This handout assumes that you have already read the Advanced LaTeX document. Note that there's an alternative way of producing maths in \LaTeX - A\TeX. See the online manual for details.

If you want to know more about graphics, see Using Imported Graphics in LaTeX and PDFLaTeX by Keith Reckdahl.

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3http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/textprocessing/epslatex.ps

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1 Maths

There’s more to maths typesetting than meets the eye. Many conventions used in the typesetting of plain text are inappropriate to maths. \LaTeX{} goes a long way to help you along with the style. For example, in a \LaTeX{} maths environment, letters come out in italics, ‘−’ as ‘−’ (minus) instead of the usual ‘−’ (dash), ‘∗’ becomes ‘∗’, ‘*’ becomes 0 and spacing is changed (less around ‘/’, more around ‘+’).

Many of the usual \LaTeX{} constructions can still be used in maths environments but their effect may be slightly different; eg \textbf{} only affects letters and numbers. ‘{’ and ‘}’ are still special characters; they’re used to group characters.

As usual in \LaTeX{} you can override the defaults, but think before doing it: maths support in \LaTeX{} has been carefully thought out and is quite logical though the \LaTeX{} source text may not be very readable. It’s a good idea to write out the formulae on paper before you start \LaTeX{}ing, and try not to overdo the use of the ‘\frac’ construction; use ‘/’ instead.

1.1 Environments

There are 2 environments to display one-line equations.

\begin{itemize}
\item \textbf{equation}:- Equations in this environment are numbered.
\end{itemize}

\begin{verbatim}
\begin{equation}
x + iy
\end{equation}
\end{verbatim}

\begin{equation}
x + iy
\end{equation}

\begin{itemize}
\item \textbf{displaymath}:- These won’t be numbered. \[ \] can be used as abbreviations for \begin{displaymath} and \end{displaymath}.
\end{itemize}

\begin{verbatim}
\begin{displaymath}
x + iy
\end{displaymath}
\end{verbatim}

\begin{displaymath}
x + iy
\end{displaymath}

Never leave a blank line before these equations; it starts a new paragraph and looks ugly. ‘\displaystyle’ is the font type used to print maths in these \emph{display} environments. Other relevant environments are:-

\begin{itemize}
\item \textbf{math}:- For use in text. \( \) can be used to delimit the environment, as can the \TeX{} constructions $ and $. For example, $x=y^2$ gives $x = y^2$.
\item \textbf{eqnarray}:- This is like a 3 column tabular environment. Each line by default is numbered. You can use the eqnarray* variant to suppress numbering altogether.
\end{itemize}
\begin{eqnarray}
a_1 &=& b_1 + c_1
\nonumber\a_2 &=& b_2 - c_2
\end{eqnarray}

\[
a_1 = b_1 + c_1
\quad a_2 = b_2 - c_2
\]

(2)

Maths in “display” and “inline” environments have different default sizes for some characters and other behavioural differences so that a line of maths won’t impinge on text lines below or above. If you want to put some non-maths text in amongst maths then enclose it in an \textit{\texttt{\textbackslash mbox{...}}}.

1.2 Special Characters

The The Comprehensive LaTeX Symbol List\textsuperscript{4} document offers 105 pages of symbols. Here are just a few.

1.2.1 Greek

\verb|\alpha| \quad \verb|\beta| \quad \verb|\gamma| \quad \verb|\delta| \quad \verb|\epsilon| \quad \verb|\varepsilon| \quad \verb|\zeta| \quad \verb|\eta| \\
\verb|\theta| \quad \verb|\iota| \quad \verb|\kappa| \quad \verb|\lambda| \quad \verb|\mu| \quad \verb|\nu| \quad \verb|\xi| \quad \verb|\xi| \quad \verb|\pi| \quad \verb|\rho| \quad \verb|\sigma| \quad \verb|\tau| \quad \verb|\upsilon| \quad \verb|\phi| \quad \verb|\chi| \quad \verb|\psi| \quad \verb|\omega| \\
\verb|\Gamma| \quad \verb|\Delta| \quad \verb|\Theta| \quad \verb|\Lambda| \quad \verb|\Xi| \quad \verb|\Pi| \quad \verb|\Sigma| \quad \verb|\Upsilon| \quad \verb|\Phi| \quad \verb|\Psi| \quad \verb|\Omega|

