

# Latex 1: Latex Basics



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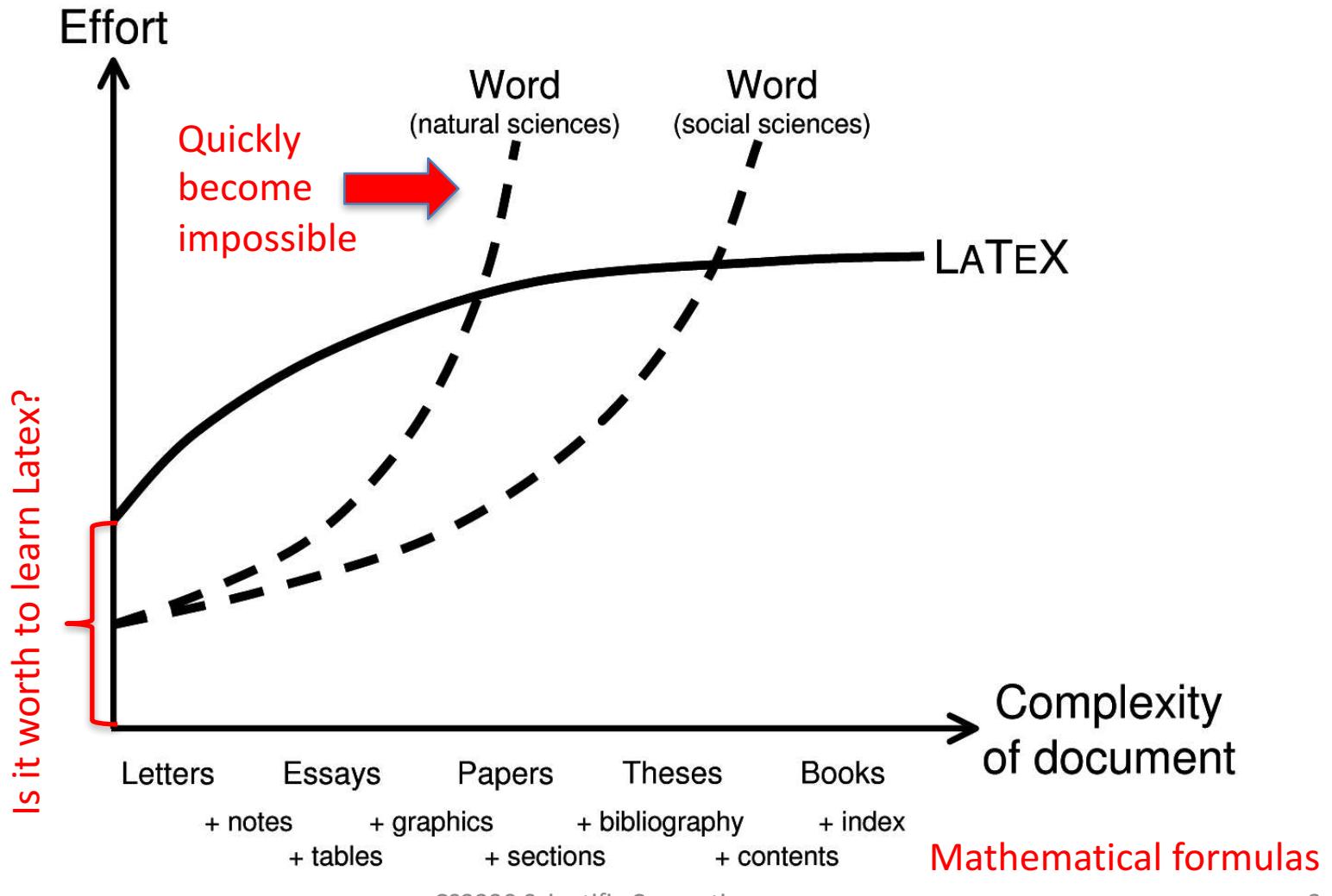
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# What is Latex

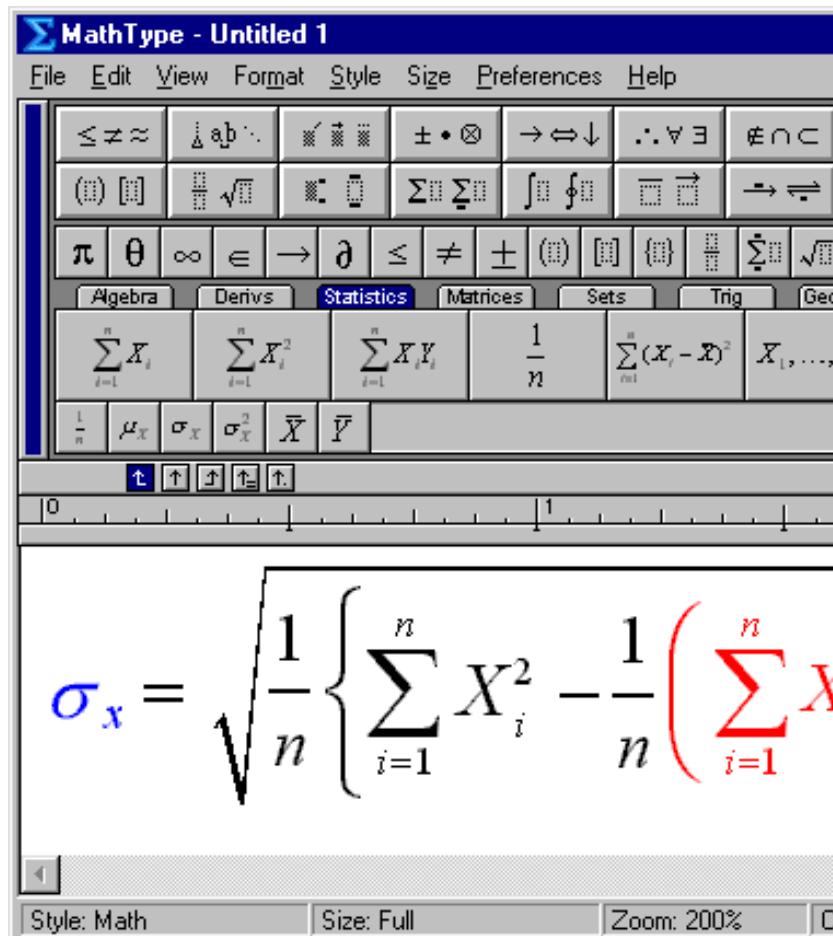
- Latex is a **typesetting markup language**
- Latex produces high-quality documents
  - Especially mathematical formulas, figures, tables
- Latex was created by scientists for scientists ← you...
- (As we will see soon) Latex is modularized and expandable

