

List of mathematical symbols

This is a list of symbols used in all branches of mathematics to express a formula or to represent a constant.

A mathematical concept is independent of the symbol chosen to represent it. For many of the symbols below, the symbol is usually synonymous with the corresponding concept (ultimately an arbitrary choice made as a result of the cumulative history of mathematics), but in some situations, a different convention may be used. For example, depending on context, the **triple bar** "≡" may represent congruence or a definition. However, in mathematical logic, numerical equality is sometimes represented by "≐" instead of "=", with the latter representing equality of **well-formed formulas**. In short, convention dictates the meaning.

Each symbol is shown both in HTML, whose display depends on the browser's access to an appropriate font installed on the particular device, and typeset as an image using .

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This list is organized by symbol type and is intended to facilitate finding an unfamiliar symbol by its visual appearance. For a related list organized by mathematical topic, see . That list also includes LaTeX and HTML markup, and Unicode code points for each symbol (not that this article doesn't have the latter two, but they could certainly be added).

There is a Wikibooks guide for using maths in LaTeX,^[1] and a comprehensive LaTeX symbol list.^[2] It is also possible to check to see if a Unicode code point is available as a LaTeX command, or vice versa.^[3] Also note that where there is no LaTeX command natively available for a particular symbol (although there may be options that require adding packages), the symbol could be added via other options, such as setting the document up to support Unicode,^[4] and entering the character in a variety of ways (e.g. copying and pasting, keyboard shortcuts, the command^[5]) as well as other options^[6] and extensive additional information.^[7]^[8]

- **Basic symbols:** Symbols widely used in mathematics, roughly through first-year calculus. More advanced meanings are included with some symbols listed here.
- **Symbols based on equality "≡":** Symbols derived from or similar to the equal sign, including double-headed arrows. Not surprisingly these symbols are often associated with an .
- **Symbols that point left or right:** Symbols, such as < and >, that appear to point to one side or another
- **Brackets:** Symbols that are placed on either side of a variable or expression, such as |.
- **Other non-letter symbols:** Symbols that do not fall in any of the other categories.
- **Letter-based symbols:** Many mathematical symbols are based on, or closely resemble, a letter in some alphabet. This section includes such symbols, including symbols that resemble upside-down letters. Many letters have conventional meanings in various branches of mathematics and physics. These are not listed here. section, below has several lists of such usages.
 - **Letter modifiers:** Symbols that can be placed on or next to any letter to modify the letter's meaning.
 - **Symbols based on Latin letters**, including those symbols that resemble or contain
 - **Symbols based on Hebrew or Greek letters** e.g. , , , , , , , . *Note:* symbols resembling are grouped with "V" under Latin letters.
- **Variations:** Usage in languages written right-to-left

Basic symbols

Symbol in HTML	Symbol in TeX	Name	Explanation	Examples
		Read as		
		Category		
+	+	addition	4 + 6 means the sum of 4 and 6.	2 + 7 = 9
		plus; add arithmetic		
		disjoint union	A ₁ + A ₂ means the disjoint union of sets A ₁ and A ₂ .	A ₁ = {3, 4, 5, 6} ∧ A ₂ = {7, 8, 9, 10} ⇒ A ₁ + A ₂ = {(3, 1), (4, 1), (5, 1), (6, 1), (7, 2), (8, 2), (9, 2), (10, 2)}
		the disjoint union of ... and ... set theory		
-	-	subtraction	36 - 11 means the subtraction of 11 from 36.	36 - 11 = 25
		minus; take; subtract arithmetic		
		negative sign	-3 means the <u>additive inverse</u> of the number 3.	-(-5) = 5
		negative; minus; the opposite of arithmetic		
		set-theoretic complement	A - B means the set that contains all the elements of A that are not in B. (\ can also be used for set-theoretic complement as described below)	{1, 2, 4} - {1, 3, 4} = {2}
		minus; without set theory		
±	± \pm	plus-minus	6 ± 3 means both 6 + 3 and 6 - 3.	The equation x = 5 ± √4, has two solutions, x = 7 and x = 3.
		plus or minus arithmetic		
		plus-minus	10 ± 2 or equivalently 10 ± 20% means the range from 10 - 2 to 10 + 2.	If a = 100 ± 1 mm, then a ≥ 99 mm and a ≤ 101 mm.
		plus or minus measurement		
∓	∓ \mp	minus-plus	6 ± (3 ∓ 5) means 6 + (3 - 5) and 6 - (3 + 5).	cos(x ± y) = cos(x) cos(y) ∓ sin(x) sin(y).
		minus or plus arithmetic		
×	× \times · \cdot · \cdot	multiplication	3 × 4 or 3 · 4 means the multiplication of 3 by 4.	7 · 8 = 56
		times; multiplied by arithmetic		
		dot product scalar product	u · v means the dot product of vectors u and v	(1, 2, 5) · (3, 4, -1) = 6
		dot linear algebra vector algebra		
		cross product vector product	u × v means the cross product of vectors u and v	(1, 2, 5) × (3, 4, -1) = $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (-22, 16, -2)$
		cross linear algebra vector algebra		
		placeholder (silent) functional analysis	A · means a placeholder for an argument of a function. Indicates the functional nature of an expression without assigning a specific symbol for an argument.	·
		÷	÷ \div / -	division (Obelus)
divided by; over arithmetic				
quotient group	G / H means the quotient of group G modulo its subgroup H.			{0, a, 2a, b, b + a, b + 2a} / {0, b} = {{0, b}, {a, b + a}, {2a, b + 2a}}
mod group theory				
quotient set	A/~ means the set of all ~ equivalence classes in A.			If we define ~ by x ~ y ⇔ x - y ∈ Z, then ℝ/~ = {x + n : n ∈ Z, x ∈ [0,1)}.
mod set theory				
√	√ \surd √x \sqrt{x}	square root (radical symbol)	√x means the nonnegative number whose square is x.	√4 = 2
		the (principal) square root of real numbers		
		complex square root	If z = r exp(iφ) is represented in polar coordinates with -π < φ ≤ π, then √z = √r exp(iφ/2).	√-1 = i
		the (complex) square root of complex numbers		
Σ	Σ	summation		

