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## 1. Introduction

elsarticle.cls is a thoroughly re-written document class for formatting L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X submissions to Elsevier journals. The class uses the environments and commands defined in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X kernel without any change in the signature so that clashes with other contributed L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X packages such as `hyperref.sty`, `preview-latex.sty`, etc., will be minimal. elsarticle.cls is primarily built upon the default `article.cls`. This class depends on the following packages for its proper functioning:

1. `natbib.sty` for citation processing;
2. `geometry.sty` for margin settings;
3. `fleqn.clo` for left aligned equations;
4. `graphicx.sty` for graphics inclusion;
5. `txfonts.sty` optional font package, if the document is to be formatted with Times and compatible math fonts;
6. `hyperref.sty` optional packages if hyperlinking is required in the document;
7. `endfloat.sty` optional packages if floats to be placed at end of the PDF.

All the above packages (except some optional packages) are part of any standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X installation. Therefore, the users need not be bothered about downloading any extra packages. Furthermore, users are free to make use of AMS math packages such as `amsmath.sty`, `amsthm.sty`, `amssymb.sty`, `amsfonts.sty`, etc., if they want to. All these packages work in tandem with `elsarticle.cls` without any problems.

## 2. Major Differences

Following are the major differences between `elsarticle.cls` and its predecessor package, `elsart.cls`:

- `elsarticle.cls` is built upon `article.cls` while `elsart.cls` is not. `elsart.cls` redefines many of the commands in the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X classes/kernel, which can possibly cause surprising clashes with other contributed L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X packages;
- provides preprint document formatting by default, and optionally formats the document as per the final style of models 1+, 3+ and 5+ of Elsevier journals;

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- some easier ways for formatting `list` and `theorem` environments are provided while people can still use `amsthm.sty` package;
- `natbib.sty` is the main citation processing package which can comprehensively handle all kinds of citations and works perfectly with `hyperref.sty` in combination with `hypernat.sty`;
- long title pages are processed correctly in preprint and final formats.

## 3. Installation

The package is available at author resources page at Elsevier (<http://www.elsevier.com/locate/latex>). It can also be found in Comprehensive  $\text{\TeX}$  Archive Network (CTAN), <https://ctan.org/pkg/elsarticle>.

Please download the `elsarticle.dtx` which is a composite class with documentation and `elsarticle.ins` which is the  $\text{\LaTeX}$  installer file. When we compile the `elsarticle.ins` with  $\text{\LaTeX}$  it provides the class file, `elsarticle.cls` by stripping off all the documentation from the `*.dtx` file. The class may be moved or copied to a place, usually, `$TEXMF/tex/latex/elsevier/`, or a folder which will be read by  $\text{\LaTeX}$  during document compilation. The  $\text{\TeX}$  file database needs updation after moving/copying class file. Usually, we use commands like `mktexlsr` or `texhash` depending upon the distribution and operating system.

## 4. Usage

The class should be loaded with the command:

```
\documentclass[<options>]{elsarticle}
```

where the `options` can be the following:

`preprint` default option which format the document for submission to Elsevier journals.

`review` similar to the `preprint` option, but increases the `baselineskip` to facilitate easier review process.

`1p` formats the article to the look and feel of the final format of model 1+ journals. This is always single column style.

`3p` formats the article to the look and feel of the final format of model 3+ journals. If the journal is a two column model, use `twocolumn` option in combination.

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**5p** formats for model 5+ journals. This is always of two column style.

**authoryear** author-year citation style of `natbib.sty`. If you want to add extra options of `natbib.sty`, you may use the options as comma delimited strings as arguments to `\biboptions` command. An example would be:

```
\biboptions{longnamesfirst,angle,semicolon}
```

**number** numbered citation style. Extra options can be loaded with `\biboptions` command.

**sort&compress** sorts and compresses the numbered citations. For example, citation [1,2,3] will become [1–3].

**longtitle** if front matter is unusually long, use this option to split the title page across pages with the correct placement of title and author footnotes in the first page.

**times** loads `txfonts.sty`, if available in the system to use Times and compatible math fonts.

**reversenotenum** Use alphabets as author-affiliation linking labels and use numbers for author footnotes. By default, numbers will be used as author-affiliation linking labels and alphabets for author footnotes.

**lefttitle** To move title and author/affiliation block to `flushleft`. **centeritle** is the default option which produces center alignment.

**endfloat** To place all floats at the end of the document.

**nonatbib** To unload `natbib.sty`.

**doubleblind** To hide author name, affiliation, email address etc. for double blind refereeing purpose.

All options of `article.cls` can be used with this document class.

