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# Nomenclature

## Acronyms

Notation	Description	Page List
2MASS	Two-Micron All Sky Survey	9
AGN	active galactic nucleus	4
ALMA	Atacama Large Millimeter Array	9
CMB	cosmic microwave background	9
COM	center of mass	9
GC	globular cluster	4
HR-diagrams	Hertzsprung-Russelldiagram	9
HST	Hubble Space Telescope	9
LSST	Legacy Survey of Space and Time	9
M31	Messier 31, also known as the Andromeda Galaxy	4
M5	Messier 5	4
M6	Messier 6, also known as the Butterfy Cluster	4
Pal 5	Palomar 5	4
PCA	principal component analysis	4
SKA	Square Kilometre Array	9
VLBI	very-long-baseline interferometry	4

## Constants

Notation	Description	Unit
$k$	constant of Boltzmann	$1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
$c$	speed of light	$2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
$e$	elementary charge	$1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
$\epsilon_0$	vacuum permittivity	$8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^2$
$G$	gravitational constant	$6.674 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}$
$m_0$	atomic mass unit	$1.661 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
$M_{B\odot}$	absolute B-band magnitude of the sun	5.48
$m_e$	rest mass of an electron	$9.109 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
$m_p$	rest mass of a proton	$1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
$M_{V\odot}$	absolute visual magnitude of the sun	4.83
$m_{V\odot}$	apparent visual magnitude of the sun	-26.75
$N_A$	constant of Avogadro	$6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
$h$	constant of Plack	$6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J Hz}^{-1}$
$R$	gas constant	$8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}$
$\sigma_{SB}$	constant of Stefan-Boltzmann	$5.670 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$
$\sigma_e$	Thomson crossection of an electron	$6.652 \times 10^{-29} \text{ m}^2$
$T_\odot$	effective temperature of the sun	5778K

## Units

Notation	Description	Unit
$\text{\AA}$	Ångström	$10^{-10} \text{ m}$
'	arcminute	$\frac{1}{60}^\circ$
"	arcsecond	$\frac{1}{3600}^\circ$
AU	astronomical unit	$1.496 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$
$\rho$	density	$\text{kg m}^{-3}$
eV	electronvolt	$1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
F	flux	$\text{J s}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$
Gyr	billion years (gigayear)	$1 \times 10^9 \text{ year}$
$L_\odot$	solar luminosity	$3.828 \times 10^{26} \text{ J s}^{-1}$
L	luminosity	$\text{J s}^{-1}$
mas	milliarcsecond	0.001"
$M_\oplus$	Earth mass	$5.972 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$
$M_J$	Jupiter mass	$1.898 \times 10^{27} \text{ kg}$

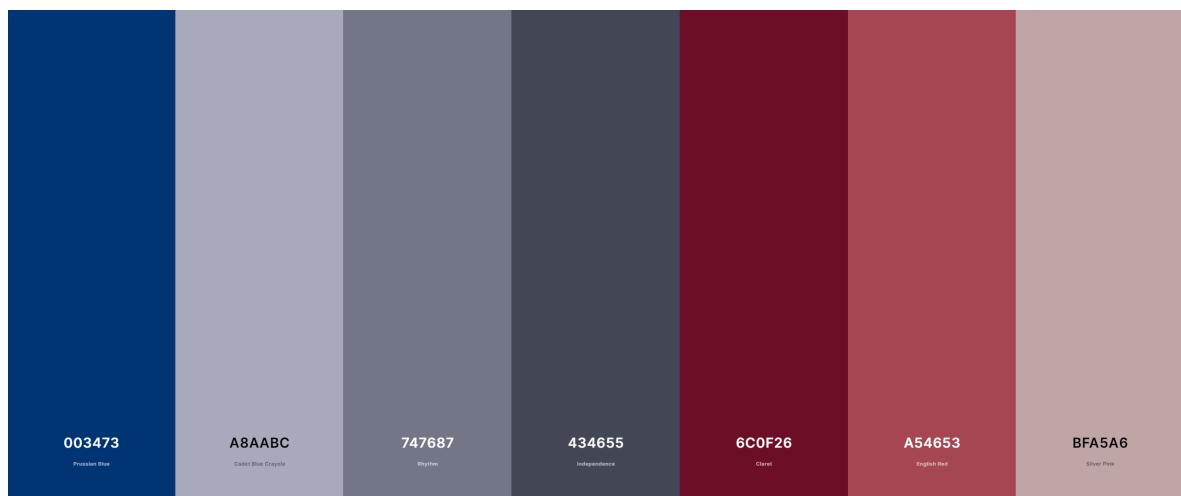
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Notation	Description	Unit
$M_{\odot}$	solar mass	$1.988 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$
$\kappa$	opacity	$\text{m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-1}$
pc	parsec	$3.086 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}$
I	intensity	$\text{J s}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1}$
$R_{\oplus}$	Earth radius	$6.378 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$
$R_J$	Jupiter radius	$7.149 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$
$R_{\odot}$	solar radius	$6.957 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$
$F_{\lambda}$	spectral flux	$\text{J s}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-3}$
$F_{\nu}$	spectral flux	$\text{J s}^{-1} \text{ Hz}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$
$I_{\lambda}$	specific intensity	$\text{J s}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-3} \text{ sr}^{-1}$
$I_{\nu}$	specific intensity	$\text{J s}^{-1} \text{ Hz}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1}$