1.2.2 Miscellaneous

... \texttt{\textbackslash ldots} ... \texttt{\textbackslash cdots} : \texttt{\textbackslash vdots}

\cdot \texttt{\textbackslash cdots} \pm \texttt{\textbackslash pm} \mp \texttt{\textbackslash mp}

\times \texttt{\textbackslash div} \div \ast \texttt{\textbackslash ast}

\star \circ \texttt{\textbackslash circ} \bullet \texttt{\textbackslash bullet}

\texttt{\textbackslash cap} \cap \texttt{\textbackslash bigcap} \bigcap

\texttt{\textbackslash vee} \vee \texttt{\textbackslash bigvee} \bigvee

\texttt{\textbackslash wedge} \wedge \texttt{\textbackslash bigwedge} \bigwedge

\texttt{\textbackslash wr} \diamond \texttt{\textbackslash bigdiamond} \bigdiamond

\texttt{\textbackslash setminus} \texttt{\textbackslash setminus}

\texttt{\textbackslash vdash} \triangledown \texttt{\textbackslash trianglleft} \triangleright

\oplus \texttt{\textbackslash bigoplus} \oplus \texttt{\textbackslash oplus}

\otimes \texttt{\textbackslash bigotimes} \otimes \texttt{\textbackslash otimes}

\odot \texttt{\textbackslash bigodot} \odot \texttt{\textbackslash odot}

\texttt{\textbackslash amalg} \texttt{\textbackslash leq} \texttt{\textbackslash prec}

\texttt{\textbackslash subseteq} \texttt{\textbackslash subseteq} \texttt{\textbackslash subseteq}

\texttt{\textbackslash geq} \texttt{\textbackslash succ}

\footnotesize\textsuperscript{4}http://www.tex.ac.uk/tex-archive/info/symbols/comprehensive/symbols-a4.pdf
1.2.3 Arrows

$\leftarrow \texttt{\leftarrow} \rightarrow \texttt{\rightarrow}$
$\Rightarrow \texttt{\Rightarrow} \leftarrow \texttt{\leftarrow}$
$\mapsto \texttt{\mapsto} \hookrightarrow \texttt{\hookrightarrow}$
$\downarrow \texttt{\downarrow} \uparrow \texttt{\uparrow}$
$\triangleleft \texttt{\triangleleft} \triangleright \texttt{\triangleright}$
$\sum \texttt{\sum} \prod \texttt{\prod}$
$\int \texttt{\int}$
$\oint \texttt{\oint}$

1.2.4 Calligraphic

These characters are available if you use the $\texttt{\mathcal}$ control sequence.

\$\langle \texttt{\mathcal A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z} \rangle\$

gives $ABCDEF\mathcal{GH}\mathcal{IJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ}$

Also useful are “blackboard” style characters. \$\texttt{\mathbb{ R Q Z}}$ gives $\mathbb{RQZ}$ (requires the amsfonts package).

1.2.5 Character Modifiers

$\hat{e}$ \$\texttt{\hat{e}}$
$\tilde{e}$ \$\texttt{\tilde{e}}$
$\check{e}$ \$\texttt{\check{e}}$
$\acute{e}$ \$\texttt{\acute{e}}$
$\bar{e}$ \$\texttt{\bar{e}}$
$\dot{e}$ \$\texttt{\dot{e}}$
$\not e$ \$\texttt{\not e}$
Note that the wide versions of hat and tilde cannot produce very wide alternatives. The ‘\not’ operator hasn’t properly cut the following letter. The Fine Tuning section on page 9 describes how to adjust this.