LATEX

# Why Latex?



# Beautiful and Easy-to-Type Formulas



```
\sigma_x = \sqrt{ \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right)^2 \right) }
```

Typesetting

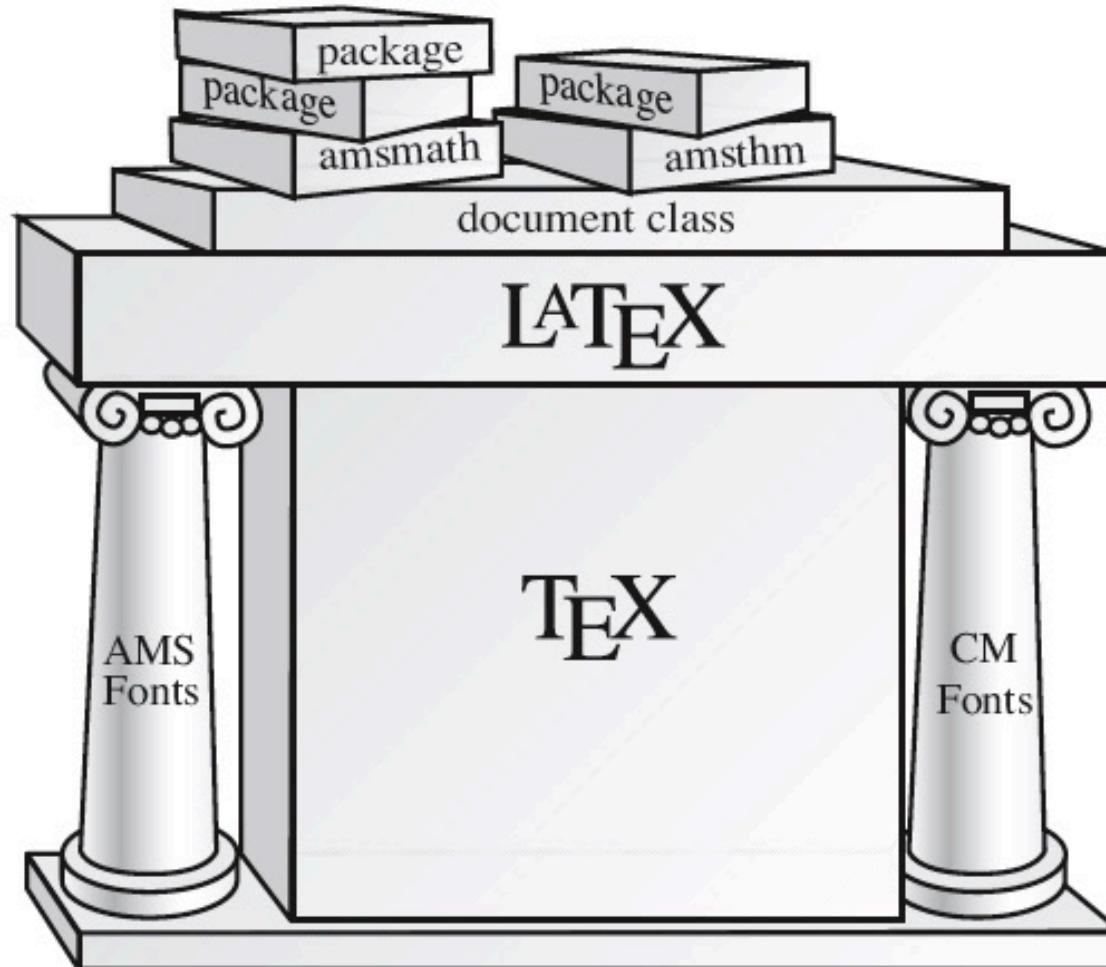
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# History of LaTeX

- **Foundation:** Donald Knuth started developing the typesetting language TeX in 1978 ← requires too much typesetting knowledge
- **Platform:** AMS-TeX by Michael Spivak and Latex by Leslie Lamport in early 1980's
  - AMS stands for American Mathematical Society
- **AMS Packages:** In 1990's, several AMS-TeX features are released as LaTeX packages
- **When we say Latex, we refer to TeX + LaTeX + AMS packages**

# The Three Layers



# Let's Start with Simple Examples

- We write documents in **plain-text** and with commands describing the structure ← markup language
  - E.g.,  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ . I can type math!
- Latex program and its friends **typeset** your plain-text file into formatted, say PDF documents



$\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ . I can type math!

# More Examples

```
\begin{itemize}  
\item Monkey  
\item Elephant  
\item Bear  
\end{itemize}
```

- Monkey
- Elephant
- Bear



```
\begin{equation}  
\alpha = \frac{2}{\beta} + 0.95  
\end{equation}
```

$$\alpha = \frac{2}{\beta} + 0.95$$



```
\begin{figure}  
\includegraphics{./bob.eps}  
\end{figure}
```