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# 1. The template

This template can be used to write your thesis. The colorpalette used in this template is built around the blue of the Leiden University logo (Lei-blauw). The colors in the palette are shown in figure 1.1.



*Figure 1.1: Colorpalette used in this template. Colorcodes are in hex format (HTML).*

Chapter 2 contains some useful tips and tricks on how to use this template and all its features. Most of these features are showcased in chapter 3. A Python script is included in appendix A.

# 2. Tips and tricks

This chapter contains some tips and tricks for using this template. Section 2.1 contains tips and tricks specific to this template, and section 2.2 contains useful info on some of the packages used by this template.

## 2.1 Template

- At the top of the *thesis.tex* file you can change the language passed to *documentclass*. When changing this to Dutch, the nomenclature titles and Leiden University logos will also be changed to the Dutch versions.
- For a bachelor thesis, pass *bsc* instead of *msc* to *documentclass*.
- You can change parameters such as author, supervisors and coverimage right after the start of the document in *thesis.tex*.
- The logo's are defined in *layout/observatory-thesis.cls*, with *\coveraffiliationlogo* for the logo on the coverpage, and *\affiliationlogo* for the logo on the titlepage. Note that the current logo on the coverpage is the diapositive version; if your coverimage is lighter, use the normal logo instead.
- Folder *layout/figures/free\_frontpage* contains some other free frontpage images that don't require credit (although I do advocate giving credit regardless). You can remove unused images to save space.
- There are additional caption settings available. When defining a caption, you can use *\caption[short caption]{long caption}*. The short caption will be listed in the list of figures or list of tables at the start of the document, and the long caption will be shown below the figure or above the table. Use *\imref{}* to add an image credit entry below the caption, as shown in figure 3.1 and figure 3.2.
- If you want to print your thesis, you can pass *twoside* instead of *oneside* to *documentclass* in *thesis.tex*. This will make the inner margin bigger than the outer margin, ensure all chapters start at the left page, and display the chapter title at the top of the left page and the section title at the top of the right page.

- If you input chapters (or even sections) separately, you can comment out the `\include` of the chapters you are currently not editing to make the document compile faster.
- This template uses the AASTeX bibliography style, see section 3.1 for examples of citations. All journal abbreviations used in the ADS BibTeX entries are defined at the bottom of the class file. Examples are `\aap` (A&A) and `\aap` (ApJ).
- The included bibliography, `bib.bib`, shows more (uncited) examples of sources, such as conference proceedings and unpublished work.
- When you get errors after adding a new entry in your bibliography, it is most commonly caused by a special character in a name, for example é and ö. You can fix this by replacing the character with the corresponding latex encoding, in this case `\{e}` and `\{o}` respectively.

