\textbf{\LaTeX} Command Summary

This listing contains short descriptions of the control sequences that are likely to be handy for users of \LaTeX{} v2.09 layered on \TeX{} v2.0. Some of these commands are \LaTeX{} macros, while others belong to plain \TeX{}; no attempt to differentiate them is made.

\quad — ordinary space after period.
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— negative thin space = \frac{1}{3} quad; \quad xx\!x yields xx x (math mode).
\" makes an umlaut, as ä.
\# prints a pound sign: #.
\$ prints a dollar sign: $.
\% prints a percent sign: %.
\& prints an ampersand: &.
\ in \texttt{tabbing} environment moves current column to the right of the previous column. Elsewhere, acute accent, as á.
\( — \) start math mode. Same as \texttt{\begin{math}} or $.
\) — end math mode. Same as \texttt{\end{math}} or $.
\* is a discretionary multiplication sign, at which a line break is allowed.
\+ moves left margin to the right by one tab stop. \texttt{\begin{tabbing} line.}
\_ — thin space = \frac{2}{3} quad; \quad xx\_x yields xx x. It is not restricted to math mode.
\ in \texttt{tabbing} environment, moves left margin to the left by one tab stop. Elsewhere, optional hyphenation.
\* puts a dot accent over a letter, as ô.
\^ inserts italics adjustment space.
\_ — medium space = \frac{3}{4} quad; xx\_x yields xx x (math mode).
\_ — thick space = \frac{5}{4} quad; xx\_x yields xx x (math mode).
\ in \texttt{tabbing} environment, puts text to left of local left margin.
\ in \texttt{tabbing} environment, sets a tab stop. Elsewhere, makes a macron accent, as ô.
\ in \texttt{tabbing} environment is a forward tab. Otherwise, medium space = \frac{3}{4} quad (math mode).
\terminates the period that follows is to be a sentence-ending period.
\ same as \texttt{\begin{displaymath}} or $$.
\ terminates a line, but disallows a pagebreak.
\quad — same as \texttt{\begin{displaymath}} or $$.
\* makes a circumflex, as ô.
\_ is an underscore, as in hours worked.
\ in \texttt{tabbing} environment moves all text which follows (up to \\) to the right margin. Elsewhere, grave accent, as à.
\$ prints a curly left brace: {.
\) is || (math mode).
\$ prints a curly right brace: }.
\* makes a tilde, as fi.
\texttt{\begin{tabbing}} makes an acute accent in \texttt{tabbing} environment, as á.
\texttt{\end{tabbing}} makes a grave accent in \texttt{tabbing} environment, as à.
\texttt{\begin{tabbing} makes a macron accent in \texttt{tabbing} environment, as ô.
\texttt{\end{tabbing}} is Ä. \texttt{\begin{tabbing} is Ä.
\texttt{\end{tabbing}} makes an acute accent: ô (math mode).
\texttt{\begin{tabbing} adds the command \texttt{\end{contentsline}} to the \texttt{.toc} file.
\texttt{\end{tabbing}} declares the return address in the letter document style.
\texttt{\begin{tabbing} writes text to the \texttt{.toc} file.
\texttt{\end{tabbing}} adds amount to counter name.
\texttt{\begin{tabbing}} adds length to length command \texttt{\end{tabbing}}. See also \texttt{\setlength}, \texttt{\newlength}, \texttt{\settowidth}.
\ae is æ. \texttt{\end{tabbing}} is Æ.
\aleph is Â (math mode).
\texttt{\end{tabbing}} prints counter as lower-case letters. \texttt{\end{tabbing}} prints upper-case letters.
\texttt{\end{tabbing}} is α (math mode).
\texttt{\end{tabbing}} is Î (math mode).
\texttt{\end{tabbing}} and separates multiple authors for the \texttt{\maketitle} command.
\texttt{\end{tabbing}} is Â (math mode).
\texttt{\end{tabbing}} starts appendices.
\texttt{\end{tabbing}} is ≈ (math mode).
\texttt{\end{tabbing}} prints counter as arabic numerals 1, 2, etc.
\texttt{\end{tabbing}} is $\arccos$ (math mode).
\texttt{\end{tabbing}} is $\arcsin$ (math mode).
\arctan is \texttt{arctan} (math mode).
\arg is \texttt{arg} (math mode).
\arraycolsep — width of the space between columns in an array environment.
\arrayrulewidth — width of the rule created in tabular or array environment by \line or \\line.
\arraystretch — scale factor for interrow spacing in array and tabular environments.
\ast is * (math mode).
\asymp is \approx (math mode).
\author\{names\} declares author(s) for the \maketitle command.
\bar puts a macron over a letter: \abar (math mode).
\baselineskip — distance from bottom of one line of a paragraph to bottom of the next line.
\baselinestretch — factor by which \baselineskip is multiplied each time a type size changing command is executed.
\begin\{environment\} — always paired with \end\{environment\}. Following are the assorted environments.
\begin\{abstract\} starts an environment for producing an abstract.
\begin\{array\}\{rcl\} starts array environment with 3 columns, left-justified, right-justified, and centered. Separate columns with \& , and end lines with \\.
\begin\{description\} starts a labeled list. Items are indicated by \item\{label\}.
\begin\{displaymath\} sets mathematics on lines of its own. Same as \[ or \$\$\.
\begin\{document\} starts the actual text of a document. Required.
\begin\{enumerate\} starts a numbered list.
\begin\{eqnarray\} starts a displaymath environment in which more than one equation can be accommodated. Separate equations with \ or \\*, use \nonumber to suppress numbering a particular equation.
\begin\{eqnarray*\} begins an environment like the eqnarray environment except that the equations aren’t numbered.
\begin\{equation\} starts a displaymath environment and adds an equation number.
\begin\{figure\}\{pos\} begins a floating environment, which may be optionally placed at pos (see positions on page 8). Document styles report and article use the default \texttt{tbp}.
\begin\{figure*\}\{pos\} begins a two-column-wide figure. See \begin\{figure\}.