	<code>\sum</code>	sum over ... from ... to ... of	$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ means $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$.	$\sum_{k=1}^4 k^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 = 1 + 4 + 9 + 16 = 30$
		calculus		
\int	\int <code>\int</code>	indefinite integral or antiderivative	$\int f(x) dx$ means a function whose derivative is f .	$\int x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} + C$
		indefinite integral of - OR - the antiderivative of		
		calculus		
		definite integral	$\int_a^b f(x) dx$ means the signed area between the x -axis and the graph of the function f between $x = a$ and $x = b$.	$\int_a^b x^2 dx = \frac{b^3 - a^3}{3}$
		calculus		
		line integral	$\int_C f ds$ means the integral of f along the curve C , $\int_a^b f(\mathbf{r}(t)) \mathbf{r}'(t) dt$, where \mathbf{r} is a parametrization of C . (If the curve is closed, the symbol \oint may be used instead, as described below)	
		line/ path/ curve/ integral of ... along ...		
		calculus		
\oint	\oint <code>\oint</code>	Contour integral; closed line integral	Similar to the integral, but used to denote a single integration over a closed curve or loop. It is sometimes used in physics texts involving equations regarding Gauss's Law, and while these formulas involve a closed surface integral, the representations describe only the first integration of the volume over the enclosing surface. Instances where the latter requires simultaneous double integration, the symbol \oiint would be more appropriate. A third related symbol is the closed volume integral denoted by the symbol \iiint .	If C is a Jordan curve about 0, then $\oint_C \frac{1}{z} dz = 2\pi i$.
		contour integral of		
		calculus	The contour integral can also frequently be found with a subscript capital letter C , \oint_C , denoting that a closed loop integral is, in fact, around a contour C , or sometimes dually appropriately, a circle C . In representations of Gauss's Law, a subscript capital S , \oint_S , is used to denote that the integration is over a closed surface.	
\dots \dots \vdots \ddots	\dots <code>\ldots</code> \dots <code>\cdots</code> \vdots <code>\vdots</code> \ddots <code>\ddots</code>	ellipsis and so forth everywhere	Indicates omitted values from a pattern.	$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots = 1$
\therefore	\therefore <code>\therefore</code>	therefore therefore; so; hence everywhere	Sometimes used in proofs before logical consequences	All humans are mortal. Socrates is a human. \therefore Socrates is mortal.
\because	\because <code>\because</code>	because because; since everywhere	Sometimes used in proofs before reasoning.	11 is prime \because it has no positive integer factors other than itself and one.
$!$	$!$ <code>!</code>	factorial factorial combinatorics logical negation not propositional logic	$n!$ means the product $1 \times 2 \times \dots \times n$. The statement A is true if and only if A is false. A slash placed through another operator is the same as "!" placed in front. (The symbol $!$ is primarily from computer science. It is avoided in mathematical texts, where the notation $\neg A$ is preferred.)	$4! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 = 24$ $!(A) \Leftrightarrow A$ $x \neq y \Leftrightarrow !(x = y)$

\neg \sim	\neg <code>\neg</code> \sim <code>\sim</code>	logical negation not propositional logic	The statement $\neg A$ is true if and only if A is false. A slash placed through another operator is the same as " \neg " placed in front. <i>(The symbol \sim has many other uses, so \neg or the slash notation is preferred. Computer scientists will often use! but this is avoided in mathematical texts)</i>	$\neg(\neg A) \Leftrightarrow A$ $x \neq y \Leftrightarrow \neg(x = y)$
\propto	\propto <code>\propto</code>	proportionality is proportional to; varies as everywhere	$y \propto x$ means that $y = kx$ for some constant k .	if $y = 2x$, then $y \propto x$.
∞	∞ <code>\infty</code>	infinity infinity numbers	∞ is an element of the extended number line that is greater than all real numbers; it often occurs in limits.	$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{ x } = \infty$
\blacksquare \square \square \blacktriangleright \blacktriangleright	\blacksquare <code>\blacksquare</code> \square <code>\Box</code> \blacktriangleright <code>\blacktriangleright</code>	end of proof QED; tombstone; Halmos finality symbol everywhere	Used to mark the end of a proof. <i>(May also be written Q.E.D.)</i>	

Symbols based on equality

Symbol in HTML	Symbol in TeX	Name	Explanation	Examples
		Read as		
		Category		
\equiv	$=$	equality is equal to; equals everywhere	$x = y$ means x and y represent the same thing or value.	$2 = 2$ $1 + 1 = 2$ $36 - 5 = 31$
\neq	\neq $\backslash ne$	inequality is not equal to; does not equal everywhere	$x \neq y$ means that x and y do not represent the same thing or value. <i>(The forms !=, /= or <> are generally used in programming languages where ease of typing and use of ASCII text is preferred)</i>	$2 + 2 \neq 5$ $36 - 5 \neq 30$
\approx	\approx $\backslash approx$	approximately equal is approximately equal to everywhere isomorphism is isomorphic to group theory	$x \approx y$ means x is approximately equal to y . <i>This may also be written \cong, \simeq, \sim, \triangleq (Libra Symbol), or \doteq.</i> $G \cong H$ means that group G is isomorphic (structurally identical) to group H . <i>(\cong can also be used for isomorphic, as described below)</i>	$\pi \approx 3.14159$ $\mathbb{Q}_8 / \mathbb{C}_2 \approx \mathbb{V}$
\sim	\sim $\backslash sim$	probability distribution has distribution statistics	$X \sim D$, means the random variable X has the probability distribution D .	$X \sim N(0,1)$, the standard normal distribution
		row equivalence is row equivalent to matrix theory	$A \sim B$ means that B can be generated by using a series of elementary row operations on A	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
		same order of magnitude roughly similar; poorly approximates is on the order of approximation theory	$m \sim n$ means the quantities m and n have the same order of magnitude, or general size. <i>(Note that \sim is used for an approximation that is poor otherwise use \approx.)</i>	$2 \sim 5$ $8 \times 9 \sim 100$ but $\pi^2 \approx 10$
		similarity is similar to ^[9] geometry	$\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$ means triangle ABC is similar to (has the same shape) triangle DEF .	
		asymptotically equivalent is asymptotically equivalent to asymptotic analysis	$f \sim g$ means $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 1$.	$x \sim x+1$
		equivalence relation are in the same equivalence class everywhere	$a \sim b$ means $b \in [a]$ (and equivalently $a \in [b]$).	$1 \sim 5 \pmod{4}$
		definition is defined as; is equal by definition to everywhere	$x := y$, $y =: x$ or $x \equiv y$ means x is defined to be another name for y , under certain assumptions taken in context. <i>(Some writers use \equiv to mean congruence).</i> $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ means P is defined to be logically equivalent to Q .	$\cosh x := \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$ $[a, b] := a \cdot b - b \cdot a$
		congruence is congruent to geometry	$\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$ means triangle ABC is congruent to (has the same measurements as) triangle DEF	
		isomorphic is isomorphic to abstract algebra	$G \cong H$ means that group G is isomorphic (structurally identical) to group H . <i>(\cong can also be used for isomorphic, as described above)</i>	$\mathbb{V} \cong \mathbb{C}_2 \times \mathbb{C}_2$
		\equiv	\equiv $\backslash equiv$	congruence relation ... is congruent to ... modulo ... modular arithmetic
\Leftrightarrow \leftrightarrow	\Leftrightarrow \leftrightarrow \iff \leftrightarrow	material equivalence if and only if; iff propositional logic	$A \Leftrightarrow B$ means A is true if B is true and A is false if B is false.	$x + 5 = y + 2 \Leftrightarrow x + 3 = y$