## 2.2 Packages

- This template includes the `cleveref` package, which has advantages over the the normal `\ref`. The commands of this package are `\cref` and `\Cref`. When using this, it will automatically include the word of whatever it is you are referring to before the number (such as chapter, section, appendix, table, figure). This way you don't have to worry about manually changing all the references when you change the structure of your thesis by for example changing a chapter into a section.
- The package `siunitx` includes many useful features for displaying (scientific) numbers and units. You can also define your own custom units; some astronomy units have already been added in `glossaries/custom_units.tex`.
- This template uses the packages `glossaries` and `glossaries-extra`. It is set up such that it automatically creates a table with acronyms, constants and units. You can find these after the list of figures and list of tables. You can see how the acronyms, constants and units are defined in `glossaries/acronyms.tex`, `glossaries/units.tex` and `glossaries/constants.tex` respectively, such that you can add new ones yourself. Section 3.1 shows various ways to use the acronyms in your text. All of these are clickable and will take you to the corresponding table at the start of the document.
- You don't want acronyms in titles or in captions to be clickable. Always use `\glshort` and `\glmtlong` for the acronym and the full word respectively.
- This class includes package `adjustbox`, which allows figures to float outside the page margins whilst remaining centered. Although for aesthetics it is not recommended to do this, if you see no other way to include your figure in a clearly readable way, you can make it exceed the margins by using: `\includegraphics[width=1.2\textwidth, center]{figures/figuretitle.png}`

# 3. Showcase

Section 3.1 shows examples of the usage of the package `glossaries` and of adding citations. Section 3.2 displays what subsections look like in this template, and section 3.3 showcases a large variety of math symbols and equations. The last section, section 3.4, shows a large patch of text with some (wrap)figures and table.

## 3.1 Acronyms and references

Here is a nice acronym test: two big globular clusters (GCs) are Palomar 5 (Pal 5) and Messier 5 (M5). Messier 6, also known as the Butterfly Cluster (M6) is an open cluster, whereas Messier 31, also known as the Andromeda Galaxy (M31) is a galaxy. Here is another acronym that starts with a "p": principal component analysis (PCA). When acronyms are referenced a second time, it only shows the short name: Pal 5, M5. One single GC, and multiple GCs. One active galactic nucleus (AGN), multiple AGN, and multiple long active galactic nuclei. This is an example of an unclickable short reference, VLT, an unclickable long reference, very-long-baseline interferometry, and an unclickable plural form of a short reference GCs. Unclickable references do not show up in the nomenclature if they are not referred to anywhere else in the text. You will see that very-long-baseline interferometry (VLBI) is listed in the nomenclature, but VLT is not.

This is an example of a paragraph with in-text citations using the `aasjournal` BibTeX style. Here is a reference to a journal article with a single author (Author, 1993), to a journal article with two authors without parenthesis Author & Author (1993), and to a journal article with six authors (Author et al., 1993). Here is a citation to a book (Author, 1993).

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### 3.2.1 Subsection of the first section

Look, its a subsection.

### 3.2.2 Another subsection

And there is more!

### 3.2.3 Third's a charm

Welcome to the final subsection.

## 3.3 Math

Basic examples of equations:

- Moment of inertia:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N m_i \vec{r}_i^2 \quad (3.1)$$

- Einstein's field equations:

$$G_{\alpha\beta} \equiv R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\alpha\beta} R + \Lambda g_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{8\pi\kappa}{c^2} T_{\alpha\beta} \quad (3.2)$$

- Main-sequence relations:

$$\frac{L}{L_\odot} = \begin{cases} 0.35 \left( \frac{M}{M_\odot} \right)^{2.62}, & M < 0.7M_\odot \\ 1.02 \left( \frac{M}{M_\odot} \right)^{3.92}, & M \geq 0.7M_\odot \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

$$\frac{R}{R_\odot} = \begin{cases} 1.06 \left( \frac{M}{M_\odot} \right)^{0.945}, & M < 1.66M_\odot \\ 1.33 \left( \frac{M}{M_\odot} \right)^{0.555}, & M \geq 1.66M_\odot \end{cases} \quad (3.4)$$

- Wave functions:

$$\Phi(k, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{h}} \int \Psi(x, t) e^{-ikx} dx, \quad \Psi(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{h}} \int \Phi(k, t) e^{ikx} dk \quad (3.5)$$

$$\langle f(t) \rangle = \iiint \Psi^* f \Psi d^3V, \quad \langle f_p(t) \rangle = \iiint \Phi^* f \Phi d^3V_p \quad (3.6)$$

- Wave equation:

$$\nabla^2 u - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} - \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 0 \quad (3.7)$$

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**Figure 3.1:** A picture of NGC 6441, one of the most massive and luminous GCs in the Milky Way.