# Compared to Word Processors

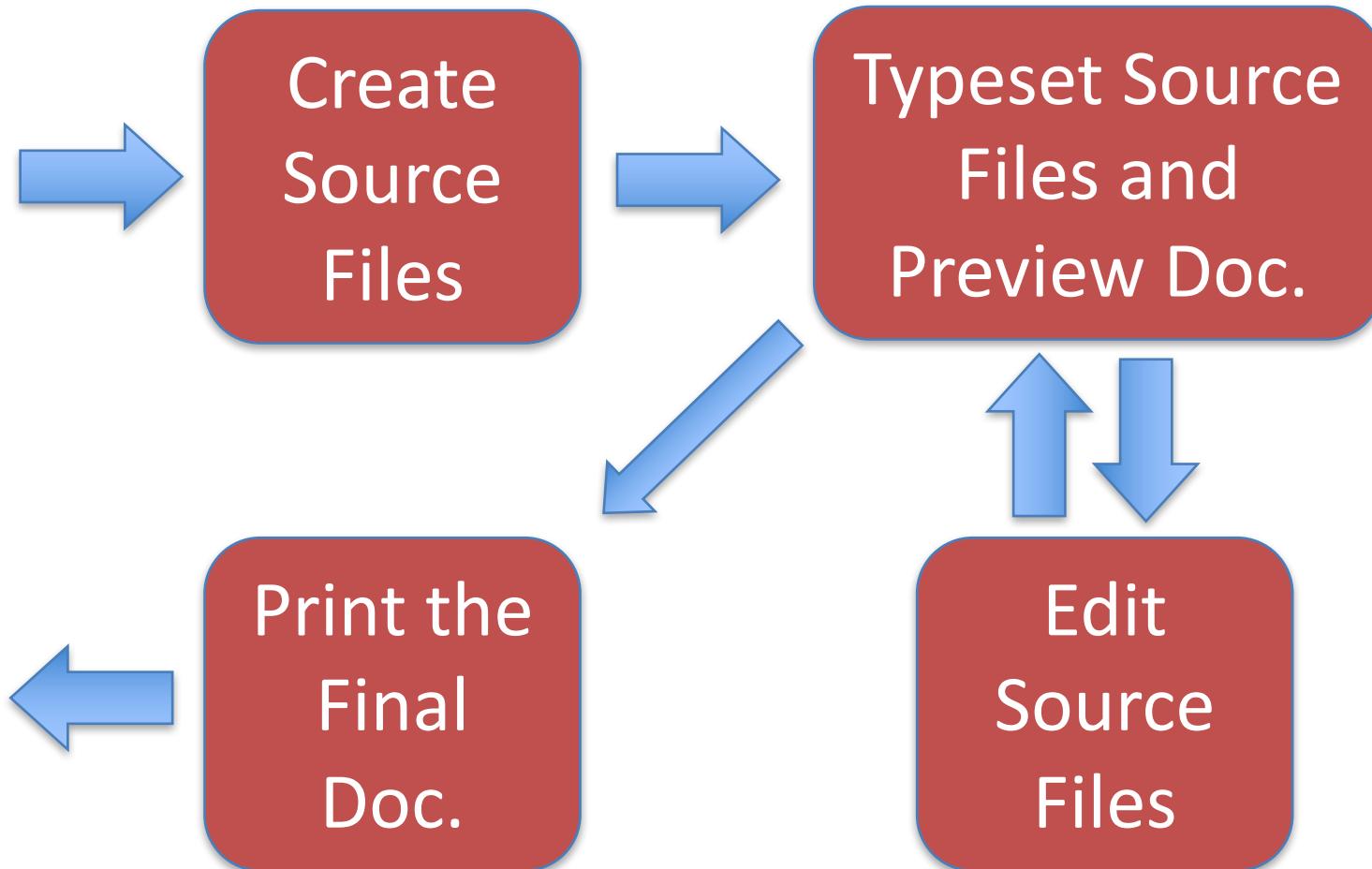
- In Latex, we describe “what is it”, not “how it looks like”
- Focus on your content (not layout) while writing
- Let Latex and its friends to do their jobs

