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- If you want to use LATEX locally on your computer, you need to install a compiler, MiKTeX, and an editor of your choice, I use Texmaker.

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%the "preamble"
%
%packages and document configurations go here
\begin{document}
%actual content goes here
\end{document}
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Your turn!

• Go to

https://bdeewang.com/activities/cs/undergrad-colloq/

- Open workshop_canvas.tex.
- Copy everything to your Overleaf project, or a new .tex file on your local TeX editor.
- Make sure it compiles!
- Once you're done, look back at this presentation.

Writing Code

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Use a `single backtick' for single quotes.

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 - $\it e.g. \verb| \documentclass[11pt]{article}| and \verb| \begin{theorem}| Quadratic Formula | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...$

Commands

Your turn!

- Open the workshop_canvas.tex file.
- Solve the given simple algebra question, and typeset your answer.
- Try and use math mode, in-line and display, while experimenting with some commands.
- Make sure your file compiles without an error.
- If finished early, try typesetting random equations.
- Head to https://detexify.kirelabs.org/classify.html and find commands for various math symbols that you know.

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   \item[(1)] numbered, or
   \item[$\bullet$] bulleted, or
   \item[(c)] lettered. But also nested lists
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    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}
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Tables

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\begin{proof}
A proof of the theorem.
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\begin{lemma}[Euler, 1847]
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\end{lemma}

\begin{definition}
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\end{definition}

\begin{problem}
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\end{problem}
\begin{proof}[Solution]
\$2^2 = 2\cdot 2 = 4\$.
\end{proof}

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Proof. A proof of the theorem.

Lemma 1.2 (Euler, 1847). A lemma by Euler.

Definition 1.3. A definition.

Problem 1.1. What is 2^2 ?

Solution. $2^2 = 2 \cdot 2 = 4$.

Environments

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- Open the workshop_canvas.tex file back again.
- Initiate the problem environment with label "Test", and create a list with two simple problems.
- Write solutions using the proof environment.
- Make sure you compile without any errors.

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\includegraphics[width=5cm]{thunder}
%scales image so that it's 5cm wide

\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{lightning}

%scales image so that it's as wide as the entire page

How do we get the following? Display math mode doesn't seem enough.

Aligned Math Example

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$
 given
$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$
 divide by a , since $a \neq 0$
$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x = -\frac{c}{a}$$
 subtract $\frac{c}{a}$
$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = -\frac{c}{a} + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2$$
 add $\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2$ complete the square and simplify
$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}$$
 take square roots
$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$
 subtract $\frac{b}{2a}$ and simplify

Code

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\label{lign*} $$x^2 - 11x + 28$$ \&= x^2 - 7x - 4x + 28$$ \&\& \text{\text{write $-11 = -7 - 4$}}\\ \&= x(x - 7) - 4(x - 7)$$ &\& \text{\text{take $x$ and $-4$ common}}\\ \&= (x - 4)(x - 7)$$ &\& \text{\text{take $x - 7$ common}}\\ &= dalign*}
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- Open the workshop_canvas.tex file back again.
- Initiate a proof environment with label "Solution to Workshop Problem".
- Use the align* environment and add

$$1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{5}$$

in as many steps as possible.

What is you use the align environment?

• Make sure you compile without any errors.

Macros: Custom Commands

Add to Preamble

```
%if something is too long, abbreviate it
\newcommand{\RR}{\mathbb R}
\newcommand{\qq}{\mathbb Q}

%define commands that don't exist
\newcommand{\id}{\operatorname{id}}

%the first command takes one argument and the second two
\newcommand{\set}[1]{\left\{#1\right\}}
\newcommand{\setp}[2]{\left\{#1\ :\ #2\right\}}

%don't like the way a command looks, redefine it
\renewcommand{\Re}{\operatorname{Re}}
\renewcommand{\emptyset}{\varnothing}
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$$\left\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 + 1 = 0\right\} = \emptyset$$

The identity map $id : \mathbf{Q} \to \mathbf{Q}$ is defined as id(r) = r.

Debugging Tips

Core idea: compile frequently and often.

- Try googling error messages. Not always a good strategy, LATEX notoriously gives terrible error messages.
- Not sure which line is causing an error? Steadily comment out more and more of your document to isolate the problem.
 - Hotkey for toggling commenting in Overleaf is ctrl + /, and in Texmaker use ctrl + T to comment and ctrl + U to uncomment.
- Using a new package? Skimming through the manual can be helpful.

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Maybe Next Time

- Making slides with beamer.
- Drawing figures using tikz.
- Drawing commutative diagrams using tikz-cd
- Manage a bibliography using bibtex.

References

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