

# BBN-ANG-183 Typography

## Page layout

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## working in academia

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## working in academia

- ▶ publishing (a lot of) papers
- ▶ theses
- ▶ research: scientific journals and books
- ▶ needed to evaluate you (appraisal)

## working with publishers

- ▶ publishing papers in journals of established publishers
- ▶ working in academia = working with publishers
- ▶ you will have to know how they work, what they expect from you – and they expect a lot of typographical knowledge from you!

## people you may be in contact with at a publisher

- ▶ **editor**: responsible for the overall content, quality of papers, relies on the evaluation of reviewers
- ▶ **proof-reader**: responsible for the language (grammar, accuracy), stylistic consistency
- ▶ **typographer/technical editor**: responsible for the form and visual content of the publication
- ▶ (product manager: financing, contracts, ads; printer)

## working with publishers

- ▶ publishers expect you to be fully responsible for your **content**
- ▶ but also for the **form** of your publication
- ▶ this course is about the **typographical form** of your publication that **satisfies publishers**

## from manuscript to publication

- ▶ manuscript → publisher → camera-ready to printer/e-book/online
1. publisher does it all, manuscript contains basic formatting
  2. publisher provides stylesheet the manuscript must follow, but they create the camera-ready version
  3. author does it all, including camera-ready version
2. is the most common but 3. occurs, too

## aims to achieve today

- ▶ a general overview of terms, ideas of layout:
  - ▶ raw material of publishing
  - ▶ page sizes, proportions
  - ▶ optimal arrangement of document elements within page
  - ▶ grids
  - ▶ page “colour”: spacing of text elements



### 3 basic considerations for the design of a publication

- ▶ the selection of **typefaces/fonts**
  - based on general guidelines for legibility, readability, printability, genre, etc.
- ▶ the compositional **arrangement** of page elements = **layout**
- ▶ the method of **distribution** (printed, electronic, book, brochure. . .)

today. . .

we are going to focus on layout

## an example specific workflow

suppose the publisher ...

- ▶ wants a camera-ready manuscript from you
- ▶ on a stock paper A4
- ▶ and plans to publish it in a book of size “B/5”
- ▶ with a “measure” of “ $22 \times 31$  picas”

# general workflow

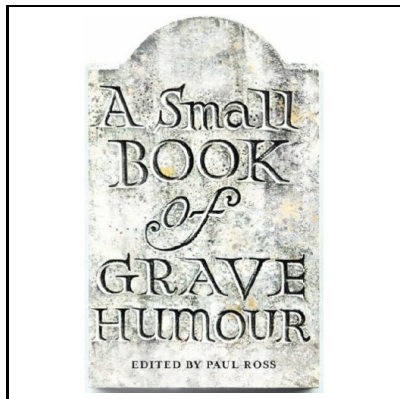
## the general process of setting up one's own page layout

- ▶ (paper type)
- ▶ **stock** (e.g., "A4")
- ▶ **page size** (book shape) (e.g., "A/5")
- ▶ **trim** the stock to the size of the page size ⇒ crop marks
- ▶ **design the layout** of your manuscript within the boundaries of the trimmed page size

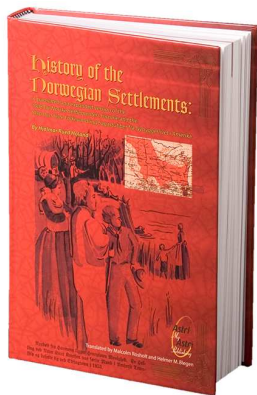
## page size: shape, proportions

### the shape of books

- ▶ usually rectangular
- ▶ exceptions include children's books, and a book on epitaphs



# page proportions



- ▶ the ratio of the height ( $h$ ) to the width ( $w$ ) of a rectangle
- ▶ some proportions seem to be more pleasing to the eye than others
- ▶ tall shapes lead the eye downwards and easier to hold
- ▶ the same proportions pop up in many cultures (and nature!)

# ?

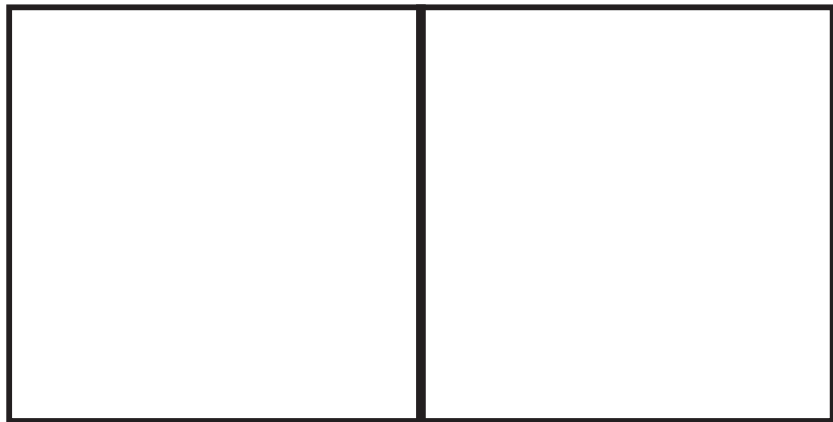
what are the most common traditional page (& textblock) proportions?

# page proportions

## factors

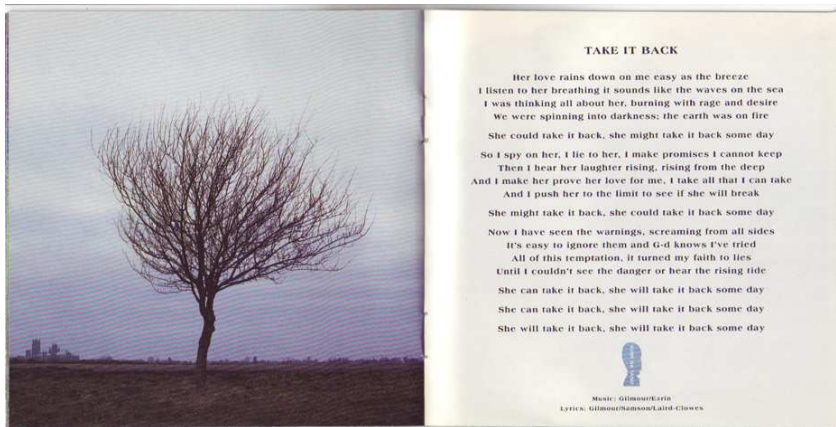
- ▶ aesthetics
- ▶ tradition
- ▶ current industrial (standard) sizes

the square “unison” (1:1)

