

# Mathematics in $\text{\LaTeX}$

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# Introduction

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# Basics

- First of all: put `\usepackage{amsmath}` in the preamble
- Typesetting math is what T<sub>E</sub>X is created for
- There are two math modes in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X:
  - inline (written between \$ signs): this appears as part of the text, like this:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2 = \pi^2/6$$

- displayed: these come between paragraphs, like here:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2 = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

and the simplest way to write one is to put them between `\[` and `\]`

- Two ground rules of math mode:
  - spaces are ignored
  - no blank lines allowed

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## Everyday constructions

- $2(a + b) = 2a + 2b$ :  $\$2(a+b)=2a+2b\$$
- Sometimes we may want  $a \cdot b$ :  $\$a\cdot b\$$  instead of  $ab$
- $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$ :  $\$(a+b)^2=a^2+2ab+b^2\$$
- $a < 0$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $0 \leq a^2$ ,  $a^2 \geq 0$ ,  $x \in A$ :  $\$a<0\$$ ,  $\$a>0\$$ ,  $\$0\leq a^2\$$ ,  $\$a^2\geq 0\$$ ,  $\$x\in A\$$
- $a \not< 0$ ,  $a \not> 0$ ,  $0 \not\leq a^2$ ,  $a^2 \not\geq 0$ ,  $x \notin A$ :  $\$a\not<0\$$ ,  $\$a\not>0\$$ ,  $\$0\not\leq a^2\$$ ,  $\$a^2\not\geq 0\$$ ,  $\$x\notin A\$$
- Simpler, but doesn't always look good:  $a \not< 0$ ,  $a \not> 0$ ,  $0 \not\leq a^2, \dots$ :  $\$a\not<0\$$ ,  $\$a\not>0\$$ ,  $\$0\not\leq a^2\$$
- $a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$ :  $\$a_{ij}=-a_{ji\$$  (remember blocks?)
- $a^{nm} = a^{nm}$ :  $\$\{a^n\}^m=a^{nm}\$$  and not  $\$a^n^m=a^{nm}\$$  which will result in a Double superscript error. The same applies to subscripts.

## Everyday constructions 2.

- But we can mix superscripts with subscripts:  $a_{ij}^n = a_{ji}^n$ :

$$\text{\$a}_{ij}\wedge n=a_{ji}\wedge n\text{\$}$$

- $\frac{a^2-b^2}{a+b} = a - b$ :  $\text{\$\frac{a^2-b^2}{a+b}=a-b\text{\$}}$

- instead of  $\left(\frac{a^2-b^2}{a+b}\right)^2$  we want  $\left(\frac{a^2-b^2}{a+b}\right)^2$ :

$$\text{\$\left(\frac{a^2-b^2}{a+b}\right)^2\text{\$}}$$

- $\sqrt{a/b}$ ,  $\sqrt[n]{a/b}$ ,  $\sqrt{1 + \sqrt{a/b}}$ :  $\text{\$\sqrt{a/b}\text{\$}}$ ,  $\text{\$\sqrt[n]{a/b}\text{\$}}$ ,  $\text{\$\sqrt{1+\sqrt{a/b}}\text{\$}}$

- $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ :  $\text{\$\binom{n}{k}=\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}\text{\$}}$ ;

- for absolute value,  $|a - b|$ :  $\text{\$\lvert a-b\rvert\text{\$}}$  is the best choice; if this seems a lot of work, define a new command in the preamble:

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\newcommand\abs[1]{\lvert#1\rvert}
```

and then use  $\text{\$\abs{a-b}\text{\$}}$



## Everyday constructions 3.

- $a \mid b, a \nmid b$ :  $\$a\mid b\$, \$a\nmid b\$\$
- $a \bmod b = c \iff a \equiv c \pmod{b} (\iff a \equiv c \pmod{b})$ :  
 $\$a\bmod b = c \iff a\equiv c\pmod{b} (\iff a\equiv c\pmod{b})\$\$
- $x^2 - 1 = 0 \iff x = \pm 1$ :  $\$x^2-1=0\iff x=\pm 1\$\$
- $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} \perp \mathbf{a}, \vec{a} \parallel \overrightarrow{BC}$ :  $\$\mathbf{a}\times\mathbf{b}\perp\mathbf{a}\$, \$\vec{a}\parallel\overrightarrow{BC}\$\$
- Greek letters:  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \pi, \Delta, \Sigma, \Pi$ :  $\$\alpha\$, \$\beta\$, \$\gamma\$, \$\pi\$,  
 $\$\Delta\$, \$\Sigma\$, \$\Pi\$\$$
- Famous sets of numbers:  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$ :  $\$\mathbb{N}\$, \$\mathbb{Z}\$,  
 $\$\mathbb{R}\$, \$\mathbb{C}\$\$$
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + 1/n)^n = e$ :  $\$\lim_{n\to\infty}(1+1/n)^n=e\$\$
- $\sin' x = \cos x$ :  $\$\sin'x=\cos x\$\$ ; the apostrophe (') gets automatically superscripted. Because of this, we can't write  $\$f'^2\$, but either this:  
 $\$\{f'\}^2\$ (which doesn't look quite right:  $f'^2$ ) or this  $\$f^{\prime 2}\$  
 (which does:  $f'^2$ ).$$$

## Everyday constructions 4.

- $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ :  
 $\$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)\$$
- $\emptyset \subseteq A$ :  $\$\emptyset \subseteq A\$$
- $A \supseteq B \iff B \subseteq A$ :  $\$A \supseteq B \iff B \subseteq A\$$
- $A \setminus A = \emptyset$ :  $\$A \setminus A = \emptyset\$$
- $A \subseteq B \iff \forall x(x \in A \implies x \in B)$ :  
 $\$A \subseteq B \iff \forall x(x \in A \implies x \in B)\$$
- $A \subsetneq B \iff A \subseteq B \ \& \ \exists x(x \in B \ \& \ x \notin A)$ :  
 $\$A \subsetneq B \iff A \subseteq B \ \& \ \exists x(x \in B \ \& \ x \notin A)\$$
- $\pi_0 \langle a, b \rangle = a$ :  $\$\pi_0 \langle a, b \rangle = a\$$ ; without the extra  $\setminus$ ,  
 (“thin horizontal space”), it doesn’t look quite right:  $\langle a, b \rangle$

## Everyday constructions 5.

- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2 = \pi^2/6$ :  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2 = \pi^2/6$ ;
- $\prod_{n=1}^{10} n = 362880$ :  $\prod_{n=1}^{10} n = 362880$ ;
- integrals need a little fine tuning:  $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 x \, dx = \pi/4$ :  
 $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 x \, dx = \pi/4$ ; without the extra  $\backslash$ , it looks bad:  
 $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 x dx = \pi/4$ .
- thin horizontal space is used here, too:  
 $\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \text{ has at least 3 different prime divisors}\}$ :  
 $\{\backslash,n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \textit{\$n\$ has$   
     at least  $\$3\$$  different prime divisors}\,\,\backslash\}
- $\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = F(x) \Big|_a^b$ :  $\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = F(x) \bigr|_a^b$
- or even  $\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = F(x) \Big|_a^b$ :  $\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = F(x) \Bigr|_a^b$   
 which looks probably better in displayed formulas

## Some finer points

- This is how to write  ${}^k a_j^i$ : `\kern a^i_j`
- Text mode knows about spacing around a comma, math mode doesn't; so
  - write  $a, b \in B$  like this: `\math$a$, $b \in B` and not like this: `\math$a, b \in B`
  - similarly, “for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ” should be written like this:
    - for `\math$i = 1$,~$2$, \dots,~$n`
    - but not in the middle of a formula:  $\{2i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ :
      - `\math{\,2i \mid i=1,2,\dots,n\,}`
- L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X is clever here:  $1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ :
  - `\math$1+2+\dots+n=\frac{n(n+1)}{2}`
- but when it's not, we can use `\ldots` and `\cdots`

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## Displayed formulas

- Notice that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2 = \pi^2/6$$

(written as `\[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2=\pi^2/6\]`) looks a little different from its inline version  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2 = \pi^2/6$

- We can label displayed formulas manually, as in

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2 = \pi^2/6, \tag{†}$$

which is written

`\[\tag{$\dagger$} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2=\pi^2/6,\]`

- and refer to it as “the equation (†)”:  
‘‘the equation `\thetag{$\dagger$}`’’
- for automatic labelling we need to use some other environment, such as `\begin{equation} ... \end{equation}`

## Displayed formulas 2.

- Sometimes we want to put extra space between formulas on the same line:

$$\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y, \quad \cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$$

- `\[ \sin(x+y) = \sin x\cos y+ \cos x\sin y, \quad \quad \quad \cos(x+y) = \cos x\cos y - \sin x\sin y \]`
- We may prefer to write it this way:

$$\sin(x+y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y \quad \text{and} \quad \cos(x+y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$$

- `\[ \sin(x+y) = \sin x\cos y+ \cos x\sin y \quad \quad \quad \text{and} \quad \quad \quad \cos(x+y) = \cos x\cos y - \sin x\sin y \]`
- Another example:

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad a_2 = \frac{2}{3}, \quad \dots \quad a_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$$

- `\[ a_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad a_2 = \frac{2}{3}, \quad \dots \quad a_n = \frac{n}{n+1} \]`



## Displayed formulas 3.

- To help the reader (or our later self) this is sometimes useful:

$$r_1 r_2 \left( \overbrace{\cos \varphi_1 \cdot \cos \varphi_2 - \sin \varphi_1 \cdot \sin \varphi_2}^{\cos(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2)} + j \underbrace{(\cos \varphi_1 \cdot \sin \varphi_2 + \sin \varphi_1 \cdot \cos \varphi_2)}_{\sin(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2)} \right)$$

- `\[r_1 r_2 (\overbrace{\cos \varphi_1 \cdot \cos \varphi_2 - \sin \varphi_1 \cdot \sin \varphi_2}^{\cos(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2)} + j \underbrace{(\cos \varphi_1 \cdot \sin \varphi_2 + \sin \varphi_1 \cdot \cos \varphi_2)}_{\sin(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2)})\]`

- Another kind of help:

$$s = \lim f(a_{n_i}) \stackrel{(3)}{=} \lim_b f \stackrel{\text{cont.}}{=} f(b).$$

