

Formatting Instructions for the 20th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems

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ABSTRACT

This document outlines the formatting instructions for submissions to AAMAS-2021. You can use its source file as a template when writing your own paper. It is based on the file ‘sample-sigconf.tex’ distributed with the ACM article template for \LaTeX .

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1 INTRODUCTION

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2 THE PREAMBLE

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3 THE BODY OF THE PAPER

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3.1 Mathematical Expressions

You can typeset all sorts of in-line mathematical expressions with the usual $\$ \dots \$$ construct, as in $\diamond \diamond \varphi \rightarrow \diamond \varphi$ or $R = (R_1, \dots, R_n)$. For more complex expressions, it may often be preferable to use one of the various equation-type environments available in \LaTeX , as shown in the following example:

$$Z_i = \frac{u_i(x_i) - u_i(x_{-i})}{u_i(x_i)} \quad (1)$$

Here is a second example for an equation:

$$p_i(\hat{\mathbf{v}}) = \sum_{j \neq i} \hat{v}_j(f(\hat{\mathbf{v}}_{-i})) - \sum_{j \neq i} \hat{v}_j(f(\hat{\mathbf{v}})) \quad (2)$$

Use the usual combination of ‘\label’ and ‘\ref’ to refer to numbered equations, such as Equation (2) above. Of course, introducing

Table 1: Locations of the first five editions of AAMAS

| Year | City | Country |
|------|---------------|-----------------|
| 2002 | Bologna | Italy |
| 2003 | Melbourne | Australia |
| 2004 | New York City | USA |
| 2005 | Utrecht | The Netherlands |
| 2006 | Hakodate | Japan |

numbers in the first place is only helpful if you in fact need to refer back to the equation in question elsewhere in the paper.

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Use the ‘table’ environment (or its variant ‘table*’) in combination with the ‘tabular’ environment to typeset tables as floating objects. The ‘aamas’ document class includes the ‘booktabs’ package for preparing high-quality tables. Tables are often placed at the top of a page near their initial cite, as done here for Table 1.

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Figure 1: The logo of AAMAS-2021

In addition, every figure should also have a figure description, unless it is purely decorative. Use the ‘\Description’ command for this purpose. These descriptions will not be printed but can be used to convey what’s in an image to someone who cannot see it. They are also used by search engine crawlers for indexing images, and when images cannot be loaded. A figure description must consist of unformatted plain text of up to 2000 characters. For example, the definition of Figure 1 in the source file of this document includes the following description: “Logo showing the words ‘AAMAS 2021, London, UK’, with the 0 resembling the London Eye and the 1 resembling Big Ben.” For more information on how best to write figure descriptions and why doing so is important, consult the information available here:

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4 CITATIONS AND REFERENCES

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Make sure you provide complete and correct bibliographic information for all your references, and list authors with their full names (“Donald E. Knuth”) rather than just initials (“D. E. Knuth”).

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