How to Typeset Equations in LaTeX

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1 Introduction

\LaTeX{} is a very powerful tool for typesetting in general and for typesetting math in particular. In spite of its power, however, there are still many ways of generating better or less good results. This manual offers some tricks and hints that hopefully will lead to the former...

Note that this manual does neither claim to provide the best nor the only solution. Its aim is rather to give a couple of rules that can be followed easily and that will lead to a good layout of all equations in a document. It is assumed that the reader has already mastered the basics of \LaTeX{}.

The structure of this document is as follows. We introduce the most basic equation in Section 2; Section 3 then explains some first possible reactions when an equation is too long. The probably most important part is contained in Sections 4 and 5: there we introduce the powerful IEEEeqnarray-environment that should be used in any case instead of align or eqnarray.

In Section 6 some more advanced problems and possible solutions are discussed, and Section 7 contains some hints and tricks about the editor Emacs. Finally, Section 8 makes some suggestions about special symbols that cannot be easily found in \LaTeX{}.

In the following any \LaTeX{} command will be set in typewriter font. RHS stands for right-hand side, i.e., all terms on the right of the equality (or inequality) sign. Similarly, LHS stands for left-hand side, i.e., all terms on the left of the equality sign. To simplify our language, we will usually talk about equality. Obviously, the typesetting does not change if an expression actually is an inequality.

This documents comes together with some additional files that might be helpful:

- typeset_equations.tex: \LaTeX{} source file of this manual.
- dot_emacs: commands to be included in the preference file of Emacs (.emacs) (see Section 7).
- IEEEtrantools.sty [2015/08/26 V1.5 by Michael Shell]: package needed for the IEEEeqnarray-environment.
- IEEEtran.cls [2015/08/26 V1.8b by Michael Shell]: \LaTeX{} document class package for papers in IEEE format.

\footnote{IEEEtran.cls version 1.8b, and IEEEtrantools.sty version 1.5.}

\[^1\]
• IEEEtran_HOWTO.pdf [2015/08]: official manual of the IEEEtran-class. The part about IEEEeqnarray is found in Appendix F.

Note that IEEEtran.cls and IEEEtrantools.sty is provided automatically by any up-to-date \LaTeX-distribution.

2 Single Equations: equation

The main strength of \LaTeX concerning typesetting of mathematics is based on the package amsmath. Every current distribution of \LaTeX will come with this package included, so you only need to make sure that the following line is included in the header of your document:

\usepackage{amsmath}

Throughout this document it is assumed that amsmath is loaded.

Single equations should be exclusively typed using the equation environment:

\begin{equation}
a = b + c
\end{equation}

a = b + c \hfill (1)

In case one does not want to have an equation number, the *-version is used:

\begin{equation*}
a = b + c
\end{equation*}

The displaymath-environment offers no equation-numbering. To add or to remove a "*" in the equation-environment is much more flexible.

Commands like $$...$$, \[...\], etc., have the additional disadvantage that the source code is extremely poorly readable. Moreover, $$...$$ is faulty: the vertical spacing after the equation is too large in certain situations.

We summarize:

Unless we decide to rely exclusively on IEEEeqnarray (see the discussion in Sections 4.3 and 4.4), we should only use equation (and no other environment) to produce a single equation.

3 Single Equations that are Too Long: multiline

If an equation is too long, we have to wrap it somehow. Unfortunately, wrapped equations are usually less easy to read than not-wrapped ones. To improve the readability, one should follow certain rules on how to do the wrapping:
1. In general one should always wrap an equation \textbf{before} an equality sign or an operator.

2. A wrap before an equality sign is preferable to a wrap before any operator.

3. A wrap before a plus- or minus-operator is preferable to a wrap before a multiplication-operator.

4. Any other type of wrap should be avoided if ever possible.

The easiest way to achieve such a wrapping is the use of the \texttt{multiline}-environment:\footnote{As a reminder: it is necessary to include the \texttt{amsmath}-package for this command to work!}

\begin{verbatim}
\begin{multiline}
a + b + c + d + e + f \\
g + h + i \\
\end{multiline}
\end{verbatim}

\begin{verbatim}
a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h + i \\
\end{verbatim}
\begin{verbatim}
\begin{equation}
a = b + c + d + e + f + g + h + i + j + k + l + m + n + o + p \\
\end{equation}
\end{verbatim}

\begin{verbatim}
a = b + c + d + e + f + g + h + i + j + k + l + m + n + o + p
\end{verbatim}

The difference to the \texttt{equation}-environment is that an arbitrary line-break (or also multiple line-breaks) can be introduced. This is done by putting a \texttt{\textbackslash \textbackslash} at those places where the equation needs to be wrapped.

Similarly to \texttt{equation*} there also exists a \texttt{multiline*}-version for preventing an equation number.

However, in spite of its ease of use, often the \texttt{IEEEeqnarray}-environment (see Section 4) will yield better results. Particularly, consider the following common situation:

\begin{verbatim}
\begin{equation}
a = b + c + d + e + f + g + h + i + j + k + l + m + n + o + p \\
\end{equation}
\end{verbatim}

Here the RHS is too long to fit on one line. The \texttt{multiline}-environment will now yield the following:

\begin{verbatim}
\begin{multline}
a = b + c + d + e + f \\
g + h + i + j \\
k + l + m + n + o + p
\end{multline}
\end{verbatim}

\begin{verbatim}
a = b + c + d + e + f + g + h + i + j + k + l + m + n + o + p
\end{verbatim}

This is of course much better than (3), but it has the disadvantage that the equality sign loses its natural stronger importance over the plus operator in front of \texttt{k}. A better solution is provided by the \texttt{IEEEeqnarray}-environment that will be discussed in detail in Sections 4 and 5:
In this case the second line is horizontally aligned to the first line: the + in front of $k$ is exactly below $b$, i.e., the RHS is clearly visible as contrast to the LHS of the equation.

Also note that \texttt{multline} wrongly forces a minimum spacing on the left of the first line even if it has not enough space on the right, causing a noncentered equation. This can even lead to the very ugly typesetting where the second line containing the RHS of an equality is actually to the left of the first line containing the LHS:

\begin{align}
  a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h + i + j \\
  = k + l + m + n + o + p + q + r + s + t + u
\end{align}

\text{(6)}

For this reason we give the following rule:

\begin{center}
  The \texttt{multline}-environment should exclusively be used in the four specific situations described in Sections 3.1–3.4.
\end{center}

\subsection*{3.1 Case 1: The expression is not an equation}

If the expression is not an equation, i.e., there is no equality sign, then there exists no RHS or LHS and \texttt{multline} offers a nice solution:

\begin{align}
  a + b + c + d + e + f \\
  + g + h + i + j + k + l \\
  + m + n + o + p + q
\end{align}

\text{(7)}

\subsection*{3.2 Case 2: Additional comment}

If there is an additional comment at the end of the equation that does not fit on the same line, then this comment can be put onto the next line:

\begin{align}
  a + b + c + d \\
  = e + f + g + h, \quad \text{\texttt{quad}} \\
  \text{for } 0 \le n \le n_{\text{max}}
\end{align}

\text{(8)}
3.3 Case 3: LHS too long — RHS too short

If the LHS of a single equation is too long and the RHS is very short, then one cannot break the equation in front of the equality sign as wished, but one is forced to do it somewhere on the LHS. In this case one cannot nicely keep the natural separation of LHS and RHS anyway and \texttt{multline} offers the best (of bad) solutions:

\begin{multline}
a + b + c + d + e + f + g \\+ h + i + j + k + l = m
\end{multline}

\begin{aligned}
a + b + c + d + e + f + g \\
+ h + i + j + k + l = m \quad (9)
\end{aligned}

3.4 Case 4: A term on the RHS should not be split

The following is a special (and rather rare) case: the LHS would be short enough and/or the RHS long enough in order to wrap the equation in a way as shown in (5), i.e., this usually would call for the \texttt{IEEEeqnarray}-environment. However, a term on the RHS is an entity that we rather would not split, but it is too long to fit:

\begin{multline}
h^{-}(X|Y) \le \frac{n+1}{e} - h(X|Y) \\
+ \int p(y) \log \left( \frac{\mathsf{E}\big[|X|^2 | Y=y\big]}{n} \right) \dd y
\end{multline}

\begin{aligned}
h^{-}(X|Y) \le \frac{n+1}{e} - h(X|Y) \\
+ \int p(y) \log \left( \frac{\mathsf{E}\big[|X|^2 | Y=y\big]}{n} \right) \dd y \quad (10)
\end{aligned}

In this example the integral on the RHS is too long, but should not be split for readability.