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Widely adoption of heterogeneous computing devices, such as PCs, tablets, smart TVs, and smartphones, urges diverse ways for people to share photos, watch videos, and play games, with their family and friends. Most people prefer to use larger or even multiple screens to share contents instead of limiting to a single screen. Ubiquitous displays are therefore gradually deployed in homes, schools, offices, shops, and even outdoor squares for experience sharing, educations, presentations, advertisements. According to market research reports, the global flexible display market is expected to worth \$3.89 billion by 2020, growing with high Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) from 2014 to 2020~\cite{mar}. Moreover, wireless networks have surged in popularity. Featuring displaying screen contents without cable connections to computing devices, wireless displays are expected to grow at a CAGR of 28.03% from 2012 to 2017~\cite{wirelessdisplay}. These reports show that the {\em binding} between computing devices and displays becomes more dynamic, leading to flexible and diverse displaying experience.
```



For example, where to break the lines  
Is not important at all, unless there is a blank line ← new paragraph

# Editing Cycle



# Compilers & Integrated Environments

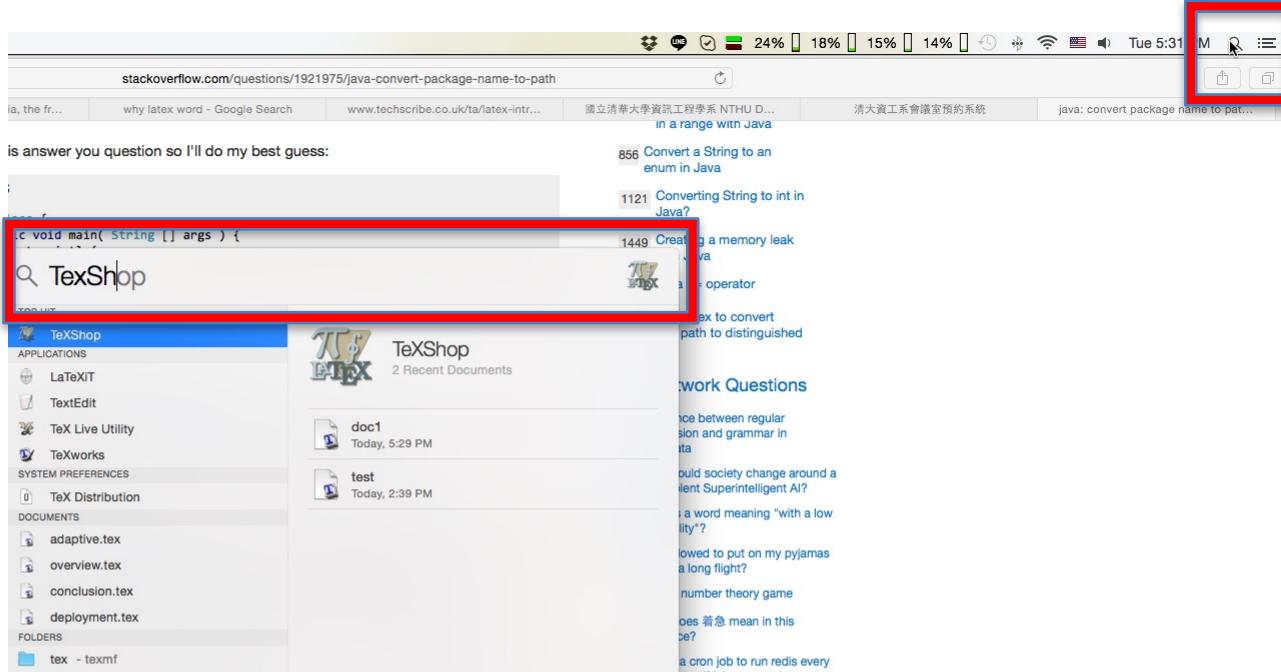
- Compilers
  - MikTex: <http://miktex.org>
  - MacTex: <https://tug.org/mactex/>
  - TexLive: <https://www.tug.org/texlive/>
- IDEs
  - TexShop: <http://pages.uoregon.edu/koch/texshop/>
  - TexMaker: <http://www.xm1math.net/texmaker/>
  - Vim + Makefile: <http://www.vim.org> ← well, not really an integrated environment....

# Other Handy Tools



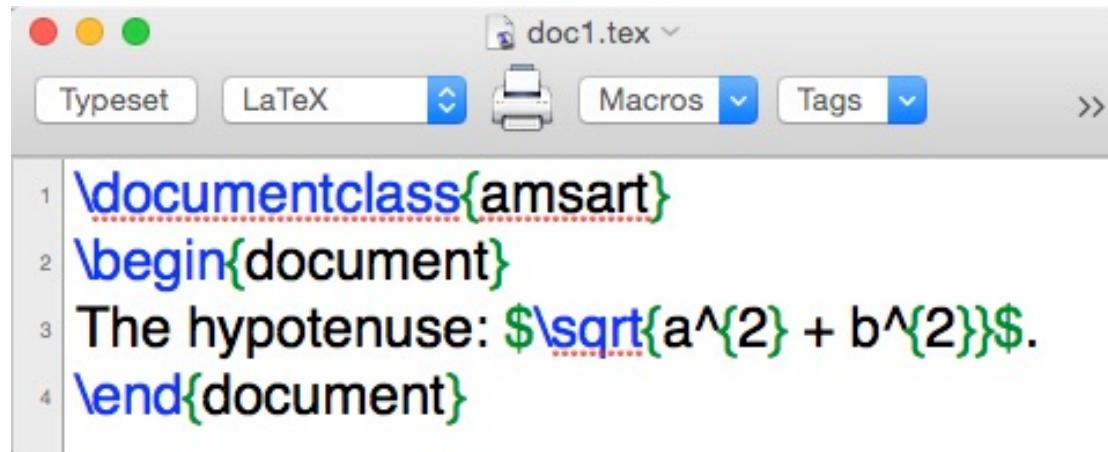
- GSView:  
<http://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~ghost/gsview/>
- GhostScript: <http://www.ghostscript.com>
- Acrobat: See the download page at CC
- Cygwin: <https://www.cygwin.com>

# Step 1: Creating a Source File



1. Use Spotlight to launch TexShop
2. Choose File -> New to create a new tex file

# Step 1: Creating a Source File (cont.)

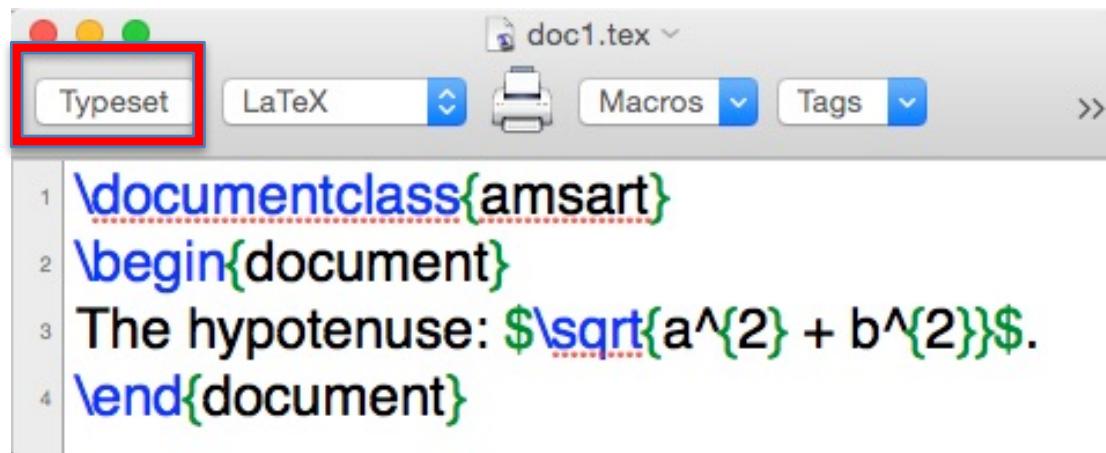


A screenshot of a LaTeX editor window titled "doc1.tex". The window has a toolbar with buttons for "Typeset", "LaTeX", "Macros", and "Tags". The main text area contains the following code:

```
1 \documentclass{amsart}
2 \begin{document}
3 The hypotenuse: $ \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} .
4 \end{document}
```

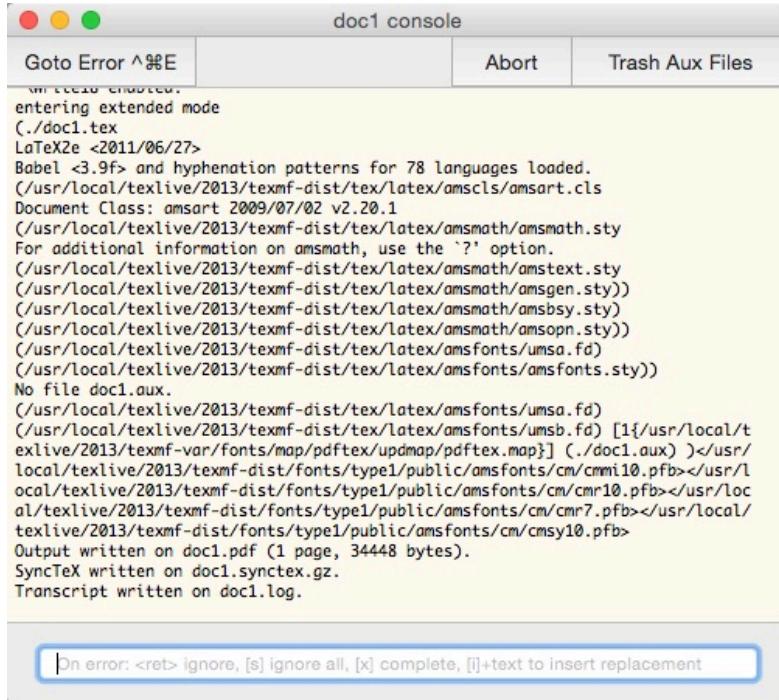
1. Type the above code snippet

# Step 2 Typeset the Source File and Preview Document



1. Click Typeset button
2. You will be prompted to save the file
3. Save it on the Desktop as doc1.tex

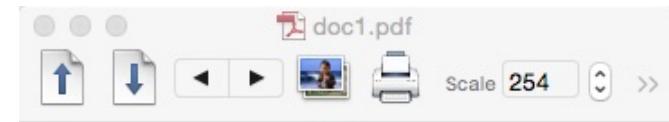
# Step 2 Typeset the Source File and Preview Document (cont.)



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "doc1 console". The window has three tabs at the top: "Goto Error ⌘%E", "Abort", and "Trash Aux Files". The main area of the window displays the LaTeX typesetting process for "doc1.tex". The output includes:

```
!LaTeX2e <2011/06/27>
Babel <3.9f> and hyphenation patterns for 78 languages loaded.
(/usr/local/texlive/2013/texmf-dist/tex/latex/amslatex/amslatex.cls
Document Class: amsart 2009/07/02 v2.20.1
(/usr/local/texlive/2013/texmf-dist/tex/latex/amsmath/amsmath.sty
For additional information on amsmath, use the '?' option.
(/usr/local/texlive/2013/texmf-dist/tex/latex/amsmath/amstext.sty
(/usr/local/texlive/2013/texmf-dist/tex/latex/amsmath/amsgen.sty))
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Output written on doc1.pdf (1 page, 34448 bytes).
SyncTeX written on doc1.synctex.gz.
Transcript written on doc1.log.
```

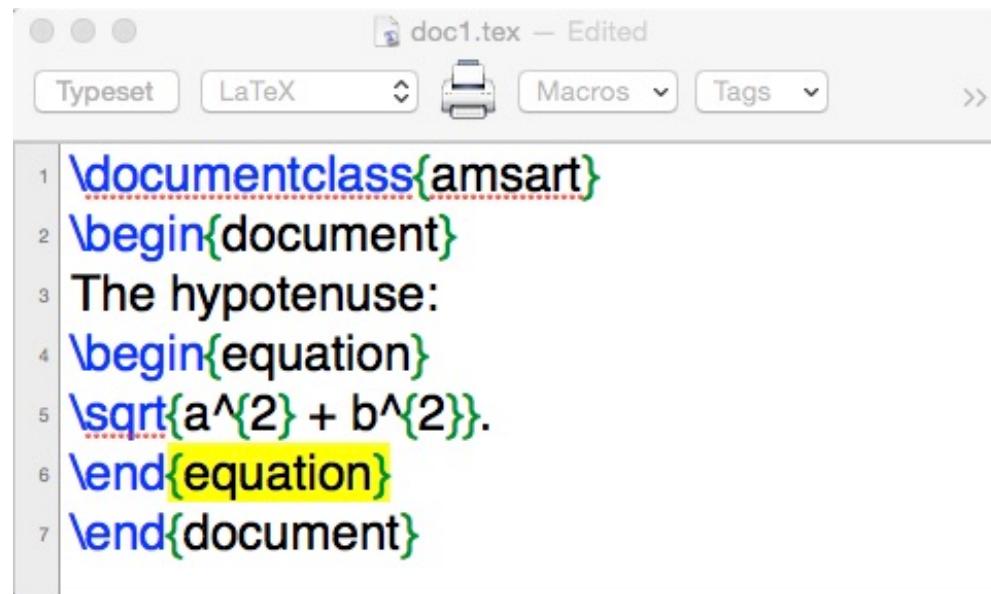
At the bottom of the window, there is a message bar with the text: "On error: <ret> ignore, [s] ignore all, [x] complete, [i]+text to insert replacement".



The hypotenuse:  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ .

1. Console shows the typesetting messages including warnings and errors
2. Preview window shows the resulting document

# Step 3 Edit Source File



The screenshot shows a LaTeX editor window titled "doc1.tex – Edited". The interface includes standard window controls, a toolbar with "Typeset" and "LaTeX" buttons, and a menu bar with "Macros" and "Tags". The code area displays the following LaTeX source code:

```
1 \documentclass{amsart}
2 \begin{document}
3 The hypotenuse:
4 \begin{equation}
5 \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}.
6 \end{equation}
7 \end{document}
```

The line numbers are on the left, and the code is color-coded: blue for commands like \documentclass, \begin{document}, \begin{equation}, and \sqrt; green for environment names like amsart, document, equation, and sqrt; and black for the text "The hypotenuse:" and the variables a and b.

1. Say if we prefer to have standalone math equation
2. Edit the source file as shown above

# Step 2 + Step 4 Print the Final Doc.



The hypotenuse:

(1)

$$\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}.$$

1. Typeset again
2. We are happy with the pdf, let's call it a day

# Alternative: Do This on Windows

The screenshot shows a LaTeX editor interface on a Windows 10 desktop. The main window displays the LaTeX code for a document titled "assignment1.tex". The code includes a document class definition, package imports, and a mathematical equation for the hypotenuse. Below the editor is a PDF viewer window titled "assignment1.pdf - Adobe Acrobat Pro" showing the generated document. The PDF contains the text "The hypotenuse:" followed by the mathematical formula  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ . The desktop taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons, and the system tray indicates the date and time as 9/12/16 12:58 PM.

Windows 10

T<sub>E</sub>X Document : C:/Users/bear/assignment1.tex

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Structure

assignment1.tex

LABELS

BLOCKS

1 \documentclass{article}  
2 \usepackage{amsthm}  
3 \begin{document}  
4 The hypotenuse:  
5 \begin{equation}  
6 \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}.  
7 \end{equation}  
8 \end{document}

assignment1.pdf - Adobe Acrobat Pro

File Edit View Window Help

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The hypotenuse:

$$\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}.$$

Structure Messages / Log

Normal Mode

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# Documentclass and Comments

The screenshot shows a LaTeX editor interface with two panes. The left pane displays the LaTeX code in `doc1.tex`:

```
1 %\documentclass{amsarticle}
2 \documentclass{article}
3 \begin{document}
4 The hypotenuse:
5 \begin{equation}
6 \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}.
7 \end{equation}
8 \end{document}
```

The right pane shows the generated PDF output `doc1.pdf`, which contains the text "The hypotenuse:" followed by the mathematical expression  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ . A red arrow points from the code in line 6 to the rendered output.

- Add % to a line would comment everything after % out
  - In this example, the **whole** line
- Documentclass points latex to templates, such as `IEEEtran.cls` and `acmsmall.cls`
  - Allow us to focus on **content** not layout!

# Typing Texts

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- Each source file is composed of: text, math (formulas), and instructions (commands)

# Commands



- Commands are one kind of instructions
- Commands starts with a backslash (\), and may come with zero (\LaTeX), one (\em{to}), or more arguments
  - The texts between {...} are mandatory arguments
  - The texts between [...] are optional arguments

# Environments

- Environments are another kind of instructions
- Always come in pairs, such as `\begin{document}` and `\end{document}`
- Try this:

```
\documentclass{article}
\begin{document}
\begin{flushright}
1 \\
123 \\
12345
\end{flushright}
\end{document}
```



1  
123  
12345

# Special Characters

- #, \$, %, &, ~, \_, ^, \, {, }, “, | are special characters
  - For example, \$ is used to start/end the math mode, \_ indicates subscript (in math mode)
  - To type special characters, prepend a \
- Exceptions: \textbackslash, \\$\backslash, \\$\texttildelow (need textcomp package), and \\$\sim\$

This\is\\_a\\_test.



This\_is\_a\_test.

# Paragraphs

- A blank line indicates a new paragraph

The screenshot shows a LaTeX editor window titled "doc1.tex – Edited". The code area contains:

```
1 \documentclass{article}
2 \begin{document}
3 Paragraph 1 starts here.
4
5 Paragraph 2 starts here. This is just another
sentence. This is just another sentence. This is just
another sentence. This is just another sentence. This is
just another sentence. This is just another sentence.
6 \end{document}
```

A red arrow points from the blank line between "Paragraph 1" and "Paragraph 2" in the code to the resulting PDF output below.

The PDF viewer window is titled "doc1.pdf" and shows:

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# Extra Space

- Popular units
  - pt: point (1 in = 72.27 pt)
  - in: inch (1 in = 25.4 mm)
  - cm: centimeter (1 cm = 10 mm)
  - mm: millimeter
- Adding horizontal space
  - \<space> ← large space
  - \; ← smaller space
  - ~ (tilde) ← nonbreakable space
  - Others, such as \quad and \qquad
- Exercise: try the space and see the different effects produced by them

# More Text Features



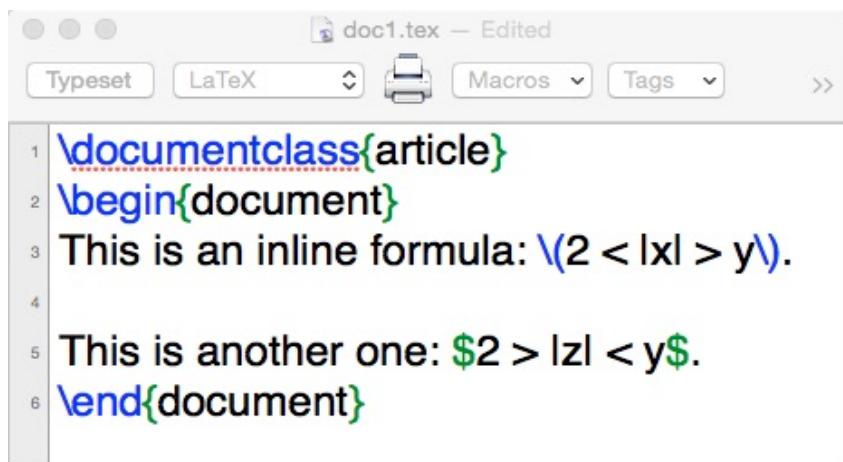
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**From the desk of George**

```
\documentclass{article}
\begin{document}
\begin{flushright}
\today
\end{flushright}
\textbf{From the desk of George} \\[24pt]
\emph{Please use my email address}
\begin{center}
\tt{george@example.com}
\end{center}
\end{document}
```

Red arrows point from the right margin of the code to the corresponding text elements in the PDF output.

# Inline Math



A screenshot of a LaTeX editor window titled "doc1.tex – Edited". The toolbar includes "Typeset", "LaTeX", "Macros", and "Tags". The code area contains:

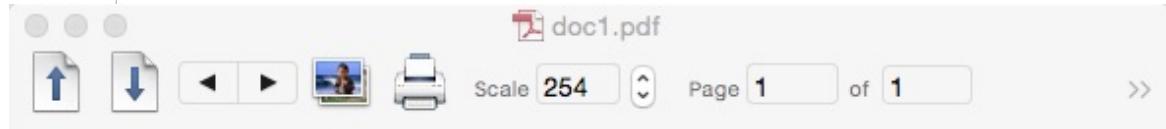
```
1 \documentclass{article}
2 \begin{document}
3 This is an inline formula: \((2 < |x| > y)\).
4
5 This is another one: \$2 > |z| < y\$.
6 \end{document}
```



This is an inline formula:  $2 < |x| > y$ .  
This is another one:  $2 > |z| < y$ .

# Displayed Math

```
doc1.tex — Edited  
Typeset LaTeX Macros Tags >>  
1 \documentclass{article}  
2 \begin{document}  
3 This is a displayed formula:  
4 
$$2 < \frac{x_1}{x_2} > y.$$
  