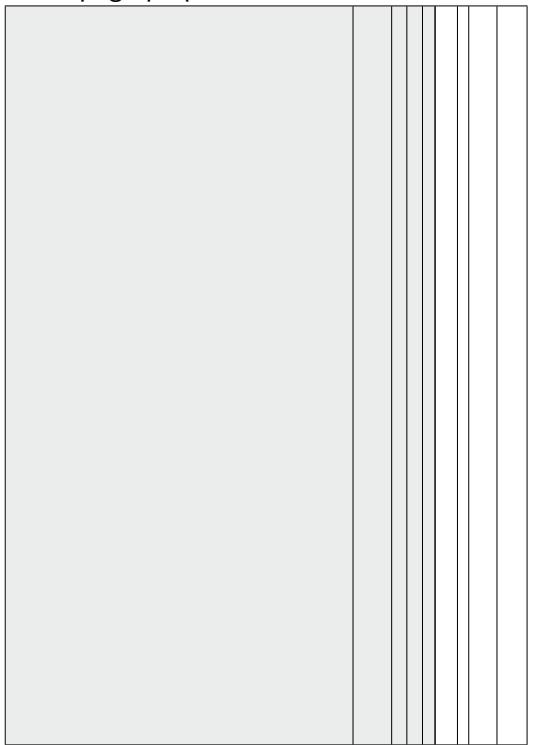




# the square “unison” (1:1) — CD booklets



# common page proportions



A 2 : 1

B 9 : 5

C 1.732 : 1 ( $\sqrt{3}$  : 1)

D 5 : 3

E  $\varphi$  1.618 : 1 ( $\varphi$  : 1)

F 1.538 : 1

A B C D  $\varphi$  E F G H

F 3 : 2

G 1.414 : 1 ( $\sqrt{2}$  : 1)

H 4 : 3

X

X

## page (&amp; textblock) proportions: tradition &amp; current standards

name	proportion ( $w : h$ )	corresponding standard
octave (double square)	1 : 2	—
major 6th	3 : 5 (1 : 1.667)	
<b>golden section</b>	1 : $\varphi$ (1 : 1.618)	$\approx$ <b>US</b> legal sheet (1 : 1.647)
<b>fifth</b> <b>(Gutenberg)</b>	2 : 3 (1 : 1.5)	$\approx$ <b>ISO</b> (1 : $\sqrt{2}$ /1 : 1.414)
fourth	3 : 4 (1 : 1.294)	$\approx$ US letter sheet (1 : 1.294)
unison	1 : 1	CD booklets
major 3rd	5 : 4 (1 : 0.8)	$\approx$ US landscape letter (1 : 0.773)

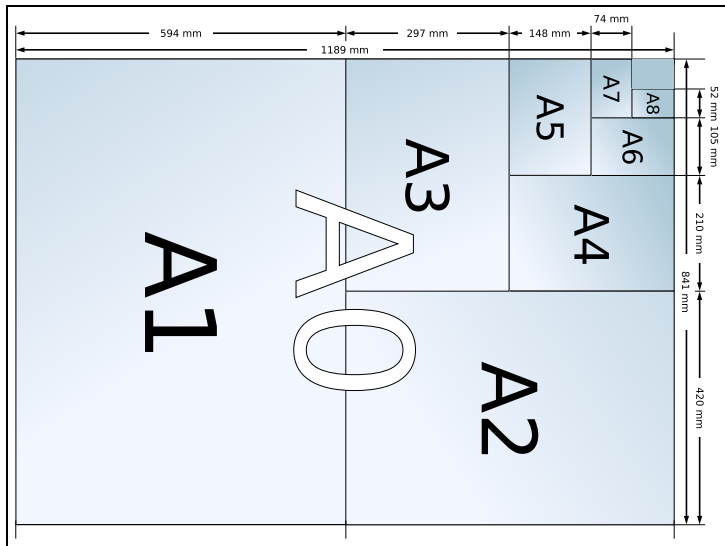
## some properties of ISO standard **A** series paper sizes

- ▶  $A0 = 1 \text{ m}^2$  (1189 × 841 mm)
- ▶ the series has the proportion  $\sqrt{2}:1$
- ▶ all its members are reciprocal with themselves

## some properties of ISO standard **B** series paper sizes

- ▶ larger than A0: 1400 × 1000 mm
- ▶ slightly less reciprocal than A series

## ISO A series paper sizes



## the ISO vs. America

- ▶ the ISO standard for paper sizes is widespread except in the US and Canada
- ▶ the most commonly used sizes for everyday activities are:
  - ▶ **letter size** ( $8.5 \times 11''$  (inch),  $216 \times 279$  mm) – slightly wider and smaller than A4
  - ▶ **legal size** ( $14 \times 8.5''$ ,  $355.6 \times 215.9$  mm) – slightly wider and taller than A4

and now, a brief maths detour

# the golden section & Fibonacci series

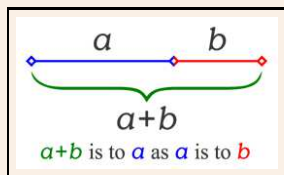
## four special irrational numbers

- ▶  $\pi = 3.14159\dots$  —the circumference of a circle whose diameter = 1
- ▶  $e = 2.71828\dots$  —the base of natural logarithms
- ▶  $\sqrt{2} = 1.41421\dots$  —the diagonal of a unit square
- ▶  $\varphi = 1.61803\dots$  —the golden section/ratio



## the golden section

- ▶ also called: “extreme and mean ratio” (Euclid), “the divine proportion”, “medial section”
- ▶ two elements embody the golden sec. when the ratio of the larger to the smaller is the same as the ratio of the sum of the two to the larger



- ▶  $\varphi = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{a+b}{b} \quad (a > b)$
- ▶  $\varphi = \frac{(1+\sqrt{5})}{2} \approx 1.61803\dots$
- ▶ named after Phidias (5th c. BC); used it in his sculptures

## golden ratios in the Parthenon

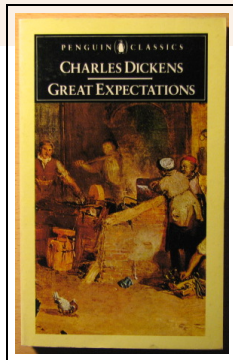


the relationship between  $\varphi$ , rabbits and sunflowers

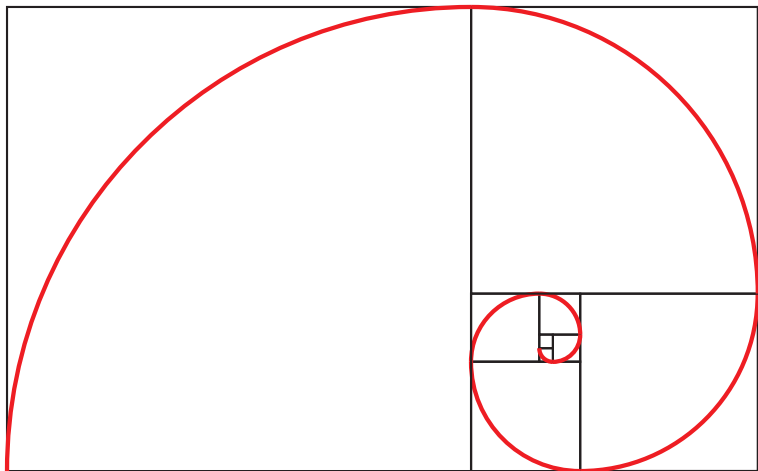
- ▶ Leonardo of Pisa (“Fibonacci”), in: *Liber Abaci* [*Book of the Abacus*], 1202:
- ▶ “How many pairs of rabbits can be produced from a single pair in a year? Assume that (1) each pair produces a new pair of offspring every month, (2) a rabbit becomes fertile at age one month, and (3) no rabbits die during the year.”
- ▶ 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144, 233, 377, 610, 987, 1,597 ...
- ▶ this is the **Fibonacci series**
- ▶ the ratio of any adjacent pair of terms oscillates around  $\varphi$  (= 1.618 ...), approaching it ever more closely