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$:=$		<u>Assignment</u>	$A := b$ means A is defined to have the value b .	Let $a := 3$, then... $f(x) := x + 3$
\equiv	\equiv	is defined to be everywhere		

Symbols that point left or right

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		Read as		
		Category		
\lt \gt	\lt \gt	strict inequality	$x < y$ means x is less than y . $x > y$ means x is greater than y .	$3 < 4$ $5 > 4$
		is less than, is greater than		
		order theory	$H < G$ means H is a proper subgroup of G .	$5\mathbb{Z} < \mathbb{Z}$ $A_3 < S_3$
		proper subgroup		
		is a proper subgroup of	$x \ll y$ means x is much less than y . $x \gg y$ means x is much greater than y .	$0.003 \ll 1000000$
		group theory		
		significant (strict) inequality		
		order theory		
\ll \gg	\ll \gg \lll \ggg	asymptotic comparison	$f \ll g$ means the growth of f is asymptotically bounded by g . <i>(This is I. M. Vinogradov's notation. Another notation is the Big O notation, which looks like $f = O(g)$.)</i>	$x \ll e^x$
		is of smaller order than, is of greater order than		
		analytic number theory	$\mu \ll \nu$ means that μ is absolutely continuous with respect to ν , i.e., whenever $\nu(A) = 0$, we have $\mu(A) = 0$.	If \mathbf{c} is the counting measure on $[0, 1]$ and μ is the Lebesgue measure, then $\mu \ll \mathbf{c}$.
		absolute continuity		
		is absolutely continuous with respect to	$x \leq y$ means x is less than or equal to y . $x \geq y$ means x is greater than or equal to y . <i>(The forms \leq and \geq are generally used in programming languages, where ease of typing and use of ASCII text is preferred)</i> <i>(\leq and \geq are also used by some writers to mean the same thing as \leq and \geq, but this usage seems to be less common.)</i>	$3 \leq 4$ and $5 \leq 5$ $5 \geq 4$ and $5 \geq 5$
		measure theory		
		inequality		
		order theory		
\leq \geq	\leq \geq \leqslant \geqslant	subgroup	$H \leq G$ means H is a subgroup of G .	$\mathbb{Z} \leq \mathbb{Z}$ $A_3 \leq S_3$
		is a subgroup of		
		group theory	$A \leq B$ means the problem A can be reduced to the problem B . Subscripts can be added to the \leq to indicate what kind of reduction.	If $\exists f \in F. \forall x \in N. x \in A \Leftrightarrow f(x) \in B$ then $A \leq_F B$
		reduction		
		is reducible to	$x \leq y$ means that each component of vector x is less than or equal to each corresponding component of vector y . $x \geq y$ means that each component of vector x is greater than or equal to each corresponding component of vector y . <i>It is important to note that $x \leq y$ remains true if every element is equal. However, if the operator is changed, $x \leq y$ is true if and only if $x = y$ is also true.</i>	$10a \equiv 5 \pmod{5}$ for $1 \leq a \leq 10$
		computational complexity theory		
		congruence relation		
		order theory		
\equiv \equiv	\equiv \equiv \equiv \equiv	... is less than ... is greater than ...	$x \leq y$ means that each component of vector x is less than or equal to each corresponding component of vector y . $x \geq y$ means that each component of vector x is greater than or equal to each corresponding component of vector y . <i>It is important to note that $x \leq y$ remains true if every element is equal. However, if the operator is changed, $x \leq y$ is true if and only if $x = y$ is also true.</i>	$10a \equiv 5 \pmod{5}$ for $1 \leq a \leq 10$
		modular arithmetic		
		vector inequality		
		order theory		
		Karp reduction	$L_1 < L_2$ means that the problem L_1 is Karp reducible to L_2 . ^[10]	If $L_1 < L_2$ and $L_2 \in \mathbf{P}$, then $L_1 \in \mathbf{P}$.
		is Karp reducible to;		
		is polynomial-time many-one reducible to	$P < Q$ means that the element P is nondominated by element Q . ^[11]	If $P_1 < Q_2$ then $\forall_i P_i \leq Q_i \wedge \exists P_i < Q_i$
		computational complexity theory		
\prec \succ	\prec \succ \prec \succ	Nondominated order	$R \triangleright S$ means the antijoin of the relations R and S , the tuples in R for which	$\mathbf{R} \triangleright \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{S}$
		is nondominated by		
		Multi-objective optimization		
		order theory		
\triangleleft \triangleleft \triangleleft	\triangleleft \triangleleft \triangleleft \triangleleft	normal subgroup	$N \triangleleft G$ means that N is a normal subgroup of group G .	$Z(G) \triangleleft G$
		is a normal subgroup of		
		group theory	$I \triangleleft R$ means that I is an ideal of ring R .	$(2) \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}$
		ideal		
is an ideal of	$R \triangleright S$ means the antijoin of the relations R and S , the tuples in R for which	$\mathbf{R} \triangleright \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{S}$		
ring theory				
antijoin				

