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# 1 Sections

In order to make sections you can use the `\section` command. Typically you can go down by three sublevels although there are packages that allow you to go further.

- `\section{Heading}` will make a top level heading
- `\subsection{Heading}` will make a second level heading
- `\subsubsection{Heading}` will make a third level heading

Examples of these commands can be found in **Sections.tex**, and you can see examples of sections and subsections within this document. Full documentation and further examples can be found here: [https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Document\\_Structure#Sectioning\\_commands](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Document_Structure#Sectioning_commands).

# 2 Table of Contents

The command to make a table of contents is very simple. `\tableofcontents` will build you a table of contents. Sometimes you will need to compile your LaTeX more than once for it to register the table of contents fully.

Examples of these commands can be found in **TableOfContents.tex**, and you can see an example of a table of contents at the beginning of this document. Full documentation and further examples can be found here: [https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Tables\\_of\\_Contents\\_and\\_Lists\\_of\\_Figures](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Tables_of_Contents_and_Lists_of_Figures).

# 3 Paragraphs & Line Endings

There are several ways you can start new paragraphs. You can use `\par` or just leave a blank line between paragraphs. This will create a new paragraph that by default indents. You can also use the `\\` command at the end of the paragraph to start a new line which will then force a new paragraph.

The key thing to remembre here is, paragraphs starting after a `\\` will not indent, and paragraphs starting after the `\par` or a blank line will.

- `\par` will start a new indented paragraph on the next line
- **leaving a blank line** will start a new indented paragraph on the next line
- `\\` followed by a blank line will start a new indented paragraph on a new line with a line gap
- `\\` will start a new not indented paragraph on the next line
- `\\\\` will start a new not indented paragraph on a new line with a line gap

As shown in the preamble of this document, you can also set a command to stop the default indenting by using the command `\setlength \parindent{0pt}`.

Examples of these commands can be found in **Paragraphs.tex**. Full documentation and further examples can be found here: [https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Paragraph\\_Formatting](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Paragraph_Formatting).

## 4 Text Formatting

The following commands will format your text in different ways:

- `\textbf{text}` will make your text bold
- `\textit{text}` will make your text italic
- `\underline{text}` will make your text underlined

You can use these together to apply multiple types of formatting `\textbf \textit \underline{{{text}}}` will apply all three formats to your text. These can be used in any order and combination. All three used together will look like this ***Test text that is bold underlined and italic.***

Examples of these commands can be found in **TextFormatting.tex**. Full documentation and further examples can be found here: [https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Text\\_Formatting](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Text_Formatting).

## 5 Lists

You can make two different types of lists in LaTeX, numbered lists and bullet pointed lists. The formatting for both is similar, and you can create nested lists of either type.

Bullet pointed list example:

Code	Output
<pre>\begin{itemize}   \item{Bullet Point 1}   \item{Bullet Point 2} \end{itemize}</pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bullet Point</li></ul>

Numbered list example:

Code	Output
<pre>\begin{enumerate}   \item{Numbered Point 1}   \item{Numbered Point 2} \end{enumerate}</pre>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Numbered Point 1</li><li>2. Numbered Point 2</li></ol>

Nested combined list example:

Code	Output
<pre>\begin{enumerate}   \item{Numbered Point}   \begin{itemize}     \item{Bullet Point}   \end{itemize} \end{enumerate}</pre>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Numbered Point<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bullet Point</li></ul></li></ol>

Examples of these commands can be found in **Lists.tex**. Full documentation and further examples can be found here: [https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/List\\_Structures](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/List_Structures).

## 6 Figures & Captions

Adding figures and captions in is a bit more complex. First and foremost you need to use the following package to display images: `\usepackage{graphicx}`.

The basic code structure for adding an image is shown below. The options for the graphics package are the size/scale of the image, and then the image path.

```
\begin{figure}[ht]
    \centering
    \includegraphics[<size/scale>]{<image path>}
    \caption{caption}
\end{figure}
```

An example of this with specified options is shown below. This specifies the float as [ht], makes the width 95% of the line width and sets the image path to be a folder called images at the same level as this .tex file, with an image called Salem.JPG. It sets the caption to be Salem the Cat.

```
\begin{figure}[ht]
    \centering
    \includegraphics[width = .5\linewidth]{images/Salem.JPG}
    \caption{Salem the Cat}
\end{figure}
```

This will produce a figure that looks like this:



Figure 1: Salem the Cat

Examples of these commands can be found in **Figures.tex**. Full documentation and further examples can be found here: [https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Floats,\\_Figures\\_and\\_Captions](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Floats,_Figures_and_Captions).

## 7 Tables

Basic tables use the `\begin{tabular}` command.

The basic code structure for adding a table is shown below. It starts with the `tabular` command, and then uses `—` to denote if there should be column lines or not, and `l` (left align), `r` (right align), `c` (centre align), `p{XXpt}` (defined size). `\\` denotes the end of a row and `\\hline` to signal drawing a grid line for the next row. The cells are divided by the `&` sign and each row is ended with a `\\`.

```
\begin{tabular}{| <alignment> | <alignment> | } \hline
Heading 1      & Heading 2      & Heading 3      \\ \hline
Content 1      & Content 2      & Content 3      \\ \hline
\end{tabular}
```

An example of this with test data is shown below. This denotes a 4x4 table, with full borders, aligned to the left.

```
\begin{tabular}{| l | l | l | } \hline
Cat Name      & Fur Colour    & Favourite Food \\ \hline
Lucifer       & Black         & Mice           \\ \hline
Toulouse      & Orange        & Milk           \\ \hline
Figaro & Black and White & Fish           \\ \hline
\end{tabular}
```

