

# Discrete Mathematics in Computer Science

## Introduction to $\text{\LaTeX}$

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# Why?

- Powerful tool for scientific writing
  - papers
  - posters
  - slides
  - ...
- easy integration of formulas, algorithms, ...
- consistent, automatic formatting

Why here? → practice opportunity

# Installation

## Linux

```
sudo apt install texlive-full
```

Compiling: pdflatex file.tex

## Windows

<https://tug.org/texlive/acquire-netinstall.html>

TexWorks: GUI for editing and compiling

## MacOS

<https://www.tug.org/mactex/>

TexShow: GUI for editing and compiling (typeset button)

Installing all packages is recommended (if time and space permits).

# Document Structure

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{a4wide}
\usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}
\usepackage{amssymb}
\usepackage{amsmath}
```

Preamble

```
\usepackage{tikz}
\usetikzlibrary{automata}
\usetikzlibrary{arrows}
```

```
\newcommand{\ie}{i.\,e.}
\newtheorem{definition}{Definition}
```

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```
\begin{document}
```

```
\section*{On sets}
```

Document Text

We start with a basic definition:

```
\begin{definition}
```

A set is an unordered collection of distinct objects. The objects in a set are called the elements of the set. A set is said to contain its elements. The set that does not contain any elements is the empty set  $\emptyset$ . We write  $x \in S$  to indicate that  $x$  is an element of set  $S$ , and  $x \notin S$  to indicate that  $S$  does not contain  $x$ .

```
\end{definition}
```

```
\end{document}
```

## Provided by Us

### Exercise Template

- Should include all needed packages
- Not mandatory

### L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Cheat Sheet

- General and chapter specific commands
- *Work in progress* – will be updated in line with lecture

Both can be found on the course website

# Common pitfalls

- **undefined references**  
→ compile two times
- **no new line**  
→ empty line between paragraphs
- **overfull hbox**  
→ text over document border
- **missing or too many spaces**  
→ missing: \ after commands  
→ too many: % after { at end of line
- **File ended while scanning ...**  
→ missing }, \end{...}, ...

Unresolved problems? → Ask on Discord

## Helpful Links

- <https://detexify.kirelabs.org/classify.html>  
→ find symbol command by drawing the symbol
- <https://latexbase.com>  
→ web-based  $\text{\LaTeX}$  editor