Note that even in this case it might be possible to find different, possibly better solutions based on \texttt{IEEEeqnarray}-environment:

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
\begin{IEEEeqnarraymulticol}{3}{l}
&h^{-}(X|Y) \\
&\le \frac{n+1}{e} - h(X|Y) \\
&+ \int p(y) \log \left( \frac{\mathsf{E}\big[|X|^2 | Y=y\big]}{n} \right) \dd y
\end{IEEEeqnarray}
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

\begin{aligned}
&h^{-}(X|Y) \\
&\le \frac{n+1}{e} - h(X|Y) \\
&+ \int p(y) \log \left( \frac{\mathsf{E}\big[|X|^2 | Y=y\big]}{n} \right) \dd y \quad (11)
\end{aligned}

\footnote{For a definition of \texttt{\dd}, see Section 8.}
4 Multiple Equations: IEEEeqnarray

In the most general situation, we have a sequence of several equalities that do not fit onto one line. Here we need to work with horizontal alignment in order to keep the array of equations in a nice and readable structure.

Before we offer our suggestions on how to do this, we start with a few bad examples that show the biggest drawbacks of common solutions.

4.1 Problems with traditional commands

To group multiple equations, the \texttt{align}-environment\footnote{The \texttt{align}-environment can also be used to group several blocks of equations beside each other. However, also for this situation, we recommend to use the \texttt{IEEEeqnarray}-environment with an argument like, e.g., \texttt{\{rC1+rC1\}).} could be used:

\begin{align}
a & = b + c \\
& = d + e
\end{align}

While this looks neat as long as every equation fits onto one line, this approach does not work anymore once a single line is too long:

\begin{align}
a & = b + c \\
& = d + e + f + g + h + i \\
& + j + k + l \\
& + m + n + o \\
& = p + q + r + s
\end{align}

Here \texttt{+ m} should be below \texttt{d} and not below the equality sign. Of course, one could add some space by, e.g., \texttt{hspace(...)}, but this will never yield a precise arrangement (and is bad programming style!).

A better solution is offered by the \texttt{eqnarray}-environment:

\begin{eqnarray}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e + f + g + h + i \\
& + & j + k + l \nonumber \\
& + & m + n + o \nonumber \\
& = & p + q + r + s
\end{eqnarray}

The \texttt{eqnarray}-environment, however, has a few very severe disadvantages:

\begin{itemize}
  \item The spaces around the equality signs are too big. Particularly, they are \textbf{not} the same as in the \texttt{multline}- and \texttt{equation}-environments:
\end{itemize}
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\begin{eqnarray}
a & = & a = a
\end{eqnarray}  

\begin{eqnarray}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e + f + g + h^2 + i^2 + j
\label{eq:faultyeqnarray}
\end{eqnarray}

• The expression sometimes overlaps with the equation number even though there
would be enough room on the left:

\begin{eqnarray}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e + f + g + h^2 + i^2 + j
\end{eqnarray}

• The eqnarray-environment offers a command \texttt{\textbackslash lefteqn{...}} that can be used
when the LHS is too long:

\begin{eqnarray}
\texttt{\textbackslash lefteqn(a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h)\textbackslash nonumber}\\
& = & i + j + k + l + m \\
& = & n + o + p + q + r + s
\end{eqnarray}

Unfortunately, this command is faulty: if the RHS is too short, the array is not
properly centered:

\begin{eqnarray}
\texttt{\textbackslash lefteqn(a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h)\textbackslash nonumber}\\
& = & i + j
\end{eqnarray}

Moreover, it is very complicated to change the horizontal alignment of the equality
sign on the second line.

Thus:

\texttt{NEVER} ever use the eqnarray-environment!

To overcome these problems we recommend the IEEEeqnarray-environment.
4.2 Solution: basic usage of IEEEeqnarray

The IEEEeqnarray-environment is a very powerful command with many options. In this manual we will only introduce some of the most important functionalities. For more information we refer to the official manual. First of all, in order to be able to use the IEEEeqnarray-environment, one needs to include the package IEEEtrantools. Include the following line in the header of your document:

\usepackage{IEEEtrantools}

The strength of IEEEeqnarray is the possibility of specifying the number of columns in the equation array. Usually, this specification will be \{rC\}, i.e., three columns, the first column right-justified, the middle one centered with a little more space around it (therefore we specify capital C instead of lower-case c) and the third column left-justified:

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e + f + g + h + i + j + k \nonumber \\
& & + l + m + n + o \\
& = & p + q + r + s 
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

However, we can specify any number of needed columns. For example, \{c\} will give only one column (which is centered) or \{rCl\} will add a fourth, left-justified column, e.g., for additional specifications. Moreover, beside \l, \c, \r, \L, \C, \R for math mode entries, there also exists \s, \t, \u for left, centered, and right text mode entries, respectively. We can even add additional spacing by \, and / and \, and in increasing order. More details about the usage of IEEEeqnarray will be given in Section 5.

Note that in contrast to eqnarray the spaces around the equality signs are correct.

4.3 A remark about consistency

There are three more issues that have not been mentioned so far, but that might cause inconsistencies when all three environments, equation, multline, and IEEEeqnarray, are used intermixedly:

- multline allows for an equation starting on top of a page, while equation and IEEEeqnarray try to put a line of text first, before the equation starts. Moreover, the spacing before and after the environment is not exactly identical for equation, multline, and IEEEeqnarray.

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\footnotesize

5. The official manual IEEEtran_HOWTO.pdf is distributed together with this short introduction. The part about IEEEeqnarray can be found in Appendix F.

6. This package is also distributed together with this manual, but it is already included in any up-to-date \LaTeX distribution. Note that if a document uses the IEEEtran-class, then IEEEtrantools is loaded automatically and must not be included separately.

7. For examples of spacing, we refer to Section 6.1. More spacing types can be found in the examples given in Sections 5.3 and 6.8, and in the official manual.
• **equation** uses an automatic mechanism to move the equation number onto the next line if the expression is too long. While this is convenient, sometimes the equation number is forced onto the next line, even if there was still enough space available on the line:

\[
\begin{equation}
a = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n} \sin (2\pi b_k c_\ell d_k e_\ell f_k g_\ell h)
\end{equation}
\]

With **IEEEeqnarray** the placement of the equation number is fully under our control:

\[
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{c}
a = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n} \sin (2\pi b_k c_\ell d_k e_\ell f_k g_\ell h)
\end{IEEEeqnarray}
\]

or

\[
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{c}
a = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{\ell=1}^{n} \sin (2\pi b_k c_\ell d_k e_\ell f_k g_\ell h) \nonumber
\end{IEEEeqnarray}
\]

• **equation** forces the equation number to appear in normal font, even if the equation is within an environment\(^8\) of different font:

\[
\textbf{\textit{\color{red}}}
\text{This is our main result:}
\begin{equation}
a = b + c
\end{equation}
\]

IEEEeqnarray respects the settings of the environment:

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\(^8\)A typical example of such a situation is an equation inside of a theorem that is typeset in italic font.
This is our main result:
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{c}
a = b + c
\end{IEEEeqnarray}
(33)

If this is undesired, one can change the behavior of \texttt{IEEEeqnarray} to behave\(^9\) like equation:

\renewcommand{\theequationdis}{\normalfont (\theequation)}
\renewcommand{\theIEEEsubequationdis}{\normalfont (\theIEEEsubequation)}

This is our main result:
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e \IEEEyesnumber \IEEEyessubnumber
\end{IEEEeqnarray}
(34) (35a)

4.4 Using \texttt{IEEEeqnarray} for all situations

As seen above, there might be reason to rely on \texttt{IEEEeqnarray} exclusively in all situations.

To replace an equation-environment we use \texttt{IEEEeqnarray} with only one column \{c\}, see (30) and (31) above.

Emulating \texttt{multline} is slightly more complicated: we implement \texttt{IEEEeqnarray} with only one column \{l\}, use \texttt{\IEEEeqnarraymulticol}\(^10\) after the line-break(s) to adapt the column type of the new line, and manually add some shift:

\begin{IEEEeqnarray*}{l}
a + b + c + d + e + f \\
\quad \quad \quad \quad g + h + i + j + k + l \\
\quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad m + n + o + p + q \\
\end{IEEEeqnarray*}
(36)

5 More Details about \texttt{IEEEeqnarray}

In the following we will describe how we use \texttt{IEEEeqnarray} to solve the most common situations.