If you want to place one character above another, you can use \stackrel, which prints its first argument in small type immediately above the second

\[ a \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} b + c \]

\[ \text{gives } a \overset{\text{def}}{=} b + c \]

See the Macros section for how to stack characters using atop.

1.2.6 Common functions

In a maths environment, \LaTeX assumes that variables will have single-character names. Function names require special treatment. The advantage of using the following control sequences for common functions is that the text will not be put in math italic and subscripts/superscripts will be made into limits where appropriate.

\begin{itemize}
  \item \arccos
  \item \arcsin
  \item \arctan
  \item \arg
  \item \cos
  \item \cosh
  \item \cot
  \item \coth
  \item \csc
  \item \deg
  \item \det
  \item \dim
  \item \exp
  \item \gcd
  \item \hom
  \item \inf
  \item \ker
  \item \lg
  \item \lim
  \item \liminf
  \item \ln
  \item \log
  \item \max
  \item \min
  \item \Pr
  \item \sec
  \item \sin
  \item \sinh
  \item \sup
  \item \tan
  \item \tanh
\end{itemize}

1.3 Subscripts and superscripts

These are introduced by the ‘^’ and ‘_’ characters. Depending on the base character and the current style, the sub- or superscripts may go to the right of or directly above/below the main character. With letters it goes to the right.

\[ F^3 \]

produces ‘\( F^3 \)’. Note that the sub- and superscripts aren’t in line. To make them so, you can add an invisible character after the ‘\^’. \[ F^3 \]

produces ‘\( F^3 \)’.

With $\sum$ the default behaviour is different in display and text styles.

\[ \sum_{i=0}^2 \]

produces $\sum_{i=0}^2$ (text style) but

\[ \[ \sum_{i=0}^2 \]

produces (in display style)

\[ \sum_{i=0}^2 \]

This default behaviour can be overridden, if you really need to. For example in text mode,

\[ \sum_{i=0}^2 \]

produces \( \sum_{i=0}^2 \)
1.4 Overlining, underlining and bold characters

\[ \underline{\text{one}} \overline{\text{two}} \]

produces \textit{one} \underline{\textit{two}}. This is not a useful facility if it’s used more than once on a line. The lines are produced so that they don’t quite overlap the text; lines over or under different words won’t in general be at the same height.

To be able to reproduce bold maths, it’s best to use the \texttt{bm} package. \( \textit{SE} = \bm{\textit{mc}^2} \) produces \( \textit{E} = \textit{mc}^2 \).

Alternatively, you can use \texttt{\textbf{}} to create bold characters - \( \textit{\textbf{F}^2} \) produces \( \textit{F}^2 \).

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Alternatively, you can use \texttt{\textbf{}} to create bold characters - \( \textit{\textbf{F}^2} \) produces \( \textit{F}^2 \).

\usepackage{amsbsy} % This loads amstext too
\begin{document}
\( \omega + \boldsymbol{\omega} \)
% Use the following if whole expressions need to be in bold
\end{document}

1.5 Roots and Fractions

\[ \sqrt{4} + \sqrt[3]{x + y} \]

gives \( \sqrt{4} + \sqrt[3]{x + y} \).

Three constructions for putting expressions above others are

\texttt{frac}- \( \frac{1}{(x + 3)} \) produces \( \frac{1}{x+3} \).

\texttt{choose}- \( (n + 1 \choose 3) \) produces \( \binom{n+1}{3} \).

\texttt{atop}- \( (x \atop y) \) produces \( x \atop y \).