The default options loaded are `a4paper`, `10pt`, `oneside`, `onecolumn` and `preprint`.

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## 5. Frontmatter

There are two types of frontmatter coding:

- (1) each author is connected to an affiliation with a footnote marker; hence all authors are grouped together and affiliations follow;
- (2) authors of same affiliations are grouped together and the relevant affiliation follows this group.

An example of coding the first type is provided below.

```
\title{This is a specimen title\tnoteref{t1,t2}}
\tnotetext[t1]{This document is the results of the research
  project funded by the National Science Foundation.}
\tnotetext[t2]{The second title footnote which is a longer
  text matter to fill through the whole text width and
  overflow into another line in the footnotes area of the
  first page.}
```

```
\author[1]{J.K. Krishnan\corref{cor1}%
  \fnref{fn1}}
\ead{jkk@example.in}

\author[1,2]{Han Thane\fnref{fn2}}
\ead{han@different.edu}

\author[3]{T. Rafeeq\fnref{fn1,fn3}}
\ead[url]{www.nowhere.com}

\cortext[cor1]{Corresponding author}
\fntext[fn1]{This is the first author footnote.}
\fntext[fn2]{Another author footnote, this is a very long footnote and
  it should be a really long footnote. But this footnote is not yet
  sufficiently long enough to make two lines of footnote text.}
\fntext[fn3]{Yet another author footnote.}
```

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```
\affiliation[1]{organization={Department of Physics,  
J.K. Institute of Science},  
addressline={Jawahar Nagar},  
city={Trivandrum},  
citysep={}, % Uncomment if no comma needed  
% between city and postcode  
postcode={695013},  
state={Kerala},  
country={India}}  
  
\affiliation[2]{organization={World Scientific University},  
addressline={Street 29},  
postcode={1011 NX},  
postcodesep={},  
city={Amsterdam},  
country={The Netherlands}}  
  
\affiliation[3]{organization={University of Intelligent Studies},  
addressline={Street 15},  
city={Jabaldesh},  
postcode={825001},  
state={Orissa},  
country={India}}
```

The output of the above  $\text{\TeX}$  source is given in Clips 1 and 2. The header portion or title area is given in Clip 1 and the footer area is given in Clip 2.

## Clip 1: Header of the title page..

This is a specimen  $a_b$  title<sup>★,★★</sup>

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### Clip 2: Footer of the title page..

\*This document is the results of the research project funded by the National Science Foundation.  
\*\*The second title footnote which is a longer text matter to fill through the whole text width and overflow into another line in the footnotes area of the first page.  
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*Email addresses:* J.Migchielsen@elsevier.com (Jos Migchielsen), cvr@sayahna.org (CV Radhakrishnan)  
*URL:* www.stmdocs.in (CV Rajagopal)  
<sup>1</sup>This is the first author footnote.  
<sup>2</sup>Another author footnote, this is a very long footnote and it should be a really long footnote. But this footnote is not yet sufficiently long enough to make two lines of footnote text.  
<sup>3</sup>Yet another author footnote.

Most of the commands such as `\title`, `\author`, `\affiliation` are self explanatory. Various components are linked to each other by a label–reference mechanism; for instance, title footnote is linked to the title with a footnote mark generated by referring to the `\label` string of the `\tnotetext`. We have used similar commands such as `\tnoteref` (to link title note to title); `\corref` (to link corresponding author text to corresponding author); `\fnref` (to link footnote text to the relevant author names).  $\text{\TeX}$  needs two compilations to resolve the footnote marks in the preamble part. Given below are the syntax of various note marks and note texts.

```
\tnoteref{<label(s)>}  
\corref{<label(s)>}  
\fnref{<label(s)>}  
\tnotetext[<label>]{<title note text>}  
\cortext[<label>]{<corresponding author note text>}  
\fntext[<label>]{<author footnote text>}
```

where `<label(s)>` can be either one or more comma delimited label strings. The optional arguments to the `\author` command holds the ref label(s) of the address(es) to which the author is affiliated while each `\affiliation` command can have an optional argument of a label. In the same manner, `\tnotetext`, `\fntext`, `\cortext` will have optional arguments as their respective labels and note text as their mandatory argument.

The following example code provides the markup of the second type of author-affiliation.

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```
\author{J.K. Krishnan\corref{cor1}%
       \fnref{fn1}}
\ead{jkk@example.in}
\affiliation{organization={Department of Physics,
                           J.K. Institute of Science},
            addressline={Jawahar Nagar},
            city={Trivandrum},
            citysep={}, % Uncomment if no comma needed
            %           % between city and postcode
            postcode={695013},
            state={Kerala},
            country={India}%

\author{Han Thane\fnref{fn2}}
\ead{han@different.edu}
\affiliation{organization={World Scientific University},
            addressline={Street 29},
            postcode={1011 NX},
            postcodesep={},
            city={Amsterdam},
            country={The Netherlands}%

\author{T. Rafeeq\fnref{fn1,fn3}}
\ead[url]{www.nowhere.com}
\affiliation{organization={University of Intelligent Studies},
            addressline={Street 15},
            city={Jabaldesh},
            postcode={825001},
            state={Orissa},
            country={India}}
```

```
\cortext[cor1]{Corresponding author}
\fntext[fn1]{This is the first author footnote.}
\fntext[fn2]{Another author footnote, this is a very long
            footnote and it should be a really long footnote. But this
            footnote is not yet sufficiently long enough to make two lines
            of footnote text.}
```

