An ASME Journal Article Created Using LaTeX2$_\varepsilon$ in ASME Format for Testing Your Figures

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Nomenclature

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α There are two arguments for each entry of the nomemclature environment, the symbol and the definition.

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1 Introduction

This article illustrates preparation of ASME paper using LaTeX2$_\varepsilon$. The LaTeX macro `asme2ej.cls`, the BibTeX style file `asmems4.bst`, and the template `asme2ej.tex` that create this article are available on the WWW at the URL address `http://iel.ucdavis.edu/code/`. To ensure compliance with the 2003 ASME MS4 style guidelines [?], you should modify neither the LaTeX macro `asme2ej.cls` nor the BibTeX style file `asmems4.bst`. By comparing the output generated by typesetting this file and the LaTeX2$_\varepsilon$ source file, you should find everything you need to help you through the preparation of ASME paper using LaTeX2$_\varepsilon$. Details on using LaTeX can be found in [?].

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columns with 0.17in spacing, both are right justified.

The information that is the focus of this exercise is found in section **??**. Please use this template to format your paper in a way that is similar to the printed form of the Journal of Mechanical Design. This will allow you to verify that the size and resolution of your figures match the page layout of the journal. The ASME Journal of Mechanical Design will no longer publish papers that have the errors demonstrated here.

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The journal uses 10pt Times Roman Bold for headings, but Times Bold is good enough for this effort. The text is set at 9pt Times Roman, and again Times will be fine. Insert a new line after the heading, and two lines after each section. This is not exactly right but it is close enough.

2 Very Very Very Very Very Very Very Very Very Very Very Long Heading

The heading is boldface with upper and lower case letters. If the heading should run into more than one line, the run-over is not left-flushed.

2.1 Second-Level Heading

The next level of heading is also boldface with upper and lower case letters. The heading is flushed left with the left margin. The spacing to the next heading is two line spaces.

2.1.1 Third-Level Heading.

The third-level of heading follows the style of the second-level heading.

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4 Footnotes[1]

Footnotes are referenced with superscript numerals and are numbered consecutively from 1 to the end of the paper[2]. Footnotes should appear at the bottom of the column in which they are referenced.

5 Mathematics

Equations should be numbered consecutively beginning with (1) to the end of the paper, including any appendices.

[1] Examine the input file, asme2ej.tex, to see how a footnote is given in a head.

[2] Avoid footnotes if at all possible.

Fig. 1. The caption of a single sentence does not have period at the end

The number should be enclosed in parentheses and set flush right in the column on the same line as the equation. An extra line of space should be left above and below a displayed equation or formula. LaTeX can automatically keep track of equation numbers in the paper and format almost any equation imaginable. An example is shown in Eqn. (**??**). The number of a referenced equation in the text should be preceded by Eqn. unless the reference starts a sentence in which case Eqn. should be expanded to Equation.

$$f(t) = \int_{0_+}^{t} F(t)dt + \frac{dg(t)}{dt} \tag{1}$$

6 Figures

All figures should be positioned at the top of the page where possible. All figures should be numbered consecutively and centered under the figure as shown in Fig. **??**. All text within the figure should be no smaller than 7 pt. There should be a minimum two line spaces between figures and text. The number of a referenced figure or table in the text should be preceded by Fig. or Tab. respectively unless the reference starts a sentence in which case Fig. or Tab. should be expanded to Figure or Table.

In the following subsections, I have inserted figures that have been provided by authors in order to demonstrate what to avoid. In each case the authors provided figures that are 3.25in wide and 600dpi in the .tif graphics format. The papers containing these figures have been held from production due to their poor quality.

6.1 The 1st Example of Bad Figure

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Figure ‘**??** was taken from a recent paper that was held from publication, because the text is fuzzy and unreadable. It was probably obtained by taking a screen shot of the computer output of the authors software. This means the original figure was 72dpi (dots per inch) on a computer screen. There is no way to improve the quality such a low resolution figure.

In order to understand how poor the quality of this figure is, please zoom in slightly, say to 200%. Notice that while the font of the paper is clear at this size, the font in the figures is fuzzy and blurred. It is impossible to make out the small symbol beside the numbers along the abscissa of the graph. Now consider the labels Time and Cost. They are clearly in fonts larger that the text of the article, yet the pixilation or rasterization, associated with low resolution is

Fig. 2. Example taken from a paper that was held from production because the image quality is poor. ASME sets figures captions in 8pt, Helvetica Bold.