\begin\{flushleft\} starts environment with ragged right-hand margin. Separate lines with \\.
\begin\{flushright\} starts environment with ragged left-hand margin. Separate lines with \\.
\begin\{itemize\} starts a “bulletted” (*) list. Start each item with \item.
\begin\{list\}\{labeling\}\{spacing\} starts a general list environment. labeling specifies how items are labeled when \item has no argument. spacing is an optional list of spacing parameters.
\begin\{math\} starts a math display like this: \( x^2 + y^2 \), within text. Same as $ or \$.
\begin\{minipage\}\{pos\}\{vsize\} starts a box of height vsize. Text will be positioned according to pos (see positions on page 8).
\begin\{picture\}(x,y)(x_l,y_l) starts a picture environment whose width is x units, height is y units, and lower-left corner is the point (x_l , y_l).
\begin\{quotation\} starts an environment with wider margins, normal paragraph indenting, and offset from the text at top and bottom.
\begin\{quote\} starts an environment with wider margins, no paragraph indenting, and offset from the text at top and bottom.
\begin\{tabbing\} starts a columnar environment.
\begin\{tabular\}\{arg\}\{p[length]\} begins a floating environment, which may be optionally placed at pos (see positions on page 8). Document styles report and article use the default \texttt{tbp}.
\begin\{table\}\{pos\} begins a two-column-wide table. See \begin\{table\}.
\begin\{tabular\}\{arg\} starts an array environment which can be used in or out of math mode. arg contains column text positioning commands r, l, c, \( \{\ldots\}\), \p{length} (see positions on page 8). \| produces vertical line between columns. \*{7-}\{\texttt{rr1}\} repeats that entry 7 times.
\begin{theorems} — see \newtheorems.
\begin{titlepage} is an environment with no page number, and causes following page to be numbered "1".
\begin{verbatim} starts an environment which will be typeset exactly as you type it, carriage
returns and all, usually in \texttt{typeset} font.
\begin{verse} starts an environment for poetry
with wider margins, no paragraph indenting, and
ragged right margin.
\beta \text { is } \beta \text { (math mode).}
\textbf{bf} switches to \textbf{bold face} type.
\textit{bitem}{ref} \text{ text} creates a bibliography entry
\text{ text}, numbers it, and labels it with reference
\text{ label} \text{ ref}.
\texttt{bibliography}{file} — insert bibliography
\text{ from} \texttt{name.bib} at this point in text.
\texttt{bibliographystyle}{style} — a format
\text{ specifier, like \texttt{documentstyle}}.
\bigcap \text { is } \bigcap \text { (math mode).}
\bigcirc \text { is } \bigcirc \text { (math mode).}
\bigcup \text { is } \bigcup \text { (math mode).}
\bigodot \text { is } \bigodot \text { (math mode).}
\bigoplus \text { is } \bigoplus \text { (math mode).}
\bigotimes \text { is } \bigotimes \text { (math mode).}
\bigtriangledown \text { is } \bigtriangledown \text { (math mode).}
\bigtriangleup \text { is } \bigtriangleup \text { (math mode).}
\bigskip \text { — standard "big" vertical skip.}
\bigskipamount — default length for \bigskip.
\bigsqcup \text { is } \bigsqcup \text { (math mode).}
\bigsqcup \text { is } \bigsqcup \text { (math mode).}
\bigvee \text { is } \bigvee \text { (math mode).}
\bigwedge \text { is } \bigwedge \text { (math mode).}
\bmod \text { is binary modulo expression } u \bmod m
\text { (math mode).}
\boldmath \text { changes math italics and math
symbols to boldface. Should be used outside of
math mode.}
\bot \text { is } \bot \text { (math mode).}
\bottomfraction — maximum fraction of page
occupied by floats at the bottom.
\bottomtitle is \bottomtitle (math mode).
\box \text { is } \box \text { (math mode).}
\breve \text { makes a breve accent: \breve{\texttt{a}} (math mode).}
\bullet \text { is } \bullet \text { (math mode).}
\c \text { is a cedilla, as \c{c}.}
\cal \text { produces calligraphic letters, as \cal{B} (math mode).}
\cap \text { is } \cap \text { (math mode).}
\caption{loftitle}{text} creates a numbered
caption in a figure or table environment.
Optional \texttt{loftitle} contains entry for the list of
figures if different from \texttt{text}.
\cc \{text\} declares list of copy recipients for
letter document style.
\cdot \text { is } \cdot \text { (math mode).}
\cdots \text { makes three dots centered on the line: \cdots
(c.f. \cdots \text { (math mode).}
\centering \text { declares that all text following is to
be centered (c.f. \begin{center}).
\chapter*{title} \text { is like \chapter{title}, but adds no chapter number or table of contents
entry.}
\check \text { makes a hook, as \check{a} (math mode).}
\chi \text { is } \chi \text { (math mode).}
\circ \text { is } \circ \text { (math mode).}
\circle{diameter} \text { as a valid argument for \put
in a picture environment, draws a circle.
\circle*[diameter] \text { is like \circle, but draws
a solid circle.}
\cite{subcit}{ref} \text { produces a reference, in
square brackets, to a bibliographic item created
with \texttt{bibitem}{ref}. Optional \texttt{subcit}{subcit}
\text { can be inserted in the entry.}
\cleardoublepage \text { forces next page to be a
right-hand, odd-numbered page.
\clearpage \text { ends a page where it is, and puts
pending figures or tables on separate float
pages with no text.
\cline{i-j} \text { draws a horizontal line across
columns i through j inclusive in array or
tabular environments.
\closedbrackets \text { declares the closing in letter
document style.
\clubsuit \text { is } \clubsuit \text { (math mode).}
\columnsep \text { — distance between columns in
two-column text.
\columnseprule \text { — width of the rule between
columns on two-column pages.
\columnwidth \text { — width of the current column.
\\texttt{textwidth} in single-column text.