This will produce a table that looks like this:

Cat Name	Fur Colour	Favourite Food
Lucifer	Black	Mice
Toulouse	Orange	Milk
Figaro	Black and White	Fish

You can also add captions to tables, and format them in a variety of ways including merging cells and rows. An example of a more advanced table that uses captions and merged cells is shown below. This requires importing the `multirow` package using this command: `\usepackage{multirow}`. This table doesn't have `—` at either end of the options after the `tabular` command, denoting that it doesn't have column borders at the left and right.

```
\begin{table}[ht]
\begin{center}
\begin{tabular}{ p{90pt} | p{90pt} | p{90pt} | p{90pt} }
Disney Film      & Cat Name      & Fur Colour    & Favourite Food \\
Cinderella      & Lucifer       & Black         & Mice           \\
\multirow{2}{*}{Aristocats} & Marie         & White         & Milk           \\
                        & Toulouse      & Orange        & Milk           \\
Pinochio        & Figaro        & Black and White & Fish           \\
\end{tabular}
\caption{Disney Cats}
\end{center}
\end{table}
```

This will produce a table that looks like this:

Disney Film	Cat Name	Fur Colour	Favourite Food
Cinderella	Lucifer	Black	Mice
Aristocats	Marie	White	Milk
	Toulouse	Orange	Milk
Pinnocchio	Figaro	Black and White	Fish

Table 1: Disney Cats

Examples of these commands can be found in **BasicTables.tex** and **AdvancedTables.tex**. Full documentation and further examples can be found here: <https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Tables>.

## 8 Special Characters & Quotes

There are several special characters in LaTeX, the most common of which are: `&` `%` `{` `}` `$` `#` `\`.

Most of these can be escaped using the `\` command except for the `\` itself which requires using the code `\textbackslash`.

So the code for writing these characters is:

```
\& \% \{ \} \$ \# \textbackslash
```

Often LaTeX doesn't recognise the double quote marks successfully and it can end up looking like this: "hello". In order to get the left quotes to behave successfully you need to use ‘ ‘ rather than ”.

Examples:

Code	Output
"Double Quotes that don't work"	"Double Quotes that don't work"
‘‘Double Quotes that work’’	“Double Quotes that work”
'Single Quotes that don't work'	'Single Quotes that don't work'
‘Single Quotes that work’	‘Single Quotes that work’

Examples of these commands can be found in **QuotesCharacters.tex**. Full documentation and further examples can be found here: [https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Special\\_Characters](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Special_Characters), and a comprehensive list of symbols can be found here: <http://tug.ctan.org/info/symbols/comprehensive/symbols-a4.pdf>.

## 9 Mathematical Symbols

LaTeX has a lot of capabilities for displaying mathematical operators and equations.

The common maths symbols can be accessed using the keyboard including:  $+ - = ! / ( ) [ ] ; \cdot \text{---} ' : *$

For anything else you can put your document into math mode, using any of the commands shown below. They all work just the same, it is just preference.

`\( \), $ $ or \begin{math} \end{math}.`

Once you put your document into math mode you can write out all numbers of mathematical expressions and equations. There are certain symbols that are used to display different operators and there are ways to use superscript using the `^` operator in math mode and subscript using the `_` operator in math mode where necessary.

Here are some examples of how to write different mathematical expressions:

### Sets & Relations

Code	Output
<pre>\begin{math} \forall x \in X, \quad \exists y \leq \epsilon \end{math}</pre>	$\forall x \in X, \quad \exists y \leq \epsilon$

### Operators

Code	Output
<pre>\begin{math} \cos(2\theta) = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \end{math}</pre>	$\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$

### Powers and indices

Code	Output
<pre>\begin{math} k_{n+1} = n^2 + k_n^2 - k_{n-1} \end{math}</pre>	$k_{n+1} = n^2 + k_n^2 - k_{n-1}$

Examples of these commands can be found in **Maths.tex**. Full documentation and further examples can be found here: <https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Mathematics>.



## 10 Labels & References

Labelling and referencing is very useful in LaTeX. You can label sections, tables and figures and then seamlessly refer to them in your document, and if their numbers change they will be updated automatically because you will be calling their reference rather than just referring to their number.

To label and reference you use the `\label{text}` and `\ref{text}` commands.

There is a label for this section which has been placed right under the section heading in the LaTeX. This uses the code `\label{sec:labels}`. If I refer to it using the code `\ref{sec:labels}` it will automatically pull the number for this section, like this: I am referencing Section 10.

You can also label figures and tables.

The code for labelling a figure looks like this:

```
\begin{figure}[ht]
  \centering
  \includegraphics[width = .95\linewidth]{images/Salem.JPG}
  \caption{Salem the Cat}
  \label{fig:figure1}
\end{figure}
```

The code for labelling a table looks like this:

```
\begin{table}[ht]
\begin{center}
\begin{tabular}{p{90pt} | p{90pt} | p{90pt} | p{90pt}}
Disney Film      & Cat Name      & Fur Colour    & Favourite Food      \\ \hline
Cinderella      & Lucifer       & Black         & Mice                 \\ \hline
\end{tabular}
\caption{Disney Cats}
\label{tab:table1}
\end{center}
\end{table}
```

I have given these labels above to Figure 1 and Table 1. Using the following code will call these:

Code	Output
Here I refer to Figure <code>\ref{fig:figure1}</code> and Table <code>\ref{tab:table1}</code> .	Here I refer to Figure 1 and Table 1.

Examples of these commands can be found in **Labels.tex** and **FigureTableLabels.tex**. Full documentation and further examples can be found here: [https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Labels\\_and\\_Cross-referencing](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Labels_and_Cross-referencing).