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Just as a demonstration of creating plots within LATEX (using the PGFPlots package), in Figure 1 we show a simple plot, where the Y axis is the square of the X axis. The minimum value in this distribution is 1.000, and 2500.000 is the maximum. Take a look into the LATEX source and you'll see these numbers are actually macros that were calculated from the same dataset (they will change if the dataset, or function that produced it, changes).

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PGFPlots is a great tool to build the plots within $L^{AT}EX$ and removes the necessity to add further dependencies (to create



Figure 1: A very basic X^2 plot for demonstration.

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