		the antijoin of relational algebra	there is not a tuple in S that is equal on their common attribute names.	
\Rightarrow \rightarrow \supset	\Rightarrow \rightarrow \supset \Rightarrow \rightrightarrows \supseteq	material implication implies; if ... then propositional logic, Heyting algebra	$A \Rightarrow B$ means if A is true then B is also true; if A is false then nothing is said about B . (\rightarrow may mean the same as \Rightarrow , or it may have the meaning for functions given below) (\supset may mean the same as \Rightarrow , ^[12] or it may have the meaning for superset given below)	$x = 6 \Rightarrow x^2 - 5 = 36 - 5 = 31$ is true, but $x^2 - 5 = 36 - 5 = 31 \Rightarrow x = 6$ is in general false (since x could be -6).
\subset \cap	\subset \subseteq \subsetneq \subsetneq	subset is a subset of set theory	(subset) $A \subseteq B$ means every element of A is also an element of B . ^[13] (proper subset) $A \subset B$ means $A \subseteq B$ but $A \neq B$. (Some writers use the symbol \subset as if it were the same as \subseteq .)	$(A \cap B) \subseteq A$ $\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Q}$ $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$
\supset \cup	\supset \supseteq \supseteq \supseteq	superset is a superset of set theory	$A \supset B$ means every element of B is also an element of A . $A \supset B$ means $A \supseteq B$ but $A \neq B$. (Some writers use the symbol \supset as if it were the same as \supseteq .)	$(A \cup B) \supseteq B$ $\mathbb{R} \supset \mathbb{Q}$
\Subset	\Subset	compact embedding is compactly contained in set theory	$A \Subset B$ means the closure of B is a compact subset of A .	$\mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1) \Subset [0, 5]$
\rightarrow	\rightarrow \to	function arrow from ... to set theory, type theory	$f: X \rightarrow Y$ means the function f maps the set X into the set Y .	Let $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ be defined by $f(x) := x^2$.
\mapsto	\mapsto \mapsto	function arrow maps to set theory	$f: a \mapsto b$ means the function f maps the element a to the element b .	Let $f: x \mapsto x + 1$ (the successor function).
\leftarrow	\leftarrow \leftarrow	Converse implication .. if .. logic	$a \leftarrow b$ means that for the propositions a and b , if b implies a , then a is the converse implication of b . This reads as "a if b", or "not b without a". It is not to be confused with the assignment operator in computer science	
\prec \prec	\prec \prec	subtype is a subtype of type theory cover is covered by order theory	$T_1 \prec T_2$ means that T_1 is a subtype of T_2 . $x \prec y$ means that x is covered by y .	If $S \prec T$ and $T \prec U$ then $S \prec U$ (transitivity). $\{1, 8\} \prec \{1, 3, 8\}$ among the subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$ ordered by containment.
\vDash	\vDash \vDash	entailment entails model theory	$A \vDash B$ means the sentence A entails the sentence B , that is in every model in which A is true, B is also true.	$A \vDash A \vee \neg A$
\vdash	\vdash \vdash	inference infers; is derived from propositional logic, predicate logic partition is a partition of number theory	$x \vdash y$ means y is derivable from x . $p \vdash n$ means that p is a partition of n .	$A \rightarrow B \vdash \neg B \rightarrow \neg A$ $(4,3,1,1) \vdash 9, \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} (f_\lambda)^2 = n!$
$\langle $	$\langle $ $\langle $	bra vector the bra ...; the dual of ... Dirac notation	$\langle \phi $ means the dual of the vector $ \phi\rangle$, a linear functional which maps a ket $ \psi\rangle$ onto the inner product $\langle \phi \psi \rangle$.	
$ \rangle$	$ \rangle$ $ \rangle$	ket vector the ket ...; the vector ... Dirac notation	$ \phi\rangle$ means the vector with label ϕ , which is in a Hilbert space.	A qubit's state can be represented as $\alpha 0\rangle + \beta 1\rangle$, where α and β are complex numbers s.t. $ \alpha ^2 + \beta ^2 = 1$.

Brackets

Symbol in HTML	Symbol in TeX	Name	Explanation	Examples	
		Read as			
		Category			
	$\binom{n}{k}$ <code>{\ \choose }</code>	combination; binomial coefficient <i>n</i> choose <i>k</i> combinatorics	$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!/(n-k)!}{k!} = \frac{(n-k+1) \cdots (n-2) \cdot (n-1) \cdot n}{k!}$ means (in the case of $n =$ positive integer) the number of combinations of k elements drawn from a set of n elements. <i>(This may also be written as $C(n, k)$, $C(n; k)$, ${}_n C_k$, ${}^n C_k$, or $\binom{n}{k}$.)</i>	$\binom{36}{5} = \frac{36!/(36-5)!}{5!} = \frac{32 \cdot 33 \cdot 34 \cdot 35 \cdot 36}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} = 376992$ $\binom{.5}{7} = \frac{-5.5 \cdot -4.5 \cdot -3.5 \cdot -2.5 \cdot -1.5 \cdot -.5 \cdot .5}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7} = \frac{33}{2048}$	
	$\binom{u}{k}$ <code>{\left(\!\!\!\left\{ \choose \!\!\!\right\} \right)}</code>	multiset coefficient <i>u</i> multichoose <i>k</i> combinatorics	$\binom{u}{k} = \binom{u+k-1}{k} = \frac{(u+k-1)!}{k!}$ (when u is positive integer) means reverse or rising binomial coefficient.	$\binom{-5.5}{7} = \frac{-5.5 \cdot -4.5 \cdot -3.5 \cdot -2.5 \cdot -1.5 \cdot -.5 \cdot .5}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7} = \binom{.5}{7} = ;$	
...	... <code>{\dots}</code> <code>{\! \! \!}</code>	absolute value; modulus	<i>x</i> means the distance along the real line (or across the complex plane) between <i>x</i> and zero.	3 = 3 -5 = 5 = 5 <i>i</i> = 1 3 + 4 <i>i</i> = 5	
		absolute value of; modulus of numbers			
		Euclidean norm or Euclidean length or magnitude		x means the (Euclidean) length of vector x .	For x = (3, -4) x = $\sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2} = 5$
		Euclidean norm of geometry			
A	A	determinant	A means the determinant of the matrix A	$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 5$	
		determinant of matrix theory			
		cardinality			
X	X	cardinality of; size of; order of set theory	X means the cardinality of the set X. <i>(# may be used instead as described below)</i>	{3, 5, 7, 9} = 4.	
		norm	<i>x</i> means the norm of the element <i>x</i> of a normed vector space. ^[14]	<i>x</i> + <i>y</i> ≤ <i>x</i> + <i>y</i>	
		norm of; length of linear algebra			
...	... <code>{\dots}</code> <code>{\! \! \!}</code>	nearest integer function	<i>x</i> means the nearest integer to <i>x</i> . <i>(This may also be written [x], [x], nint(x) or Round(x).)</i>	1 = 1, 1.6 = 2, -2.4 = -2, 3.49 = 3	
		nearest integer to numbers			
		set brackets			
{ , }	{ , } <code>{\{ , \}}</code> <code>{\! \! \}</code>	the set of ... set theory	{ <i>a, b, c</i> } means the set consisting of <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , and <i>c</i> . ^[15]	$\mathbb{N} = \{ 1, 2, 3, \dots \}$	
{ : }	{ : } <code>{\{ : \}}</code> <code>{\! \! \}</code>	set builder notation	{ <i>x</i> : <i>P</i> (<i>x</i>)} means the set of all <i>x</i> for which <i>P</i> (<i>x</i>) is true. ^[15] { <i>x</i> <i>P</i> (<i>x</i>)} is the same as { <i>x</i> : <i>P</i> (<i>x</i>)}.	{ <i>n</i> ∈ \mathbb{N} : $n^2 < 20$ } = { 1, 2, 3, 4 }	
{ }	{ } <code>{\{ \}}</code> <code>{\! \! \}</code>	the set of ... such that			
{ ; }	{ ; } <code>{\{ ; \}}</code> <code>{\! \! \}</code>	set theory			
[...]	[...] <code>{\lfloor \dots \rfloor}</code> <code>{\! \! \}</code>	floor floor; greatest integer; entier numbers	[<i>x</i>] means the floor of <i>x</i> , i.e. the largest integer less than or equal to <i>x</i> . <i>(This may also be written [x], floor(x) or int(x).)</i>	[4] = 4, [2.1] = 2, [2.9] = 2, [-2.6] = -3	
[...]	[...] <code>{\lceil \dots \rceil}</code> <code>{\! \! \}</code>	ceiling ceiling numbers	[<i>x</i>] means the ceiling of <i>x</i> , i.e. the smallest integer greater than or equal to <i>x</i> . <i>(This may also be written ceil(x) or ceiling(x).)</i>	[4] = 4, [2.1] = 3, [2.9] = 3, [-2.6] = -2	
[...]	[...] <code>{\lfloor \dots \rceil}</code> <code>{\! \! \}</code>	nearest integer function nearest integer to numbers	[<i>x</i>] means the nearest integer to <i>x</i> . <i>(This may also be written [x], x , nint(x) or Round(x).)</i>	[2] = 2, [2.6] = 3, [-3.4] = -3, [4.49] = 4	
[:]	[:] <code>{\ [:] }</code> <code>{\! \! \}</code>	degree of a field extension the degree of	[<i>K</i> : <i>F</i>] means the degree of the extension <i>K</i> : <i>F</i> .	[$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$: \mathbb{Q}] = 2 [\mathbb{C} : \mathbb{R}] = 2 [\mathbb{R} : \mathbb{Q}] = ∞	