\(^9\)For an explanation of the subnumbering, see Section 5.4.
\(^{10}\)For a more detailed explanation of this command, see Section 5.2.
5.1 Shift to the left: IEEEeqnarraynumspace

If a line overlaps with the equation number as in (22), the command

\IEEEeqnarraynumspace

can be used. It has to be added in the corresponding line and makes sure that the whole equation array is shifted by the size of the equation numbers (the shift depends on the size of the number!). Instead of

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e + f + g + h \\
& & + i + j + k + m \\
& & \IEEEeqnarraynumspace \\
& = & l + n + o \\
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

we get

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e + f + g + h \\
& & + i + j + k + m \\
\IEEEeqnarraynumspace \\
& = & l + n + o \\
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

Note that if there is not enough space on the line, this shift will force the numbers to cross the right boundary of the text. So be sure to check the result!

The boundary of the text can be seen from this text above the equation array. The number is clearly beyond it:

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e + f + g + h + i + j + k + m \IEEEeqnarraynumspace \\
& = & l + n + o \\
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

In such a case one needs an additional wrapping.

5.2 First line too long: IEEEeqnarraymulticol

If the LHS is too long and as a replacement for the faulty \texttt{\lefteqn{}-command, IEEEeqnarray offers the} \texttt{\IEEEeqnarraymulticol}-command, which works in all situations:
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
\IEEEeqnarraymulticol{3}{l}{a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h} \\
& = & i + j \\
& = & k + l + m
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
\IEEEeqnarraymulticol{3}{l}{a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h} \\
& = & i + j \\
& = & k + l + m
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

The usage is identical to the \texttt{\textbackslash multicol}\-command in the \texttt{\textbackslash tabular}-environment. The first argument \{3\} specifies that three columns shall be combined into one, which will be left-justified \{l\}. We usually add a \texttt{\textbackslash *} to the line-break \texttt{\textbackslash} to prevent a page-break at this position.

Note that by adapting the \texttt{\textbackslash quad}-command one can easily adapt the depth of the equation signs,\footnote{I think that one quad is the distance that looks good in most cases.} e.g.,

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
\IEEEeqnarraymulticol{3}{l}{a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h} \\
& = & i + j \\
& = & k + l + m
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
\IEEEeqnarraymulticol{3}{l}{a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h} \\
& = & i + j \\
& = & k + l + m
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

Note that \texttt{\textbackslash IEEEeqnarraymulticol} must be the first command in a cell. This is usually no problem; however, it might be the cause of some strange compilation errors. For example, one might put a \texttt{\textbackslash label}-command on the first line inside\footnote{I strongly recommend to put each label at the end of the corresponding equation; see Section \texttt{5.4}.} of \texttt{\textbackslash IEEEeqnarray}, which is OK in general, but not OK if it is followed by the \texttt{\textbackslash IEEEeqnarraymulticol}-command.

5.3 Line-break: unary versus binary operators

If an equation is split onto two or more lines, \LaTeX interprets the first + or − as a sign instead of an operator. Therefore, it is necessary to add an additional space \texttt{\textbackslash >} between the operator and the term: instead of

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e + f + g + h + i + j + k \\
& = & p + q + r + s
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e + f + g + h + i + j + k \\
& = & p + q + r + s
\end{IEEEeqnarray}
we should write
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
  a & = & b + c \\ 
  & = & d + e + f + g + h \\
  & & + i + j + k \nonumber \\
  & & + l + m + n + o \\
  \label{eq:add_space} \\
  & = & p + q + r + s \\
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

(Compare the space between + and \textit{l}!)

\textbf{Attention:} The distinction between the \textit{unary operator} (sign) and the \textit{binary operator} (addition/subtraction) is not satisfactorily solved in LATEX.\textsuperscript{13} In some cases LATEX will automatically assume that the operator cannot be unary and will therefore add additional spacing. This happens, e.g., in front of

\begin{itemize}
  \item an operator name like $\log$, $\sin$, $\det$, $\max$, etc.,
  \item an integral $\int$ or sum $\sum$,
  \item a bracket with adaptive size using $\left$ and $\right$ (this is in contrast to normal brackets or brackets with fixed size like $\big()$.
\end{itemize}

This decision, however, might be faulty. E.g., it makes perfect sense to have a unary operator in front of the logarithm:

\begin{IEEEeqnarray*}{rCl"s}
  \log \frac{1}{a} & = & -\log a \\
  & (\text{binary, wrong}) \\
  & = & -\{\log a\} \\
  & (\text{unary, correct}) \\
\end{IEEEeqnarray*}

In this case, you have to correct it manually. Unfortunately, there is no clean way of doing this. To enforce a unary operator, enclosing the expression following the unary operator and/or the unary operator itself into curly brackets $\{\ldots\}$ will usually work. For the opposite direction, i.e., to enforce a binary operator (as, e.g., needed in (52)), the only option is to put in the correct space $\mathbin{\hskip 2mu}$ manually.\textsuperscript{14}

In the following example, compare the spacing between the first minus-sign on the RHS and $b$ (or $\log b$):

\begin{IEEEeqnarray*}{rCl*}
  1 \quad a & = & -\log a \\
  & \text{(binary, wrong)} \\
  & = & -\{\log a\} \\
  & \text{(unary, correct)} \\
\end{IEEEeqnarray*}

\textsuperscript{13}The problem actually goes back to \TeX.
\textsuperscript{14}This spacing command adds the flexible space $\medmuskip = 4mu\hskip 2mu\text{plus} 2mu\hskip 2mu\text{minus} 4mu$. 
We learn:

Whenever you wrap a line, quickly check the result and verify that the spacing is correct!

5.4 Equation-numbering

While `IEEEeqnarray` assigns an equation number to all lines, the starred version `IEEEeqnarray*` suppresses all numbers. This behavior can be changed individually per line by the commands

```
\IEEEyesnumber and \IEEEnonumber (or \nonumber).
```

For subnumbering the corresponding commands

```
\IEEEyessubnumber and \IEEEnosubnumber
```

are available. These four commands only affect the line on which they are invoked, however, there also exist starred versions

```
\IEEEyesnumber*, \IEEEnonumber*, \\
\IEEEyessubnumber*, \IEEEnosubnumber*
```

that will remain active over several lines until another starred command is invoked. Consider the following example.
Note that the behavior in the line 13 (i.e., the line containing $b_{13}$) is probably unwanted: there the command \texttt{\IEEEyesnumber} temporarily switches to a normal equation number (implicitly resetting the subnumbers), but in the subsequent line the \texttt{\IEEEyessubnumber*} from line 11 takes control again, i.e., subnumbering is reactivated.

The correct way of increasing the number and start directly with a new subnumber is shown in line 18 and in line 24. Also note that the subnumbering works even across different \texttt{IEEEeqnarray}-environments, as can be seen in line 16.

The best way of understanding the numbering behavior is to note that in spite of the eight different commands, there are only three different modes:

1. No equation number (corresponding to \texttt{\IEEEnonumber}).
2. A normal equation number (corresponding to \texttt{\LaTeX}\texttt{\IEEEyesnumber}): the equation counter is incremented and then displayed.

3. An equation number with subnumber (corresponding to \texttt{\LaTeX}\texttt{\IEEEyessubnumber}): only the subequation counter is incremented and then both the equation and the subequation numbers are displayed. (Attention: If the equation number shall be incremented as well, which is usually the case for the start of a new subnumbering, then also \texttt{\LaTeX}\texttt{\IEEEyesnumber} has to be given!)

The understanding of the working of these three modes is also important when using labels to refer to equations. Note that the label must always be given after the \texttt{\LaTeX}\texttt{\IEEEyesnumber} or \texttt{\LaTeX}\texttt{\IEEEyessubnumber} command as only then the counters have been increased to the correct value. Otherwise, a label can produce an undesired output: e.g., the label \texttt{eq:bad\_placement} in line 16 points\textsuperscript{15} (wrongly) to \texttt{(60)}.

