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# Chapter 16 Math Objects 

The OpenOffice.org Equation Editor

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## What is Math?

Math is OpenOffice.org (OOo)'s component for writing mathematical equations. It is most commonly used as an equation editor for text documents, but it can also be used with other types of documents or stand-alone. When used inside Writer, the equation is treated as an object inside the text document.

The equation editor is for writing equations in symbolic form, as
Note in equation 1. If you want to evaluate a numeric value, see the Calc Guide.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d f(x)}{d x}=\ln (x)+\tan ^{-1}\left(x^{2}\right) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Getting started

To insert an equation, go to Insert > Object > Formula.
The equation editor opens at the bottom of the screen, and the floating Formula Elements window (called "Selection" before Math 3.2) may appear. You will also see a small box with a gray border in your document, where the formula will be displayed, as shown in Figure 1.


Figure 1. Equation Editor, Formula Elements window, and location of resulting equation.

## Entering a formula

The equation editor uses a markup language to represent formulas. For example, \%beta creates the Greek character beta ( $\beta$ ). This markup is designed to read similar to English whenever possible. For example, a over $b$ produces a fraction: $\frac{a}{b}$.
You can enter a formula in three ways:

- Select a symbol from the Formula Elements window.
- Right-click on the equation editor and select the symbol from the context menu.
- Type markup in the equation editor.

The context menu and the Formula Elements window insert the markup corresponding to a symbol. This provides a convenient way to learn the OOo Math markup.

## Note

Click on the document body to exit the formula editor. Double-click on a formula to enter the formula editor again.

## The Formula Elements window

The simplest method for entering a formula is the Formula Elements window, shown in Figure 1.


Figure 2. Symbols are divided into categories

In OOo Math before V3.2.0, the Formula Elements window was called the Selection window.

The Formula Elements window is divided into two main parts.

- The top shows the symbol categories. Click on these to change the list of symbols.
- The bottom shows the symbols available in the current category.

Tip You can hide or show the Formula Elements window with View > Formula Elements.

## Example 1: 5×4

For this example we will enter a simple formula: $5 \times 4$. On the Formula Elements window (Figure 3):

1) Select the top-left button of the categories (top) section.
2) Click on the multiplication symbol.


Figure 3. Selecting the multiplication symbol
When you select the multiplication symbol on the Formula Elements window, two things happen:

- The equation editor shows the markup: <?> times <?>
- The body of the document shows a gray box like this: $\square \times \square$


Figure 4. Result of selecting the multiplication symbol

The <?> symbols shown in Figure 4 are placeholders that you can replace by other text, for example 5 and 4 . The equation will update automatically, and the result should resemble Figure 5.


Figure 5. Result of entering 5 and 4 next to the times operator

To keep the equation from updating automatically, select View
Tip >AutoUpdate display. To update a formula manually, press F9 or select View > Update.

## Right-click menu

Another way to access mathematical symbols is to right-click on the equation editor. This pops up the menu shown in Figure 6. The items in this menu correspond exactly to those in the Formula Elements window.


Figure 6. Right-click menu

## Markup

You can type the markup directly in the equation editor. For example, you can type 5 times 4 to obtain $5 \times 4$. If you know the markup, this can be the fastest way to enter a formula.

Tip
The formula markup resembles the way the formula reads in English.

Below is a short list of common equations and their corresponding markup.

| Display | Command | Display | Command |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $a=b$ | $\mathrm{a}=\mathrm{b}$ | $\sqrt{a}$ | sqrt $\{\mathrm{a}\}$ |
| $a^{2}$ | $\mathrm{a}^{\wedge} 2$ | $a_{n}$ | $\mathrm{a}_{-} \mathrm{n}$ |
| $\int f(x) d x$ | int $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{x}) \mathrm{dx}$ | $\sum a_{n}$ | sum a_n |
| $a \leq b$ | $\mathrm{a}<=\mathrm{b}$ | $\infty$ | infinity |
| $a \times b$ | a times b | $x \cdot y$ | x cdot y |

## Greek characters

Greek characters ( $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \theta$, etc) are common in mathematical formulas. These characters are not available in the Formula Elements window or the right-click menu. Fortunately, the markup for Greek characters is simple: Type a \% sign followed the name of the character, in English.