## the golden section/“perfect” proportion often used in typography

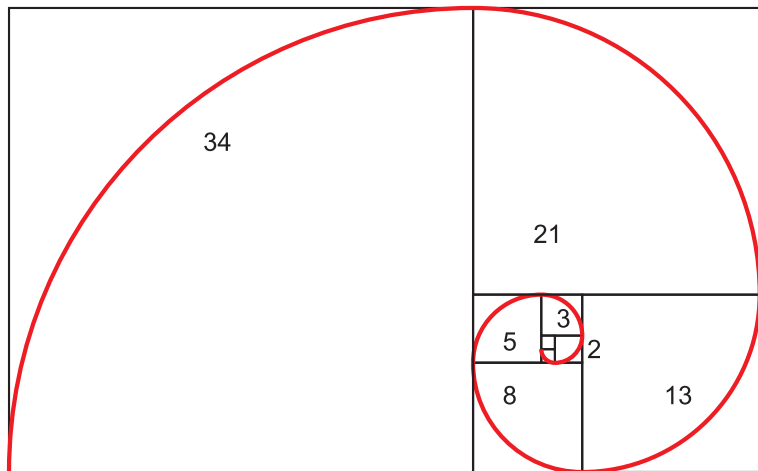
- ▶ page sizes
- ▶ textblocks, margins
- ▶ font size changes



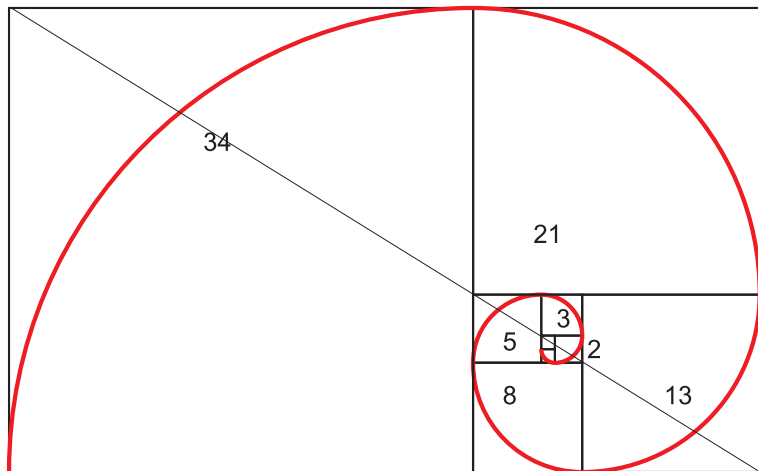
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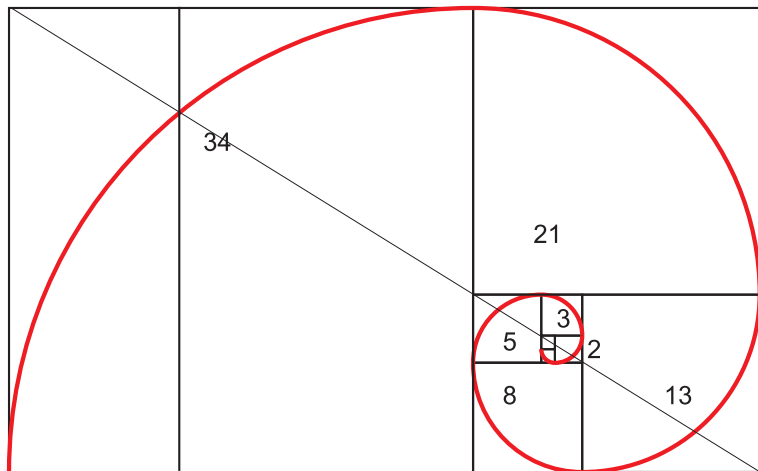
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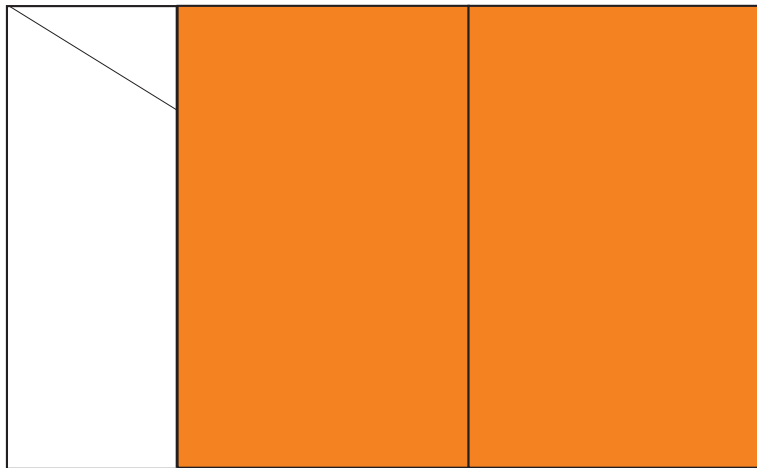


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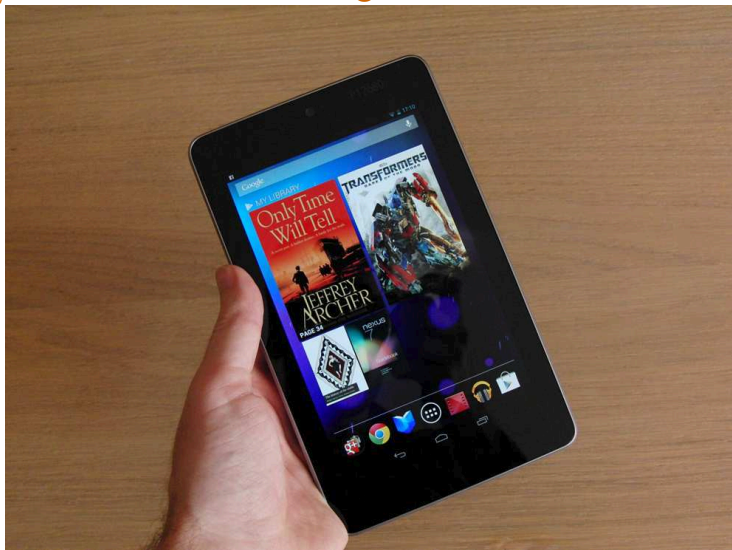




