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# A Quick LaTeX Primer

## LaTeX: What is it?

- LaTeX is essentially a markup language
  - You provide LaTeX with a text-based document that is part text, part code (kind of like a simple HTML)
  - LaTeX does all of the formatting, referencing, pagination, table of contents, etc. for your document through a compiler
  - Thousands of LaTeX packages allow you to customize the final appearance of your document

# LaTeX: the simplest document

```
% A LaTeX document - note '%' is a comment mark
% header-----
\documentclass[12pt](article) %12 pt font: other options include books & letters
\usepackage{amsmath}          %for equations

% body-----
\begin{document}
\section{Introduction}
This is the simplest document, here is my favorite equation:

\begin{equation}
e^{i\pi}-1=0
\end{equation}

All other equations just aren't as cool...
\end{document}
```

pdfLaTeX

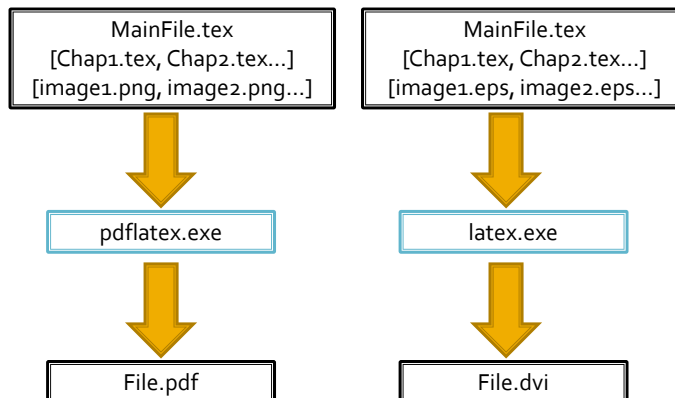
## 1 Introduction

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$$e^{i\pi} - 1 = 0 \quad (1)$$

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# How it works (simple)



[]-optional files

# Regular Text

- Most cases, just type (like in notepad)
- For formatting:
  - Bold:  
`\bf This is bold. \rm This is not. (or \textbf{ })`
  - Italics:  
`\textit{This is italics.} This is not. (or \it..\rm)`
- Special issues:

This is Bold. This is not.  
*This is italicized.* This is not.

  - Quotes: `` `This is a quote` ``, `"not this"`
  - Reserved characters:
    - `# $ & %` → `_ \# \$ \% \_`

# Useful Environments

## Itemize

```
\begin{itemize}
\item ted \\\
\item mary \\\
\item frank
\end{itemize}
```

- ted
- mary
- frank

## Enumerate

```
\begin{enumerate}
\item ted \\\
\item mary \\\
\item frank
\end{enumerate}
```

1. ted
2. mary
3. frank

## Verbatim

```
\begin{verbatim}
//this is really good for code
//it preserves all spacing and ignores special chars
for (i=0;i<R;i++){
  x=(double)(i)*1.2;
}
\end{verbatim}
```

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# Sections and Paragraphs

- Chapter/Section Headers are added easily:
  - `\section{Introduction}`
  - `\section{Methods}`
  - `\subsection{The Finite Element Method}`
- Depending upon your style package, these may be formatted differently
- It is good habit to label your sections if you are referencing them elsewhere:
  - `\section{Introduction}\label{sec:Intro}`
- Referenced as follows:
  - As stated in section `\ref{sec:Intro}`, I have figured out the meaning of life. Good for me.
- Paragraphs are just text preceded by a blank line. Indentation is default, can be suppressed using `\noindent [text...]`

# Table of contents/figures

- Once you have your paper outlined into sections, subsections and chapters, the table of contents is easy
- just add `\tableofcontents` where you want it