\cong \text { is } \cong \text { (math mode).}
\coprod \text { is } \coprod \text { (math mode).}
\copyright is ©.
\cos is \cos (math mode).
\cosh is \cosh (math mode).
\cot is \cot (math mode).
\coth is \coth (math mode).
\csc is \csc (math mode).
\cup is ∪ (math mode).
\dd is a “dot under” accent, as \ddot.
\dag is † (math mode).
\dagger is † (math mode).
\dashbox{\textwidth}[\textwidth,\textwidth][\textwidth]{text} creates a dashed rectangle around text in a picture environment. Dashes are \textwidth units wide; dimensions of rectangle are \textwidth and \textwidth; text is positioned at optional pos (see positions on page 8).
\dashv is ⊸ (math mode).
\date\datet is declares the date for the \maketitle command. The default is \today.
\day — current day of the month.
\dblfloatpagefraction — minimum fraction of a float page that must be occupied by floats, for two-column float pages.
\dblfloatsep — distance between floats at the top or bottom of a two-column float page.
\dboxtextfloatsep — distance between double-width floats at the top or bottom of a two-column page and the text on that page.
\dbltopfraction — maximum fraction at the top of a two-column page that may be occupied by floats.
\ddag is ‡.
\ddagger is ‡ (math mode).
\ddot makes a diaeresis over a letter: \ddot{a} (math mode).
\ddots produces a diagonal ellipsis ”…” (math mode).
\deg is \deg (math mode).
\delta is δ. \Delta is Δ (math mode).
\det is \det (math mode).
\diamond is ◊. \Diamond is ◊ (both math mode).
\diamondsuit is ◊ (math mode).
\dim is \dim (math mode).
\displaystyle switches to displaymath or equation environment typesetting (math mode).
\div is ÷ (math mode).
\documentstyle[\textstyle]{\textstyle} determines default font, headings, etc., for document of style \textstyle (and optional \textstyle \textstyle). Styles: article, book, letter, report, slides. Substyles: 11pt, 12pt, acm, draft, fleqn, leqno, twocolumn, twoside.
\dot makes a dot over a letter: \dot{a} (math mode).
\doteq is = (math mode).
\dotfill expands to fill horizontal space with row of dots.
\doublerulesep — horizontal distance between vertical rules created by \hline in tabular or array environment.
\dowarrow is ↓. \Downarrow is ↓ (math mode).
\ell is ℓ (math mode).
\em toggles between roman and \it italic fonts for emphasis.
\emptyset is \emptyset (math mode).
\enclose{\textstyle}{\textstyle} declares a list of enclosures for \textstyle document style.
\end{environment} ends an environment begun by \begin{environment} (\ref{}).
\epsilon is \epsilon (math mode).
\equiv is \equiv (math mode).
\eta is \eta (math mode).
\evensidemargin — distance between left side of page and text's normal left margin for even-numbered pages in two-sided printing.
\exists is \exists (math mode).
\exp is \exp (math mode).
\fbox{text} makes a \fbox around text.
\fboxrule — thickness of ruled frame for \fbox and \framebox.
\fboxsep — space between frame and text for \fbox and \framebox.
\fill — rubber length (glue) that can stretch to arbitrary length. Usually used to justify text a particular way.
\flat is b (math mode).
\floatpagefraction — minimum fraction of a float page occupied by floats.
\floatsep — distance between floats that appear at the top or bottom of a text page.
\flushbottom causes pages to be stretched to \textwidth.
\fnsymbol\{counter\} prints counter as one of the set of “footnote symbols”. \textbf{counter} must be less than 10.
\footnote{text} creates a footnote of text.
\footnotemark puts a footnote number into the text.
\footnotesep — height of strut placed at beginning of footnote.
\footnoted TEXT{text} specifies the text for a footnote which was indicated by a \footnotemark.
\forall is \forall (math mode).
\frac{numerator}{denominator} produces a fraction in math environments.
\frame{text} makes a framed (outlined) box around text, with no margin between the text and the frame.
\framebox[size pos]{text} produces a framed box of dimension size containing text, optionally positioned 1 or r. In picture environment, \framebox[width,height]{pos}{text} creates a rectangle around text; dimensions of rectangle are width and height; text is positioned at optional pos (see positions on page 8).
\frak is \frak (math mode).
\fussy is the default declaration for the line-breaking algorithm (cf. \sloppy).
\gamma is \gamma. \Gamma is \Gamma (math mode).
\gcd is gcd (math mode).
\geq is \geq (math mode).
\geq is \geq (math mode).
\gets is \gets (math mode).
\gg is \gg (math mode).
\glossary{text} appends text to the .glo file by writing a \glossaryentry command.
\glossaryentry{text}{ref} is written to the .glo file for \glossary{text} occurring at reference ref.
\grave makes a grave accent: à (math mode).
\H prints a long Hungarian umlaut, as ü.
\hat makes a circumflex: à (math mode).
\hbar is \hbar (math mode).
\headheight — height of box at top of page that holds running head.
\headsep — vertical distance between bottom of head and top of text.
\heartsuit is \heartsuit (math mode).
\hfill is \hfill (cf. \fill).
\hline draws a horizontal line across all columns of a tabular or array environment.
\hom is \hom (math mode).
\hookrightarrow is \hookrightarrow (math mode).
\hookrightarrow is \hookrightarrow (math mode).
\hrulefill expands to fill horizontal space with horizontal rule.
\hspace{len} leaves a horizontal space of dimension len.
\hspace*{len} is like \hspace{len} but space is not removed at the beginning or end of a line.
\huge switches to a very large typeface. \huge is even bigger.
\hyphenation{wordlist} declares hyphenation as indicated; wordlist contains words separated by spaces, with hyphens indicated (e.g. “aard-vark cal-i-bra-tion”).
\i is i.
\iff is \iff (math mode).
\Im is \Im (math mode).
\imath is \imath (math mode).
\in is \in (math mode).
\include{filename} brings in filename text at that point.