# the Fibonacci (logarithmic) spiral



## tablet/mobile devices & the golden ratio



<http://gold3nratio.tumblr.com/>

## Fibonacci spiral in photography: detail vs. space



# Fibonacci spiral in web design: 'content clustering'



<http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/golden-ratio-in-modern-designs/>

# Fibonacci spiral in fight scene



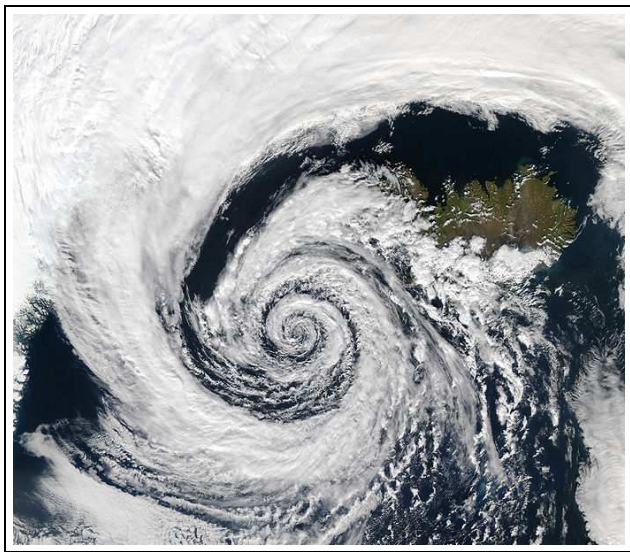
## Fibonacci patterns in sunflower floret spirals



## Fibonacci spiral in a nautilus shell

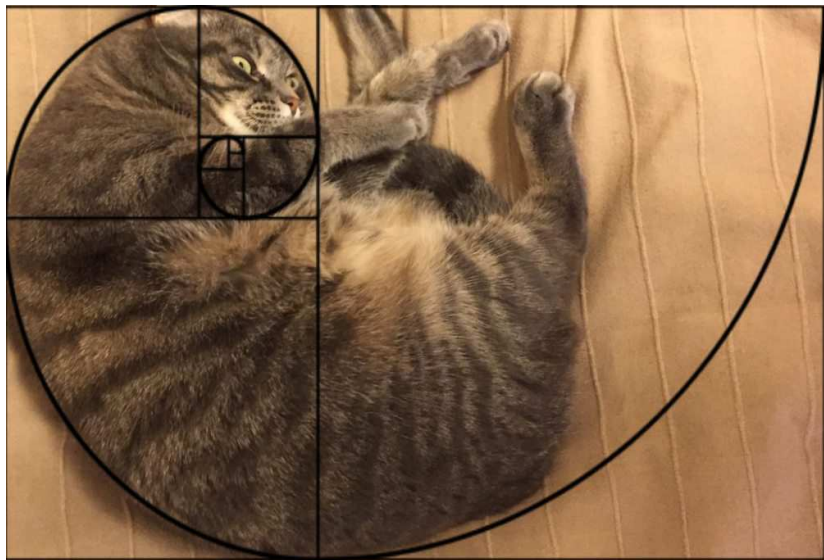


## Fibonacci spiral in clouds





## Fibonacci spiral in cats

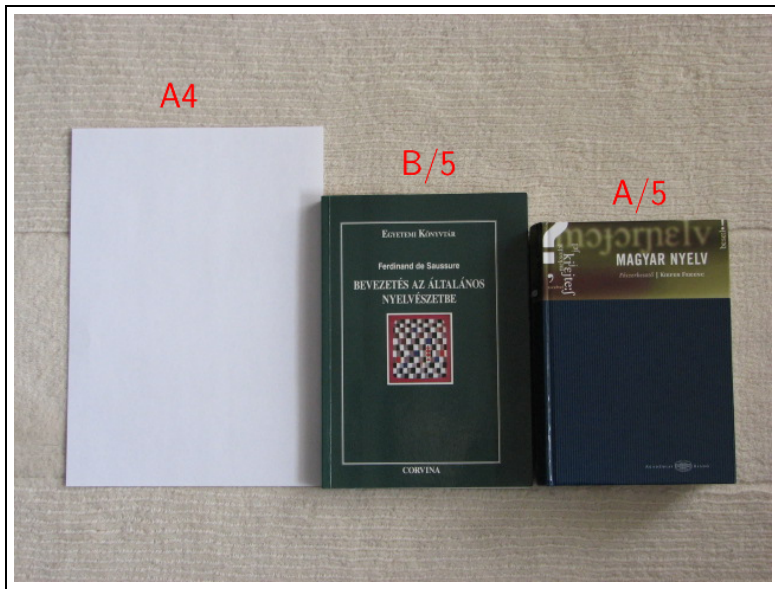


# Fibonacci series in font size changes

## font sizes

- ▶ 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89 ...
- ▶ more versatile: 5, **6**, 8, **10**, 13, **16**, 21, **26**, 34, **42**, ...

stock page size  $\neq$  trimmed book size



## A5 stock—A/5 book size

A5 paper (148 × 210 mm)



A/5 book (142 × 197 ± 2 mm)

## B5 stock—B/5 book size

B5 paper (176 × 250 mm)

B/5 book (168 × 238 ±2 mm)

A diagram illustrating the relationship between B5 paper and B/5 book size. It features a large black rectangular border representing the B5 paper dimensions (176 × 250 mm). Inside this border, a smaller orange rectangular border represents the B/5 book dimensions (168 × 238 ±2 mm). The text labels are positioned above their respective rectangles.

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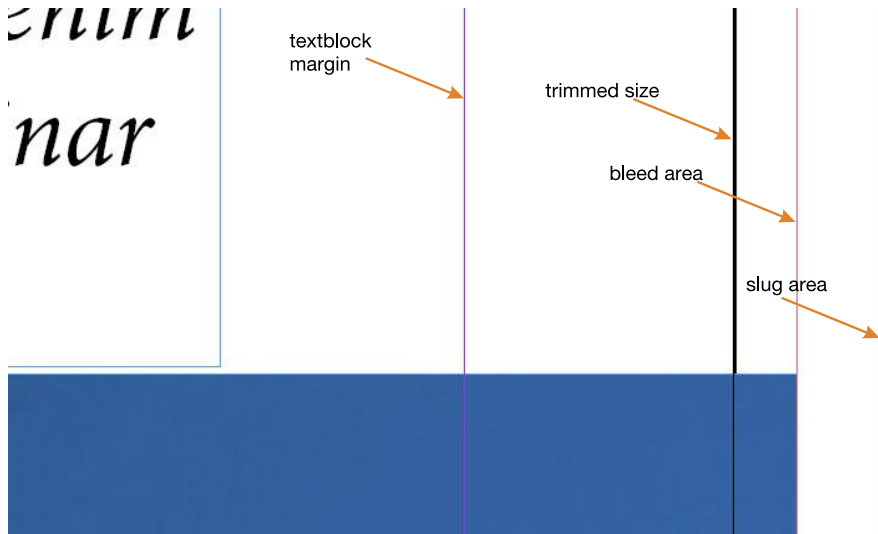
textblock

trimmed size

bleed area

slug area

## bleed &amp; slug



# layout areas for printing

## textblock

the area for the text (and pictures, etc.)