We learn:

\begin{quote}
Labels should always be put as last command right in front of the line-break $\backslash$ or the end of the equation it belongs to.
\end{quote}

Besides preventing unwanted results, this rules also increases the readability of the source code and prevents a compilation error in the situation of an \texttt{\LaTeX}\texttt{\IEEEeqnarraymulticol}-command after a label-definition. A correct example is shown in (64b).

### 5.5 Page-breaks inside of \texttt{\LaTeX}\texttt{\IEEEeqnarray}

By default, \texttt{\LaTeX}\texttt{\amsmath} does not allow page-breaks within multiple equations, which usually is too restrictive, particularly, if a document contains long equation arrays. This behavior can be changed by putting the following line into the document header:

\begin{verbatim}
\interdisplaylinepenalty=xx
\end{verbatim}

Here, \texttt{xx} is some number: the larger this number, the less likely it is that an equation array is broken over to the next page. So, a value 0 fully allows page-breaks, a value 2500 allows page-breaks, but only if \LaTeX\ finds no better solution, or a value 9999 basically prevents page-breaks.\textsuperscript{16}

\textsuperscript{15}To understand this, note that when the \texttt{label}-command was invoked, subnumbering was deactivated. So the label only refers to a normal equation number. However, no such number was active there either, so the label is passed on to line 18 where the equation counter is incremented for the first time.

\textsuperscript{16}I usually use a value 1000 that in principle allows page-breaks, but still asks \LaTeX\ to check if there is no other way.
6 Advanced Typesetting

In this section we address a couple of more advanced typesetting problems and tools.

6.1 IEEEeqnarraybox: general tables and arrays

The package IEEEtrantools also provides the environment IEEEeqnarraybox. This is basically the same as IEEEeqnarray but with the difference that it can be nested within other structures. Therefore it does not generate a full equation itself nor an equation number. It can be used both in text-mode (e.g., inside a table) or in math-mode (e.g., inside an equation). Hence, IEEEeqnarraybox is a replacement both for array and tabular.\footnote{In case one does not want to let IEEEeqnarraybox to detect the mode automatically, but to force one of these two modes, there are two subforms: IEEEeqnarrayboxm for math-mode and IEEEeqnarrayboxt for text-mode.}

This is a silly table:
\begin{center}
\begin{IEEEeqnarraybox}{t.t.t}
\textbf{Item} & \textbf{Color} & \textbf{Number} \\
cars & green & 17 \\
trucks & red & 4 \\
bikes & blue & 25
\end{IEEEeqnarraybox}
\end{center}

Note that \( t \) in the argument of IEEEeqnarraybox stands for centered text and \( \text{.} \) adds space between the columns. Further possible arguments are \( s \) for left text, \( u \) for right text, \( v \) for a vertical line, and \( V \) for a vertical double-line. More details can be found in Tables IV and V on page 18 in the manual IEEEtran_HOWTO.pdf.

Another example:\footnote{For another way of generating case distinctions, see Section 6.2.}

\begin{equation}
P_U(u) = \begin{IEEEeqnarraybox}
0.1 & if $u=0$, \\
0.3 & if $u=1$, \\
0.6 & if $u=2$.
\end{IEEEeqnarraybox}
\label{eq:example_left_right1}
\end{equation}

Here \( \text{.} \) is a large horizontal space between the columns, and \( \text{\IEEEstrut} \) adds a tiny space above the first and below the bottom line. Moreover, note that the second optional argument \( [c] \) makes sure that the IEEEeqnarraybox is vertically centered.
The other possible values for this option are \[t\] for aligning the first row with the surrounding baseline and \[b\] for aligning the bottom row with the surrounding baseline. Default is \[b\], i.e., if we do not specify this option, we get the following (in this case unwanted) result:

\begin{equation*}
P_U(u) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
0.1 \text{ if } u = 0, \\
0.3 \text{ if } u = 1, \\
0.6 \text{ if } u = 2.
\end{array} \right.
\end{equation*}

We also dropped \texttt{\IEEEstrut} here with the result that the curly bracket is slightly too small at the top line.

Actually, these manually placed \texttt{\IEEEstrut} commands are rather tiring. Moreover, when we would like to add vertical lines in a table, a first naive application of \texttt{\IEEEeqnarraybox} yields the following:

\begin{equation*}
\begin{IEEEeqnarraybox} {c'c;v;c'c'c}
D_1 & D_2 & & X_1 & X_2 & X_3 \\
\hline
0 & 0 & +1 & +1 & +1 \\
0 & 1 & +1 & -1 & -1 \\
1 & 0 & -1 & +1 & -1 \\
1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & +1
\end{IEEEeqnarraybox}
\end{equation*}

We see that \texttt{\IEEEeqnarraybox} makes a complete line-break after each line. This is of course unwanted. Therefore, the command \texttt{\IEEEeqnarraystrutmode} is provided that switches the spacing system completely over to struts:

\begin{equation*}
\begin{IEEEeqnarraybox} {c'c;v;c'c'c}\[\IEEEeqnarraystrutmode
D_1 & D_2 & & X_1 & X_2 & X_3 \\
\hline
0 & 0 & +1 & +1 & +1 \\
0 & 1 & +1 & -1 & -1 \\
1 & 0 & -1 & +1 & -1 \\
1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & +1
\end{IEEEeqnarraybox}
\end{equation*}

The strutmode also easily allows to ask for more “air” between each line and thereby eliminating the need of manually adding \texttt{\IEEEstrut}:
\begin{equation}
\begin{IEEEeqnarraybox}\[
\IEEEeqnarraystrutmode
\IEEEeqnarraystrutsizadd{3pt}{1pt}
\{c’c/v/c’c’c\}
\text{D}_1 & \text{D}_2 & \& \text{X}_1 & \text{X}_2 & \text{X}_3
\hline
0 & 0 && +1 & +1 & +1 \\
0 & 1 && +1 & -1 & -1 \\
1 & 0 && -1 & +1 & -1 \\
1 & 1 && -1 & -1 & +1
\end{IEEEeqnarraybox}
\end{equation}

Here the first argument of \IEEEeqnarraystrutsizadd{3pt}{1pt} adds space above into each line, the second adds space below into each line.

### 6.2 Case distinctions

Case distinctions can be generated using \texttt{IEEEeqnarraybox} as shown in Section 6.1. However, in the standard situation the usage of \texttt{cases} is simpler and we therefore recommend to use this:

\begin{equation}
P_U(u) = \begin{cases}
0.1 & \text{if } u=0, \\
0.3 & \text{if } u=1, \\
0.6 & \text{if } u=2.
\end{cases}
\end{equation}

For more complicated examples we do need to rely on \texttt{IEEEeqnarraybox}:
\begin{equation}
\begin{IEEEeqnarraybox}
]][c]{rCl}
\IEEEeqnarraystrutmode
\IEEEeqnarraystrutsizeadd{2pt}
{2pt}
]\[c\]{rCl}
x & = & a + b \\
y & = & a - b
\end{IEEEeqnarraybox}
\right\} \iff \left\{
\begin{IEEEeqnarraybox}
]][c]{rCl}
\IEEEeqnarraystrutmode
\IEEEeqnarraystrutsizeadd{7pt}
{7pt}
]\[c\]{rCl}
a & = & \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2} \\
b & = & \frac{x}{2} - \frac{y}{2}
\end{IEEEeqnarraybox}
\right.
\label{eq:example_left_right2}
\end{equation}

For case distinctions with equation numbers, the package
\begin{verbatim}
\usepackage{cases}
\end{verbatim}
provides by far the easiest solution:
\begin{verbatim}
\begin{numcases}{|x|=}
x & for $x \geq 0$, \\
-x & for $x < 0$.
\end{numcases}
\end{verbatim}

Note the differences to the usual cases-environment:
• The left-hand side must be typeset as compulsory argument to the environment.
• The second column is not in math-mode but directly in text-mode.

For subnumbering we can use the corresponding subnumcases-environment:
\begin{verbatim}
\begin{subnumcases}{P_U(u)=}
0.1 & if $u=0$, \\
0.3 & if $u=1$, \\
0.6 & if $u=2$.
\end{subnumcases}
\end{verbatim}
6.3 Grouping numbered equations with a bracket

Sometimes, one would like to group several equations together with a bracket. We have already seen in Section 6.1 how this can be achieved by using \texttt{IEEEeqnarraybox} inside of an \texttt{equation}-environment:

\begin{equation}
\left\{
\begin{IEEEeqnarraybox}
\IEEEeqnarraystrutmode
\IEEEeqnarraystrutsizeadd{2pt}\[c\]{rCl}
\dot{x} & = & f(x,u) \\
 x+\dot{x} & = & h(x)
\end{IEEEeqnarraybox}
\right.
\end{equation}

The problem here is that since the equation number is provided by the \texttt{equation}-environment, we only get one equation number. But here, a number for each equation would make much more sense.