\includeonly{file1, file2, …} limits recognition of \include files.
\index{text} appends text to the .idx file by writing an \indexentry command.
\indexentry{text}{ref} is written to the .idx file for \indexentry occurring at reference ref.
\indexspace puts blank space before first index entry starting with a new letter.
\inf is \inf (math mode).
\infty is \infty (math mode).
\input{file} brings in text from file.tex at that point.
\int is \int (math mode).
\interleave — vertical space placed above and below float in middle of text.
\iota is \iota (math mode).
\it switches to Italic type.
\item{text} indicates a list entry. text is optional, used in description environment.
\itemindent — extra indentation before label in list items. Default is \hspace{0.5em}.
\itemsep — vertical space between successive list items.
\j is \cdot.
\jmath is \cdot (math mode).
\Join is \Join (math mode).
\kappa is \kappa (math mode).
\ker is \ker (math mode).
\kill — in a \texttt{tabbing} environment, deletes previous line so tabs can be set without outputting text.
\l is \ell, \L is \La.
\label{text} provides a reference point that is accessed with \ref{text} or \pageref{text}.
\labelwidth — width of box containing list item label.
\labelsep — space between box containing list item label and text of the item.
\lambda is \lambda. \Lambda is \Lambda (math mode).
\land is \land (math mode).
\angle is \langle (math mode).
\angle, \Large, and \LARGE switch to successively larger than \normalsize type sizes.
\LaTeX produces the \LaTeX logo.
\lfloor is \lfloor (math mode).
\lbrack is [ (math mode).
\lceil is \lceil (math mode).
\ldots makes three dots at the base of the line: \ldots (cf. \ldots).
\le is \le (math mode).
\leqno is \leqno (math mode).
\left* (where * is a delimiter) must be paired with \right* (not necessarily using the same delimiter). * acts as a null delimiter (math mode).
\leftarrow is \leftarrow (math mode).
\lefteqn{formula} is used in the \texttt{eqnarray} environment to break a long formula across lines.
\leftharpoonup is \leftharpoonup (math mode).
\leftmargin, in list environment, horizontal distance between left margin of enclosing environment and left margin of list. Settable for nesting levels 1 through 6, as \leftmargini through \leftmarginvi.
\leftrightharpoons is \leftrightharpoons. \Leftarrow is \Leftarrow (math mode).
\leq is \leq (math mode).
\lfloor is \lfloor (math mode).
\lg is \lg (math mode).
\ll is \ll (math mode).
\lim is \lim (math mode).
\liminf is \liminf (math mode).
\limsup is \limsup (math mode).
\line(x,y){len} in \texttt{picture} environment, in \put command, draws line from \put argument with length \texttt{len} and slope (x,y).
\linebreak[n] forces a line to break exactly at this point, and adjusts line just terminated (cf. \newline). n is optional: 0 is an optional break, 4 is a mandatory break, 1, 2, and 3 are intermediate levels of insistence.
\linethickness{dimen} sets the thickness for all lines in a picture.
\linewidth is the width of the current line in a paragraph.
\listoffigures begins a list of figures with heading.
\listoftables begins a list of tables with heading.
\listparindent — extra indentation added to first line of every paragraph of an item after the first, in \list environment.
\ll is \ll (math mode).
\ln is \ln (math mode).
\log is \log (math mode).
\longleftarrow is \longleftarrow (math mode).
\longleftarrow is \longleftarrow (math mode).
\longmapsto is \longmapsto (math mode).
\longmapsto is \longmapsto (math mode).
\longrightarrow is \longrightarrow (math mode).
\lor is \lor (math mode).
\lq is a left-quote: ‘.
\makebox[size]{pos}{text} creates a box of dimension size containing text at optional pos. \makebox[width][height]{pos}{text} puts text in a box; dimensions of box are width and height; text is positioned at optional pos (see positions on page 8).
\makeglossary enables writing of \glossaryentry commands to a .glo file.
\makeindex enables writing of \indexentry commands to a .idx file.
\maketitle produces a title with \title, \author, and, optionally, \date.
\mapsto is \mapsto (math mode).
\marginpar{text} puts text in the margin as a note.
\marginparpush — minimum amount of vertical space between two marginal notes.
\marginparsep — horizontal space between margin and marginal note.
\marginparwidth — width of a marginal note.
\markboth{1hd}{rhd} defines the left-hand heading 1hd and the right-hand heading rhd for the headings and myheadings page styles.
\markright{rhd} defines the right-hand heading rhd for the headings and myheadings page styles.
\max is \max (math mode).
\maxbox{text} places text into a horizontal box.
\medskip — standard “medium” vertical skip.
\medskipamount — default length for \medskip.
\who is \who (math mode).
\mid is | (math mode).
\min is \min (math mode).
\mit is “math italic” as in \Pi (math mode).
\models is \models (math mode).
\month — current month of the year.
\mp is \mp (math mode).
\mu is \mu (math mode).
\multicolumn{\text}{\text} in tabular environment puts text across \text columns using positioning format \text (c.r. 1, and/or l).
\multiput of the [Delta x, Delta y] {n} {obj} is
\put(x,y)\{obj\}
\put(x + Delta x, y + Delta y)\{obj\}
\ldots
\put(x + (n-1)Delta x, y + (n-1)Delta y)\{obj\}.
\nabla is \nabla (math mode).
\natural is \natural (math mode).
\ne is \ne (math mode).
\nearrow is \nearrow (math mode).
\neg is \neg (math mode).
\neg is \neg (math mode).
\newcommand{\cs}{narg}{def} defines a new control sequence \cs with definition def.
Optionally, narg is the number of arguments, indicated in def as #1, #2, etc.
\newcounter{counter}{name} defines a counter optionally to be zeroed whenever the name counter is incremented.
\newenvironment{envname}{narg}{def1}{def2} defines a new environment, optionally with some number of arguments narg, def1 is executed when the environment in entered and def2 is executed when it is exited.
\newfont{cs}{name} defines a control sequence \cs that chooses the font name.