## trim area

- ▶ the distance between the textblock & edge of trimmed page
- ▶ the textblock + margins
- ▶ shown by crop marks



# layout areas for printing

## bleed area

- ▶ area that goes beyond where the paper will be trimmed
- ▶ artwork and background colors often extend into it
- ▶ indicated by bleed marks

## slug area

- ▶ area that will never be printed after trimming; outside bleed area
- ▶ may contain printing or color information, or display other instructions for the printer



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colour bars

slug info + registration mark

crop mark

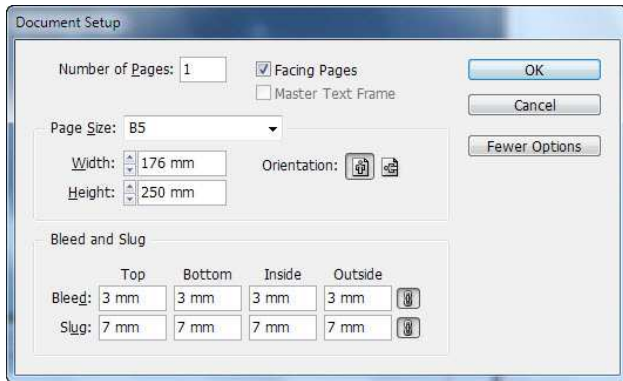
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# specifying bleeds & slug in an application



## some standard stock and trimmed book sizes

press sheet size (mm)	stock	size (mm)	trimmed book size (mm)
841 × 1189 (=A0)	A4	210 × 297	A/4: 202 × 285 ± 2
	A5	148 × 210	<b>A/5: 142 × 197 ± 2</b>
700 × 1000 (≈B1)	B4	250 × 353	B/4: 243 × 336 ± 2
	B5	176 × 250	<b>B/5: 168 × 238 ± 2</b>

press sheet/broadsheet = 'nyomdai nyersív'

## length in press sheet in the colophon

A kiadásért felelős az Akadémiai Kiadó Rt. igazgatója

Felelős szerkesztő: Siptár Péter

Termékmenedzser: Hesz Margit

Fedélterv: Starkiss Stúdió

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Budapest, 2003

Kiadványszám: KMA2-105

Megjelent 54,7 (A/5) ív terjedelemben



Printed in Hungary

## press sheet

- ▶ in Hungarian books (colophone) the length of a book is given in **press sheets**
- ▶ one press sheet = **16** pages
- ▶ the standard is to measure in **A/5** pages
- ▶ if a book is printed on A/5 trimmed size, its length =  $\frac{p}{16}$  A/5 sheets
- ▶ e.g.: if your book is 512 pages long, its length is  $\frac{512}{16} = 32$  A/5 sheets

## press sheet

- ▶ what if the size is B/5 and not A/5?
- ▶ A-series stock is larger than B-series stock by **1.43**  
(e.g., A0 = 1m<sup>2</sup>, B1 = 0.7m<sup>2</sup>)
- ▶ if a book is printed on B/5 trimmed size, its length =  $\frac{p \times 1.43}{16}$  A/5 sheets
- ▶ if your B/5 book is 612 pages long, its length is  $\frac{612 \times 1.43}{16} = 54.7$  A/5 sheets

now we know the trimmed book size, what's next?

- ▶ create the **textblock (or: typeblock, type area, live area)** 'tükör', design its optimal horizontal and vertical length
- ▶ position the **textblock** within the book page ⇒ this creates **margins** around the textblock
- ▶ we add place for the optional **satellites: footer** and/or the **header**, and the marginal notes
- ▶ essentially thus we divide the available space of the page into **grids (frames)**



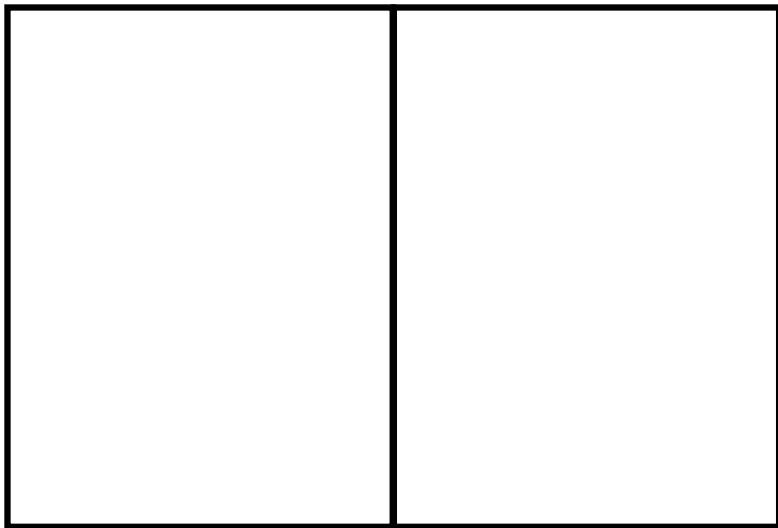
# grids in typography

- ▶ essential part of page design
- ▶ give underlying **structure** and **consistency** to a document
- ▶ grid structure must be **balanced** and **orderly**
- ▶ most professional DTP applications (QuarkXpress, InDesign) rely on grid structure

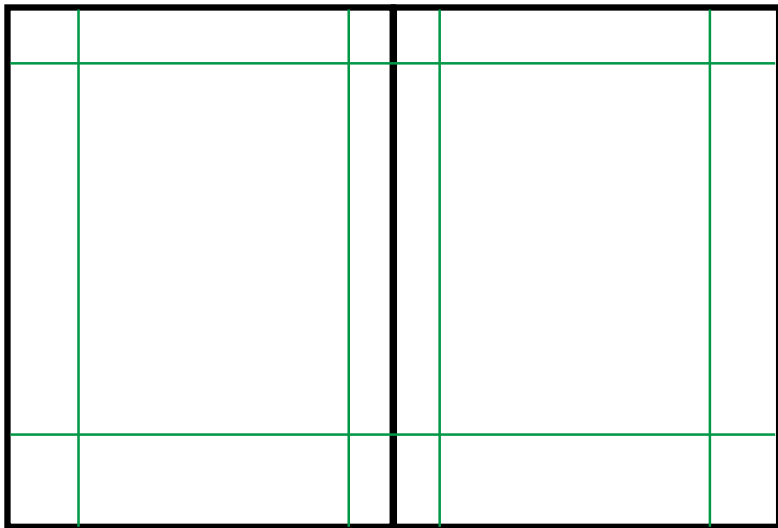
# main grid types in typography

- ▶ **column** grids: simple publications, books, **vertical** designs
- ▶ **modular** grids: more complex designs, **vertical–horizontal** designs; rectangular modules for content

