

# Example on a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X report

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## Abstract

This document demonstrates the most basic syntax for writing L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X reports. A much more comprehensive, yet compact, introduction to LaTeX is [The not so short introduction to LaTeX](#).

## 1 Some calculations

In this section, we will introduce some basic calculations that will be implemented in Python in Section 2.

### 1.1 Addition

Given  $a = 4$  and  $b = 5$ , we can compute the sum

$$a + b = 9. \tag{1}$$

### 1.2 Subtraction

Instead of adding numbers, as done in Section 1.1 (see Equation (1)), we can subtract them:

$$a - b = -1.$$

**Practical application.** The mathematician was asked, after having observed that  $a$  people entered a house and  $b$  came out after a while: “How many people are in the house?” He said, *given the particular data in Section 1.1: minus one guy!*

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## 2 Implementation

The following code implements the calculations from Section 1:

```
def add(a, b):
    """Return the sum of a and b."""
    return a + b

def sub(a, b):
    """Return the difference of a and b."""
    return a - b

def test_add():
    a = 4
    b = 5
    exact = 9
    result = sum(a, b)
    success = result == exact
    msg = 'sum(%g, %g) = %g != %g' (a, b, result, exact)
    assert success, msg

def test_sub():
    assert sub(4, 5) == -1, 'sub cannot subtract'
```

**Remark.** This typesetting of code is produced by the `fancyvrb` package. You must enclose the code in `\begin{Verbatim}` and `\end{Verbatim}`.

## 3 Figures

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```
\begin{figure}
\includegraphics[width=0.9\linewidth]{figs/my_fig.pdf}
\caption{
Here goes the figure caption with explanations.
}
\end{figure}
```

## A How to compile this document

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