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ABSTRACT

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For my parents, Alice and Bob.

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NOTATION AND SYMBOLS

α	fine-structure (dimensionless) constant, approximately $1/137$
α	radiation of doubly-ionized helium ions, He++
β	radiation of electrons
γ	radiation of very high frequency, beyond that of X rays
γ	Euler's constant, approximately $0.577\,215\ldots$
δ	stepsize in numerical integration
$\delta(x)$	Dirac's famous function
ϵ	a tiny number, usually in the context of a limit to zero
$\zeta(x)$	the famous Riemann zeta function
$\ldots$	$\ldots$
$\psi(x)$	logarithmic derivative of the gamma function
ω	frequency

CHAPTER 1

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4.3 Summary and conclusions

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APPENDIX A

THE FIRST

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APPENDIX C

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This is an appendix.

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We also reference several journal articles [1, 2, 4, 8–10, 13–18, 22, 31, 32] and three famous doctoral theses of later winners [3, 6, 7] of the Nobel Prize in Physics (1922, 1933, and 1921):

Notice that, even though those citations appeared in LaTeX `\cite{...}` commands with their BibTeX citation labels in reverse alphabetical order, thanks to the `citesort` package, their reference-list numbers have been sorted in numerically ascending order, and then range-reduced.

Mention should also be made of a famous Dutch computer scientist's first publication [5].

Font metrics are an important, albeit low-level, aspect of typesetting. See the *Adobe Systems* manual about that company's procedures [26].

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  author =       "Albert Einstein",
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                 ({German}) [{A} new determination of molecular
                 dimensions]",
  type =         "Inaugural dissertation",
  school =       "Bern Wyss.",
  address =      "Bern, Switzerland",
  year =         "1905",
  bibdate =      "Fri Dec 17 10:46:57 2004",
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  bibsource =    "http://www.math.utah.edu/pub/tex/bib/einstein.bib",
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  acknowledgement = ack-nhfb,
  language =     "German",
  advisor =      "Alfred Kleiner (24 April 1849--3 July 1916)",
  URL =          "http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alfred_Kleiner",
  remark =       "Received August 19, 1905 and published February 8,
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The `note` field in that entry refers to another bibliography entry that need not have been directly cited in the document text. Such cross-references are common in BibTeX files, especially for journal articles where there may be later comments and corrigenda that should be mentioned. Embedded `\cite{}` commands ensure that those possibly-important other entries are always included in the reference list when the entry is cited. The last bibliography entry [32] in this thesis has a long `note` field that tells more about what some may view as the most important paper in mathematics in the last century.

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The world's first significant computer program may have been that written in 1842

by Lady Augusta Ada Lovelace (1815–1852) for the computation of Bernoulli numbers [16, 18]. She was the assistant to Charles Babbage (1791–1871), and they are the world's first computer programmers. The programming language *Ada* is named after her, and is defined in the ANSI/MIL-STD-1815A Standard; its number commemorates the year of her birth.

We do not discuss mathematical *transforms* in this dissertation, but you can find that phrase in the index (except that this sample thesis doesn't have one!)

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