We could again rely on \texttt{numcases} (see Section 6.2), but then we have no way of aligning the equations horizontally:

\begin{numcases}{}
\dot{x} = f(x,u) \\
x+\dot{x} = h(x)
\end{numcases}

Note that misusing the second column of \texttt{numcases} is not an option either:

\begin{numcases}{}
\dot{x} & = f(x,u) \\
x+\dot{x} & = h(x)
\end{numcases}

The problem can be solved using \texttt{IEEEeqnarray}: we define an extra column on the most left that will only contain the bracket. However, as this bracket needs to be far higher than the line where it is defined, the trick is to use \texttt{\smash} to make its true height invisible to \texttt{IEEEeqnarray}, and then “design” its height manually using the \texttt{\IEEEstrut}-command. The number of necessary \texttt{jots} depends on the height of the equation and needs to be adapted manually:
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\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rrCl}
& \dot{x} & = & f(x,u) \quad (76) \\
\smash{\left\{ \begin{IEEEeqnarraybox}{rCl}
\IEEEstrut[8\jot] & x + \dot{x} & = & h(x) \quad (77) \\
\IEEEstrut[16\jot] & x + \ddot{x} & = & g(x) \quad (78)
\end{IEEEeqnarraybox} \right.}
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

The star in \texttt{\textbackslash \*} is used to prevent the possibility of a page-break within the structure.

This works fine as long as the number of equations is odd and the total height of the equations above the middle row is about the same as the total height of the equations below. For example, for five equations (this time using subnumbers for a change):

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rrCl}
& a_1 + a_2 & = & f(x,u) \quad (79a) \\
& a_1 & = & \frac{1}{2} h(x) \quad (79b) \\
\smash{\left\{ \begin{IEEEeqnarraybox}{rCl}
\IEEEstrut[15\jot] & b & = & g(x,u) \quad (79c) \\
\IEEEstrut[16\jot] & y_\theta & = & \frac{h(x)}{10} \quad (79d) \\
& b^2 + a_2 & = & g(x,u) \quad (79e)
\end{IEEEeqnarraybox} \right.}
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

However, if the heights of the equations differ greatly or if the number of equations is even, we get into a problem:

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rrCl}
& a_1 + a_2 & = & \sum_{k=1}^{M/2} f_k(x,u) \quad (80) \\
& b & = & g(x,u) \quad (81) \\
& y_\theta & = & h(x) \quad (82)
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

Bad example:

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rrCl}
& a_1 + a_2 & = & \sum_{k=1}^{M/2} f_k(x,u) \quad (80) \\
& b & = & g(x,u) \quad (81) \\
& y_\theta & = & h(x) \quad (82)
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

or

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rrCl}
& a_1 + a_2 & = & \sum_{k=1}^{M/2} f_k(x,u) \quad (80) \\
& b & = & g(x,u) \quad (81) \\
& y_\theta & = & h(x) \quad (82)
\end{IEEEeqnarray}
Bad example:
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rrCl}
& \dot{x} & = & f(x,u) \\
\smash{\left\{
\IEEEstrut[8\jot]
\right.} \nonumber \\
& y_{\theta} & = & h(x)
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

To solve this issue, we need manual tinkering. The basic idea is to use a hidden row at a place of our choice. To make the row hidden, we need to manually move down the row above the hidden row, and to move up the row below, both by about half the usual line spacing:

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rrCl}
& \dot{x} & = & f(x,u) \\
\smash{\left\{
\IEEEstrut[6\jot]
\right.} \
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rrCl}
& x + \dot{x} & = & h(x)
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

In the case of an odd, but unequally sized number of equations, we can put the bracket on an individual row anywhere and then moving it up or down depending on how we need it. The example (80)–(82) with the three unequally sized equations now looks as follows:

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rrCl}
& a_1 + a_2 & = & \sum_{k=1}^{M/2} f_k(x,u) \\
\smash{\left\{
\IEEEstrut[12\jot]
\right.} \nonumber \\
& b & = & g(x,u) \\
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rrCl}
& y_{\theta} & = & h(x)
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

Note how we can move the bracket up and down by changing the amount of shift in both \texttt{\*[-0.625\normalbaselineskip]}-commands: if we add +2 to the first and \texttt{-2} to the second command (which makes sure that in total we have added \texttt{2 - 2 = 0}), we get:
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rrCl}
& a_1 + a_2 & = & \sum_{k=1}^{\frac{M}{2}} f_k(x,u) \\
& & \smash{\left\{ \IEEEstrut[12\jot]}
& b & = & g(x,u) \\
& & \smash{\right.} \nonumber \\
& y_\theta & = & h(x)
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

\section{Matrices}

Matrices could be generated by \texttt{IEEEeqnarraybox}, however, the environment \texttt{pmatrix} is easier to use:

\begin{equation}
\mathsf{P} = \\
\begin{pmatrix}
p_{11} & p_{12} & \ldots & p_{1n} \\
p_{21} & p_{22} & \ldots & p_{2n} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
p_{m1} & p_{m2} & \ldots & p_{mn}
\end{pmatrix}
\end{equation}

Note that it is not necessary to specify the number of columns (or rows) in advance. More possibilities are \texttt{bmatrix} (for matrices with square brackets), \texttt{Bmatrix} (curly brackets), \texttt{vmatrix} (\(\mid\)), \texttt{Vmatrix} (\(\parallel\)), and \texttt{matrix} (no brackets at all).

\section{Adapting the size of brackets}

\LaTeX{} offers the functionality of brackets being automatically adapted to the size of the expression they embrace. This is done using the pair of directives\(^{19}\) \texttt{\left} \texttt{\right}:

\begin{equation}
a = \log \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{n} b_k \right)
\end{equation}

\(^{19}\)Unfortunately, the \texttt{\left}/\texttt{\right} command pair has a weakness: in certain situations the chosen bracket size is slightly too big. For example, if expressions with larger superscripts like \(a^{(1)}\) are typeset in displaystyle or, like here, in footnotes, we get \(a^{(1)}\). I suggest to choose the bracket size manually (big) in these cases: \((a^{(1)})\).
The brackets do not need to be round, but can be of various types, e.g.,

\begin{equation*}
\left\| \left\{ \left[ \left\lfloor \left\lceil \frac{1}{2} \right\rceil \right\rfloor \right\} \right\| \\
\end{equation*}

It is important to note that \texttt{\left} and \texttt{\right} always must occur as a pair, but — as we have just seen — they can be nested. Moreover, the brackets do not need to match:

\begin{equation*}
\left( \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right] \subset \mathbb{R}
\end{equation*}

One side can even be made invisible by using a dot instead of a bracket (\texttt{\left.} or \texttt{\right.}). We have already seen such examples in (65) or (67).

For an additional element in between a \texttt{\left-\right} pair that should have the same size as the surrounding brackets, the command \texttt{\middle} is available:

\begin{equation}
H\left( X \, \middle| \, \frac{Y}{X} \right)
\end{equation}

Here both the size of the vertical bar and of the round brackets are adapted according to the size of $\frac{Y}{X}$.