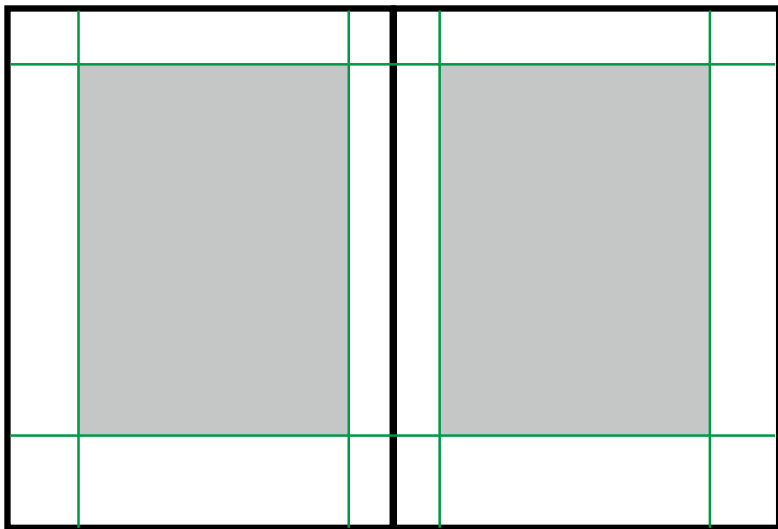
## an empty, unstructured trimmed spread



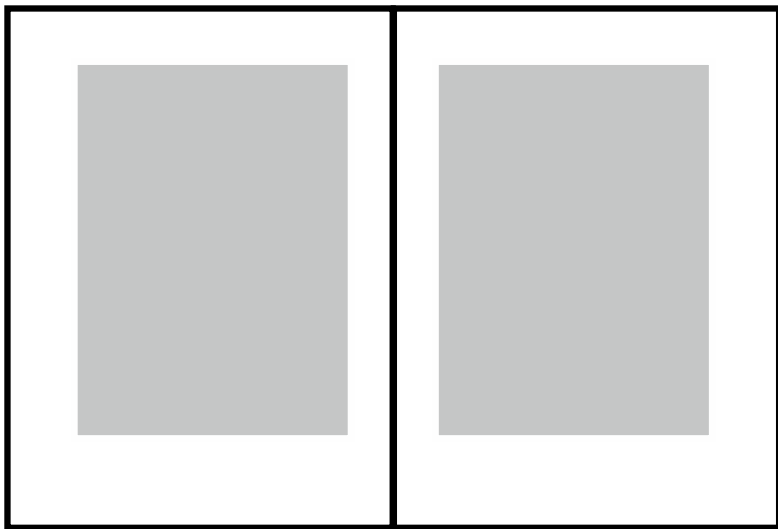
## grids: structured trimmed spread



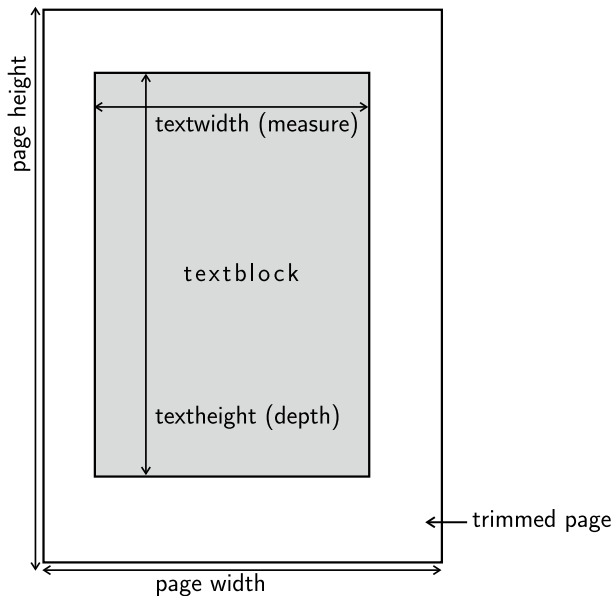
## grids: structured spread



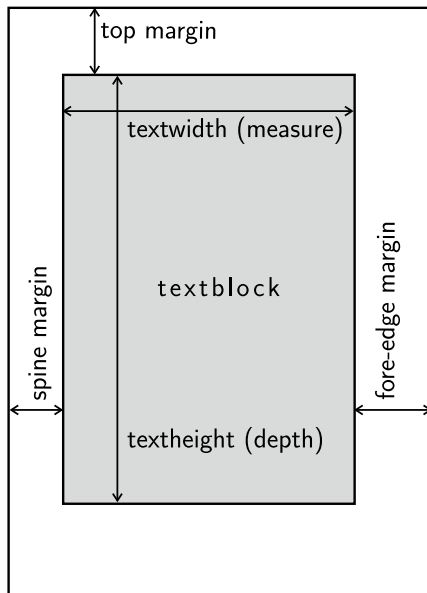
## grids: underlying structure, consistency



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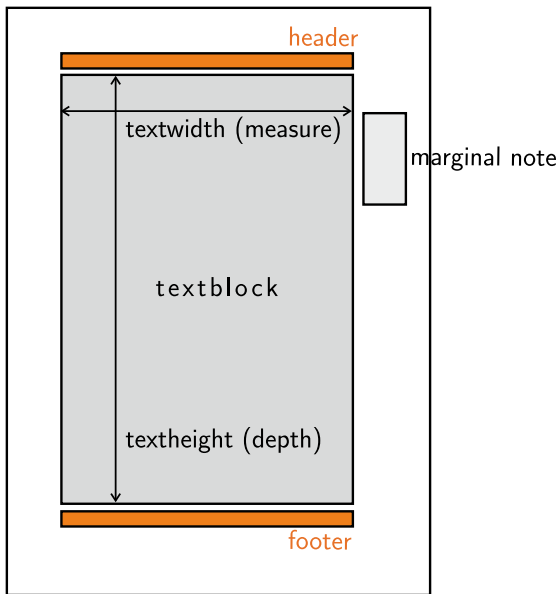