These constructions can be used with ones described earlier. E.g.,

\[ \sum_{-1 \le i \le 1 \atop 0 < j < \infty} f(i,j) \]

gives

\[ \sum_{-1 \le i \le 1 \atop 0 < j < \infty} f(i,j) \]

1.6 Delimiters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>these are made by these</th>
<th>and these are made by these</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>{ } [ ] \langle \rangle \lceil \rceil \lfloor \rfloor</td>
<td>{ } [ ] \langle \rangle \lceil \rceil \lfloor \rfloor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>{ } [ ] \langle \rangle \lceil \rceil \lfloor \rfloor</td>
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<td>{ } [ ] \langle \rangle \lceil \rceil \lfloor \rfloor</td>
<td>{ } [ ] \langle \rangle \lceil \rceil \lfloor \rfloor</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
This table shows the standard sizes. To get bigger sizes, use these prefixes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>(for left delimiters)</th>
<th>(for right delimiters)</th>
<th>magnification</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>\bigl</td>
<td>\bigr</td>
<td>a bit bigger, but won’t overlap lines</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\Bigr</td>
<td>\Bigr</td>
<td>150% times big</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\biggl</td>
<td>\biggr</td>
<td>200% times big</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>\Biggr</td>
<td>\Biggr</td>
<td>250% times big</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For example,

\[
\Biggl\{2(3+y)\Biggr\}
\]
gives \(\left\{2(3+y)\right\}\). If you’re not using the default text size these commands might not work correctly. In that case try the \texttt{exscale} package.

It’s preferable to let \LaTeX{} choose the delimiter size for you by using \texttt{\left} and \texttt{\right}. These will produce delimiters just big enough for the formulae inbetween.

\[
\left( \frac{(x+iy)}{\int x} \right)
\]
gives \((\frac{x+iy}{\int x})\). The left and right delimiters needn’t be the same type. It’s sometimes useful to make one of them invisible

\[
\begin{array}{ll}
1 & (x>0) \\
0 & (x<0)
\end{array}
\]

produces

\[
z = \begin{array}{ll}
1 & (x > 0) \\
0 & (x < 0)
\end{array}
\]

Over- and underbracing works too.

\[
\overbrace{\alpha \ldots \omega}^{\text{greek}} \underbrace{a \ldots z}_{\text{english}}
\]

produces \(\overbrace{\alpha \ldots \omega}^{\text{greek}} \underbrace{a \ldots z}_{\text{english}}\). The use of \texttt{\mbox} stops the text appearing in math italic.

1.7 Numbering and labelling

Numbering happening automatically when you display equations. If you don’t want an equation numbered, use \texttt{\nonumber} beside the equation. Equation numbers appear to the right of the maths by default. To make them appear on the left use the \texttt{leqno} class option (i.e., use \texttt{\documentclass[leqno,...]{}\ldots}).

Use \texttt{\label{}} to label an equation (or figure, section etc) in order to reference from elsewhere.

\begin{equation}
W_{\bf S}(t,\omega) = \int\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty} {\cal R}_{\bf S}(t,\tau) e^{-j\omega\tau} \,d \tau
\end{equation}

\label{LABELLING}

\mbox{7}
\[ W_S(t, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_S(t, \tau) e^{-j\omega\tau} \, d\tau \] (3)

Now the following text

refers back to equation \ref{LABELLING}

refers back to equation 3 by number, and

refers back to the equation on page \pageref{LABELLING}

refers back to the equation on page 8.

A file will have to be \LaTeX-ed twice before the references, both forwards and backwards, will be correctly produced.

1.8 Matrices

The array environment is like \LaTeX's tabular environment except that each element is in math mode. The number and alignment of columns is controlled by the arguments - use l, c or r to represent each column with either left, center or right alignment. The default font style used is \textstyle but you can override this by changing the \textstyless.

\begin{math}
\begin{array}{clrr}
  a+b+c & uv & x-y & 27 \\
  x+y & w & +z & 363
\end{array}
\end{math}

produces

\begin{align*}
  a + b + c & & uv & & x - y & & 27 \\
  x + y & & w & & +z & & 363
\end{align*}

The rows are arranged so that their centres are aligned. You can align their tops or bottoms instead by using a further argument when you create the array.

\begin{math}
\begin{array}{clrr}[t]
\end{array}
\end{math}

would produce top-aligned lines, and \texttt{[b]} would produce bottom-aligned ones. The Delimiters section of this document shows how to bracket matrices.

