An Essay Worthy of a Title

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"Some trees flourish, others die. Some cattle grow strong, others are taken by wolves. Some men are born rich enough and dumb enough to enjoy their lives. Ain't nothing fair." — John Marston, 1911

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Ancillary information can be placed in the margin using the \marginnote command. Margin notes are unnumbered in the text where they are added and in the margin.

- ² The \sidenote command can take two optional arguments as follows: \sidenote[<number>][<offset>]{<text>}
- ³⁹ This side note has a custom number using the <number> parameter.
- ³ This side note has been moved up using the <offset> argument. Positive offsets move down, negative move up. This is useful if notes clash with other margin content.

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Margin notes can also take an <offset> argument to move them up or down. This margin note has been moved up to avoid clashing with the text below.

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Section Types

This style provides A- and B-heads (that is, \section and \subsection) only. The Tufte-LATEX classes will emit an error if you try to use \subsubsection and smaller headings.

Referencing

Referencing Sections

Sections can be referenced by name using the \nameref command, provided they have been given a label with \label. For example, we can output the name of the first section in this document⁴ using its label⁵ like this: Paragraphs & Notes.

Referencing Citations

References are placed alongside their citations as side notes⁶. This is accomplished using the normal \cite command. The complete list of references (i.e. bibliography) may be printed automatically using the \bibliography command.

To enter multiple citations at one location⁷, you can provide a list of keys separated by commas: \cite{Tufte2006, Tufte1990}. You can also use the same optional vertical <offset> argument to move them up or down: \cite[<offset>]{<bibkey1,bibkey2,...>}.

Figures & Tables

The standard figure and tabular environments are available to place your figure or table within the text body with the caption appearing in the margin. Full-width figures and tables may be placed in figure* or table* environments with captions again appearing in

- ⁴ Section names output in this way are clickable links that take the reader to the section.
- 5 \label{sec:notes}
- ⁶ Edward R. Tufte. Visual Explanations. Graphics Press, Cheshire, Connecticut, 1997. ISBN 0-9613921-2-6
- ⁷ Edward R. Tufte. Beautiful Evidence. Graphics Press, LLC, first edition, May 2006. ISBN 0-9613921-7-7; and Edward R. Tufte. Envisioning Information. Graphics Press, Cheshire, Connecticut, 1990. ISBN 0-9613921-1-8

the margin. Figure 1 is an example of the figure* environment and Figure 2 is an example of the normal figure environment.

Figure 1: This graph shows $y = \sin x$ from about x = [-10, 10]. *Notice that* this figure takes up the full page width.

Figure 2: Hilbert curves of various degrees n. Notice that this figure only takes up the main textblock width.

The style contains two new environments called marginfigure and margintable which allow you to place a figure or table entirely in the margin. Like side and margin notes, the marginfigure and margintable environments accept an optional <offset> argument that adjusts the vertical position of the figure or table. Figure 3 is an example of a margin figure that has been moved up due to a clash with Figure 2 above it.

Table 1 shows a table created with the booktabs package. Notice the lack of vertical rules—they serve only to clutter the table's data.

Margin	Length
Paper width	81/2 inches
Paper height	11 inches
Textblock width	61/2 inches
Textblock/sidenote gutter	3/8 inches
Sidenote width	2 inches

Figure 3: This is a margin figure. The helix is defined by $x = \cos(2\pi z)$, $y = \sin(2\pi z)$, and z = [0, 2.7]. The figure was drawn using Asymptote (http://asymptote.sf.net/).

Table 1: Here are the dimensions of the various margins used in the Tuftehandout class when using letterpaper.

Typography

Typefaces

If the Palatino, Helvetica, and Bera Mono typefaces are installed, this style will use them automatically. Otherwise, it will fall back on the Computer Modern typefaces.

Letterspacing

This style includes two new commands and some improvements on existing commands for letterspacing.

When setting strings of ALL CAPS or SMALL CAPS, the letterspacing—that is, the spacing between the letters—should be increased slightly⁸. The \allcaps command has proper letterspacing for strings of FULL CAPITAL LETTERS, and the

⁸ Robert Bringhurst. The Elements of Typography. Hartley & Marks, 3.1 edition, 2005. ISBN 0-88179-205-5

\smallcaps command has letterspacing for SMALL CAPITAL LET-TERS. These commands will also automatically convert the case of the text to upper- or lowercase, respectively.

The \textsc command has also been redefined to include letterspacing. The case of the \textsc argument is left as is, however. This allows one to use both uppercase and lowercase letters: THE INITIAL LETTERS OF THE WORDS IN THIS SENTENCE ARE CAPI-

Support

The website for the Tufte-LATEX packages is located at https:// github.com/Tufte-LaTeX/tufte-latex. On the website, you'll find links to the svn repository, mailing lists, bug tracker, and documentation.

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