Unfortunately, \texttt{\left-\right} pairing cannot be done across a line-break. So, if we wrap an equation using \texttt{multline} or \texttt{IEEEeqnarray}, we cannot have a \texttt{\left} on one side and the corresponding \texttt{\right} on the other side of the \texttt{\}. In a first attempt, we might try to fix this by introducing a \texttt{\right.} on the left of \texttt{\} and a \texttt{\left.} on the right of \texttt{\} as shown in the following example:

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
a & = & \log \left( 1 \right. \\
& & \qquad + \frac{b}{2} \right) \\
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

As can be seen from this example, this approach usually does not work, because the sizes of the opening and closing brackets do not match anymore. In the example (96), the opening bracket adapts its size to “1”, while the closing bracket adapts its size to $\frac{b}{2}$. 
There are two ways to try to fix this. The by far easier way is to choose the bracket size manually:

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
a & = & \log \bigg( 1 \\
& & + \frac{b}{2} \bigg) \\
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

There are four sizes available: in increasing order \texttt{big}, \texttt{Big}, \texttt{bigg}, and \texttt{Bigg}. This manual approach will fail, though, if the expression in the brackets requires a bracket size larger than \texttt{Bigg}, as shown in the following example:

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
a & = & \log \Bigg( 1 \\
& & + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{e^{1+\frac{b_k^2}{c_k^2}}}{1+\frac{b_k^2}{c_k^2}} \Bigg) \label{eq:sizecorr1} \\
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

For this case we need a trick: since we want to rely on a \texttt{\left( ... \right. \\left. ... \right)} construction, we need to make sure that both pairs are adapted to the same size. To that goal we define the following command in the document header:

\newcommand{\sizecorr}[1]{\makebox[0cm]{\phantom{$\displaystyle #1$}}}

We then pick the larger of the two expressions on either side of \texttt{\(} (in (98) this is the term on the second line) and typeset it a second time also on the other side of the line-break (inside of the corresponding \texttt{\left-\right} pair). However, since we do not actually want to see this expression there, we put it into \texttt{\sizecorr{}} and thereby make it both invisible and of zero width. In the example (98) this looks as follows:
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
  a & = & \log \left( 1 \\
  & & + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{e^{1+\frac{b_k^2}{c_k^2}}}{1+\frac{b_k^2}{c_k^2}} \right) \label{eq:sizecorr2}
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

Note how the expression inside of \sizecorr{} does not actually appear, but is used for computing the correct bracket size.

6.6 Framed equations

To generate equations that are framed, one can use the \boxed{...}-command. Unfortunately, this usually will yield a too tight frame around the equation:

\begin{equation}
  \boxed{a = b + c}
\end{equation}

To give the frame a little bit more “air” we need to redefine the length-variable \fboxsep. We do this in a way that restores its original definition afterwards:

\begin{equation}
  \newlength{\fboxstore}
  \setlength{\fboxstore}{\fboxsep}
  \setlength{\fboxsep}{6pt}
  \boxed{a = b + c}
  \setlength{\fboxsep}{\fboxstore}
\end{equation}

Note that the \newlength-command must be given only once per document. To ease one’s life, we recommend to define a macro for this in the document header:

\newlength{\eqboxstorage}
\newcommand{\eqbox}[1]{
  \setlength{\eqboxstorage}{\fboxsep}
  \setlength{\fboxsep}{6pt}
  \boxed{#1}
  \setlength{\fboxsep}{\eqboxstorage}
}
Now the framed equation can be produced as follows:

\begin{equation}
\eqbox{
a = b + c 
}
\end{equation}

(102)

In case of multline or IEEEeqnarray this approach does not work because the boxed{...} command does not allow line-breaks or similar. Therefore we need to rely on IEEEeqnarraybox for boxes around equations on several lines:

\begin{equation}
\eqbox{
\begin{IEEEeqnarraybox}{rCl}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e + f + g + h \\
& & + i + j + k \\
& & + l + m + n + o \\
& & + p + q + r + s
\end{IEEEeqnarraybox}
}
\end{equation}

(103)

Some comments:

- The basic idea here is to replace the original IEEEeqnarray command by a IEEEeqnarraybox and then wrap everything into an equation-environment.

- The equation number is produced by the surrounding equation-environment. If we would like to have the equation number vertically centered, we need to center the IEEEeqnarraybox:

\begin{equation}
\eqbox{
\begin{IEEEeqnarraybox}{[]}[c]{rCl}
a & = & b + c + d + e + f + g + h \\
& & + i + j + k + l \\
& & + m + n \\
& & + o + p + q
\end{IEEEeqnarraybox}
}
\end{equation}

(104)

in constrast to
\begin{equation}
\eqbox{
\begin{IEEEeqnarraybox}{rCl}
a & = & b + c + d + e \\
& & + f + g + h \\
& & \downarrow \nonumber \downarrow i + j + k + l \\
& & + m + n \\
& & \downarrow \nonumber \downarrow o + p + q
\end{IEEEeqnarraybox}
}
\end{equation}

- When changing the \texttt{IEEEeqnarray} into a \texttt{IEEEeqnarraybox}, be careful to delete any remaining \texttt{\nonumber} or \texttt{\IEEEnonumber} commands inside of the \texttt{IEEEeqnarraybox}! Since \texttt{IEEEeqnarraybox} does not know equation numbers anyway, any remaining \texttt{\nonumber} command will “leak” through and prevent equation to put a number!

\begin{equation}
\eqbox{
\begin{IEEEeqnarraybox}{rCl}
a & = & b + c + d + e + f + g + h \nonumber \\
& & + i + j + k + l + m + n \\
& & + o + p + q
\end{IEEEeqnarraybox}
}
\end{equation}

6.7 Fancy frames

Fancier frames can be produced using the \texttt{mdframed} package. Use the following commands in the header of your document:\footnote{The \texttt{mdframed}-package should be loaded after \texttt{amsthm.sty}.}

\begin{verbatim}
\usepackage{tikz}
\usetikzlibrary{shadows} %defines shadows
\usepackage[framemethod=tikz]{mdframed}
\end{verbatim}

Then we can produce all kinds of fancy frames. We start by defining a certain style (still in the header of your document):

\begin{verbatim}
\mdfdefinestyle{Frame}{
  linecolor=black,
  linewidth=1mm,
  backgroundcolor=white!

\begin{mdframed}[style=Frame]
\begin{align}
\frac{1}{2} & = \frac{1}{2} \\
+ 2 & = \frac{3}{4}
\end{align}
\end{mdframed}
\end{verbatim}
These settings are quite self-explanatory. Just play around! Now we define different types of framed boxes:

% framed box that can be broken at end of page
\newmdenv[style=myboxstyle]{whitebox}
\newmdenv[style=myboxstyle,backgroundcolor=black!20]{graybox}

% framed box that CANNOT be broken at end of page
\newmdenv[style=myboxstyle,nobreak=true]{blockwhitebox}
\newmdenv[style=myboxstyle,backgroundcolor=black!20,nobreak=true]{blockgraybox}

% invisible box that CANNOT be broken at end of page
\newmdenv[nobreak=true,hidealllines=true]{blockbox}

As the name suggests, the graybox adds a gray background color into the box, while the background in whitebox remains white. Moreover, blockwhitebox creates the same framed box as whitebox, but makes sure that whole box is typeset onto one single page, while the regular whitebox can be split onto two (or even more) pages.

Examples:

\begin{whitebox}
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}
\{rCl\}
a & = & b + c \\
\& = & d + e
\end{IEEEeqnarray}
\end{whitebox}

or

\begin{whitebox}
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}
\{rCl\}
a = b + c \\
= d + e
\end{IEEEeqnarray}
\end{whitebox}
\begin{graybox}
\begin{theorem}
This is a fancy theorem: we know by now that
\begin{equation}
a = b + c.
\end{equation}
\end{theorem}
\end{graybox}

Theorem 1. This is a fancy theorem: we know by now that
\begin{equation}
a = b + c. \quad (108)
\end{equation}

Note that in the former example, we have removed some space above the equation (that is automatically added by IEEEeqnarray) in order to have proper spacing. In the latter example we have assumed that the \texttt{theorem}-environment has been defined in the header:

\usepackage{amsthm}
\newtheorem{theorem}{Theorem}

6.8 Putting the QED correctly: proof

The package \texttt{amsthm} that we have used in Section 6.7 to generate a theorem actually also defines a \texttt{proof}-environment:

\begin{proof}
This is the proof of some theorem. Once the proof is finished, a white box is put at the end to denote QED.
\end{proof}

Proof. This is the proof of some theorem. Once the proof is finished, a white box is put at the end to denote QED.