\newlength{\n} sets up \n as a length of Gin.
See also \setlength, \addtolength, \setwidth.
\newline breaks a line right where it is, with no stretching of terminated line (cf. \linebreak).
\newpage ends a page where it appears. (cf. \clearpage).
\newsavebox{\bname} declares a new bin to hold a \savebox.
\newtheorem{env}{env2}{label}[sectyp] defines a new theorem environment env optionally with the same numbering scheme as environment env2 with labels label.
Optionally, theorem numbers can be related to document section sectyp.
\ni is \ni (math mode).
\nofiles suppresses writing of auxiliary files .idx, .toc, etc.
\noindent suppresses indentation of first line of paragraph.
\noalign breaks a line break at that point (cf. \linebreak on page 6).
\nonumber is used in an \mbox array environment to suppress equation numbering.
\nopagebreak sets a page break at that point (cf. \linebreak on page 6).
\normalmarginpar is default declaration for placement of marginal notes (cf. \reversemarginpar).
\normalsize is the default type size for the document.
\not puts a slash through a relational operator: \not is \not (math mode).
\notin is \notin (math mode).
\nu is \nu (math mode).
\narrow is \narrow (math mode).
\no is \no (math mode).
\obeycr makes embedded carriage returns act like line terminators.
\oddsidemargin — distance between left side of page and text's normal left margin.
\odot is $\circ$ (math mode).
\oplus is $\oplus$ (math mode).
\oint is $\oint$ (math mode).
\omega is $\omega$. \Omega is $\Omega$ (math mode).
\ominus is $\ominus$ (math mode).
\onecolumn sets text in single column (default) (cf. \twocolumn.
\opening{text} declares an opening for letter document style.
\oplus is $\oplus$ (math mode).
\oslash is $\oslash$ (math mode).
\otimes is $\otimes$ (math mode).
\oval(x,y) as an argument to \put draws an oval x units wide and y units high.
\overbrace{text} gives $\overbrace{\text}$ (math mode).
\overline{text} gives $\overline{\text}$ (math mode).
\owns is $\owns$ (math mode).
\parallel is $\parallel$.
\pagebreak[n] forces a page break at that point (cf. \linebreak on page 6).
\pagenumbering{style} determines page number style; style may be arabic (3), roman (iii), Roman (III), alph (c), Alph (C).
\pageref{text} is the page number on which \label{text} occurs.
\parpage{sty} determines characteristics of a page's head and foot sty may be plain (page number only), empty (no page number), headings (running headings on each page), myheadings (user headings).
\paragraph[toctitle]{text} begins a new paragraph, automatically headed and numbered. Optional toctitle contains entry for the table of contents if different from text.
\paragraph*{text} begins a paragraph and prints a title, but doesn't include a number or make a table of contents entry.
\parallel parallel is $\parallel$ (math mode).
\parbox{pos}{size}{text} is a box created in paragraph mode. text is positioned optionally at pos (see positions on page 8). Width is size.
\parindent — horizontal indentation added at the beginning of paragraph.
\parsep — extra vertical space between paragraphs within a list item.

\parskip — extra vertical space between paragraphs, normally.
\part[toctitle]{text} begins a new part, automatically headed and numbered. Optional toctitle contains entry for the table of contents if different from text.
\part*{text} begins a part and prints a title, but doesn't include a number or make a table of contents entry.
\partial is $\partial$ (math mode).
\partopsep — extra vertical space added before first list item if environment starts a new paragraph.
\perp is $\perp$ (math mode).
\phi is $\phi$. \Phi is $\Phi$ (math mode).
\pi is $\pi$. \Pi is $\Pi$ (math mode).
\pm is $\pm$ (math mode).
\pmmod{modulus} is "parenthesized" modulo expression $u \pmod{2^n - 1}$ (math mode).
\poptabs undoes the previous \pushtabs command (restore prior tab settings).
\positions, for boxing commands t=top, b=bottom, h=here, l=left, c=center, r=right, p=new page (figure environment), p=parbox (tabular environment).
\pounds is $\pounds$.
\Pr is $\Pr$ (math mode).
\prec is $\prec$ (math mode).
\preceq is $\preceq$ (math mode).
\prime is $'$ (math mode).
\prod is $\prod$ (math mode).
\propto is $\propto$ (math mode).
\protect permits the use of "dangerous" commands in @-expressions, or in sectioning command and \caption arguments.
\ps in \letter document style permits additional text after \closing.
\psi is $\psi$. \Psi is $\Psi$ (math mode).
\pushtabs in \tabbing environment lets you stack tab stop definitions. Undo with \poptabs.
\put(x,y){stuff} is the basic picture-drawing command. (x,y) is the reference point whose meaning varies for different stuff. stuff may be anything that goes in an \bbox.
\raggedbottom causes pages to assume natural height.
\raggedleft declares all text that follows is to be flush against the right margin (cf. \begin{flushright}).
\raggedright declares all text that follows is to be flush against the left margin (cf. \begin{flushleft}).
\raisebox{dim}{d2}{d3}{text} moves text up by dim (which may be negative). Optional d2 makes system think that text extends d2 above the baseline (and optionally d3 below it).
\rangle is } (math mode).
\rbrace is } (math mode).
\rbrace is ] (math mode).
\rcell is ] (math mode).
\Re is \Re (math mode).
\ref{text} is the section number in which \label{text} occurs.
\renewcommand\{cs\}[narg]{def} redefines an existing control sequence \cs with definition \def. Optionally, narg is the number of arguments, indicated in \def as \#\, \#2, etc.
\renewenvironment\{environ\}[narg]{def1}{def2} redefines an existing environment. See \newenvironment.
\resizebox undoes the \obeycr command (makes carriage return a space-producing character).
\reversemarginpar causes opposite margin to be used for marginal notes (e.g., left margin on odd-numbered pages).
\rfloor is ] (math mode).
\rho is \rho (math mode).