- To write a lowercase character, type the name of the character in lowercase.
- To write an uppercase character, type the name of the character in uppercase.
See the table below for some examples.

| Lowercase | Uppercase |
| :---: | :---: |
| \%alpha $\rightarrow \alpha$ | \%ALPHA $\rightarrow$ A |
| \%beta $\rightarrow \beta$ | $\because$ BETA $\rightarrow B$ |
| \%gamma $\rightarrow \gamma$ | \%GAMMA $\rightarrow \Gamma$ |
| \%psi $\rightarrow \psi$ | \%PSI $\rightarrow \Psi$ |
| \%phi $\rightarrow \phi$ | $\%$ PHI $\rightarrow \Phi$ |
| \%theta $\rightarrow \theta$ | \%THETA $\rightarrow \Theta$ |

Note A complete table of Greek characters is provided on page 28.
Another way to enter Greek characters is by using the Symbols catalog window. Choose Tools > Catalog. This window is shown in Figure 7. Under Symbol set, select Greek and double-click on a Greek letter from the list.


Figure 7. Symbols catalog-used for entering Greek characters

Example 2: $\pi \simeq 3.14159$
For this example we will suppose that:

- We want to enter the above formula (the value of pi rounded to 5 decimal places).
- We know the name of the Greek character (pi).
- But we do not know the markup associated with the $\simeq$ symbol.

Step 1: Type \% followed by the text pi. This displays the Greek character $\pi$.

Step 2: Open the Formula Elements window (View > Formula Elements).

Step 3: The $\simeq$ symbol is a relation, so we click on the Relations button. If you hover the mouse over this button you see the tooltip Relations (Figure 8).
Figure 9 shows the Selection window after clicking the Relations button. The symbol we want is circled.


Figure 8. Tooltip indicates the Relations button.


Figure 9. After selecting Relations.

Step 4: Click on the $\mathrm{a} \simeq \mathrm{b}$ symbol. The equation editor now shows the markup \%pi<?> simeq <?>.
Step 5: Delete the <? > text and add 3.14159 at the end of the equation. We end up with the markup \%pi simeq 3.14159. The result is shown in Figure 10.


Figure 10. Final result

## Customizations

## Formula editor as a floating window

The formula editor can cover a large part of the Writer window. To turn the formula editor into a floating window, do this:

1) Hover the mouse over the editor frame, as shown in Figure 11.
2) Hold down the Control key and double-click.


Figure 11. Hold down the Control key and double-click on the border of the math editor to turn it into a floating window.

Figure 12 shows the result. You can dock the floating window again by using the same steps. Hold down the Control key and double-click the window frame.


Figure 12. Equation editor as a floating window.

## How can I make a formula bigger?

This is one of the most common questions people ask about OOo Math. The answer is simple, but not intuitive:

1) Start the formula editor and choose Format $>$ Font size.


Figure 13. Changing the font size for a formula.
2) Select a larger font size under Base size (top-most entry), as shown in Figure 13.


Figure 14. Edit Base size (top) to make a formula bigger.
The result of this change is illustrated in Figure 14.

Before:
$\pi \simeq 3.14159$
After:

$$
\pi \simeq 3.14159
$$

Figure 15. Result of changing the base font size.

## Formula layout

The most difficult part of using OOo Math comes when writing complicated formulas. This section provides some advice.

## Brackets are your friends

OOo Math knows nothing about order of operation. You must use brackets to state the order of operations explicitly. Consider the following example.

| Markup | Result |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2 over $\mathrm{x}+1$ | $\frac{2}{x}+1$ |
| 2 over $\{\mathrm{x}+1\}$ | $\frac{2}{x+1}$ |

## Equations over more than one line

Suppose you want to type an equation covering more than one line. For example: $\begin{aligned} & x=3 \\ & y=1\end{aligned}$
Your first reaction would be to simply press the Enter key. However, if you press the Enter key, though the markup goes to a new line, the resulting equation does not. You must type the newline command explicitly. This is illustrated in the table below.

| Markup | Result |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{x}=3$ | $x=3 y=1$ |
| $\mathrm{y}=1$ | $x=3$ |
| $\mathrm{x}=3$ newline | $y=1$ |
| $\mathrm{y}=1$ |  |

## How do I add limits to my sum/integral?

The sum and int commands can (optionally) take the parameters from and to. These are used for lower and upper limits respectively. These parameters can be used singly or together. Limits for integrals are usually treated as subscripts and superscripts.

| Markup | Result |
| :--- | :--- |
| sum from $\mathrm{k}=1$ to n a_k | $\sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{k}$ |
| int from 0 to x <br> or <br> int_ t$) \mathrm{dt}$ <br> in f(t) dt | $\int_{0}^{x} f(t) d t$ or $\int_{0}^{x} f(t) d t$ |
| int from Re f | $\int_{\mathfrak{R}} f$ |
| sum to infinity $2^{\wedge}\{-\mathrm{n}\}$ | $\sum^{\infty} 2^{-n}$ |

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## Brackets with matrices look ugly!