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Section or subsection

- Tables of figures & tables are a bit rougher, but there are packages for this

# Equations

- Equations are probably the most impressive part of LaTeX
- Always use the following header!
  - `\usepackage{amsmath}`
- Inline equations (in text):
  - where `$C_i=\psi$` and `$m=1$`.  $\text{where } C_i = \psi \text{ and } m = 1.$
- Indented equations:
  - `\begin{equation}\label{eqn:C_defn}`
  - `C_i=\psi \left(\gamma^c\right)`  $C_i = \psi(\gamma^c)$
  - `\end{equation}`
- Equation Numbering is default, can be suppressed with `\nonumber` before equation.
- Equations are referenced using, e.g., `\cite{eqn:C_defn}` in text

# Equations

- Standard functions (sin, exp...) are given their own formats, which should be used:
  - `$\sin(\theta)$`       $\sin(\theta)$
  - `$\sin(\theta)$`       $\sin(\theta)$
- To add this text property to other special functions (e.g., erf()), you need to add a declaration to the header:
  - `\DeclareMathOperator{\erfc}{erfc}`

# Equations

- $C_i$       subscript       $C_i$
- $C^i$       superscript       $C^i$
- Curly braces are only used to group terms, and do not show up in equations
  - $H_{\text{specified}}$  not  $H\_specified$        $H_{\text{specified}}$        $H_{\text{specified}}$
- For parentheses, use  $\left($  and  $\right)$  (or  $\left[$  or  $\left\{ \dots \right\}$ )
  - -these will adjust their size for the contents of the parenthesis

## Equations: Characters

$\alpha$	<code>\alpha</code>	$\theta$	<code>\theta</code>	$o$	<code>o</code>	$\tau$	<code>\tau</code>
$\beta$	<code>\beta</code>	$\vartheta$	<code>\vartheta</code>	$\pi$	<code>\pi</code>	$v$	<code>\upsilon</code>
$\gamma$	<code>\gamma</code>	$\gamma$	<code>\gamma</code>	$\varpi$	<code>\varpi</code>	$\phi$	<code>\phi</code>
$\delta$	<code>\delta</code>	$\kappa$	<code>\kappa</code>	$\rho$	<code>\rho</code>	$\varphi$	<code>\varphi</code>
$\epsilon$	<code>\epsilon</code>	$\lambda$	<code>\lambda</code>	$\varrho$	<code>\varrho</code>	$\chi$	<code>\chi</code>
$\varepsilon$	<code>\varepsilon</code>	$\mu$	<code>\mu</code>	$\sigma$	<code>\sigma</code>	$\psi$	<code>\psi</code>
$\zeta$	<code>\zeta</code>	$\nu$	<code>\nu</code>	$\varsigma$	<code>\varsigma</code>	$\omega$	<code>\omega</code>
$\eta$	<code>\eta</code>	$\xi$	<code>\xi</code>				
$\Gamma$	<code>\Gamma</code>	$\Lambda$	<code>\Lambda</code>	$\Sigma$	<code>\Sigma</code>	$\Psi$	<code>\Psi</code>
$\Delta$	<code>\Delta</code>	$\Xi$	<code>\Xi</code>	$\Upsilon$	<code>\Upsilon</code>	$\Omega$	<code>\Omega</code>
$\Theta$	<code>\Theta</code>	$\Pi$	<code>\Pi</code>	$\Phi$	<code>\Phi</code>		

Symbols	Latex Command	
	Normal Mode	Math Mode
$\delta$	<code>\~{o}</code>	<code>\tilde{o}</code>
$\acute{o}$	<code>\' {o}</code>	<code>\acute{o}</code>
$\hat{o}$	<code>\^{o}</code>	<code>\hat{o}</code>
$\ddot{o}$	<code>\" {o}</code>	<code>\ddot{o}</code>
$\grave{o}$	<code>\` {o}</code>	<code>\grave{o}</code>
$\bar{o}$	<code>\={o}</code>	<code>\bar{o}</code>
$\dot{o}$	<code>\. {o}</code>	<code>\dot{o}</code>
$\breve{o}$	<code>\u{o}</code>	<code>\breve{o}</code>
$\check{o}$	<code>\v{o}</code>	<code>\check{o}</code>
$\mathcal{O}$	<code>\H{o}</code>	
$\mathcal{O}\mathcal{O}$	<code>\t{oo}</code>	
$\mathcal{O}$	<code>\c{o}</code>	
$\mathcal{O}$	<code>\d{o}</code>	
$\vec{\mathcal{O}}$		<code>\vec{o}</code>
$\mathcal{O}$	<code>\b{o}</code>	