		field theory	
		equivalence class	
		the equivalence class of	[a] means the equivalence class of a, i.e. $\{x : x \sim a\}$, where \sim is an equivalence relation
		abstract algebra	[a] _R means the same, but with R as the equivalence relation.
		floor	
		floor; greatest integer; entier numbers	[x] means the floor of x, i.e. the largest integer less than or equal to x. (This may also be written $\lfloor x \rfloor$, floor(x) or int(x). Not to be confused with the nearest integer function, as described below.)
		nearest integer function	[x] means the nearest integer to x.
		nearest integer to numbers	(This may also be written $\lceil x \rceil$, $\lfloor x \rfloor$, nint(x) or Round(x). Not to be confused with the floor function, as described above.)
		Iverson bracket	[S] maps a true statement S to 1 and a false statement S to 0.
		1 if true, 0 otherwise	[0=5]=0, [7>0]=1, [2 ∈ {2,3,4}]=1, [5 ∈ {2,3,4}]=0
		propositional logic	
		image	f[X] means $\{f(x) : x \in X\}$, the image of the function f under the set $X \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$.
		image of ... under ...	(This may also be written as f(X) if there is no risk of confusing the image of f under X with the function application of X. Another notation is Im f, the image of f under its domain.)
		everywhere	sin[ℝ] = [-1, 1]
		closed interval	
		closed interval	[a, b] = {x ∈ ℝ : a ≤ x ≤ b} .
		order theory	0 and 1/2 are in the interval [0,1].
		commutator	
		the commutator of	[g, h] = $g^{-1}h^{-1}gh$ (or $ghg^{-1}h^{-1}$), if $g, h \in G$ (a group).
		group theory; ring theory	[a, b] = $ab - ba$, if $a, b \in R$ (a ring or commutative algebra).
		triple scalar product	
		the triple scalar product of	[a, b, c] = a × b · c , the scalar product of a × b with c.
		vector calculus	[a, b, c] = [b, c, a] = [c, a, b] .
		function application of set theory	f(x) means the value of the function f at the element x.
		image	f(X) means $\{f(x) : x \in X\}$, the image of the function f under the set $X \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$.
		image of ... under ...	(This may also be written as f[X] if there is a risk of confusing the image of f under X with the function application of X. Another notation is Im f, the image of f under its domain.)
		everywhere	sin(ℝ) = [-1, 1]
		precedence grouping parentheses	Perform the operations inside the parentheses first.
		everywhere	(8/4)/2 = 2/2 = 1, but 8/(4/2) = 8/2 = 4.
		tuple	An ordered list (or sequence, or horizontal vector or row vector) of values.
		tuple; n-tuple; ordered pair/triple/etc; row vector; sequence	(Note that the notation (a,b) is ambiguous: it could be an ordered pair or an open interval. Set theorists and computer scientists often use angle brackets ⟨ ⟩ instead of parentheses.)
		everywhere	(a, b) is an ordered pair (or 2-tuple). (a, b, c) is an ordered triple (or 3-tuple). () is the empty tuple (or 0-tuple).
		highest common factor	
		highest common factor; greatest common divisor; hcf; gcd	(a, b) means the highest common factor of a and b. (This may also be written hcf(a, b) or gcd(a, b).)
		number theory	(3, 7) = 1 (they are coprime); (15, 25) = 5.
		open interval	(a, b) = {x ∈ ℝ : a < x < b} .
		open interval	(Note that the notation (a,b) is ambiguous: it could be an ordered pair or an open interval. The notation]a,b[can be used instead.)
		order theory	4 is not in the interval (4, 18). (0, +∞) equals the set of positive real numbers.