\right* (where * is a delimiter) must be paired with \left* (not necessarily using the same delimiter). \* acts as a null delimiter (math mode).
\rightarrow is \rightarrow. \Rightarrow is \Rightarrow (math mode).
\rightbnotopdown is \rightarrow (math mode).
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\rightmargin in list environment, horizontal distance between right margin of enclosing environment and right margin of list. Default 0in.
\rm switches to Roman type.
\roman{counter} prints \texttt{counter} in lowercase roman numerals. \Roman{counter} prints uppercase roman numerals.
\rq is a right-quote: '.
\rule{height}{length}{width} makes a rectangular block of ink length long, width wide, with optional height above baseline.
S is S.
\savebox\{biname\}[width]{pos}{text} is exactly like \makebox (q.v.), but saves box definition in bin \biname. Access with \usebox\{biname\}.
\sbox{\biname}{text} saves text in box \biname (see \savebox above).
\sc switches to caps and small caps font.
\scriptsize switches subscript size type.
\scriptstyle switches to sub- or superscript-sized typesetting.
\scriptscriptstyle switches to second-level (very small) sub- or superscript-sized typesetting (math mode).
\searrow is \searrow (math mode).
\sec is sec (math mode).
\section{toctitle}{text} begins a new section, automatically headed and numbered. Optional toctitle contains entry for the table of contents if different from text.
\section*{text} begins a section, prints a title, but doesn't include a number or make a table of contents entry.
\setcounter{counter}{value} resets the value of counter.
\setlength{\textwidth}{length} sets value of length command \textwidth to length. See also \addtolength, \newlength, \settowidth.
\setminus is \setminus (math mode).
\settowidth{\textwidth}{text} sets value of length command \textwidth to the width of text. See also \setlength, \newlength, \addtolength.
\sharp switches to sans serif font.
\sharp is \sharp (math mode).
\shortstack{pos}{x}{y}{z} yields zzz, a one-column tabular arrangement of its arguments. Optional pos can be l or r for text position.
\sigma is \sigma. \Sigma is \Sigma (math mode).
\signature{text} declares a signature for letter document style.
\sim is \sim (math mode).
\sin is \sin (math mode).
\sinh is \sinh (math mode).
\texttt{s1 \texttt{switches to skanteed typeface.}}
\texttt{sloppy \texttt{relaxes the line-breaking algorithm to}}
\texttt{allow more or less distance between words.}
\texttt{Default is \texttt{fussy.}}
\texttt{small \texttt{switches to smaller than normalsize}}
\texttt{typeface.}
\texttt{smallint is \texttt{f} (math mode).}
\texttt{smallskip} \texttt{— standard “small” vertical skip.}
\texttt{smallskipamount} \texttt{— default length for}
\texttt{smallskip.}
\texttt{smile \texttt{is \texttt{\textdegree}} (math mode).}
\texttt{spadesuit} \texttt{is \texttt{\textdiamondsuit} (math mode).}
\texttt{sqcap} \texttt{is \texttt{\textcap} (math mode).}
\texttt{sqcup} \texttt{is \texttt{\textcup} (math mode).}
\texttt{sqrt[3]{arg}} \texttt{is \texttt{\sqrt[3]{arg}.} 3 (root) is optional.}
\texttt{subset} \texttt{is \texttt{\subseteq} (math mode).}
\texttt{subseteq} \texttt{is \texttt{\subseteq} (math mode).}
\texttt{sqsubset} \texttt{is \texttt{\sqsubset} (math mode).}
\texttt{sqsupset} \texttt{is \texttt{\sqsupset} (math mode).}
\texttt{subsupseteq} \texttt{is \texttt{\sqsupseteq} (math mode).}
\texttt{ss is \texttt{\textsigma}.}
\texttt{stackrel{stuff}{delim}} \texttt{puts stuff above the}
\texttt{delimiter; \texttt{\textstar \textrightarrow} \texttt{yields \textstar \textrightarrow} (math mode).}
\texttt{star \texttt{is \textstar} (math mode).}
\texttt{stop} \texttt{— type this if \TeX \texttt{stops with a \textstar \textand no}}
\texttt{error message.}
\texttt{subparagraph[toctitle]{text}} \texttt{begins a}
\texttt{subparagraph, automatically headed and}
\texttt{numbered. Optional \texttt{toctitle} contains entry for}
\texttt{the table of contents if different from \texttt{text.}}
\texttt{subparagraph*{text}} \texttt{begins a subparagraph}
\texttt{and prints a title, but doesn’t include a number}
\texttt{or make a table of contents entry.}
\texttt{subsection[toctitle]{text}},
\texttt{subsubsection[toctitle]{text}} \texttt{begin new}
\texttt{subsections, automatically headed and}
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\texttt{the table of contents if different from \texttt{text.}}
\texttt{subsection*{text}, \texttt{subsubsection*{text}} \texttt{begin sub}}
\texttt{sections, but suppress section number}
\texttt{and table of contents entry.}
\texttt{subset} \texttt{is \texttt{\subseteq} (math mode).}
\texttt{subseteq} \texttt{is \texttt{\subseteq} (math mode).}
\texttt{succ} \texttt{is \texttt{\textsucc} (math mode).}
\texttt{succeq} \texttt{is \texttt{\textsucceq} (math mode).}
\texttt{sum} \texttt{is \texttt{\sum} (math mode).}
\texttt{sup} \texttt{is sup (math mode).}
\texttt{supset} \texttt{is \texttt{\supset} (math mode).}
\texttt{supseteq} \texttt{is \texttt{\supseteq} (math mode).}
\texttt{surd} \texttt{is \texttt{\sqrt{arg}} (math mode).}
\texttt{swarrow} \texttt{is \texttt{\swarrow} (math mode).}
\texttt{symbol{cc}} \texttt{produces the symbol (glyph)}
\texttt{character code cc in the current font.}
\texttt{x \texttt{prints a “tie-after” accent, as \textdegree.}}
\texttt{tabbingsep} \texttt{— distance to left of a tab stop}
\texttt{moved by \textbackslash{v}.}
\texttt{tabcolsep} \texttt{— half the width of the space}
\texttt{between columns in \texttt{tabular} environment.}
\texttt{tableofcontents} \texttt{produces a table of contents.}
\texttt{A \texttt{.toc} file must have been generated during a}
\texttt{previous \TeX \texttt{run.}}
\texttt{tan} \texttt{is tan (math mode).}
\texttt{tanh} \texttt{is tanh (math mode).}
\texttt{tau} \texttt{is \texttau} (math mode).