For background, we start with an overview of the matrix command.

| Markup | Result |
| :--- | :--- |
| matrix \{ a \# b \#\# c \# d \} | $a$ $b$ <br> $c$ $d$ |

Note
Rows are separated by two \#'s and entries within each row are separated by one \#.

The first problem people have with matrices is that brackets do not scale with the matrix:

| Markup | Result |
| :--- | :---: |
| ( matrix \{ a \# b \#\# c \# d \} ) | $\left(\begin{array}{ll}a & b \\ c & d\end{array}\right)$ |

OOo Math provides scalable brackets. That is, the brackets grow in size to match the size of their contents. Use the commands left( and right) to make scalable brackets.

| Markup | Result |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| left( matrix \{ a \# b \#\# c \# d \} right) | $\left(\begin{array}{ll}a & b \\ c & d\end{array}\right)$ |

Tip Use left[ and right] to obtain square brackets.

## How do I make a derivative?

Making derivatives essentially comes down to one trick: Tell OOo it's a fraction.
In other words, you have to use the over command. Combine this with either the letter $d$ (for a total derivative) or the partial command (for a partial derivative) to achieve the effect of a derivative.

Note
Notice that we have to use braces (squiggly brackets) to make the derivative.

| Markup | Result |
| :--- | :--- |
| \{df\} over \{dx\} | $\frac{d f}{d x}$ |
| \{partial f\} over \{partial y\} | $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ |
| \{partial^2 f\} over \{partial t^2\} | $\frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial t^{2}}$ |

## How do I align my equations at the equals sign?

OOo Math does not have a command for aligning equations on a particular character, but you can use a matrix to do this, as shown below.

| Markup | Result |
| :---: | :---: |
| ```matrix{ alignr x+y # {}={} # alignl 2 ## alignr x # {}={} # alignl 2-y``` | $\begin{aligned} x+y & =2 \\ x & =2-y \end{aligned}$ |
| \} |  |

The empty braces around $=$ are necessary because $=$ is a binary operator and thus needs an expression on each side.
You can reduce the spacing around $=$ if you change the inter-column spacing of the matrix:

1) With the equation editor open, choose Format $>$ Spacing from the menu bar.

## Spacing

Matrix
Line spacing
Column spacing


Figure 16: Changing spacing in a matrix formula
2) In the Spacing dialog (Figure 16), click the Category button and select Matrices in the drop-down menu.
3) Enter 0\% for Column spacing and click OK.

## Numbering equations

Equation numbering is one of OOo Math's best hidden features. The steps are simple, but obscure:

1) Start a new line.
2) Type fn and then press F3.

The $f n$ is replaced by a numbered formula:

$$
\begin{equation*}
E=m c^{2} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now you can double-click on the formula to edit it. For example, here is the Riemann Zeta function:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\zeta(z)=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{z}} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

You can reference an equation ("as shown in Equation (2)") with these steps:

1) Choose Insert > Cross-reference from the menu bar.
2) On the Cross-references tab (Figure 17), under Type, select Text.
3) Under Selection, select the equation number.
4) Under Format, select Reference.

## Click Insert.

Done! If you later add more equations to the paper before the referenced equation, all the equations will automatically renumber and the cross-references will update.


Figure 17. Inserting a cross-reference to an equation number

Tip To insert the equation number without parenthesis around it, choose Numbering instead of Reference under Format.