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(,]] ,]	$(\setminus , \setminus] \setminus ! \setminus ,$ $\setminus , \setminus] \setminus ! \setminus ,$	left-open interval half-open interval; left-open interval order theory	$(a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x \leq b\}$.	$(-1, 7]$ and $(-\infty, -1]$
[,) [, [$[\setminus , \setminus) \setminus ! \setminus ,$ $[\setminus , \setminus [\setminus ! \setminus ,$	right-open interval half-open interval; right-open interval order theory	$[a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x < b\}$.	$[4, 18)$ and $[1, +\infty)$
$\langle \rangle$ \langle , \rangle	$\langle \rangle$ $\langle \rangle$ \langle , \rangle \langle , \rangle	inner product inner product of linear algebra	(u, v) means the inner product of u and v , where u and v are members of an inner product space Note that the notation (u, v) may be ambiguous: it could mean the inner product or the linear span There are many variants of the notation, such as $u v$ and $(u v)$, which are described below For spatial vectors, the dot product notation, $x \cdot y$ is common. For matrices, the colon notation $A : B$ may be used. As $($ and $)$ can be hard to type, the more "keyboard friendly" forms \langle and \rangle are sometimes seen. These are avoided in mathematical texts.	The standard inner product between two vectors $x = (2, 3)$ and $y = (-1, 5)$ is: $(x, y) = 2 \times -1 + 3 \times 5 = 13$
		average average of statistics	let S be a subset of \mathbb{N} for example, $\langle S \rangle$ represents the average of all the elements in S .	for a time series $g(t)$ ($t = 1, 2, \dots$) we can define the structure functions $S_g(\tau)$: $S_g = \langle g(t + \tau) - g(t) ^q \rangle_t$
		expectation value the expectation value of probability theory	For a single discrete variable x of a function $f(x)$, the expectation value of $f(x)$ is defined as $\langle f(x) \rangle = \sum_x f(x)P(x)$, and for a single continuous variable the expectation value of $f(x)$ is defined as $\langle f(x) \rangle = \int_x f(x)P(x)$; where $P(x)$ is the PDF of the variable x . ^[16]	
		linear span (linear) span of; linear hull of linear algebra	$\langle S \rangle$ means the span of $S \subseteq V$. That is, it is the intersection of all subspaces of V which contain S . (u_1, u_2, \dots) is shorthand for $\langle \{u_1, u_2, \dots\} \rangle$. Note that the notation (u, v) may be ambiguous: it could mean the inner product or the linear span. The span of S may also be written as $\text{Sp}(S)$.	$\langle \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right), \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right), \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \rangle = \mathbb{R}^3$.
		subgroup generated by a set the subgroup generated by group theory	$\langle S \rangle$ means the smallest subgroup of G (where $S \subseteq G$, a group) containing every element of S . $\langle g_1, g_2, \dots \rangle$ is shorthand for $\langle \{g_1, g_2, \dots\} \rangle$.	$\text{In } \mathbb{S}_3, \langle (1\ 2) \rangle = \{id, (1\ 2)\}$ and $\langle (1\ 2\ 3) \rangle = \{id, (1\ 2\ 3), (1\ 3\ 2)\}$.
		tuple tuple; n-tuple; ordered pair/triple/etc; row vector; sequence everywhere	An ordered list (or sequence, or horizontal vector or row vector) of values. <i>(The notation (a, b) is often used as well)</i>	$\langle a, b \rangle$ is an ordered pair (or 2-tuple). $\langle a, b, c \rangle$ is an ordered triple (or 3-tuple). $\langle \rangle$ is the empty tuple (or 0-tuple).
$\langle \rangle$ $\langle \rangle$	$\langle \rangle$ $\langle \rangle$	inner product inner product of linear algebra	$(u v)$ means the inner product of u and v , where u and v are members of an inner product space ^[17] $(u v)$ means the same. Another variant of the notation is (u, v) which is described above. For spatial vectors, the dot product notation, $x \cdot y$ is common. For matrices, the colon notation $A : B$ may be used. As $($ and $)$ can be hard to type, the more "keyboard friendly" forms \langle and \rangle are sometimes seen. These are avoided in mathematical texts.	

Other non-letter symbols

Symbol in HTML	Symbol in TeX	Name	Explanation	Examples
		Read as		
		Category		
*	*	convolution	$f * g$ means the convolution of f and g .	$(f * g)(t) = \int_0^t f(\tau)g(t - \tau) d\tau.$
		convolution; convolved with		
		functional analysis		
		complex conjugate	z^* means the complex conjugate of z .	$(3 + 4i)^* = 3 - 4i.$
		conjugate	(\bar{z}) can also be used for the conjugate of z , as described below)	
		complex numbers		
		group of units	R^* consists of the set of units of the ring R , along with the operation of multiplication.	$(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^* = \{[1], [2], [3], [4]\} \cong C_4$
		the group of units of	$This may also be written R^* as described above, or U(R).$	
		ring theory		
		hyperreal numbers	* \mathbf{R} means the set of hyperreal numbers. Other sets can be used in place of \mathbf{R} .	* \mathbf{N} is the hypernatural numbers.
the (set of) hyperreals				
non-standard analysis				
Hodge dual	* v means the Hodge dual of a vector. If v is a k -vector within an n -dimensional oriented inner product space, then * v is an $(n-k)$ -vector.	If $\{e_i\}$ are the standard basis vectors of \mathbb{R}^5 , *($e_1 \wedge e_2 \wedge e_3$) = $e_4 \wedge e_5$		
Hodge dual; Hodge star				
linear algebra				
Kleene star	Corresponds to the usage of * in regular expressions. If Σ is a set of strings, then Σ^* is the set of all strings that can be created by concatenating members of Σ . The same string can be used multiple times, and the empty string is also a member of Σ^* .	If $\Sigma = \{ 'a', 'b', 'c' \}$ then Σ^* includes "", 'a', 'ab', 'aba', 'abac', etc. The full set cannot be enumerated here since it is countably infinite, but each individual string must have finite length.		
Kleene star				
computer science, mathematical logic				
\propto	\propto <code>\propto</code>	proportionality	$y \propto x$ means that $y = kx$ for some constant k .	if $y = 2x$, then $y \propto x$.
		is proportional to; varies as		
		everywhere		
\propto	\propto <code>\propto</code>	Karp reduction ^[18]	$A \propto B$ means the problem A can be polynomially reduced to the problem B .	If $L_1 \propto L_2$ and $L_2 \in \mathbf{P}$, then $L_1 \in \mathbf{P}$.
		is Karp reducible to;		
		is polynomial-time many-one reducible to		
\	\	computational complexity theory		
		set-theoretic complement	$A \setminus B$ means the set that contains all those elements of A that are not in B . ^[13]	$\{1,2,3,4\} \setminus \{3,4,5,6\} = \{1,2\}$
		minus; without; throw out; not		
set theory	$(-)$ can also be used for set-theoretic complement as described above)			
		conditional event	$P(A B)$ means the probability of the event A occurring given that B occurs.	if X is a uniformly random day of the year $P(X \text{ is May 25} X \text{ is in May}) = 1/31$
		given		
		probability		
		restriction	$f _A$ means the function f is restricted to the set A , that is, it is the function with domain $A \cap \text{dom}(f)$ that agrees with f .	The function $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ defined by $f(x) = x^2$ is not injective, but $f _{\mathbf{R}^+}$ is injective.
		restriction of ... to ...;		
		restricted to		
set theory	means "such that", see ":" (described below).	$S = \{(x,y) 0 < y < f(x)\}$ The set of (x,y) such that y is greater than 0 and less than $f(x)$.		
such that				
such that; so that				
	 <code>\mid</code>	divisor, divides	$a b$ means a divides b . $a \nmid b$ means a does not divide b .	Since $15 = 3 \times 5$, it is true that $3 15$ and $5 15$.
		divides		
		number theory		
	 <code>\mid\mid</code>	exact divisibility	$p^a n$ means p^a exactly divides n (i.e. p^a divides n but p^{a+1} does not).	$2^3 360$.
		exactly divides		
		number theory		
	 <code>\parallel</code>	parallel	$x y$ means x is parallel to y . $x \nparallel y$ means x is not parallel to y . $x \# y$ means x is equal and parallel to y .	If $l m$ and $m \perp n$ then $l \perp n$.
		is parallel to		
		geometry		

