compute the magnitude of the electric field
85 for i in range (region_length):
86     for j in range (region_width):
87         E_magnitude[i, j] = (E[i, j, 0]**2 + E[i, j, 1]**2)**(1/2)
88
89 # Plot a contour map of the potential
90 plt.figure(1)
91 plt.title("Contour of Potential")
92 plt.contourf(X, Y, V, color_interpolation, cmap=color_map)
93 plt.colorbar() # Set colorbar
94 plt.show() # Display the color map
95
96 # Plot a contour map of the electric field magnitude
97 plt.figure(2)
98 plt.title("Contour of Magnitude of Electric Field")
99 plt.contourf(X, Y, E_magnitude, color_interpolation, cmap=color_map)
100 plt.colorbar() # Set colorbar
101 plt.show() # Display the color map

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9 Infinite Square Well Potential

Suppose we have a quantum particle with mass m in an infinite square well potential:

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq x \leq \infty \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

The expectation value of the position \hat{x} of the particle measured in the energy eigenstate $|\psi_n\rangle$ that is represented by $\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin(nx)$, we use

$$\langle \psi_n | \hat{x} | \psi_n \rangle = \int_0^\pi \psi_n^*(x) x \psi_n(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi x \sin^2(nx) dx = \frac{\pi}{2}. \quad (9.1)$$

The expectation value of the momentum \hat{p} in the eigenstate $|\psi_n\rangle$ is given by

$$\langle \psi_n | \hat{p} | \psi_n \rangle = \int_0^\pi \psi_n^*(x) \left(-i\hbar \frac{d}{dx} \right) \psi_n(x) dx = 0. \quad (9.2)$$

10 Commuting Hermitian Matrices

Let $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times p}$ be Hermitian matrices. Prove that AB is Hermitian if and only if A and B commute (*i.e.* they don't work from home).

Proof. A matrix $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times p}$ is Hermitian if it satisfies

$$\mathcal{A}^\dagger = \mathcal{A}.$$

That is, a matrix $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times p}$ is Hermitian if it is its own conjugate transpose. Moreover, for $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times q}$ and $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{q \times r}$, we have the identity

$$(\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B})^\dagger = \mathcal{B}^\dagger \mathcal{A}^\dagger.$$

We will start by proving the forward direction. That is, we will show that if A and B commute, then AB must be Hermitian. Using the identity above to take the conjugate transpose of AB we get

$$(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger.$$

But since we assumed A and B to both be Hermitian, we have that $B^\dagger = B$ and $A^\dagger = A$. Explicitly,

$$(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger = BA.$$

But since we assumed A and B commute, then $BA = AB$. And we have

$$(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger = BA = AB$$

Thereby AB satisfies the definition of a Hermitian matrix. Now we will show the reverse direction: that if AB is Hermitian then A and B must necessarily commute. If AB is Hermitian, then

$$(AB)^\dagger = AB$$

But we already showed that we can rewrite the left-hand side of the equation above as $(AB)^\dagger = B^\dagger A^\dagger = AB$, since we assumed A and B to both be Hermitian. Then we have

$$BA = AB.$$

And clearly, A and B must necessarily commute. ■

11 Blind Text

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12 Some Results from Real Analysis

Here we have a *theorem*.

Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem

Every bounded sequence has a convergent subsequence.

What follows is a *lemma*.

Lemma

Cauchy sequences are bounded.

13 Computer Colors

HTML color codes are hexadecimal triplets representing the colors red, green and blue.