\LaTeX has a few maths facilities not mentioned in the \LaTeX book. The following \LaTeX construction might be useful.

\begin{math}
\bordermatrix{ & a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_n \\
  b_1 & 1.2 & 3.3 & 5.1 & 2.8 \\
  c_1 & 4.7 & 7.8 & 2.4 & 1.9 \\
  \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
  z_1 & 8.0 & 9.9 & 0.9 & 9.99}
\end{math}
1.9 Macros

These aid readability, save on repetitive typing and offer ways of producing stylistic variations on standard \LaTeX\ formats.

\def\bydefn{\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}}
\def\convf{\hbox{\space\raise-2mm\hbox{$\textstyle \bigotimes \atop \scriptstyle \omega$} \space}}
produce $\bydefn$ and $\convf$ when $\text{\bydefn}$ and $\text{\convf}$ are typed.

1.10 Packages

The following packages may be of help - easybmat\(^5\) (easy block matrices), easyeqn\(^6\) (easy equations), easymat\(^7\) (easy matrices), easymat\(^8\) (easy tables), easyvector\(^9\) (easy vectors), delarray\(^10\) (nested arrays), theorem\(^11\) (gives more choice in theorem layout), subeqnarray (Renumbering of sub-arrays in math-mode), subeqn (Different numbering sub-arrays).

1.11 Fine tuning

It’s generally a good idea to keep punctuation outside math mode; \LaTeX\’s normal handling of spacing around punctuation is suspended during maths. Sometimes you might want to adjust the spacing in a formula (e.g., you might want to add space before $dx$). Use these symbols :-

$\text{a}\,\text{b}$ (a\,b) thin space
$\text{a}\>\text{b}$ (a\>b) medium space
$\text{a}\;\text{b}$ (a\;b) thick space
$\text{a}\!\text{b}$ (a\!b) negative thin space

Long math expressions aren’t broken automatically unless you use the breqn\(^12\) package, which is still a little experimental. In an eqnarray environment you may want to break a long line manually. You can do this by putting

\[ y & = & a + b \nonumber \\
& & + k \]

The spacing around the ‘+’ on the 2nd line is wrong because \LaTeX\ thinks it’s a unary operator. You can fool \LaTeX\ into treating it as a binary operator by inserting a hidden character.

\[ y & = & a + b \nonumber \\
& & \text{\hbox{\textit{mbox}()}} + k \]

\(^5\)http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/textprocessing/easybmat.dvi
\(^6\)http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/textprocessing/easyeqn.dvi
\(^7\)http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/textprocessing/easymat.dvi
\(^8\)http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/textprocessing/easymat.dvi
\(^9\)http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/textprocessing/easyvector.dvi
\(^10\)http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/textprocessing/delarray.dvi
\(^11\)http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/textprocessing/theorem.dvi
\(^12\)http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/textprocessing/breqndoc.dvi
\[ y = a + b + k \]  \hspace{1cm} (5)

You can use the \texttt{\textbackslash lefteqn} construction to format long expressions so that continuation lines are differently indented.

\begin{eqnarray}
\lefteqn{x+iy=} \\
& & a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h + i + j + k + \nonumber \\
& & l + m \nonumber \\
\end{eqnarray}

\[ x + iy = a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h + i + j + k + l + m \]  \hspace{1cm} (6)

If you want more vertical spacing around a line you can create an invisible vertical “struct” in LaTeX. creates a box of width 0, height 1cm which starts .3cm below the usual line base, use \texttt{\textbackslash rule[-.3cm]{0cm}{1cm}}. By adjusting these values you should be able to create as much extra space below/above the maths as you like. \[ \frac{1}{A} \]

and” is created by

\$A \over B$ \texttt{\textbackslash rule[-.3cm]{0cm}{1cm}{and}$}$

1.12 Maths and Postscript fonts

It’s easy to use a postscript font (like \texttt{helvetica}) for the text of a LaTeX document. What’s harder is using the same font for maths - the font will lack many of the special characters required for maths. An easy, reasonable option is to use the mathptmx package to put the maths into the postscript \textit{Times} and \textit{symbol} fonts where possible.