	requires <code>\setmathfont{MathJax}</code> ^[19]	incomparability is incomparable to order theory	$x \parallel y$ means x is incomparable to y .	$\{1,2\} \parallel \{2,3\}$ under set containment.
#	# <code>\sharp</code>	cardinality	$\#X$ means the cardinality of the set X .	$\#\{4, 6, 8\} = 3$
		cardinality of; size of; order of set theory	([...] may be used instead as described above.)	
		connected sum connected sum of; knot sum of; knot composition of topology, knot theory	$A\#B$ is the connected sum of the manifolds A and B . If A and B are knots, then this denotes the knot sum, which has a slightly stronger condition.	$A\#S^m$ is homeomorphic to A , for any manifold A , and the sphere S^m .
		primorial primorial number theory	$n\#$ is product of all prime numbers less than or equal to n .	$12\# = 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 = 2310$
:	:	such that	\therefore means "such that", and is used in proofs and the <u>set-builder notation</u> (described below).	$\exists n \in \mathbb{N}: n$ is even.
		such that; so that everywhere		
		field extension extends; over field theory	$K : F$ means the field K extends the field F . <i>This may also be written as $K \geq F$.</i>	$\mathbb{R} : \mathbb{Q}$
		inner product of matrices	$A : B$ means the Frobenius inner product of the matrices A and B .	$A : B = \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} B_{ij}$
		inner product of linear algebra	The general inner product is denoted by $\langle u, v \rangle$, $(u v)$ or $(u v)$, as described below. For spatial vectors, the dot product notation, $x \cdot y$ is common. See also bra-ket notation.	
		index of a subgroup index of subgroup group theory	The index of a subgroup H in a group G is the "relative size" of H in G : equivalently, the number of "copies" (cosets) of H that fill up G	$ G : H = \frac{ G }{ H }$
		division divided by over everywhere	$A : B$ means the division of A with B (dividing A by B)	$10 : 2 = 5$
⋮	⋮ <code>\vdots</code> <code>\!\,</code>	vertical ellipsis vertical ellipsis everywhere	Denotes that certain constants and terms are missing out (e.g. for clarity) and that only the important terms are being listed.	$P(r, t) = \chi : E(r, t_1) E(r, t_2) E(r, t_3)$
{	{ <code>\wr</code> <code>\!\,</code>	wreath product wreath product of ... by ... group theory	$A \wr H$ means the wreath product of the group A by the group H . <i>This may also be written as $A_{wr} H$.</i>	$S_n \wr \mathbb{Z}_2$ is isomorphic to the automorphism group of the complete bipartite graph on (n, n) vertices.
⚡ □ ⇒⇐	<code>\blitza</code> <code>\lighting: requires</code> <code>\usepackage{stmaryd}</code> ^[20] <code>\smashtimes</code> requires <code>\usepackage{unicode-math}</code> and <code>\setmathfont{XITS Math}</code> or another Open Type Math Font. ^[21] ⇒⇐ ^[2] <code>\Rightarrow\Leftarrow</code> ⊥ ^[2] <code>\bot</code> ⇔ ^[2] <code>\leftrightrightarrow</code> <code>\textreferencemark}</code> ^[2] Contradiction! ^[2]	downwards zigzag arrow contradiction; this contradicts that everywhere	Denotes that contradictory statements have been inferred. For clarity the exact point of contradiction can be appended.	$x + 4 = x - 3 *$ Statement: Every finite, non-empty ordered set has a largest element. Otherwise, let's assume that X is a finite, non-empty ordered set with no largest element. Then, for some $x_1 \in X$, there exists an $x_2 \in X$ with $x_1 < x_2$, but then there's also an $x_3 \in X$ with $x_2 < x_3$, and so on. Thus, x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots are distinct elements in X . $\therefore X$ is finite.
⊕ ∨	⊕ <code>\oplus</code> <code>\!\,</code> ∨ <code>\veebar</code> <code>\!\,</code>	exclusive or xor propositional logic, Boolean algebra direct sum direct sum of	The statement $A \oplus B$ is true when either A or B , but not both, are true. $A \veebar B$ means the same. The direct sum is a special way of combining several objects into one general object.	$(\neg A) \oplus A$ is always true, $A \oplus A$ is always false. Most commonly for vector spaces U, V , and W , the following consequence is used: $U = V \oplus W \Leftrightarrow (U = V + W) \wedge (V \cap W = \{0\})$

		abstract algebra	(The <i>bun</i> symbol \otimes , or the <i>coproduct</i> symbol \sqcup , is used; $\underline{\vee}$ is only for logic.)	
	\bigcirc	Kulkarni–Nomizu product Kulkarni–Nomizu product tensor algebra	Derived from the tensor product of two symmetric type $(0,2)$ tensors, it has the algebraic symmetries of the Riemann tensor. $f = g \bigcirc h$ has components $f_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = g_{\alpha\gamma}h_{\beta\delta} + g_{\beta\delta}h_{\alpha\gamma} - g_{\alpha\delta}h_{\beta\gamma} - g_{\beta\gamma}h_{\alpha\delta}$	
\square	\Box	D'Alembertian wave operator non-Euclidean Laplacian vector calculus	It is the generalisation of the Laplace operator in the sense that it is the differential operator which is invariant under the isometry group of the underlying space and it reduces to the Laplace operator if restricted to time independent functions.	$\square = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$

Letter-based symbols

Includes upside-down letters.

Letter modifiers

Also called diacritics.

Symbol in HTML	Symbol in TeX	Name	Explanation	Examples
		Read as		
\bar{a}	\bar{a} $\backslash\bar{a}$	mean overbar; ... bar statistics	\bar{x} (often read as "x bar") is the <u>mean</u> (average value of x_i).	$x = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$; $\bar{x} = 3$.
		finite sequence, tuple	\bar{a} means the finite sequence/tuple (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) .	$\bar{a} := (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$.
		model theory		
		algebraic closure		
		algebraic closure of field theory	\bar{F} is the algebraic closure of the field F .	The field of algebraic numbers is sometimes denoted as $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ because it is the algebraic closure of the <u>rational numbers</u> \mathbb{Q} .
		complex conjugate	\bar{z} means the complex conjugate of z .	$\overline{3 + 4i} = 3 - 4i$.
		conjugate complex numbers	\bar{z}^* can also be used for the conjugate of z , as described above.)	
		topological closure (topological) closure of topology	\bar{S} is the topological closure of the set S . <i>This may also be denoted as $\text{cl}(S)$ or $\text{Cl}(S)$.</i>	In the space of the real numbers, $\bar{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{R}$ (the rational numbers are <u>dense</u> in the real numbers).
\overrightarrow{a}	\overrightarrow{a} $\backslash\overrightarrow{a}$	vector harpoon linear algebra		
\hat{a}	\hat{a} $\backslash\hat{a}$	unit vector hat geometry	\hat{a} (pronounced "a hat") is the <u>normalized version</u> of vector a , having length 1.	
		estimator estimator for statistics	$\hat{\theta}$ is the estimator or the estimate for the parameter θ .	The estimator $\hat{\mu} = \frac{\sum_i x_i}{n}$ produces a sample estimate $\hat{\mu}(x)$ for the mean μ .
		derivative ... prime; derivative of calculus	$f'(x)$ means the derivative of the function f at the point x , i.e., the slope of the tangent to f at x . <i>(The single-quote character $'$ is sometimes used instead, especially in ASCII text)</i>	If $f(x) := x^2$, then $f'(x) = 2x$.
\dot{a}	\dot{a} $\backslash\dot{a}$	derivative ... dot; time derivative of calculus	\dot{x} means the derivative of x with respect to time. That is $\dot{x}(t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} x(t)$.	If $x(t) := t^2$, then $\dot{x}(t) = 2t$.