## elements of a recto page





## elements of a recto page: satellites



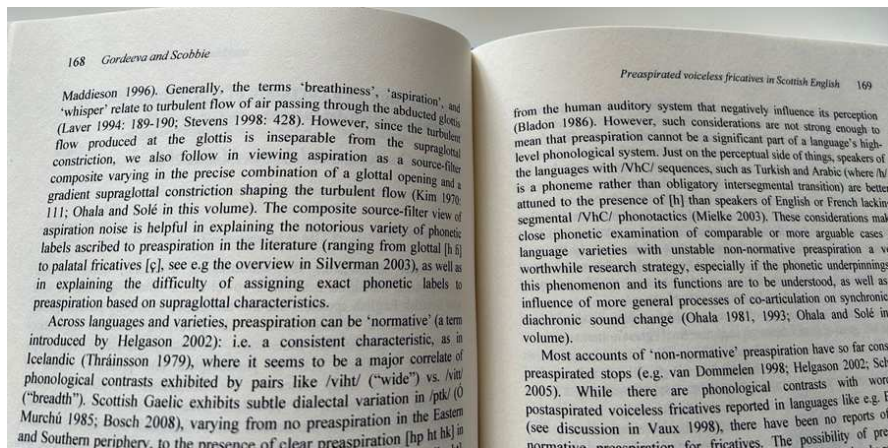
## inside and outside the textblock

- ▶ **header & footer:** usually not counted in the size of textblock (unless it contains only the folio, but that's rare)
- ▶ **footnotes:** always part of textblock
- ▶ **marginal notes:** never part of textblock

## what can the header/footer contain?

- ▶ its main task is to be a nondisturbing **index**
- ▶ **the folio**: usually at the fore-edge margin, same pointsize as the text, avoid bold or italic or colour
- ▶ **nothing else**: if the book is *not* a collection of different articles
- ▶ **author**: usually in header and on *verso* page; often abbreviated, smaller size than main text, often in italic
- ▶ **title** (of chapter or section): usually in header and on *recto* page; often abbreviated, smaller size than main text, often in italic

## example header: folio, author, title



# what size should the textblock & margins be?

## considerations

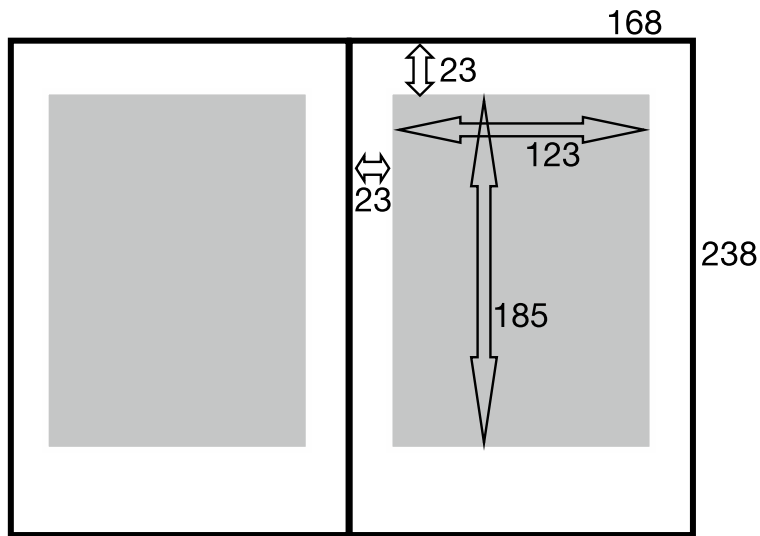
- ▶ industry standards
- ▶ historical proportions
- ▶ practical issues: place for the thumbs, consistency of lines, glued or bound book, etc.

## industry standards: textblock sizes

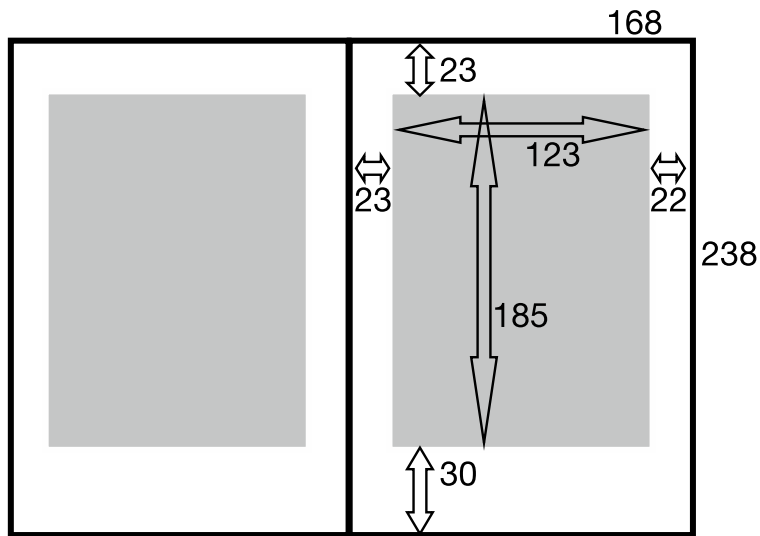
### book size & corresponding textblock size

Trimmed book size	Typical textblock size
A/5 (142 × 197 ± 2 mm)	<b>110</b> × <b>155</b> mm
B/5 (168 × 238 ± 2 mm)	<b>123</b> × <b>185</b> mm

## textblock &amp; margin sizes in a B/5 book (mm)



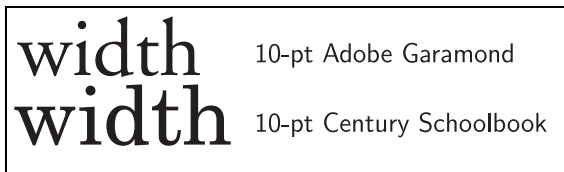
## textblock &amp; margin sizes in a B/5 book (mm)





## font width affects textblock size

- ▶ optimal horizontal size of textblock (**measure**): for a single column text: **60 to 70** ( $\pm 10$ ) characters per line
- ▶ widths of characters in fonts are not uniform  $\rightarrow$  optimal length varies from font to font



- ▶ **copyfitting**: finding the optimal textwidth for a given font

## copyfitting method

1. measure the length of the **lowercase alphabet** (without accented characters) of the given font: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
2. use a **copyfitting table** to find out optimal measure of the line length
3. e.g., if the length of the alphabet is **145 pt**, the optimal measure should be between **26–28 pc** (109–119 mm):