Alternatively, use

- the \texttt{mathpazo} package (loads Palatino as the text font family and a mixture of the Pazo and CM fonts for math).
- the \texttt{mathpplle} package (loads Palatino as the text font family and a mixture of artificially obliqued Euler fonts and CM fonts for math).

Commercial and free alternatives are under development. See Stephen G. Hartke’s A Survey of Free Math Fonts for TeX and LaTeX\textsuperscript{13} for details.

1.13 Matlab and LaTeX

Matlab\textsuperscript{14} has some support for LaTeX production. For example

\texttt{latex(’(sin(x)+2*x+3*x^2)/(5*x+6*x^2)’,’math.tex’)}

puts the LaTeX representation of the expression into a file called \texttt{math.tex}. Type “\texttt{help latex}” inside matlab for details.

\textsuperscript{13}http://ctan.tug.org/tex-archive/info/Free_Math_Font_Survey/survey.html
\textsuperscript{14}http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/programs/matlab.html
1.14 Examples

- \begin{eqnarray}
\text{\cal M}^2(\hat{\theta}, \theta) &=& E[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2] \\
\text{\cal M}^2(\hat{\theta}, \theta) &=& \text{var}^2(\hat{\theta}) + \text{B}^2(\hat{\theta}).
\end{eqnarray}

\begin{equation}
\hat{W}_{s}(t, \omega; \phi) \overset{\text{def}}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\cal R}_s(t, \tau; \psi) e^{-j\omega \tau} \, d\tau
\end{equation}

\begin{eqnarray}
\text{\cal B}(t, \omega) & \approx & \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\cal R}_{s}(t_1, \omega_1) \hat{W}_{s}(t, \omega; \phi) e^{-j\omega\tau} \, dt_1 \, d\omega_1 \\
& + & \frac{1}{4\pi} \hat{\cal D}_{\omega}^2 \hat{W}_{s}(t, \omega) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\cal D}_{\omega}^2 \hat{W}_{s}(t, \omega) \hat{W}_{s}(t, \omega; \phi) e^{-j\omega\tau} \, dt_1 \, d\omega_1.
\end{eqnarray}
2 Graphics

Graphics can be produced

- from within LaTeX - pictures can be drawn in a picture environment, but you’ll find graph paper handy (xfig can create code for the picture environment). The pstricks packages (see page 16) is far more powerful.
- by any program that can produce Postscript files (for LaTeX) or JPEG, PNG and PDF (for pdflatex).

Whatever graphics you want to add, you should use the figure environment so that \LaTeX{} can cope sensibly with situations where, for example, you attempt to insert near the bottom of a page a graphic that’s half a page high. The figure environment will float the graphic to the top or bottom of the page, or on the next page, with preferences that you can provide.

- h here
- t top of page
- b bottom of page
- p on a page with no text

Putting \! as the first argument in the square brackets will encourage \LaTeX{} to do what you say, even if the result’s sub-optimal. See the online hints about floats in \LaTeX{}\footnote{http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/textprocessing/float_hint.html} for further details.

\begin{figure}[htbp]
\vspace{0.5in}
\caption{0.5 inch of space}
\end{figure}

Figure 1: 0.5 inch of space

It’s possible to have more than one graphic in a \textit{figure}. See the example later on.

