Clean and Professional arXiv Preprint Template

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Abstract

This is a clean, minimal, and highly professional LaTeX template designed specifically for arXiv preprints and open-access repositories. Unlike publisher-specific templates which carry heavy branding and strict margin requirements, this template focuses entirely on readability, clear typography, and a modern aesthetic. It uses the standard `article` class paired with the `authblk` package for elegant author affiliation formatting, and `biblatex` with Biber for robust citation management.

1 Introduction

Preprints have become an essential part of the scientific communication lifecycle. In fields like computer science, physics, and mathematics, submitting to arXiv prior to formal peer review is standard practice [1]. However, many authors struggle with finding a template that looks good without violating publisher copyright rules on branded stylesheets.

This template solves that problem by providing a completely neutral, yet highly polished, typographic foundation. It ensures that your research is presented with the utmost clarity and professionalism [2].

2 Methodology

2.1 Typographic Choices

We rely on the standard computer modern fonts, but we optimize the margins using the `geometry` package. By setting the margins to 1 inch all around, the text block becomes perfectly proportioned for on-screen reading and standard A4/Letter printing.

2.2 Author Affiliations

Handling multiple authors with different affiliations can be messy in the default `article` class. We utilize the `authblk` package to gracefully format superscripts and author blocks, ensuring that even papers with large collaborative teams look organized.

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = -\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i) \tag{1}$$

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3 Results

The resulting document is significantly easier to read than heavily branded, double-column publisher templates when viewed on a monitor or tablet.

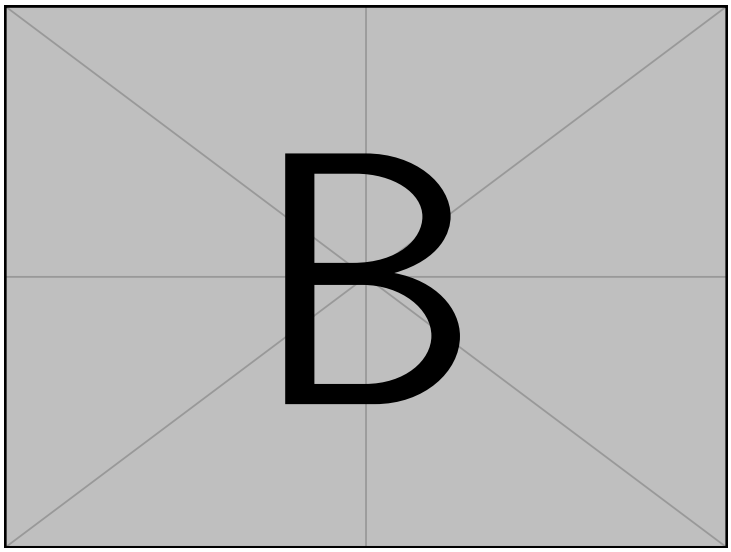

Figure 1: An example figure demonstrating clear, single-column integration.

Furthermore, the integration with `biblatex` and `biber` guarantees that references are processed cleanly and can be easily switched between numeric, alphabetic, or author-year styles by changing a single package option in the preamble.

4 Conclusion

By utilizing this clean, unbranded template, researchers can present their preprints professionally while retaining full flexibility for future journal submissions. The modular structure of this template (with sections broken into separate files) also makes collaborative editing via Git or Overleaf straightforward and conflict-free.

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