## Equations: Fractions

- There are multiple fraction types available
  - `\frac{A}{B}` (size determined by LaTeX)
  - `\tfrac{A}{B}` (small fraction)
  - `\dfrac{A}{B}` (big fraction)
- Fractions can be nested
  - `\frac{A}{\frac{B}{C}+1}`  $\frac{A}{\frac{B}{C}+1}$



Implicitly dfraction



Implicitly tfraction

## Equations: Shorthand

- If you find yourself typing the same equation (or part of an equation) out, you can declare a macro operator in the header:
 

```
\newcommand{\fp}[2]{\frac{\partial #1}{\partial #2}}
```
- a new command, `\fp`, with two arguments inserted in the fraction expression as `#1` and `#2`

$$\text{\texttt{\$}\texttt{\textbackslash fp}\texttt{\{C\}\{t\}}\texttt{\$}} \rightarrow \frac{\partial C}{\partial t}$$

- This is much easier than writing:

$$\text{\texttt{\$}\texttt{\textbackslash frac}\texttt{\{\partial C\}\{\partial t\}}\texttt{\$}}$$

- I usually have a library of these that I just append to the header

# Including Images

- Image files (if using pdftex) are best saved as .png files, using screen capture software. .jpps or bmps may also be used.
- Store the picture in the same folder as the .tex file
- The following header must be present:
 

```
\usepackage[pdftex]{graphicx}
```
- Insert a statement like the one below:
 

```
\begin{figure}[htb]
\begin{center}
\includegraphics*[width=4.5in]{image1.png}
\caption{This is the caption for the picture.}
}\label{fig:CoordinateSystems}
\end{center}
\end{figure}
```
- Figures may be referenced just like sections (i.e.,
 

```
\ref{fig:fig1}
```

)

# Including Tables

```
\begin{table}[!ht]
\centering
\renewcommand{\tabcolsep}{0.35pc} % reduce column spacing
\renewcommand{\arraystretch}{1.1} % enlarge line spacing
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline
\hline
& ACM & error & UFD & error & CDFD & error & HIGHFD \\
ID & mg/L & [%] & mg/L & [%] & mg/L & [%] & mg/L \\
\hline
1 & 97.179 & -0.48 & 96.865 & -0.80 & 97.119 & -0.54 & 97.645 \\
2 & 91.621 & -1.08 & 91.432 & -1.28 & 91.864 & -0.81 & 92.617 \\
3 & 87.029 & -1.00 & 86.189 & -1.96 & 87.044 & -0.98 & 87.909 \\
4 & 82.115 & -0.66 & 80.033 & -3.18 & 81.753 & -1.10 & 82.659 \\
5 & 81.495 & -0.03 & 78.397 & -3.83 & 80.700 & -1.01 & 81.522 \\
\hline
6 & 99.919 & -0.00 & 99.834 & -0.09 & 99.890 & -0.03 & 99.923 \\
7 & 99.135 & 0.03 & 98.736 & -0.28 & 98.943 & -0.17 & 99.108 \\
8 & 97.225 & 0.46 & 95.870 & -0.94 & 96.383 & -0.41 & 96.781 \\
9 & 94.565 & 2.51 & 89.931 & -2.51 & 91.634 & -0.67 & 92.248 \\
10 & 93.018 & 22.25 & 74.517 & -2.07 & 81.646 & 7.30 & 76.091 \\
\hline
11 & 97.180 & -0.50 & 97.274 & -0.40 & 97.235 & -0.44 & 97.666 \\
12 & 91.650 & -0.92 & 91.977 & -0.57 & 91.719 & -0.85 & 92.502 \\
13 & 86.951 & -0.24 & 86.574 & -0.67 & 86.259 & -1.03 & 87.161 \\
14 & 83.331 & 3.86 & 79.289 & -1.18 & 79.396 & -1.05 & 80.235 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\caption{Steady-state concentrations of the ACM, UFD, CDFD and HIGHFD simulations, and their relative deviation from the HIGHFD simulation results for the high dispersivity case}
($\alpha_l=1, \alpha_t=0.3$.) \label{tab:Test1SteadyState}
\end{table}
```