The QED-symbol should be put on the last line of the proof. However, if the last line is an equation, then this is done wrongly:

\begin{proof}
This is a proof that ends with an equation: (bad)
\begin{equation*}
a = b + c. \quad (108)
\end{equation*}
\end{proof}

Proof. This is a proof that ends with an equation: (bad)
\begin{equation*}
a = b + c. \quad (108)
\end{equation*}

In such a case, the QED-symbol must be put by hand using the command \texttt{\textbackslash qedhere}:

\begin{proof}
This is a proof that ends with an equation: (correct)
\begin{equation*}
a = b + c. \texttt{\textbackslash qedhere}
\end{equation*}
\end{proof}

Proof. This is a proof that ends with an equation: (correct)
\begin{equation*}
a = b + c. \texttt{\textbackslash qedhere}
\end{equation*}

Unfortunately, this correction does not work for IEEEeqnarray:
\begin{proof}

This is a proof that ends with an equation array: (wrong)
\begin{IEEEeqnarray*}{rCl}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e. \qedhere
\end{IEEEeqnarray*}
\end{proof}

\begin{proof}

This is a proof that ends with an equation array: (correct)
\begin{IEEEeqnarray*}{+rCl+x*}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e. \qedhere
\end{IEEEeqnarray*}
\end{proof}

The reason for this is the internal structure of IEEEeqnarray: it always puts two invisible columns at both sides of the array that only contain a stretchable space. Thereby, IEEEeqnarray ensures that the equation array is horizontally centered. The \texttt{\textbackslash qedhere}-command should actually be put \emph{outside} this stretchable space, but this does not happen as these columns are invisible to the user.

There is, however, a very simple remedy: we explicitly define these stretching columns ourselves!

\begin{proof}

This is a proof that ends with an equation array: (correct)
\begin{IEEEeqnarray*}{+rCl+x*}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e. \qedhere
\end{IEEEeqnarray*}
\end{proof}

Here, the \texttt{+} in \texttt{\{+rCl+x\*\}} denotes a stretchable space, one on the left of the equations (which, if not specified, will be done automatically by IEEEeqnarray) and one on the right of the equations. But now on the right, after the stretching column, we add an empty column \texttt{x}. This column will only be needed on the last line for putting the \texttt{\textbackslash qedhere}-command. Finally, we specify a \texttt{\*}. This is a null-space that prevents IEEEeqnarray to add another unwanted \texttt{+}-space.

In case of equation numbering, we have a similar problem. If you compare

\begin{proof}

This is a proof that ends with a numbered equation: (bad)
\begin{equation}
a = b + c.
\end{equation}
\end{proof}

with

\begin{proof}

This is a proof that ends with a numbered equation: (correct)
\begin{equation}
a = b + c. \qedhere
\end{equation}
\end{proof}

Proof. This is a proof that ends with a numbered equation: (bad)

\begin{equation}
a = b + c. \tag{109}
\end{equation}

Proof. This is a proof that ends with a numbered equation: (correct)

\begin{equation}
a = b + c. \tag{110}
\end{equation}
you notice that in the (correct) second version the □ is much closer to the equation than in the first version.

Similarly, the correct way of putting the QED-symbol at the end of an equation array is as follows:

\begin{proof}
This is a proof that ends with an equation array: (correct)
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl+x*}
a & = & b + c \\
k & = & d + e. \label{eq:star} \\
& & \nonumber \end{IEEEeqnarray}
\end{proof}

which contrasts with the poorer version:

\begin{proof}
This is a proof that ends with an equation array: (bad)
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e.
\end{IEEEeqnarray}
\end{proof}

Note that we use a starred line-break in (112) to prevent a page-break just before the QED-sign.

We would like to point out that \texttt{equation} does not handle the \texttt{\textbackslash qedhere}-command correctly in all cases. Compare the following:

\begin{proof}
This is a bad example for the usage of \texttt{\textbackslash qedhere} in combination with \texttt{equation+:}
\begin{equation}
a = \sum_{x_i \mid \mid |x_i| > 0} f(x_i). \\textbackslashqedhere
\end{equation}
\end{proof}

with the much better solution:

\begin{proof}
This is the corrected example using \texttt{\textbackslash IEEEeqnarray+:}
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{c+x*}
a = \sum_{x_i \mid \mid |x_i| > 0} f(x_i). \\
& \nonumber \end{IEEEeqnarray}
\end{proof}
You notice how the □ in the bad example is far too close the equation number and is actually inside the mathematical expression. A similar problem also occurs in the case of no equation number.

Hence:

We recommend not to use \texttt{\textbackslashqedhere} in combination with \texttt{equation}, but exclusively with \texttt{IEEEeqnarray}.

### 6.9 Putting the QED correctly: \texttt{IEEEproof}

\texttt{IEEEtrantools} also provides its own proof-environment that is slightly more flexible than the \texttt{proof} of \texttt{amsthm}: \texttt{IEEEproof}. Note that under the \texttt{IEEEtran}-class, \texttt{amsthm} is not permitted and therefore \texttt{proof} is not defined, i.e., one must use \texttt{IEEEproof}.

\texttt{IEEEproof} offers the command \texttt{\textbackslashIEEEQEDhere} that produces the QED-symbol right at the place where it is invoked and will switch off the QED-symbol at the end.

\begin{IEEEproof}
This is a short proof:
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl+x*}
a & = & b + c \\
a & = & d + e \label{eq:qed}
\end{IEEEeqnarray}
\IEEEQEDhere
\end{IEEEproof}

Proof: This is a short proof:
\begin{align}
 a &= b + c \\
   &= d + e
\end{align}

So, in this sense \texttt{\textbackslashIEEEQEDhere} plays the same role for \texttt{IEEEproof} as \texttt{\textbackslashqedhere} for \texttt{proof}. Note, however, that their behavior is not exactly equivalent: \texttt{\textbackslashIEEEQEDhere} always puts the QED-symbol right at the place it is invoked and does, e.g., not move it to the end of the line inside of a list or an \texttt{equation*}. So, for example, inside of a list, an additional \texttt{\textbackslashhfill} is needed:

\begin{IEEEproof}
A proof containing a list and two QED-symbols:
\begin{enumerate}
\item Fact one. \texttt{\IEEEQEDhere}
\item Fact two. \texttt{\hfill\IEEEQEDhere}
\end{enumerate}
\end{IEEEproof}

Proof: A proof containing a list and two QED-symbols:
1. Fact one. ■
2. Fact two. ■

Unfortunately, \texttt{\textbackslashhfill} will not work inside an \texttt{equation}. To get the behavior of \texttt{\textbackslashqedhere} there, one needs to use \texttt{\textbackslashIEEEQEDhere\textbackslasheqn} instead:
\begin{IEEEproof}
Placed directly behind math:
\begin{equation*}
  a = b + c. \hfill \IEEEQEDhere\end{equation*}
Moved to the end of line:
\begin{equation*}
  a = b + c. \IEEEQEDhereeqn\end{equation*}
\end{IEEEproof}

\IEEEQEDhereeqn even works in situations with equation numbers, however, in contrast to \texttt{\qedsymbol} it does not move the QED-symbol to the next line, but puts it in front of the number:

\begin{IEEEproof}
Placed directly before the equation number:
\begin{equation}
  a = b + c. \IEEEQEDhereeqn\end{equation}
With some additional spacing:
\begin{equation}
  a = b + c. \IEEEQEDhereeqn\;\end{equation}
\end{IEEEproof}

To get the behavior where the QED-symbol is moved to the next line, use the approach based on \texttt{IEEEeqnarray} as shown in (118).

Once again:

\begin{tcolorbox}
We recommend not to use \texttt{\IEEEQEDhere} and \texttt{\IEEEQEDhereeqn} in combination with \texttt{equation}, but to rely on \texttt{\IEEEQEDhere} and \texttt{IEEEeqnarray} exclusively.
\end{tcolorbox}

Furthermore, \texttt{IEEEproof} offers the command \texttt{\IEEEQEDoff} to suppress the QED-symbol completely; it allows to change the QED-symbol to be an open box as in Section 6.8: and it allows to adapt the indentation of the proof header (default value is 2\texttt{\parindent}). The latter two features are shown in the following example:

\renewcommand{\IEEEproofindentspace}{0em}
\renewcommand{\\IEEEQED}{\IEEEQEdopen}
\begin{IEEEproof}
  Proof without indentation and an open QED-symbol.
\end{IEEEproof}

The default QED-symbol can be reactivated again by redefining \texttt{\IEEEQED} to be \texttt{\IEEEQEDclosed}.

\begin{tcolorbox}
\begin{equation}
  a = b + c. \hfill \IEEEQEDhere\end{equation}
\begin{IEEEproof}
  Proof: Placed directly behind math:
  \begin{equation}
    a = b + c. \hfill \Box\end{equation}
\end{IEEEproof}
\begin{equation}
  a = b + c. \hfill \Box(119)\end{equation}
\begin{IEEEproof}
  Proof: Placed directly before the equation number:
  \begin{equation}
    a = b + c. \hfill \Box(119)\end{equation}
\end{IEEEproof}
\begin{equation}
  a = b + c. \hfill \Box(120)\end{equation}
\end{tcolorbox}
We end this section by pointing out that IEEE standards do not allow a QED-symbol and an equation put onto the same line. Instead one should follow the example (118).