## Math commands - Reference

## Unary / binary operators

| Operation | Command | Display |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| +sign | +1 | +1 |
| -sign | -1 | -1 |
| +/- sign | +-1 | $\pm 1$ |
| -/+ sign | -+1 | $\mp 1$ |
| Boolean not | neg a | $\neg a$ |
| Addition + | a + b | $a+b$ |
| Dot product | a cdot b | $a \cdot b$ |
| Multiplication (X) | a times b | $a \times b$ |
| Multiplication (asterisk) | a * b | $a * b$ |
| Boolean 'and' | a and b | $a \wedge b$ |
| Subtraction (-) | a - b | $a-b$ |
| Division (as a fraction) | a over b | $\frac{a}{b}$ |
| Division (as an operator) | a div b | $a \div b$ |
| Division (with a slash) | a / b | $a / b$ |
| Boolean 'or' | a or b | $a \vee b$ |
| Concatenation | a circ b | $a \circ b$ |

## Relational operators

| Operation | Command | Display |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Is equal | $\mathrm{a}=\mathrm{b}$ | $a=b$ |
| Is not equal | $\mathrm{a}<>\mathrm{b}$ | $a \neq 2$ |
| Approximately | a approx 2 | $a \approx 2$ |
| Divides | a divides b | $a \mid b$ |
| Does not divide | a ndivides b | $a \nmid b$ |
| Less than | $\mathrm{a}<2$ | $a<2$ |
| Greater than | $\mathrm{a}>2$ | $a>2$ |
| Similar to or equal | a simeq b | $a \simeq b$ |
| Parallel | a parallel b | $a \\| b$ |
| Orthogonal to | a ortho b | $a \perp b$ |
| Less than or equal to | a leslant b | $a \leqslant b$ |
| Greater than or equal to | a geslant b | $a \geqslant b$ |
| Similar to | $a \operatorname{sim} \mathrm{~b}$ | $a \sim b$ |
| Congruent | a equiv b | $a \equiv b$ |
| Less than or equal to | $\mathrm{a}<=\mathrm{b}$ | $a \leq b$ |
| Greater than or equal to | $\mathrm{a}>=\mathrm{b}$ | $a \geq b$ |
| Proportional | a prop b | $a \propto b$ |
| Toward | a toward b | $a \rightarrow b$ |
| Arrow left | a dlarrow b | $a \Leftarrow b$ |
| Double arrow left and right | a dlrarrow b | $a \Leftrightarrow b$ |
| Arrow right | a drarrow b | $a \Rightarrow b$ |

## Set operations

| Operation | Command | Display |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Is in | a in B | $a \notin B$ |
| Is not in | a notin B | $A \ni b$ |
| Owns | A owns b | $\varnothing$ |
| Empty set | emptyset | $A \cap B$ |
| Intersection | A intersection B | $A \cup B$ |
| Union | A union B | $A \backslash B$ |
| Difference | A setminus B | $A / B$ |
| Quotient | A slash B |  |
| Subset | aleph |  |
| Subset or equal to | A subset B | $A \subseteq B$ |
| Superset | A subseteq B | $A \supset B$ |
| Superset or equal to | A supset B | $A \supseteq B$ |
| Not subset | A supseteq B | $A \not \subset B$ |
| Not subset or equal | A nsubset B | $A \nsubseteq B$ |
| Not superset | A nsubseteq B | $A \not \supset B$ |
| Not superset or equal | A nsupset B | $A \nsupseteq B$ |
| Set of natural numbers | A nsupseteq B | $\mathbb{N}$ |
| Set of integers | setN | $\mathbb{Z}$ |
| Set of rational numbers | setZ | $\mathbb{Q}$ |
| Set of real numbers | setQ | $\mathbb{R}$ |
| Set of complex numbers | setC | $\mathbb{C}$ |