The output of the above  $\text{\TeX}$  source is given in Clip 3.

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Clip 3: Header of the title page...

This is a specimen  $a_b$  title<sup>\*,\*\*</sup>

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Clip 4 shows the output after giving `doubleblind` class option.

Clip 4: Double blind article.

This is a specimen  $a_b$  title

## Abstract

In this work we demonstrate  $a_b$  the formation Y\_1 of a new type of polariton

The frontmatter part has further environments such as abstracts and keywords. These can be marked up in the following manner:

```
\begin{abstract}
In this work we demonstrate the formation of a new type of
polariton on the interface between a ....
\end{abstract}
```

```
\begin{keyword}
quadruple exiton \sep polariton \sep WGM
\end{keyword}
```

Each keyword shall be separated by a `\sep` command. MSC classifications shall be provided in the keyword environment with the commands `\MSC`. `\MSC` accepts an optional argument to accommodate future revisions. eg., `\MSC[2008]`. The default is 2000.

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## 5.1. New page

Sometimes you may need to give a page-break and start a new page after title, author or abstract. Following commands can be used for this purpose.

```
\newpageafter{title}
\newpageafter{author}
\newpageafter{abstract}
```

`\newpageafter{title}` typeset the title alone on one page.

`\newpageafter{author}` typeset the title and author details on one page.

`\newpageafter{abstract}` typeset the title, author details and abstract & keywords one one page.

## 6. Floats

Figures may be included using the command, `\includegraphics` in combination with or without its several options to further control graphic. `\includegraphics` is provided by `graphic[s,x].sty` which is part of any standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X distribution. `graphicx.sty` is loaded by default. L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X accepts figures in the postscript format while pdfL<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X accepts `*.pdf`, `*.mps` (metapost), `*.jpg` and `*.png` formats. pdfL<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X does not accept graphic files in the postscript format.

The `table` environment is handy for marking up tabular material. If users want to use `multirow.sty`, `array.sty`, etc., to fine control/enhance the tables, they are welcome to load any package of their choice and `elsarticle.cls` will work in combination with all loaded packages.

## 7. Theorem and theorem like environments

`elsarticle.cls` provides a few shortcuts to format theorems and theorem-like environments with ease. In all commands the options that are used with the `\newtheorem` command will work exactly in the same manner. `elsarticle.cls` provides three commands to format theorem or theorem-like environments:

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```
\newtheorem{thm}{Theorem}
\newtheorem{lem}[thm]{Lemma}
\newdefinition{rmk}{Remark}
\newproof{pf}{Proof}
\newproof{pot}{Proof of Theorem \ref{thm2}}
```

The `\newtheorem` command formats a theorem in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X's default style with italicized font, bold font for theorem heading and theorem number at the right hand side of the theorem heading. It also optionally accepts an argument which will be printed as an extra heading in parentheses.