\texttt{TeX} \texttt{produces the \TeX \texttt{logo.}}
\texttt{textfloatsep} \texttt{— distance between floats at the}
\texttt{top or bottom of a single-column page and the}
\texttt{text on that page.}
\texttt{textfraction} \texttt{— minimum fraction of a text}
\texttt{page that must contain text.}
\texttt{textheight} \texttt{is the normal vertical dimension of}
\texttt{the body of the page.}
\texttt{textstyle} \texttt{switches to \textit{math} environment}
\texttt{typesetting (math mode).}
\texttt{textwidth} \texttt{is the normal horizontal dimension of}
\texttt{the body of the page.}
\texttt{thanks} \texttt{footnote} \texttt{adds an acknowledgement}
\texttt{footnote to an author’s name used in a}
\texttt{\texttt{maketitle} command.}
\texttt{theta} \texttt{is \texttheta.} \texttt{Theta} \texttt{is \textTheta (math mode).}
\texttt{thicklines} \texttt{is an alternate line thickness for}
\texttt{lines in a \texttt{picture} environment. See also}
\texttt{linethickness.}
\texttt{thicklines} \texttt{is the default declaration for line}
\texttt{thicknesses in a \texttt{picture} environment. See}
\texttt{thicklines.}
\texttt{thinspace} \texttt{is the proper space between single}
\texttt{and double quotes, as in “”}.\texttt{\thispagestyle{sty}} \texttt{determines characteristics}
\texttt{of head and foot for the current page only. Used}
\texttt{to override \pagestyle{q.v.} temporarily.}\texttt{\tilde{t}} \texttt{makes a tilde, as: \texttilde{a} (math mode).}
\texttt{times} \texttt{is \texttimes (math mode).}
\texttt{tiny} \texttt{switches to a very small typeface.}
\texttt{title{text}} \texttt{declares a document title for the}
\texttt{\maketitle command.}
\texttt{to} \texttt{is \textrightarrow (math mode).}
\today generates today's date.
\top is \top (math mode).
\topfraction — maximum fraction at the top of a single-column page that may be occupied by floats.
\topmargin — space between top of \TeX page (1 inch from top of paper) and top of header.
\topsep — extra vertical space added before first list item and after last list item.
\topskip — minimum distance between top of page body to bottom of first line of text.
\triangle is \bigtriangleup (math mode).
\triangleleft is \langle (math mode).
\triangleright is \rangle (math mode).
\tt switches to typewriter type.
\twocolumn[text] declares a two-column page, with optional full-page width heading text.
\typein\cs\{text\} displays text on the screen and waits for you to enter stuff which will be put in the document at that point. Optional control sequence \cs can be assigned the value of your input, to be used later.
\typeout\{text\} displays text on the screen and writes it to the .lis file.
\u prints a breve accent, as ù.
\unboldmath unemboldens math italics and math symbols. Should be used outside of math mode.
\underbrace\{text\} gives text (math mode).
\underline\{text\} gives text (math mode or not).
\unitlength — length of coordinate units for picture environment.
\unitlength\{\text\} (math mode).
\unrhd is \unrhd (math mode).
\uparrow is \uparrow. \Uparrow is \Uparrow (math mode).
\updownarrow is \updownarrow. \Updownarrow is \Updownarrow (math mode).
\uplus \uplus (math mode).
\upsilon is \upsilon. \Upsilon is \Upsilon (math mode).
\usebox\{\binname\} recalls box definition saved in box \binname.
\usecounter\{counter\} is used in a list environment to cause \counter to be used to number the items.
\v prints a háček, as ě.
\value\{counter\} produces the numeric value of \counter.
\varepsilon is \varepsilon (math mode).
\varphi is \varphi (math mode).
\varpi is \varpi (math mode).
\varrho is \varrho (math mode).
\varsigma is \varsigma (math mode).
\vartheta is \vartheta (math mode).
\vdash is \vdash (math mode).
\vdots is \vdots (math mode).
\vec puts a vector over a letter: \vec{a} (math mode).
\vector\{x,y\}\{len\} in picture environment, in \put command, draws vector from \put argument with length \len and slope (x,y), with arrowhead.
\vee is \vee (math mode).
\verb/text/ creates a local verbatim environment for \text, printed in typewriter font. Note that \text is not in curly braces; it is between two identical delimiters, neither of which appears in \text.
\verb*/text/ is like \verb/text/, but spaces print out as \&.
\vert is \vert. \Vert is \Vert (math mode).
\vfill is \vspace\{\vfill\} (cf. \fill).
\vspace\{len\} leaves a vertical space of dimension \len.
\vspace*\{len\} is like \vspace\{len\} but space is not removed at the beginning or end of a page.
\wedge is \wedge (math mode).
\widehat\{arg\} is \widehat{arg} (math mode).
\widetilde\{arg\} is \widetilde{arg} (math mode).
\wp is \wp (math mode).
\wr is \wr (math mode).
\xi is \xi. \Xi is \Xi (math mode).
\year — current year (A.D.).
\zeta is \zeta (math mode).