## Functions

| Operation | Command | Display |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Exponential | func $\mathrm{e}^{\wedge}\{\mathrm{a}\}$ | $\mathrm{e}^{a}$ |
| Natural logarithm | $\ln (\mathrm{a})$ | $\ln (a)$ |
| Exponential function | $\exp (\mathrm{a})$ | $\exp (a)$ |
| Logarithm | $\log (\mathrm{a})$ | $\log (a)$ |
| Power | $a^{\wedge}$ \{b\} | $a^{\text {b }}$ |
| Sine | $\sin (\mathrm{a})$ | $\sin (a)$ |
| Cosine | $\cos (\mathrm{a})$ | $\cos (a)$ |
| Tangent | $\tan (\mathrm{a})$ | $\tan (a)$ |
| Cotangent | $\cot (\mathrm{a})$ | $\cot (a)$ |
| Square root | sqrt $\{\mathrm{a}$ \} | $\sqrt{ } \bar{a}$ |
| Arcsine | $\arcsin (\mathrm{a})$ | $\arcsin (a)$ |
| Arc cosine | $\arccos (\mathrm{a})$ | $\arccos (a)$ |
| Arctangent | $\arctan (\mathrm{a})$ | $\arctan (a)$ |
| Arc cotangent | $\operatorname{arccot}(\mathrm{a})$ | $\operatorname{arccot}(a)$ |
| $\mathrm{n}^{\text {th }}$ root | $\operatorname{nroot}\{\mathrm{a}\}\{\mathrm{b}\}$ | ${ }^{d} \bar{b}$ |
| Hyperbolic sine | $\sinh (a)$ | $\sinh (a)$ |
| Hyperbolic cosine | cosh(a) | $\cosh (a)$ |
| Hyperbolic tangent | tanh(a) | $\tanh (a)$ |
| Hyperbolic cotangent | coth(a) | coth (a) |
| Absolute value | abs $\{\mathrm{a}$ \} | $\|a\|$ |
| Arc hyperbolic sine | $\operatorname{arsinh}(\mathrm{a})$ | $\operatorname{arsinh}(a)$ |
| Arc hyperbolic cosine | $\operatorname{arccosh}(\mathrm{a})$ | $\operatorname{arcosh}(a)$ |
| Arc hyperbolic tangent | $\operatorname{arctanh}(\mathrm{a})$ | $\operatorname{artanh}(a)$ |
| Arc hyperbolic cotangent | $\operatorname{arccoth}(\mathrm{a})$ | $\operatorname{arcoth}(a)$ |
| Factorial | fact $\{\mathrm{a}\}$ | $a!$ |

## Operators

All operators can be used with the limit functions ("from" and "to").

| Operation | Command | Display |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Limit | $\lim \{\mathrm{a}\}$ | $\lim a$ |
| Sum | $\operatorname{sum}\{\mathrm{a}\}$ | $\sum a$ |
| Product | $\operatorname{prod}\{\mathrm{a}\}$ | $\prod a$ |
| Coproduct | coprod\{a\} | 】 |
| Upper and lower bounds shown with integral | int from $\left\{\mathrm{r}_{-} 0\right\}$ to $\left\{\mathrm{r}_{-} \mathrm{t}\right\}$ a | $\int_{r_{0}}^{r_{1}} a$ |
| Integral | $\operatorname{int}\{\mathrm{a}\}$ | $\int a$ |
| Double integral | iint $\{\mathrm{a}$ \} | $\iint a$ |
| Triple integral | iiint $\{\mathrm{a}\}$ | $\iiint a$ |
| Lower bound shown with summation symbol | sum from $\{3\}$ b | $\sum_{3} b$ |
| Contour integral | lint a | $\oint a$ |
| Double curved integral | llint a | $\oiint a$ |
| Triple curved integral | lllint a | $\oiiint a$ |
| Upper bound shown with product symbol | prod to $\{3\} \mathrm{r}$ | $\prod^{3} r$ |

## Attributes

| Operation | Command | Display |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Acute accent | acute a | $\dot{a}$ |
| Grave accent | grave a | $\grave{a}$ |
| Reverse circumflex | check a | $\check{a}$ |
| Breve | breve a | $\breve{a}$ |
| Circle | circle a | $\stackrel{\circ}{\square}$ |
| Vector arrow | vec a | $\vec{a}$ |
| Tilde | tilde a | $\tilde{a}$ |
| Circumflex | hat a | $\hat{a}$ |
| Line above | bar a | $\bar{a}$ |
| Dot | dot a | $\dot{a}$ |
| Wide vector arrow | widevec abc | $\overrightarrow{a b} c$ |
| Wide tilde | widetilde abc | $\widetilde{a b c}$ |
| Wide circumflex | widehat abc | $\widehat{a b c}$ |
| Double dot | ddot a | $\ddot{a}$ |
| Line over | overline abc | $\overline{a b c}$ |
| Line under | underline abc | $a b c$ |
| Line through | overstrike abc | $a c b$ |
| Triple dot | dddot a | $a ̈$ |
| Transparent (useful to get a placeholder of a given size) | phantom a |  |
| Bold font | bold a | $a$ |
| Italic font ${ }^{1}$ | ital "a" | $a$ |
| Resize font | size 16 qv | $q v$ |
| Following item in sans serif font ${ }^{2}$ | font sans qv | qv |
| Following item in serif font | font serif qv | $q v$ |
| Following item in fixed font | font fixed qv | qV |