```
\begin{thm}
  For system (8), consensus can be achieved with
  $||T_{\omega z}(s)||_{\infty} < \gamma$ \\
  ...
  \begin{eqnarray}\label{10}
  ...
  \end{eqnarray}
\end{thm}
```

Clip 5 will show you how some text enclosed between the above code looks like:

Clip 5: `\newtheorem`.

**Theorem 2.** For system (8), consensus can be achieved with  $\|T_{\omega z}(s)\|_{\infty} < \gamma$  if there exist a symmetric positive definite matrix  $P \in \mathcal{R}^{(n-1) \times (n-1)}$  and a scalar  $\mu > 0$  satisfying

$$\Gamma = \begin{bmatrix} -\bar{L}^T P - P\bar{L} + U_1^T U_1 + \mu\bar{E} & PU_1^T E_1 & PU_1^T \\ E_1^T U_1 P & -\mu I & 0 \\ U_1 P & 0 & -\gamma^2 I \end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad (10)$$

where  $\bar{L} = U_1^T L U_1$  and  $\bar{E} = U_1^T E_2^T E_2 U_1$ .

The `\newdefinition` command is the same in all respects as its `\newtheorem` counterpart except that the font shape is roman instead of italic. Both `\newdefinition` and `\newtheorem` commands automatically define counters for the environments defined.

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### Clip 6: `\newdefinition`.

**Remark 3.** We remark that; when the ratio  $h/\lambda$  tends to 0, the expression  $\lambda L(r, s) = -(s-r)/(4(\frac{h}{\lambda})^2 + (r-s)^2)$  tends to  $1/(r-s)$  which is a singular function. This means that the expression  $\lambda L(r, s)$  is not well behaved for the small values of  $h/\lambda$ . Consequently, for the solution to converge, the integrals of (10) and (11) must be evaluated with a large number of nodes. In our numerical applications (cf. section 5), we use 100 nodes to evaluate these integrals. With the smallest value of  $h/\lambda = 0.02$ , the convergence is good with  $N = 20$ .

The `\newproof` command defines proof environments with upright font shape. No counters are defined.

### Clip 7: `\newproof`.

**Proof of Theorem 2.** Proof follows straightforward from Lemma 3 and Theorem 1. However, it should be emphasized that all possible  $\bar{L}_{\sigma(t)}$  should share a common Lyapunov function  $V(\delta) = \delta^T(t)P\delta(t)$  (see the proof of Lemma 3 in Appendix A).  $\square$

Users can also make use of `amsthm.sty` which will override all the default definitions described above.

## 8. Enumerated and Itemized Lists

elsarticle.cls provides an extended list processing macros which makes the usage a bit more user friendly than the default L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X list macros. With an optional argument to the `\begin{enumerate}` command, you can change the list counter type and its attributes.

```
\begin{enumerate}[1.]  
  \item The enumerate environment starts with an optional argument '1.', so that the item counter will be suffixed by a period.  
  \item You can use 'a)' for alphabetical counter and '(i)' for roman counter.  
  \begin{enumerate}[a)]  
    \item Another level of list with alphabetical counter.  
    \item One more item before we start another.  
  \end{enumerate}  
\end{enumerate}
```

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### Clip 8: List – Enumerate.

1. The enumerate environment starts with an optional argument '1.' so that the item counter will be suffixed by a period.
2. You can use '(a)' for alphabetical counter and '(i)' for roman counter.
  - a) Another level of list with alphabetical counter.
  - b) One more item before we start another.
    - (i) This item has roman numeral counter.
    - (ii) Another one before we close the third level.
  - c) Third item in second level.
3. All list items conclude with this step.

Further, the enhanced list environment allows one to prefix a string like 'step' to all the item numbers.