Table preferential placement

Alignment codes

	ACM	error	UFD	error	CDFD	error	HIGHFD
ID	mg/L	[%]	mg/L	[%]	mg/L	[%]	mg/L
1	97.179	-0.48	96.865	-0.80	97.119	-0.54	97.645
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Each column should have same # of separators (&)





# Bibliographies

## ■ The .bib file

Shortcuts can be used to replace journal names

Different reference types get different structures.  
The first item is how it is cited in text using

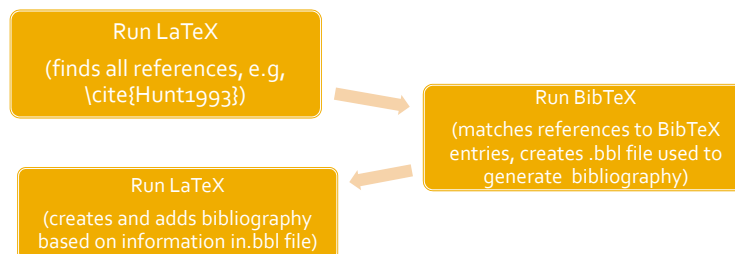
`\cite{Bear1972}`

```
%STRING(WRR= (Water Resources Research))
%STRING(AWR= (Advances in Water Resources))
%STRING(JH= (Journal of Hydrology))
%STRING(GW= (Ground Water))

%phdthesis(BatyckyPhD,
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  title= (A Three-dimensional Two-phase Field Scale Streamline Simulator),
  school= (Stanford University),
  year= (1997)
)
%book(Bear1972,
  author= (Jacob Bear),
  title= (Dynamics of Fluids in Porous Media),
  publisher= (Elsevier),
  address= (New York),
  pages= {},
  year= (1972)
)
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  TITLE= (Symmetry Reductions of Equations for Solute Transport in Soil),
  JOURNAL= (Nonlinear Dynamics ),
  YEAR= (2000),
  volume= (22),
  number= (1),
  pages= (15-27)
)
```

# Bibliographies

- To create a bibliography, the BibTeX software must be used both before and after running pdfLaTeX



## Citations

- Regular references:
  - `\cite{Craig2005}` inserts (Craig, 2005) or [12], etc. into text
- Reference type in bibliography and text depends upon bibliography style (e.g., `chicago.sty`):
  - `\usepackage{chicago}`
- A special package, `natbib.sty`, can be used for different reference types
  - `\citet{Craig2005}` produces Craig (2005)
  - `\citep{Craig2005}` produces (Craig, 2005)

## Separating your document into multiple files

- WinEdt Allows you to create a “project” with a main file and a bunch of lesser files
- All you have to do to add each file is to add the following line in the “master” tex file
  - `\include{Calibration}`
  - (for file `Calibration.tex` in same directory)
- The file is treated as if it is just inserted in this spot

## That's It!

- There is a whole lot more out there
  - Index
  - Special packages for colored tables, rotated text, text wrapping, line art, korean, special fonts, etc. etc.
  - Drawing graphs in LaTeX
  - Writing code in LaTeX

## Resources

- <http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX>
  - An excellent resource for beginning & advanced users
- [www.winedt.com](http://www.winedt.com)
  - A Great LaTeX editor – cheap and effective
- [www.miktex.com](http://www.miktex.com)
  - All the downloads you need to get things working
- [www.ctan.org/tex-archive/support/excel2latex/](http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/support/excel2latex/)
  - A handy converter from excel tables to LaTeX tables
- <http://ctan.tug.org/tex-archive/info/lshort/english/lshort.pdf>
  - A very nice intro document