[^1]| Operation | Command | Display |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Make color of following text cyan 3 | color cyan qv | $q v$ |
| Make color of following text yellow | color yellow qv | $q v$ |
| Make color of following text white | color white qv | $q v$ |
| Make color of following text green <br> Make color of following text blue | color green qv | $q v$ |
| Make color of following text red | color blue qv red qv | $q v$ |
| Make color green returns to default <br> color black | color green X qv |  |
| Brace items to change color of more <br> than one item | color green \{X qv\} | $X v$ |

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## Miscellaneous

| Operation | Command | Display |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Infinity | infinity | $\infty$ |
| Partial | partial | $\partial$ |
| Thabla | nabla | $\nabla$ |
| For all | exists | $\exists$ |
| H bar | forall | $\forall$ |
| Lambda bar | hbar | $\hbar$ |
| Real part | lambdabar | $\ddots$ |
| Imaginary part | re | $\mathfrak{R}$ |
| Weierstrass p | wp | $\mathfrak{J}$ |
| Left arrow | leftarrow | $\wp$ |
| Right arrow | rightarrow | $\leftarrow$ |
| Up arrow | uparrow | $\rightarrow$ |
| Down arrow | downarrow | $\uparrow$ |
| Dots at bottom | dotslow | $\downarrow$ |
| Dots at middle | dotsaxis | $\ldots$ |
| Dots vertical | dotsvert | $\ldots$ |
| Dots diagonal upward | dotsup | $\vdots$ |
| Dots diagonal downward | dotsdown | $\ddots$ |

## Brackets

| Operation | Command | Display |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Round Brackets | (a) | (a) |
| Square Brackets | [b] | [b] |
| Double Square Brackets | ldbracket c rdbracket | «c』 |
| Single line | lline a rline | $\|a\|$ |
| Double line | ldline a rdline | $\\|a\\|$ |
| Braces | lbrace w rbrace | $\{w\}$ |
| Angle Brackets | langle d rangle | $\langle d\rangle$ |
| Operator Brackets | langle a mline b rangle | $\langle a \mid b\rangle$ |
| Group brackets (used for program control) | \{a\} | $a$ |
| Scalable round brackets (add the word "left" before a left bracket and "right" before a right bracket) | left ( stack $\{\mathrm{a} \# \mathrm{~b}$ \# z $\}$ right ) | $\left(\begin{array}{l}a \\ b \\ z\end{array}\right)$ |
| Square brackets scalable (as above) | left [ stack $\mathrm{x}^{\text {x \# y }}$ \} right ] | $\left[\begin{array}{l}x \\ y\end{array}\right]$ |
| Double square brackets scalable | left ldbracket c right rdbracket | [c] |
| Line scalable | left lline a right rline | $\|a\|$ |
| Double line scalable | left ldline d right rdline | $\\|d\\|$ |
| Brace scalable | left lbrace e right rbrace | $e$ ¢ |
| Angle bracket scalable | left langle f right rangle | $\left\langle{ }^{\prime}\right\rangle$ |
| Operator brackets scalable | left langle g mline h right rangle | $g\|h\|$ |
| Over brace scalable | \{The brace is above\} overbrace a | The brace is above |
| Under brace scalable | \{the brace is below\}underbrace \{f\} | $\underbrace{\text { the braceis below }}_{f}$ |