\textbf{\LaTeX} typefaces

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{\textbackslash rm} Roman
  \item \texttt{\textbackslash it} Italic
  \item \texttt{\textbackslash bf} Boldface
  \item \texttt{\textbackslash sl} Slanted
  \item \texttt{\textbackslash sf} Sans serif
  \item \texttt{\textbackslash sc} SMALL CAPS
  \item \texttt{\textbackslash tt} Typewriter
\end{itemize}

\textbf{Miscellaneous symbols}

\begin{itemize}
  \item $\dag$ \texttt{\textbackslash dag}
  \item $\ddag$ \texttt{\textbackslash ddag}
  \item $\S$ \texttt{\textbackslash S}
  \item $\copyright$ \texttt{\textbackslash copyright}
  \item $\Pounds$ \texttt{\textbackslash Pounds}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{Dimensions or lengths}

- \texttt{pt} point (72.27 pt/in)
- \texttt{pc} pica (12 pt/pc)
- \texttt{in} inch
- \texttt{bp} big point (72 bp/in)
- \texttt{cm} centimeter (2.54 cm/in)
- \texttt{mm} millimeter (10 mm/cm)
- \texttt{dd} didot point (1157 dd = 1238 pt)
- \texttt{cc} cicero (12 dd/cc)
- \texttt{sp} scaled point (65536 sp/pt)
- \texttt{em} font-dependent; “quad” width
- \texttt{ex} font-dependent; “x”-height

\textbf{\LaTeX} environments

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{abstract} \texttt{\textbackslash abstract}
  \item \texttt{figure} \texttt{\textbackslash figure}
  \item \texttt{quote} \texttt{\textbackslash quote}
  \item \texttt{array} \texttt{\textbackslash array}
  \item \texttt{flushleft} \texttt{\textbackslash flushleft}
  \item \texttt{tabbing} \texttt{\textbackslash tabbing}
  \item \texttt{center} \texttt{\textbackslash center}
  \item \texttt{flushright} \texttt{\textbackslash flushright}
  \item \texttt{table} \texttt{\textbackslash table}
  \item \texttt{description} \texttt{\textbackslash description}
  \item \texttt{itemize} \texttt{\textbackslash itemize}
  \item \texttt{tabular} \texttt{\textbackslash tabular}
  \item \texttt{displaymath} \texttt{\textbackslash displaymath}
  \item \texttt{list} \texttt{\textbackslash list}
  \item \texttt{theorem} \texttt{\textbackslash theorem}
  \item \texttt{enumerate} \texttt{\textbackslash enumerate}
  \item \texttt{math} \texttt{\textbackslash math}
  \item \texttt{titlepage} \texttt{\textbackslash titlepage}
  \item \texttt{eqnarray} \texttt{\textbackslash eqnarray}
  \item \texttt{minipage} \texttt{\textbackslash minipage}
  \item \texttt{verbatim} \texttt{\textbackslash verbatim}
  \item \texttt{equation} \texttt{\textbackslash equation}
  \item \texttt{picture} \texttt{\textbackslash picture}
  \item \texttt{verse} \texttt{\textbackslash verse}
  \item \texttt{quotation} \texttt{\textbackslash quotation}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{Greek letters (math mode)}

\begin{itemize}
  \item $\alpha$ \texttt{\textbackslash alpha}
  \item $\beta$ \texttt{\textbackslash beta}
  \item $\xi$ \texttt{\textbackslash xi}
  \item $\gamma$ \texttt{\textbackslash gamma}
  \item \texttt{\textbackslash gamma}
  \item $\delta$ \texttt{\textbackslash delta}
  \item $\pi$ \texttt{\textbackslash pi}
  \item $\epsilon$ \texttt{\textbackslash epsilon}
  \item $\rho$ \texttt{\textbackslash rho}
  \item $\zeta$ \texttt{\textbackslash zeta}
  \item $\sigma$ \texttt{\textbackslash sigma}
  \item $\eta$ \texttt{\textbackslash eta}
  \item $\tau$ \texttt{\textbackslash tau}
  \item $\theta$ \texttt{\textbackslash theta}
  \item $\upsilon$ \texttt{\textbackslash upsilon}
  \item $\iota$ \texttt{\textbackslash iota}
  \item $\phi$ \texttt{\textbackslash phi}
  \item $\kappa$ \texttt{\textbackslash kappa}
  \item $\chi$ \texttt{\textbackslash chi}
  \item $\lambda$ \texttt{\textbackslash lambda}
  \item $\psi$ \texttt{\textbackslash psi}
  \item $\mu$ \texttt{\textbackslash mu}
  \item $\omega$ \texttt{\textbackslash omega}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{Text-mode accents}

\begin{itemize}
  \item $\acute{\texttt{\textbackslash a}}$ \texttt{\textbackslash acute}
  \item $\grave{\texttt{\textbackslash a}}$ \texttt{\textbackslash grave}
  \item $\check{\texttt{\textbackslash a}}$ \texttt{\textbackslash check}
  \item $\dot{\texttt{\textbackslash a}}$ \texttt{\textbackslash dot}
  \item $\ddot{\texttt{\textbackslash a}}$ \texttt{\textbackslash doubledot}
  \item $\tilde{\texttt{\textbackslash a}}$ \texttt{\textbackslash tilde}
  \item $\breve{\texttt{\textbackslash a}}$ \texttt{\textbackslash breve}
  \item $\acute{\texttt{\textbackslash e}}$ \texttt{\textbackslash acute}
  \item $\grave{\texttt{\textbackslash e}}$ \texttt{\textbackslash grave}
  \item $\check{\texttt{\textbackslash e}}$ \texttt{\textbackslash check}
  \item $\dot{\texttt{\textbackslash e}}$ \texttt{\textbackslash dot}
  \item $\ddot{\texttt{\textbackslash e}}$ \texttt{\textbackslash doubledot}
\end{itemize}

\textbf{National symbols}

\begin{itemize}
  \item $\oe$ \texttt{\textbackslash oe}
  \item $\ddot{\texttt{\textbackslash e}}$ \texttt{\textbackslash grave}
  \item $\acute{\texttt{\textbackslash e}}$ \texttt{\textbackslash acute}
  \item $\breve{\texttt{\textbackslash e}}$ \texttt{\textbackslash breve}
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