```
\[s = \lim f(a_{n_i}) \overset{(3)}{=} \lim_b f \overset{\text{cont.}}{=} f(b).\]
```

## Multiline formulas

If our formula is too long:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{r_1(\cos \varphi_1 + j \sin \varphi_1)}{r_2(\cos \varphi_2 + j \sin \varphi_2)} \\ &= \frac{r_1(\cos \varphi_1 + j \sin \varphi_1)r_2(\cos -\varphi_2 + j \sin -\varphi_2)}{r_2^2} \\ &= \frac{r_1}{r_2}(\cos(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2) + j \sin(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)) \end{aligned}$$

which is written like this:

```
\begin{multline*}\frac{r_1(\cos\varphi_1 +
  j\sin\varphi_1)}{r_2(\cos\varphi_2 + j\sin\varphi_2)} \\\
= \frac{r_1(\cos\varphi_1 + j\sin\varphi_1)r_2(\cos-\varphi_2 +
  j\sin-\varphi_2)}{r_2^2} \\\
= \frac{r_1}{r_2}\bigl(\cos(\varphi_1-\varphi_2) +
  j\sin(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)\bigr)
\end{multline*}
```

## Multiline formulas 2.

- The `*` is here to avoid automatic labelling. This works with all other named environments for displaying math, too.
- Always break (with `\\`) a long formula *before* a binary relation or binary operation
- Don't write `\\` after the last line
- With most multiline environments, every line is labelled automatically, unless one writes `\notag` on the line.

## Multiline formulas 3.

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1 \tag{1}$$

$$\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$$

$$\cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y \tag{2}$$

is written like this:

```
\begin{gather}
\sin^2x + \cos^2x = 1\\
\sin(x+y) = \sin x\cos y + \cos x\sin y \notag\\
\cos(x+y) = \cos x\cos y - \sin x\sin y
\end{gather}
```

## Multiline formulas 4.

We may want to align the equations:

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1 \tag{3}$$

$$\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$$

$$\cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y \tag{4}$$

written like this:

```
\begin{align}
\sin^2x + \cos^2x &= 1\\
\sin(x+y) &= \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y \notag\\
\cos(x+y) &= \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y \\
\end{align}
```

## Multiline formulas 5.

or like this, with three columns

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1 \qquad \text{easy} \qquad (5)$$

$$\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y \qquad \text{hard}$$

$$\cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y \qquad \text{hard} \qquad (6)$$

written like this:

```
\begin{align}
\sin^2x + \cos^2x &= 1 && \text{easy} \\
\sin(x+y) &= \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y && \text{hard} \\
\cos(x+y) &= \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y && \text{hard}
\end{align}
```

“The align environment is used for two or more equations when vertical alignment is desired; usually binary relations such as equal signs are aligned [...] To have several equation columns side-by-side, use extra ampersands to separate the columns.” (amslldoc)

## Multiline formulas 6.

There are a million other environments like these (Google `amslatex` and see §3). But one that comes up often is this:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

```
\[f(x)=\begin{cases}
1 & \text{if } \$x\in\mathbb{Q}\$ \\
0 & \text{otherwise.}
\end{cases}
\]
```

# Matrices

- Matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a + b + c & uv & x - y & 27 \\ a + b & u + v & z & 1340 \\ a & & uz & 93 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
\[ \begin{pmatrix}
a + b + c & uv & x - y & 27 \\
a + b & u + v & z & 1340 \\
a & & uz & 93
\end{pmatrix} \]
```

- The same in brackets:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} a + b + c & uv & x - y & 27 \\ a + b & u + v & z & 1340 \\ a & & uz & 93 \end{array} \right]$$

```
\[ \begin{bmatrix}
a + b + c & uv & x - y & 27 \\
a + b & u + v & z & 1340 \\
a & & uz & 93
\end{bmatrix} \]
```



## Matrices 2.

- There are also `vmatrix`, `Vmatrix`, and `Bmatrix` with different delimiters (try them!), and `matrix` with none.
- The latter is useful in situations like this:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} a + b + c & uv & x - y & 27 \\ a + b & u + v & z & 1340 \\ a & & uz & 93 \end{array} \right]$$

```

\left(
\begin{matrix}
a + b + c & uv & x - y & 27 \\
a + b & u + v & z & 1340 \\
a & & uz & 93
\end{matrix}
\right)

```

that should never arise.

## Matrices 3.

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \dots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \dots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n,1} & a_{n,2} & \dots & a_{n,n} \end{vmatrix}$$

```

\[\begin{vmatrix}
a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \dots & a_{1,n} \\
a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \dots & a_{2,n} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
a_{n,1} & a_{n,2} & \dots & a_{n,n}
\end{vmatrix} \]

```

# Matrices 4.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \dots & a_{1,n} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \dots & a_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m,1} & a_{m,2} & \dots & a_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_{1,1} & b_{1,2} & \dots & b_{1,m} \\ b_{2,1} & b_{2,2} & \dots & b_{2,m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n,1} & b_{n,2} & \dots & b_{n,m} \end{pmatrix} \\
 = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1,i}b_{i,1} & \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1,i}b_{i,2} & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1,i}b_{i,m} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2,i}b_{i,1} & \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2,i}b_{i,2} & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2,i}b_{i,m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n a_{m,i}b_{i,1} & \sum_{i=1}^n a_{m,i}b_{i,2} & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^n a_{m,i}b_{i,m} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Matrices 5.

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\begin{multline*}
\begin{pmatrix}
a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & \dots & a_{1,n} \\
a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & \dots & a_{2,n} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
a_{m,1} & a_{m,2} & \dots & a_{m,n}
\end{pmatrix} \cdot
\begin{pmatrix}
b_{1,1} & b_{1,2} & \dots & b_{1,m} \\
b_{2,1} & b_{2,2} & \dots & b_{2,m} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
b_{n,1} & b_{n,2} & \dots & b_{n,m}
\end{pmatrix} \\
=
\begin{pmatrix}
\sum_{i=1}^n a_{1,i}b_{i,1} & \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1,i}b_{i,2} \\
& \dots & \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1,i}b_{i,m} \\
\sum_{i=1}^n a_{2,i}b_{i,1} & \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2,i}b_{i,2} \\
& \dots & \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2,i}b_{i,m} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
\sum_{i=1}^n a_{m,i}b_{i,1} & \sum_{i=1}^n a_{m,i}b_{i,2} \\
& \dots & \sum_{i=1}^n a_{m,i}b_{i,m}
\end{pmatrix}
\end{multline*}

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