*Image credit: ESA/Hubble & NASA, G. Piotto*

**Table 3.1:** An example table showing ranges for fundamental parameters.

Parameter	Min	Max
Z	0.0001	0.0099
a	9.9	10.29
E	0	1
D	14	20
M	1000	80000
b	0.0	0.8

The ranges of the metallicity (Z), the log(age) (a), the extinction (E) in B-V colour index, the distance modulus (D), the mass (M) in solar masses and the binary fraction (B).

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*Figure 3.2: One of the largest HST images ever made of a complete galaxy; an image of NGC 1300.*

*Credit: NASA, ESA, and The Hubble Heritage Team (STScI/AURA);  
Acknowledgment: P. Knezek (WIYN)*

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# A . A script

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1 import sys
2 import numpy as np
3 from astropy.io import ascii
4
5
6 def read():
7     """Read "stars.txt". The output of this function is an astropy Table.
8     """
9     data = ascii.read("stars.txt", format="commented_header")
10    return data
11
12
13 def apparent_magnitude(data):
14     """Compute the apparent magnitudes of the stars. Add this column to the table.
15     Print the properties of the star that is the brightest as seen from earth,
16     and the star that is the faintest as seen from earth.
17     The output of this function is the updated table.
18     """
19     data["app_mag"] = np.round(data["abs_magnitude"]+5*np.log10(data["distance"])-5, 2)
20     print("\nProperties of the brightest star:\n", data[np.argmin(data["app_mag"])])
21     print("\nProperties of the faintest star:\n", data[np.argmax(data["app_mag"])])
22     return data
23
24
25 def luminosity(data):
26     """Use the absolute magnitude of the stars to compute the luminosity in unit L_sun.
27     Add this column to the table.
28     The output of this function is the updated table.
29     """
30     abs_mag_zon = 4.75      # absolute bolometric magnitude of the sun
31     data["luminosity"] = 10 ** (0.4 * (abs_mag_zon - data["abs_magnitude"])) # in [L_sun]
32     return data
33
34
35 def mass_lifespan(data):
36     """Compute the mass of the brightest and faintest star, and the ratio of lifetime
37     on the main sequence between these stars.
38     """
39     brightest = data[np.argmin(data["app_mag"])]
40     faintest = data[np.argmax(data["app_mag"])]
41
42     # mass
43     mass_brightest = (1/1.02) * brightest["luminosity"]**(-1/3.92)      # mass in m_sun
44     mass_faintest = (1/0.35) * faintest["luminosity"]**(-1/2.62)        # mass in m_sun
45     print(f"\nMass of the brightest star: {mass_brightest:.2f} [M_sun]")
46     print(f"Mass of the faintest star: {mass_faintest:.2f} [M_sun]")
47
48     # lifespan
49     lifespan_brightest = mass_brightest**(-2.92)      # msq lifespan compared to the sun
50     lifespan_faintest = mass_faintest**(-1.62)        # msq lifespan compared to the sun
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51     ratio = lifespan_faintest / lifespan_brightest
52     print(f"\nMain-sequence lifespans:")
53     print(f"The brightest star lives {lifespan_brightest:.5f} times as long as the sun.")
54     print(f"The faintest star lives {lifespan_faintest:.2f} times as long as the sun.")
55     print(f"De faintest star lives {ratio:.2e} as long as the brightest star before it "
56           f"runs out of fuel.")
57
58
59 def main():
60     stars = read()
61     stars = apparent_magnitude(stars)
62     stars = luminosity(stars)
63     mass_lifespan(stars)
64
65
66 if __name__ == "__main__":
67     sys.exit(main())
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