6.10 Double-column equations in a two-column layout

Many scientific publications are in a two-column layout in order to save space. This means that the available width for the equations is considerably smaller than for a one-column layout and will cause correspondingly more line-breaks. Then the advantages of the IEEEeqnarray-environment are even more pronounced.

However, there are very rare situations when the breaking of an equation into two or more lines will result in a very poor typesetting, even if IEEEeqnarray with all its tricks is used. In such a case, a possible solution is to span an equation over both columns. But the reader be warned:

Unless there is no other solution, we strongly discourage from the usage of double-column equations in a two-column layout for aesthetic reasons and because the \LaTeX code is rather ugly!

The trick is to use the figure-environment to create a floating object containing the equation similarly to a included graphic. Concretely, we have to use figure* to create a float that stretches over both columns. Since in this way the object becomes floating, the equation numbering has to be carefully taken care of.

We explain the details using an example. We start by defining two auxiliary equation counters:

\newcounter{storeeqcounter}
\newcounter{tempeqcounter}

The counter storeeqcounter will store the equation number that is assigned to the floating equation, and the counter tempeqcounter will be used to restore the equation counter to the correct number after it was temporarily set to the floating equation’s number stored in storeeqcounter.

Note that if there are several floating equations in a document, each needs its own unique definition of a storeeqcounter, i.e., one needs to introduce different names for these counters (e.g., storeeqcounter_one, storeeqcounter_two, etc.). The counter tempeqcounter can be reused for all floating equations.

Now, in the text where we will refer to the floating equation, we need to make sure that the equation number is increased by one (i.e., at this place the equation numbering will jump over one number, which is the number assigned to the floating equation), and then we need to store this number for later use. This looks as follows:
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ldots and $a$ is given in \eqref{eq:floatingeq}
% 
%% Increase current equation number and store it:
\addtocounter{equation}{1}\
\setcounter{storeeqcounter}{\value{equation}}
% 
% on the top of this page/on top of Page \pageref{eq:floatingeq}.

Note that one must manually adapt the \LaTeX\ code to either the phrase “on the top of this page” or the phrase “on top of Page 39”, depending on where the equation actually appears.

Finally we typeset the floating equation:

\begin{figure*}[!t]
\normalsize
\setcounter{tempeqcounter}{\value{equation}} % temp store of current value
\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
\setcounter{equation}{\value{storeeqcounter}} % number of this equation
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 + \alpha + \beta \\
\setcounter{equation}{\value{tempeqcounter}} % restore correct value
\end{IEEEeqnarray}
\hrulefill
\vspace*{4pt}
\end{figure*}

The exact location of this definition depends strongly on where the floating structure should be appear, i.e., it might have to be placed quite far away from the text where the equation is referred to.\footnote{Note that this might need some trial and error, particularly if there are other floating objects around to be placed by \LaTeX.} Be aware that due to a limitation of \LaTeX, double-column floating objects cannot be placed at the bottom of pages, i.e., \begin{figure*}[!b] will not work correctly.

This can be corrected if we include the following line in the header of our document:

\usepackage{stfloats}

However, this package is very invasive and might cause troubles with other packages.\footnote{It needs to be placed after the reference in the text, though, as otherwise the equation number stored in \texttt{storeeqcounter} is not defined yet. This could again be fixed, but only if we set the equation number (i.e., \texttt{storeeqcounter}) manually (ugly!!).}

\footnote{In particular, it cannot be used together with the package \texttt{fixltx2e.sty}. Luckily, the latter is not needed anymore starting with TeXLive 2015.}
7 Emacs and IEEEeqnarray

When working with Emacs, you can ease your life by defining a few new commands. In the \texttt{dot_emacs}-file that comes together with this document the following commands are defined:

- Control-c i: Insert an \texttt{IEEEeqnarray}-environment (similar to Control-c Control-e) with argument \{rCl\}.

- Control-c o: As Control-c i, but the *-version.

- Control-c b: Add a line-break at a specific place. This is very helpful in editing too long lines. Suppose you have typed the following \LaTeX{} code:

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e + f + g + h + i + j + k + l + m + n + o
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

After compiling you realize that you have to break the line before $l$. You now just have to put the cursor on the +-sign in front of $l$ and press Control-c b. Then the line is wrapped there and also the additional space $\triangleright$ is added at the right place:

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
a & = & b + c \\
& = & d + e + f + g + h + i + j + k + l + m + n + o
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

- Control-c n: As Control-c b, but without adding the additional space $\triangleright$.

- Control-c Control-b: Remove a line-break (undo of Control-c b and Control-c n). Position the cursor before the $\nonumber$ and press Control-c Control-b.

- Control-c m: Insert a \texttt{IEEEeqnarraymulticol}-command. This is very helpful when the LHS is too long. Suppose you have typed the following \LaTeX{} code:

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
a + b + c + d + e + f \\
+ g + h + i + j \\
& = & k \nonumber \\
& = & m + n
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h + i + j &=& k \quad (126) \\
&=& m + n \quad (127)
\end{IEEEeqnarray}
After compiling you realize that the LHS is too long. You now just have to put the cursor somewhere on the first line and type Control-c m. Then you get

\begin{IEEEeqnarray}{rCl}
\IEEEeqnarraymulticol{3}{l}{
a + b + c + d + e + f \\
+ g + h + i + j
}\nonumber \\
& = & k + l \\
& = & m + n
\end{IEEEeqnarray}

Finally, in the dot_emacs-file, settings are given that make IEEEeqnarray and IEEEeqnarraybox known to Emacs’ \LaTeX\-mode, refTeX, and ispell. This way many standard Emacs commands can be used as usual also in the context of IEEEeqnarray. For example, Control-c ( will add an equation label.

8 Some Useful Definitions

There are a couple of mathematical symbols that cannot easily be found in \LaTeX\-symbol collections. In the following, a few such symbols are listed and a possible way is proposed of how to define them.

• **Markov Chains:** One of the existing customary ways to describe that three random variables form a Markov chain is

\begin{equation*}
X \markov Y \markov Z
\end{equation*}

Here, the symbol ‘$\markov$’ is defined as a combination of $\multimap$ and two minus-signs ($-$):

\newcommand\markov{$\mathrel{\multimap}\joinrel\mathrel{-}\joinrel\mathrel{-}$}

For this definition to work, beside amsmath also the package amssymb needs to be loaded.

• **Independence:** To describe that two random variables are statistically independent, I personally prefer the following symbol:

\begin{equation*}
X \indep Y
\end{equation*}

Accordingly,

\begin{equation*}
X \dep Y
\end{equation*}
denotes that \( X \) and \( Y \) are not statistically independent.

These two symbols are created by two \( \bot (\perp) \) signs:

\[
\text{\newcommand{\indep}{\mathrel{\bot}\joinrel\mathrel{\mkern-5mu}\joinrel\mathrel{\bot}}} \\
\text{\newcommand{\dep}{\centernot\indep}}
\]

For this definition to work, beside \texttt{amsmath} also the package \texttt{centernot} needs to be loaded.

- \textit{Integration-}\textdagger: The \( \dd \) in an integral is not a variable, but rather an operator. It therefore should not be typeset italic \( d \), but Roman \( d \). Moreover, there should be a small spacing before the operator:

\[
\begin{equation*}
\int_a^b f(x) \dd x = \int_a^b \ln\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \dd x
\end{equation*}
\]

To make sure that this spacing always works out correctly, I recommend the following definition:

\[
\text{\newcommand{\dd}{\mathop{\!}\!\!\mathrm{d}}}
\]

9 Some Final Remarks and Acknowledgments

The “rules” stated in this document are purely based on my own experience with typesetting \LaTeX{} in my publications and on my — some people might say unfortunate — habit of incorporating many mathematical expressions in there.

If you encounter any situation that seems to contradict the suggestions of this document, then I would be very happy if you could send me a corresponding \LaTeX{} or PDF file. As a matter of fact, any kind of feedback, criticism, suggestion, etc. is highly appreciated! Write to

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