```
\begin{enumerate}[Step 1.]  
  \item This is the first step of the example list.  
  \item Obviously this is the second step.  
  \item The final step to wind up this example.  
\end{enumerate}
```

### Clip 9: List – enhanced.

- Step 1. This is the first step of the example list.
- Step 2. Obviously this is the second step.
- Step 3. The final step to wind up this example.

## 9. Cross-references

In electronic publications, articles may be internally hyperlinked. Hyperlinks are generated from proper cross-references in the article. For example, the words Fig. 1 will never be more than simple text, whereas the proper cross-reference `\ref{tiger}` may be turned into a hyperlink to the figure itself: [Fig. 1](#). In the same way, the words [Ref. \[1\]](#) will fail to turn into a hyperlink; the proper cross-reference is `\cite{Knuth96}`. Cross-referencing is possible in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X for sections, subsections, formulae, figures, tables, and literature references.

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## 10. Mathematical symbols and formulae

Many physical/mathematical sciences authors require more mathematical symbols than the few that are provided in standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. A useful package for additional symbols is the `amssymb` package, developed by the American Mathematical Society. This package includes such oft-used symbols as  $\lesssim$  (`\lessapprox`),  $\gtrsim$  (`\gtrapprox`) or  $\hbar$  (`\hbar`). Note that your T<sub>E</sub>X system should have the `msam` and `msbm` fonts installed. If you need only a few symbols, such as  $\Box$  (`\Box`), you might try the package `latexsym`.

Another point which would require authors' attention is the breaking up of long equations. When you use `elsarticle.cls` for formatting your submissions in the `preprint` mode, the document is formatted in single column style with a text width of 384pt or 5.3in. When this document is formatted for final print and if the journal happens to be a double column journal, the text width will be reduced to 224pt at for 3+ double column and 5+ journals respectively. All the nifty fine-tuning in equation breaking done by the author goes to waste in such cases. Therefore, authors are requested to check this problem by typesetting their submissions in final format as well just to see if their equations are broken at appropriate places, by changing appropriate options in the document class loading command, which is explained in section 4, [Usage](#). This allows authors to fix any equation breaking problem before submission for publication. `elsarticle.cls` supports formatting the author submission in different types of final format. This is further discussed in section 13, [Final print](#).

### Displayed equations and double column journals

Many Elsevier journals print their text in two columns. Since the preprint layout uses a larger line width than such columns, the formulae are too wide for the line width in print. Here is an example of an equation (see equation 6) which is perfect in a single column preprint format:

In normal course, articles are prepared and submitted in single column format even if the final printed article will come in a double column format journal. Here the problem is that when the article is typeset by the typesetters for paginating and fit within the single column width, they have to break the lengthy equations and align them properly. Even if most of the tasks in preparing your proof is automated, the equation breaking and aligning requires manual judgement, hence this task is manual. When there comes a manual operation that area is error prone. Author needs to check that equation pretty well.

However if authors themselves break the equation to the single column width typesetters need not want to touch these area and the proof authors get will be without any errors.

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### Clip 10: See equation (6).

Here  $e, m$  are the electron charge and mass;  $\mathbf{p}$  is the electron momentum. For the quadrupole  $1S$  transition in cuprous oxide the energy of interaction can be written as:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} A_n \int dx \frac{F_n(x)}{A_n + B_n} = B^n C^n \int dx \int dy \frac{G_n(x, y)}{A_n x + B_n y} + \frac{G_n(x, y)}{A_n x + B_n y} \quad (5)$$

Here we introduced the initial state of the system, which transforms as irreducible representation  $^1\Gamma_1^+$  of the cubic centered group  $O_h$ . The final state is the *ortho*-exciton state which transforms as  $^3\Gamma_{5,xy}^+$  in Cartesian system or as  $^3\Gamma_{5,1,2}^+$  in the corresponding spherical basis.

Hence, using (1, 3, 4, 5), one can deduce that the coupling of the spherical harmonic compared to the plane wave ( $\hbar g_{1,2} = 124 \mu eV$ ) is resonantly enhanced:

$$\frac{g_{1,39}}{g_{1,2}} = -i0.06b_{1,39}(kr_0) A_{1,39}^{1,2}(r_0 + \delta r) \quad (6)$$

Here we utilized the fact that  $B_{1,39}^{1,2} \ll A_{1,39}^{1,2}$ . While the resonant enhancement is provided by the  $b_{1,39}$  Mie coefficient here, the translational coefficient reduces the effect. That is why if one tries to couple the evanescent light to the dipole transition the effect is much weaker as  $A_{1,39}^{0,1} \ll A_{1,39}^{1,2}$ .

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Their explicit expression can be found, for instance, in [12, 9] and are explicitly listed in the Appendix.

The bulk (incident) and evanescent polaritons in cuprous oxide are formed through the quadrupole part of the light-matter interaction:

$$H_{int} = \frac{ie}{m\omega_{1S}} \mathbf{E}_{i,s} \cdot \mathbf{p}$$

Here  $e, m$  are the electron charge and mass;  $\mathbf{p}$  is the electron momentum. For the quadrupole  $1S$  transition in cuprous oxide the energy of interaction can be written as:

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Figure 1: The evanescent light -  $1S$  quadrupole coupling ( $g_{1,1}$ ) scaled to the bulk exciton-photon coupling ( $g_{1,2}$ ). The size parameter  $kr_0$  is denoted as  $x$  and the PMS is placed directly on the cuprous oxide sample ( $\delta r = 0$ , See also Fig.2).

### 3. Results and discussion

In this section let us utilize the above calculated WGM-QE interaction to obtain the evanescent polariton (EP) dispersion in the framework of the coupled oscillator model that has been widely used for describing coupled atom-photon or exciton-photon modes in microcavity systems [13]. Near the resonance between WGM and the quadrupole exciton  $\omega_{1I} \approx \omega_{1S}$  the EP branches are given by the eigenvalues of the following Hamiltonian:

$$H/\hbar = \omega_{1I} a_x^\dagger a_x + \omega_{1S} b_x^\dagger b_x + g_{1I}(x) (a_k^\dagger b_x + a_x b_k^\dagger), \quad (7)$$

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<sup>4</sup>WGM occur at particular resonant wavelengths of light for a given dielectric sphere size. At these wavelengths, the light undergoes total internal reflection at the sphere surface and becomes trapped within the particle for timescales of the order of  $ns$ .

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