## AVERAGE CHARACTER COUNT PER LINE

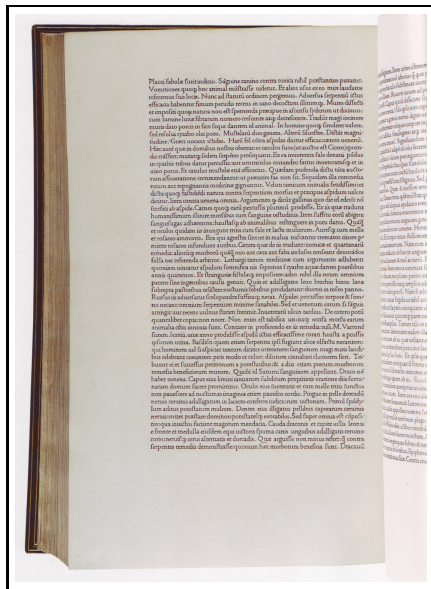
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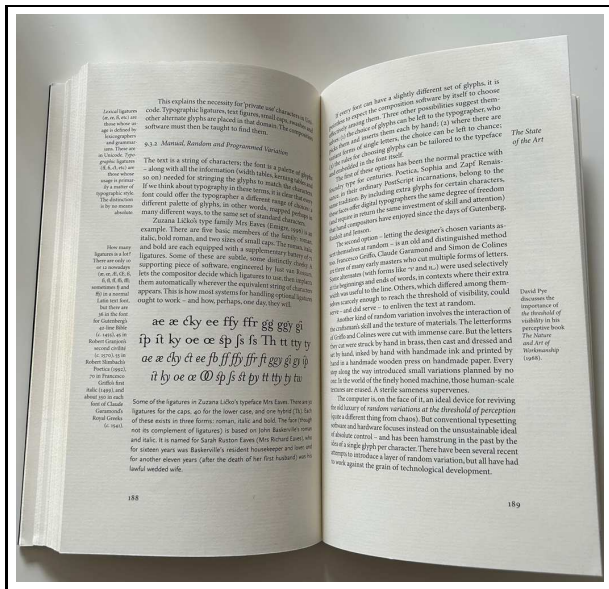
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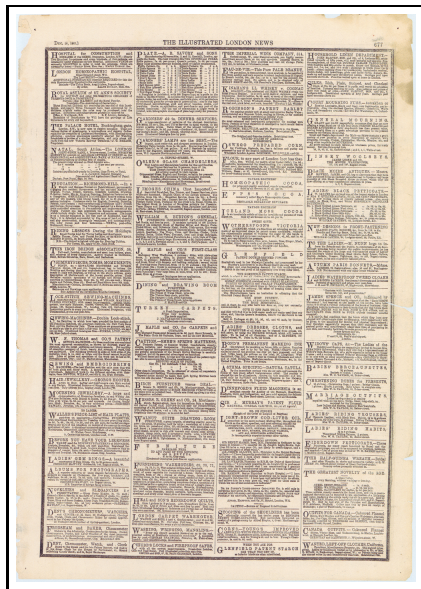
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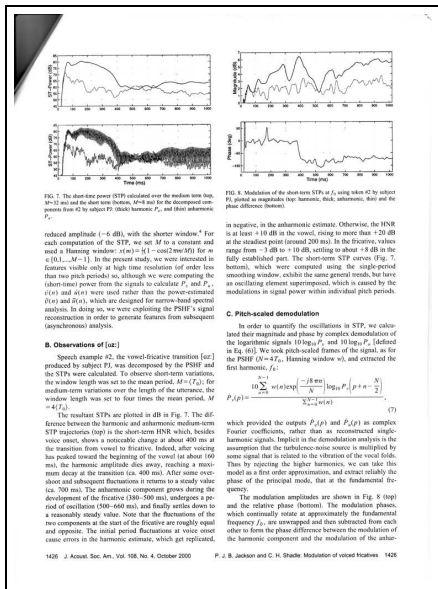
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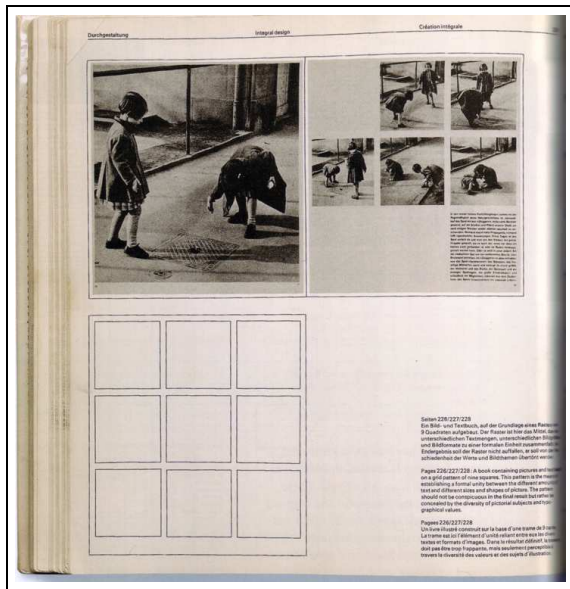


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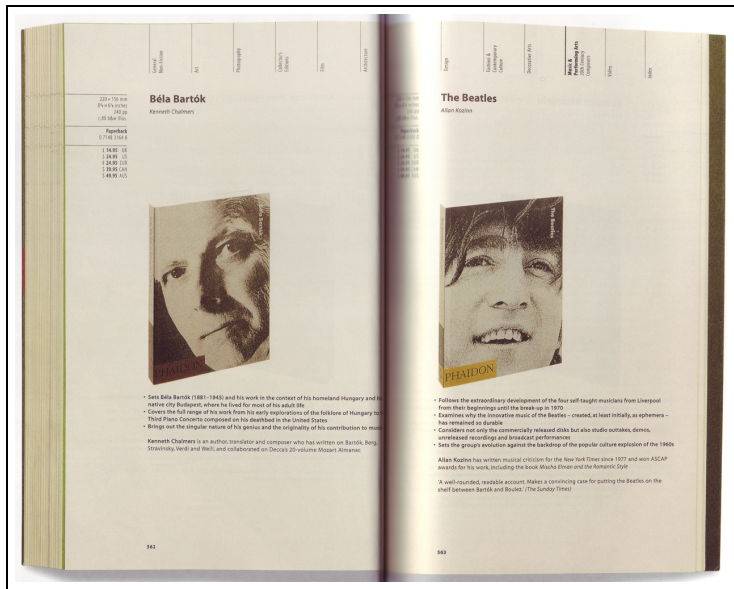




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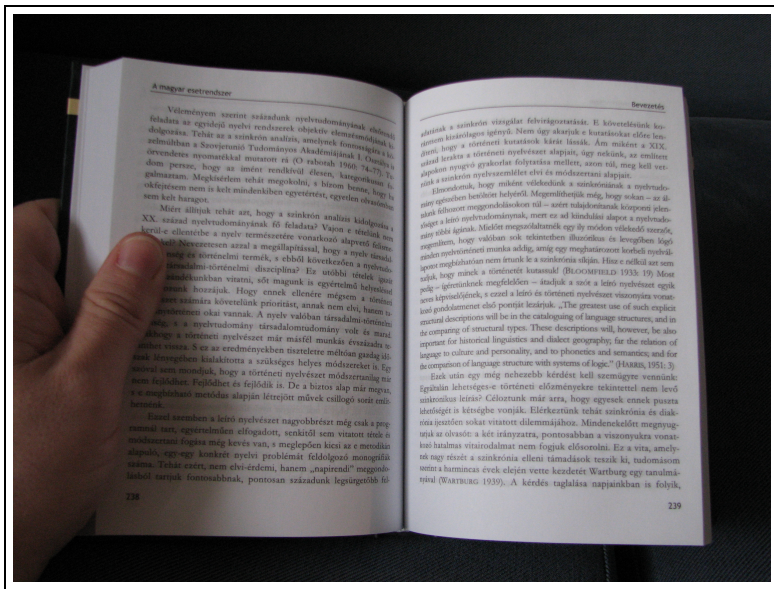
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