2.1 Postscript

pdflatex supports JPEG, PNG and PDF images - but not postscript. latex supports Postscript files as long as they have a proper bounding box comment; \textit{i.e.} \LaTeX{} requires full Encapsulated Postscript\footnote{http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/graphics/postscript.html} as produced by (for
example) Xfig\textsuperscript{17} on Unix. If the file hasn’t got a BoundingBox line near the top, you can use ps2epsi to generate one. Wherever the postscript file comes from, simply use

\begin{verbatim}
\documentclass[dvips]{article}
\usepackage{graphicx}
\end{verbatim}

then include the postscript file using the following commands

\begin{verbatim}
\begin{figure}[htbp]
\includegraphics{yourfile.ps}
\end{figure}
\end{verbatim}

LATEX can cope with compressed postscript files too, but since latex can’t read the BoundingBox line from the compressed file, you need to provide it. If your compressed file’s called yourfile.ps.gz, copy the BoundingBox line into a file called yourfile.ps.bb. Then the following works

\begin{verbatim}
\begin{figure}[htbp]
\includegraphics{yourfile.ps.gz}
\end{figure}
\end{verbatim}

Just about all of the following facilities use postscript. You’ll need to run latex to generate ‘foo.dvi’, then run dvips -o foo.ps foo.dvi to convert the resulting DVI/postscript file to pure postscript. This will produce a file that can be previewed with ghostview or gs.

2.1.1 psfrag: adding maths to postscript files

Many packages that produce postscript output don’t provide good maths facilities. It’s often easier to add the maths in later using the psfrag package. This lets you replace text in a postscript file (produced with xfig, matlab, etc) by a fragment of LATEX. For example, doing

\begin{verbatim}
\usepackage{psfrag}
...
\begin{figure}
\psfrag{MATHS}{$x^2$}
\includegraphics{foo.eps}
\end{figure}
\end{verbatim}

would display the file with MATHS replaced by $x^2$. See the online documentation\textsuperscript{18} for details.

2.1.2 Postscript from PCs/Macs

Modern applications should generate a conforming EPS file. Under windows when you’re printing to file, look at the PostScript properties (or Advanced options), and choose (depending on the driver you have) either ‘Archive Format’, ‘Encapsulated PS’, ‘Optimize for Portability’ or ‘Page Independence’. People seem to have more luck with the free Adobe postscript driver than with the Microsoft one.

The resulting file should begin with %!. If it doesn’t it’s not postscript. Remove any characters that are before %!PS, and (to be on the safe side) remove anything after the final %EOF line. Platform-specific considerations do crop up. The EPS generated on Macintoshes will use ASCII 13 line terminators, while Unix will use ASCII 10 (and DOS will use both). If this causes trouble, use emacs to convert, or try (in Unix)

\begin{verbatim}
tr "\015" "\012" <original.ps >new.ps
\end{verbatim}

\textsuperscript{17}http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/graphics/xfig/xfig.html
\textsuperscript{18}http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/textprocessing/psfrag.ps
2.2 Scaling, rotation, clipping, wrap-around and shadows

The graphicx package includes routines that are useful even without graphics. \reflectbox{Reflect} produces \reflectbox{Reect} and \resizebox{3cm}{0.2cm}{Stretched} produces \textit{Stretched}. To scale imported graphics, use some optional arguments

\includegraphics[width=5cm, height=10cm]{yourfile.ps}

would rescale the postscript so that it was 5cm wide and 10cm high. To make the picture 5cm wide and scale the height in proportion use

\includegraphics[width=5cm]{yourfile.ps}

To rotate anticlockwise by the specified number of degrees, use

\includegraphics[angle=150]{yourfile.ps}

These options can be combined - note that order matters. The following examples demonstrate how to combine these features and how to use the subfig package to have more than one graphic in a figure.