5  
6 This is another one:  
7 \begin{equation}  
8 2 > |z| < y.  
9 \end{equation}  
10 \end{document}
```



This is a displayed formula:

$$2 < \frac{x_1}{x_2} > y.$$

This is another one:

$$2 > |z| < y.$$

# Blank Spaces in Text and Math

- Many spaces equal **one** space in text, whereas spacing is **ignored** in math, unless the space **terminates** a command
  - $\$ab\$$ ,  $\$a b\$$ , and  $\$a \quad b\$$  all typeset into *ab*
  - $\$\\infty a\$$  gives  $\infty a$
  - $\$\\infty a\$$  gives

```
./doc1.tex:3: Undefined control sequence.  
<recently read> \inftya
```

```
1.3 $\\inftya  
      $  
?
```

# Arithmetic

- $\$a + b\$$
- $\$ a / b\$$
- $\$a b\$$
- $\$a \cdot b\$$   $a \cdot b$
- $\$a \times b\$$   $a \times b$
- $\$\\frac{1+2x}{x+y+xy}\$$   $\frac{1+2x}{x+y+xy}$

# Superscripts and Subscripts

- \$a\_1\$
- \$b^3\$
- \$c\_1^3\$
- \$c\_1^{x^2}\$
- \$a\_{n'}^2\$

# Binomial Coefficient



- $\binom{a}{b+c}$
- $\binom{\frac{n^2-1}{2}}{n+1}$

# Delimiters

- $\$(\backslashfrac{1+x}{2+y^2})^2\$ \quad \left(\frac{1+x}{2+y^2}\right)^2$ 
  - The height of (...) is not enough
- $\$\\left(\\frac{1+x}{2+y^2} \\right)^2\$ \quad \left(\frac{1+x}{2+y^2}\right)^2$
- The same rule can be applied to {}, [], and |

# Ellipses



- With ,
  - $\cdot$
  - $1, 2, \dots, 100$
- Without ,
  - $\cdots$
  - $x \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow 100$

# Integrals and Partial Derivatives

- $\int_0^\pi \sin x \, dx = 2$

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- $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x^2$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x^2$$

# Matrices

```
\[
\left[
\begin{matrix}
a+b+c & uv & 28 \\
a+b & u+v & 132
\end{matrix}
\right]
```

$$\left[ \begin{matrix} a + b + c & uv & 28 \\ a + b & u + v & 132 \end{matrix} \right]$$

# When Running out of Symbols

- $\bar{a}$
- $\hat{a}$
- $\tilde{a}$
- $\vec{a}$
- Greek symbols:  $\alpha$ ,  $\delta$ , and so on

$\alpha, \delta$

# Unknown Symbols?

<http://detexify.kirelabs.org/classify.html>

**Detexify** [classify](#) [symbols](#)

	Score: 0.09108357568367145 \forall mathmode
	Score: 0.10546324372757358 \usepackage{ amssymb } \veebar mathmode
	Score: 0.120752749897953 \usepackage{ tipa } \textbaru textmode
	Score: 0.13342109520034448 \usepackage{ textcomp } \texttwon textmode
	Score: 0.19223369535559443 \coprod mathmode

**Want a desktop app?**

Please fill out this mini-survey!  
<http://goo.gl/forms/K0zoCpfhVq>

**What is this?**

Anyone who works with LaTeX knows how time-consuming it can be to find a symbol in [symbols-a4.pdf](#) that you just can't memorize

# Operators

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 0$   $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 0$
- $\displaystyle \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$   $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$
- $\prod_{i=1}^n x^2_i$   $\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^2$

# Embed Text in Formulas



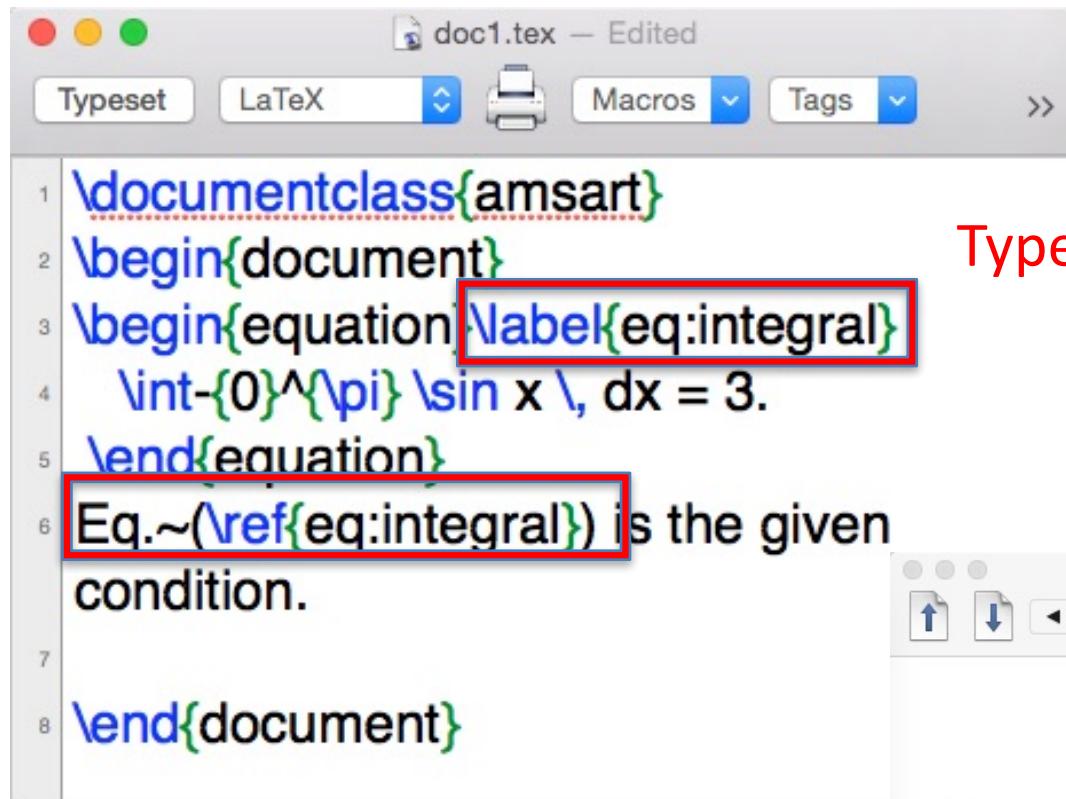
\[

$a = b, \text{ by assumption}$

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# Labeled Equations



The screenshot shows a LaTeX editor window titled "doc1.tex – Edited". The code is as follows:

```
1 \documentclass{amsart}
2 \begin{document}
3 \begin{equation} \label{eq:integral}
4 \int_0^\pi \sin x \, dx = 3.
5 \end{equation}
6 Eq.~\ref{eq:integral} is the given
7 condition.
8 \end{document}
```

The line "\label{eq:integral}" is highlighted with a red box. The line "Eq.~\ref{eq:integral} is the given condition." is also highlighted with a red box.

Typeset it once, what do you get?



Eq. (1) is the given condition.

# Other References

- `Eq.\eqref{eq:integral}` ← handles (...) for us
- `Page\pageref{eq:integral}`
- `\ref` is also used for referring to
  - sections (`\label{sec:introduction}`)
  - figures (`\label{fig:result}`)
  - tables (`\label{fig:symbols}`)
- Exception: `\cite{KL05}` for citations

The `babel` package is described in detail in Johannes Braams, *Babel, a multilingual package for use with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X's standard document classes* [7] and in Chapter 9 of *The L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Companion*, 2nd edition [46].

# Aligned Formulas

```
\begin{align}
r^2 &= s_2 + t^2 \label{eq:pyth} \\
2u+1 &= v+w^\alpha \label{eq:alpha} \\
x &= \frac{y+z}{2} \label{eq:frac}
\end{align}
```

$$r^2 = s_2 + t^2 \tag{1}$$

$$2u + 1 = v + w^\alpha \tag{2}$$

$$x = \frac{y+z}{2} \tag{3}$$

# Aligned Formulas Without Numbers

- $\begin{aligned}$
- $r^2 &= s_2 + t^2 \label{eq:pyth} \\$
- $2u+1 &= v+w^\alpha \label{eq:alpha} \\$
- $x &= \frac{y+z}{2} \textcolor{red}{\text{\textbackslash nonumber}}$
- $\end{aligned}$

$$r^2 = s_2 + t^2 \tag{1}$$

$$2u + 1 = v + w^\alpha \tag{2}$$

$$x = \frac{y+z}{2}$$

# Guidelines for Aligned Formulas

- Use  `environment`
- Separate lines with `\\"`
- Use `&` to indicate alignment point. Put it **before** `=`, `+`, or other operators
- Use `\nonumber` to mark the un-numbered lines
- Place `\label` for each numbered line to be used for `\ref` later

# Annotated Alignment

```
\begin{align}
r^2 &= s_2 + t^2 \boxed{\&& \text{(line 1)}} \label{eq:pyth} \\
2u+1 &= v+w^{\alpha} \label{eq:alpha} \\
x &= \frac{y+z}{2} \&& \text{(line 3)} \nonumber \\
\end{align}
```

$$r^2 = s_2 + t^2 \quad \boxed{\text{(line1)}} \quad (1)$$

$$2u + 1 = v + w^\alpha \quad (2)$$

$$x = \frac{y+z}{2} \quad \text{(line3)}$$

# Cases

```
\[  
f(x) =
```

```
\begin{cases}
```

```
    x^2, & \text{if } x < 0 \\
```

```
    x^{-2} & \text{otherwise.}
```

```
\end{cases}
```

```
\]
```

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & \text{if } x < 0; \\ x^{-2} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

# Summary



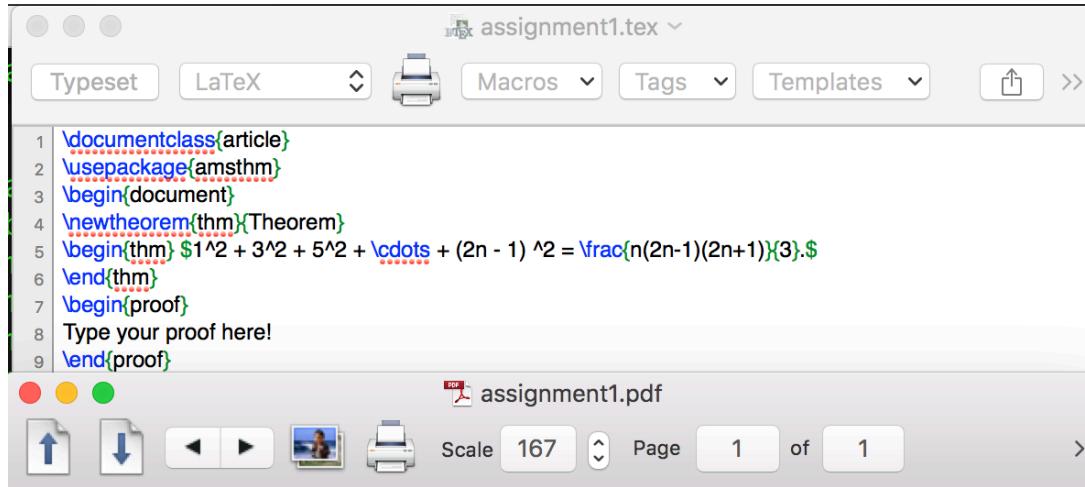
- We introduced the latex basics and its history
- We presented both text and math modes
- We demonstrated the typical workflow of writing with Latex and its friends
- References:
  - <http://www.latex-project.org> ← Official Web and resources
  - <http://link.springer.com/book/10.1007%2F978-0-387-68852-7> ← Our textbook

# Latex #1 Homework (L1)

1. (3%) Finish the following proof using Mathematical Induction in Latex. Turn in your source .tex and .pdf files.

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{amsthm}
\begin{document}
\newtheorem{thm}{Theorem}
\begin{thm} $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \cdots + (2n - 1)^2
= \frac{n(2n-1)(2n+1)}{3}.$
\end{thm}
\begin{proof}
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# Latex #1 Homework (L1) (cont.)



**Theorem 1.**  $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \cdots + (2n - 1)^2 = \frac{n(2n-1)(2n+1)}{3}$ .

*Proof.* Type your proof here! □

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