Fig. 3. While this figures is easily readable at a double column width of 6.5in, when it is shrunk to 3.25in column width the text is unreadable. This paper was held from production.

obvious. This figure must be regenerated at higher resolution to ensure quality presentation.

The poor quality of this figure is immediately obvious on the printed page, and reduces the impact of the research contribution of the paper, and in fact detracts from the perceived quality of the journal itself.

6.2 The 2nd Example of Bad Figure

Figure **??** demonstrates a common problem that arises when a figure is scaled down fit a single column width of 3.25in. The original figure had labels that were readable at full size, but become unreadable when scaled to half size. This figure also suffers from poor resolution as is seen in the jagged lines the ovals that form the chain.

This problem can be addressed by increasing the size of the figure to a double column width of 6.5in, so the text is readable. But this will not improve the line pixilation, and a large low resolution figure is less desirable than a small one. This also significantly expands the length of the paper, and may cause it to exceed the JMD nine page limit. Additional pages require page charges of $200 per page. It is best to regenerate the figure at the resolution that ensures a quality presentation.

Fig. 4. Another example of a figure with unreadable text. Even when the paper was expanded to double column width the text as shown in Fig. **??** was of such low quality that the paper was held from production.

6.3 The 3rd Example of Bad Figure

An author provided the high resolution image in Fig. **??** that was sized to a single column width of 3.25in. Upon seeing the poor quality of the text, the publisher scaled the image to double column width as shown in Fig. **??** at which point it took half of a page. The publisher went on to do this for all eight figures generating four pages of figures that the author did not expect. ASME stopped production of the paper even with the larger figures due to the pixilation of the font.

Clearly the text in this figure is unreadable, and it is doubtful that the author can print the output in a way that it is readable. This is a problem that the author must solve, not the publisher.

As you might expect, I have many more examples, but in the end the author is the best judge of what is needed in

Fig. 5. A figure expanded to double column width the text from Figure **??**

each figure. ASME simply requires that the image meet a minimum standard for font and line quality, specifically the font should be the appropriate size and not be blurred or pixilated, and that lines should be the appropriate weight and have minimal, preferably no, pixilation or rasterization.

7 Tables

All tables should be numbered consecutively and centered above the table as shown in Table **??**. The body of the table should be no smaller than 7 pt. There should be a minimum two line spaces between tables and text.

Table 1. Figure and table captions do not end with a period

Example	Time	Cost
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2	24	\$2,000

8 Citing References

The ASME reference format is defined in the authors kit provided by the ASME. The format is:

Text Citation. Within the text, references should be cited in numerical order according to their order of appearance. The numbered reference citation should be enclosed in brackets.

The references must appear in the paper in the order that they were cited. In addition, multiple citations (3 or more in the same brackets) must appear as a " [1-3]". A complete definition of the ASME reference format can be found in the ASME manual [?].

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With LATEX/BIBTEX, LATEX uses the citation format set by the class file and writes the citation information into the .aux file associated with the LATEX source. BIBTEX reads the .aux file and matches the citations to the entries in the bibliographic data base file specified in the LATEX source file by the `\bibliography` command. BIBTEX then writes the bibliography in accordance with the rules in the bibliography .bst style file to a .bbl file which LATEX merges with the source text. A good description of the use of BIBTEX can be found in [?, **?**] (see how two references are handled?). The following is an example of how three or more references [?, ?, ?] show up using the `asmems4.bst` bibliography style file in conjunction with the `asme2ej.cls` class file. Here are some more [**?**, **?**, **?**, **?**, **?**, **?**, **?**, **?**, **?**, **?**] which can be used to describe almost any sort of reference.

9 Conclusions

The only way to ensure that your figures are presented in the ASME Journal of Mechanical Design in the way you feel is appropriate and meets the requirement for quality presentation is for you to prepare a double column version of the paper in a form similar to that used by the Journal.

This gives you the opportunity to ensure that the figures are sized appropriately, in particular that the labels are readable and match the size of the text in the journal, and that the line weights and resolutions have no pixilation or rasterization. Poor quality figures are immediately obvious on the printed page, and this detracts from the perceived quality of the journal.

I am pleased to provide advice on how to improve any figure, but this effort must start with a two-column version of the manuscript. Thank you in advance for your patience with this effort, it will ensure quality presentation of your research contributions.

10 Discussions

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Appendix A: Head of First Appendix

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Appendix B: Head of Second Appendix

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$$a = b + c. \tag{2}$$