## **LATEX Workshop Handout**

The purpose of this handout is to provide you with some basic information to successfully start using LATEX. A step-by-step guide to using Overleaf can be found below:

- (1) Create an account at https://www.overleaf.com/.
- (2) Click the NEW PROJECT button in the top left-hand corner and then select the BLANK PROJECT option from the drop-down menu.
- (3) Name your project and click the CREATE button.
- (4) By default, Overleaf will provide you with a preamble (the section before the \begin{document} command) and first section. We recommend that you delete this, and start fresh with the preamble on the back of this handout.
- (5) Next, go to a new line and type the command \begin{document}. Overleaf will autofill the environment if you press the TAB key.
- (6) Place the text of your document between the \begin{document} and \end{document} commands.

## **Helpful Links**

Below are some helpful links to get started with LATEX.

• Basic Information:

https://www.overleaf.com/learn/latex/Learn\_LaTeX\_in\_30\_minutes

• Using Color:

https://www.overleaf.com/learn/latex/Using\_colours\_in\_LaTeX

• Math in LAT<sub>E</sub>X:

https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX/Mathematics

• A Tool for Finding Symbols:

https://detexify.kirelabs.org/classify.html

• For Everything Else:

https://www.google.com/

## **Sample Preamble**

\documentclass[12pt]{amsart}
\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}
\usepackage{amsmath, amssymb, amsthm, amsfonts}
%% End Basic Packages %%

\usepackage[margin=1in]{geometry}
\usepackage{setspace}
\usepackage{xcolor}
\usepackage{graphicx}
\graphicspath{ {./Images/} }
\doublespacing
%% End Spacing Options %%

\theoremstyle{plain}
\newtheorem{theorem}{Theorem}[section]
\newtheorem{lemma}[theorem]{Lemma}
\theoremstyle{definition}
\newtheorem{definition}[theorem]{Definition}
\newtheorem{question}[theorem]{Question}
%% End Environment Definitions %%

 $\mbox{newcommand}\R}{\mbox{R}}$ 

%% End Commands %%

%% End Preamble %%