## Formats

| Operation | Command | Display |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Left superscript | $\mathrm{a} \operatorname{lsup}\{\mathrm{b}\}$ | ${ }^{\text {b }}$ a |
| Center superscript | $a \operatorname{csup}\{\mathrm{~b}\}$ | ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |
| Right superscript | $\mathrm{a}^{\wedge}\{\mathrm{b}\}$ | $a^{b}$ |
| Left subscript | $\mathrm{a} \operatorname{lsub}\{\mathrm{b}\}$ | ${ }_{5} a$ |
| Center subscript | a csub $\{\mathrm{b}\}$ | $\cdots$ |
| Right subscript | $\mathrm{a}_{-}\{\mathrm{b}\}$ | $a_{b}$ |
| Align character to left (text is aligned center by default) | stack \{ Hello world \# alignl <br> (a) \} | Hello world <br> (a) |
| Align character to center | stack\{Hello world \# alignc(a) \} | Hello world <br> (a) |
| Align character to right | stack \{ Hello world \# alignr(a)\} | Hello world $(a)$ |
| Vertical stack of 2 | $\operatorname{binom}\{\mathrm{a}\}\{\mathrm{b}\}$ | $\begin{aligned} & a \\ & b \end{aligned}$ |
| Vertical stack, more than 2 | stack $\{\mathrm{a} \mathrm{\#} \mathrm{~b} \mathrm{\#} \mathrm{z}\}$ | $\begin{aligned} & a \\ & b \\ & z \end{aligned}$ |
| Matrix | ```matrix{ a # b ## c # d }``` | $\begin{array}{ll} a & b \\ c & d \end{array}$ |
| Equations aligned at ' $=$ ' (using 'matrix') <br> Equations aligned at ' $=$ ' (using 'phantom') | ```matrix{ a # "=" # alignl{b} ## {} # "=" # alignl{c+1} } stack{ alignl{a} = b # alignl{phantom{a} = c+1} }``` | $\begin{aligned} a & =b \\ & =c \\ & \\ a & =b \\ & =c \end{aligned}$ |
| New line | asldkfjo newline sadkfj | asldkfjo sadkfj |
| Small gap (grave) | stuff `stuff | stuff stuff |
| Large gap (tilde) | stuff $\sim$ stuff | stuff stuff |

## Characters - Greek

| \%ALPHA | $A$ | \%BETA | $B$ | \%CHI | $X$ | \%DELTA | $\Delta$ | \%EPSILON | $E$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| \%ETA | $H$ | \%GAMMA | $\Gamma$ | \%IOTA | $I$ | \%KAPPA | $K$ | \%LAMBDA | $\Lambda$ |
| \%MU | $M$ | \%NU | $N$ | \%OMEGA | $\Omega$ | \%OMICRON | $O$ | \%PHI | $\Phi$ |
| \%PI | $\Pi$ | \%PSI | $\Psi$ | \%RHO | $P$ | \%SIGMA | $\Sigma$ | \%THETA | $\Theta$ |
| \%UPSILON | $Y$ | \%XI | $\Xi$ | \%ZETA | $Z$ |  |  |  |  |
| \%alpha | $\alpha$ | \%beta | $\beta$ | \%chi | $\chi$ | \%delta | $\delta$ | \%epsilon | $\epsilon$ |
| \%eta | $\eta$ | \%gamma | $\gamma$ | \%iota | $\iota$ | \%kappa | $\kappa$ | \%lambda | $\lambda$ |
| \%mu | $\mu$ | \%nu | $\nu$ | \%omega | $\omega$ | \%omicron | $o$ | \%phi | $\phi$ |
| \%pi | $\pi$ | \%rho | $\rho$ | \%sigma | $\sigma$ | \%tau | $\tau$ | \%theta | $\theta$ |
| \%upsilon | $u$ | \%varepsilon | $\varepsilon$ | \%varphi | $\varphi$ | \%varpi | $\varpi$ | \%varrho | $\varrho$ |
| \%varsigma | $\varsigma$ | \%vartheta | 9 | \%xi | $\xi$ | \%zeta | $\zeta$ |  |  |

## Characters - Special

| \%and $\wedge$ | \%angle $\Varangle$ | \%element $\in$ | \%identical $\equiv$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| \%infinite $\infty$ | \%noelement $\notin$ | \%notequal $\neq$ | \%or $\vee$ |
| \%perthousand \%o | \%strictlygreaterthan $\gg$ | \%strictlylessthan $\ll$ | \%tendto $\rightarrow$ |


[^0]:    Note For more details on integrals and sums, see page 22.

[^1]:    1 Unquoted text that is not a command is considered to be a variable. Variables are, by default, italicized.

    2 There are three custom fonts: sans serif (without kicks), serifs (with kicks), and fixed (non-proportional). To change the actual fonts used for custom fonts and the fonts used for variables (unquoted text), numbers and functions, use Format > Fonts.

[^2]:    3 For all coloring, the color will apply only to the text immediately following the command until the next space is encountered. In order to have the color apply to more characters, place the text you want in color in curly brackets.

