

Introduction to LATEX

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Overview

- What is LaTeX?
 A "markup" language for typesetting
- What are its key features?
 Flexibility; mathematical typesetting; community support
- Where do I get the software?
 TEXLive DVD or TEX Users Group online
- How do I learn to use it?
 Reference manuals/books, online sources, ...

Learning about LATEX

 Kopka and Daly, Guide to LaTeX, 4th Edition, Addison-Wesley, 2003.

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http://proxy.library.eiu.edu:2932/9780321617736/
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- Grätzer, More Math into LaTEX, 4th Edition, Springer, 2007.
 http://proxy1.library.eiu.edu:
 2112/book/10.1007%2F978-0-387-68852-7
- Getting Started with TEX, LATEX, and Friends: http://www.tug.org/begin.html
- LATEX (a Wikibook): http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX

A few TEX front-ends



TEXShop Мас



Mac, Windows, Linux

A sample document with page margins

Every document has a preamble and a body.

Some useful packages

Packages are declared in the preamble of the LATEX source file.

Special characters

These characters have special meaning:

\$ & _ % { }

A \ prefix avoids this special meaning:

\# \\$ \& _ \% \{ \}

LATEX command syntax

```
\command[optional]{required}
  or
\command[optional]{required}{required}
```

Examples:

```
\section{Introduction}
\hspace{2in}
\rule[0.5in]{1in}{2in}
```

LATEX environments

```
\begin{environment-name}
    ...
\end{environment-name}
```

Examples:

- quote
- center
- enumerate
- itemize
- tabular

The itemize environment

PTEX code \begin{itemize} \item Planes \item Trains \item Automobiles \end{itemize}

- Planes
- Trains
- Automobiles

The enumerate environment

LATEX code

```
\begin{enumerate}
    \item Planes
    \item Trains
    \item Automobiles
\end{enumerate}
```

- 1. Planes
- 2. Trains
- 3. Automobiles

Adjusting font attributes

LATEX code

```
...normal, \emph{emphasized}, \textbf{bold},
\texttt{typewriter}, normal...
```

```
... normal, emphasized, bold, typewriter, normal...
```

Formatting tables

PTEX code

```
\begin{tabular}{1|c|r}
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President & Party & Term \\ hline \hline Jimmy Carter & Democrat & 1977--1981 \\ hline Abraham Lincoln & Republican & 1861--1865 \\ hline \end{tabular}

President	Party	Term
Jimmy Carter	Democrat	1977-1981
Abraham Lincoln	Republican	1861–1865

Typesetting mathematics

In-line mathematics: mixed with text
 ...\$ mathematics text \$...

From algebra, we know $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$ for any two real numbers a and b.

Displayed mathematics: set off from text...\[mathematics text \] ...

From algebra, we know

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$$

for any two real numbers a and b.

Subscripts and superscripts

LATEX code

$$\left(x_2 - x_1\right)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2$$

\$\displaystyle \int_0^\pi x^2 dx\$

$$x^2 + y^2$$

$$\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$\int_0^\pi x^2 dx$$

$$\int_0^{\pi} x^2 dx$$

More about subscripts and superscripts

ATEX code \$2^{a + b}\$ \$A_{i + 1,j}\$ \$2^{2^{2^{n}}}\$ \$A_{i, j}^{k}\$

$$2^{a+b}$$

$$A_{i+1,j}$$

$$2^{2^{2^n}}$$

$$A_{i,j}^k$$

Aligning multi-line equations

LATEX code

$$(a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - ab + ab - b^2$$

= $a^2 - b^2$

Aligning multi-line equations with side notes

LATEX code

$$(a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - ab + ab - b^2$$
 Side
= $a^2 - b^2$ notes

A few functions

\cos \log \lim \ln \log \sin \tan

LATEX code

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$$

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Fractions

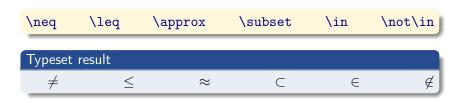
\frac{numerator}{denominator}

LATEX code

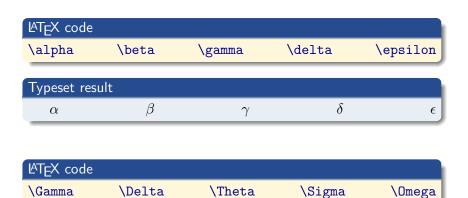
$$[\frac{a^2 - b^2}{a + b} = a - b]$$

$$\frac{a^2 - b^2}{a + b} = a - b$$

A few relations



Sampling the Greek alphabet

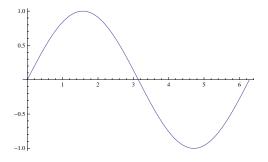


Typeset resu	lt			
Γ	Δ	Θ	Σ	Ω

Including graphics

Suppose you have a graphics file named sine.pdf

\includegraphics[width=2.5in]{sine}



Graphics files can be generated and exported by a wide variety of computer programs — this one is from Mathematica.

To do...

Typeset the sample page

Refer to Appendix B of Grätzer's book