\centering
\begin{figure}[hbtp]
  \includegraphics[height=40mm]{/export/ghostfonts/tiger.eps}
  \includegraphics[angle=120, height=20mm]{/export/ghostfonts/tiger.eps}
  \caption{Tigers}
\end{figure}

% remember to do \usepackage{subfig} at the top of the document!
\begin{figure}[hbtp]
  \centering
  \subfloat[Small]\quad on the next line adds spacing
  \includegraphics[height=30mm]{/export/ghostfonts/crest.eps}\quad
  \subfloat[Medium]
  \includegraphics[width=40mm]{CUni3.eps}\quad
  \subfloat[Large]
  \includegraphics[height=50mm]{/export/ghostfonts/crest.eps}
  \caption{3 crests}
\end{figure}

Figure 2: Tigers
To clip the postscript image use the viewpoint argument. The following fragment would display only part of the image. The viewport coordinates are in the same units as the bounding box.

\begin{figure}
\includegraphics[viewport=200 400 400 600,width=5cm,clip]{CUniv3.eps}
\end{figure}

% Use the floatflt package
\begin{floatingfigure}[l]{4cm}
\includegraphics[width=2cm]{crest.eps}
\caption{Using floatingfigure}
\end{floatingfigure}

The floatflt\textsuperscript{19} package lets you insert a graphic and have the text wrap around it. You can provide 2 arguments to the floatingfigure command: the first (l or r) selects whether you want the graphic to be on the left or right of the page. The 2nd argument gives the width of the graphic. Not all text will flow perfectly around (for example, verbatim text fails, as illustrated below) so check the final output carefully.

Using the fancybox package gives you access to \shadowbox, \ovalbox, \Ovalbox and doublebox commands, which can be used with text or with graphics. For example, \shadowbox{shadow package} produces \textit{shadow package} and \ovalbox{\includegraphics[height=10mm]{CUni3.eps}} produces \textbf{UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE}. Unfortunately, the fancybox package as supplied suppresses the table of contents. The locally produced contentsfancybox solves this, but may introduce graphics problems.

2.3 GIF and jpeg files

CUED users can include a file called keyboard.gif, for example, by doing \texttt{gif2ps -b keyboard.gif} (as long as you don’t change the GIF file you need only do this once) and then including the GIF file as you would a postscript one.

\textsuperscript{19}http://www-h.eng.cam.ac.uk/help/tpl/textprocessing/floatflt.dvi
For JPEG files run "jpeg2ps \(-h\) file.jpg > file.eps" then include the postscript file in the usual way. The resulting eps file will be little bigger than the original file. Alternatively, if you put the 'Bounding Box' line from the eps file and put it in file.jpg.bb you can include JPEG files in the same way that you do postscript files.

2.4 PStricks

The pstricks packages lets you create graphical effects from within LaTeX. See the PSTricks Tutorial\textsuperscript{20} for details. Here are just a few examples to show you its power.

\begin{pspicture}(0,-5)(6,0)
\pscircle*[linecolor=black](0,-4){1}
\pscircle*[linecolor=darkgray](.5,-4){1}
\pscircle*[linecolor=gray](1,-4){1}
\pscircle*[linecolor=lightgray](1.5,-4){1}
\pscurve(-1,-5)(2,0)(3,-2)(5,0)
\psbezier[linecolor=darkgray]
(-1,-4)(2,0)(3,-2)(5,0)
\psgrid[gridwidth=.4pt, subgriddiv=2, subgridwidth=.2pt, gridcolor=lightgray, gridlabels=0](0,-3)(-1,-4)(5,0)
\end{pspicture}

\begin{pspicture}(0,0)(6,4)
\psset{linecolor=white, linewidth=0pt}
\psset{linecolor=white, linewidth=0pt}
\pstextpath{\pscurve(0,0)(2,2)(4,0)(6,2)}% needs the textpath package
\textit{Adapted From} \textit{``\TeX{} Unbound''}, Alan Hoenig, OUP, 1998
\end{pspicture}

\textsuperscript{20}http://sarovar.org/projects/pstricks/