Symbols based on Latin letters

Symbol in HTML	Symbol in TeX	Name	Explanation	Examples
		Read as		
		Category		
\forall	\forall <code>\forall</code>	universal quantification for all; for any; for each; for every predicate logic	$\forall x, P(x)$ means $P(x)$ is true for all x .	$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n^2 \geq n$.
\mathbb{B} \mathbf{B}	\mathbb{B} <code>\mathbb{B}</code> \mathbf{B} <code>\mathbf{B}</code>	boolean domain \mathbb{B} ; the (set of) boolean values; the (set of) truth values; set theory, boolean algebra	\mathbb{B} means either $\{0, 1\}$, $\{\text{false}, \text{true}\}$, $\{\text{F}, \text{T}\}$, or $\{\perp, \top\}$.	$(\neg \text{False}) \in \mathbb{B}$
\mathbb{C} \mathbf{C}	\mathbb{C} <code>\mathbb{C}</code> \mathbf{C} <code>\mathbf{C}</code>	complex numbers \mathbb{C} ; the (set of) complex numbers numbers	\mathbb{C} means $\{a + bi : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$.	$i = \sqrt{-1} \in \mathbb{C}$
\aleph_c	\aleph_c <code>\aleph c</code>	cardinality of the continuum cardinality of the continuum; c ; cardinality of the real numbers set theory	The cardinality of \mathbb{R} is denoted by $ \mathbb{R} $ or by the symbol \aleph_c (a lowercase Fraktur letter C).	$c = \aleph_1$
∂	∂ <code>\partial</code>	partial derivative partial; d calculus boundary boundary of topology degree of a polynomial degree of algebra	$\partial f / \partial x_i$ means the partial derivative of f with respect to x_i , where f is a function on (x_1, \dots, x_n) . ∂M means the boundary of M . ∂f means the degree of the polynomial f . (This may also be written $\text{deg } f$.)	If $f(x, y) := x^2y$, then $\partial f / \partial x = 2xy$, $\partial\{x : x \leq 2\} = \{x : x = 2\}$ $\partial(x^2 - 1) = 2$
\mathbb{E} E	\mathbb{E} <code>\mathbb{E}</code> E <code>\mathbf{E}</code>	expected value expected value probability theory	the value of a random variable one would "expect" to find if one could repeat the random variable process an infinite number of times and take the average of the values obtained	$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{x_1p_1 + x_2p_2 + \dots + x_kp_k}{p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_k}$
\exists	\exists <code>\exists</code>	existential quantification there exists; there is; there are predicate logic	$\exists x: P(x)$ means there is at least one x such that $P(x)$ is true.	$\exists n \in \mathbb{N}: n$ is even.
$\exists!$	$\exists!$ <code>\exists!</code>	uniqueness quantification there exists exactly one predicate logic	$\exists! x: P(x)$ means there is exactly one x such that $P(x)$ is true.	$\exists! n \in \mathbb{N}: n + 5 = 2n$.
\in \notin	\in <code>\in</code> \notin <code>\notin</code>	set membership is an element of; is not an element of everywhere, set theory	$a \in S$ means a is an element of the set S ; ^[15] $a \notin S$ means a is not an element of S . ^[15]	$(1/2)^{-1} \in \mathbb{N}$ $2^{-1} \notin \mathbb{N}$
\ni	\ni <code>\ni</code>	set membership does not contain as an element set theory	$S \not\ni e$ means the same thing as $e \notin S$, where S is a set and e is not an element of S .	
\ni	\ni <code>\ni</code>	such that symbol such that mathematical logic set membership contains as an element set theory	often abbreviated as "s.t."; $:$ and $ $ are also used to abbreviate "such that". The use of \ni goes back to early mathematical logic and its usage in this sense is declining. The symbol ε ("back epsilon") is sometimes specifically used for "such that" to avoid confusion with set membership. $S \ni e$ means the same thing as $e \in S$, where S is a set and e is an element of S .	Choose $x \ni 2 x$ and $3 x$. (Here $ $ is used in the sense of "divides".)
\mathbb{H} \mathbf{H}	\mathbb{H} <code>\mathbb{H}</code> \mathbf{H} <code>\mathbf{H}</code>	quaternions or Hamiltonian quaternions \mathbb{H} ; the (set of) quaternions numbers	\mathbb{H} means $\{a + bi + cj + dk : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}\}$.	
\mathbb{N} \mathbf{N}	\mathbb{N} <code>\mathbb{N}</code> \mathbf{N} <code>\mathbf{N}</code>	natural numbers the (set of) natural numbers numbers	\mathbb{N} means either $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ or $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. <i>The choice depends on the area of mathematics being studied; e.g. number theorists prefer the latter; analysts, set theorists and computer scientists prefer the former. To avoid confusion, always check an author's definition of \mathbb{N}.</i> <i>Set theorists often use the notation ω (for least infinite ordinal) to denote the set of natural numbers (including zero), along with the standard ordering relations.</i>	$\mathbb{N} = \{a : a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ or $\mathbb{N} = \{a : a > 0 : a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
\circ	\circ <code>\circ</code>	Hadamard product entrywise product linear algebra	For two matrices (or vectors) of the same dimensions $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ the Hadamard product is a matrix of the same dimensions $\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ with elements given by $(\mathbf{A} \circ \mathbf{B})_{i,j} = (\mathbf{A})_{i,j} \cdot (\mathbf{B})_{i,j}$.	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \circ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
\circ	\circ	function composition	$f \circ g$ is the function such that $f \circ g(x) = f(g(x))$. ^[22]	if $f(x) := 2x$, and $g(x) := x + 3$, then $(f \circ g)(x) = 2(x + 3) = 2x + 6$.

	\circ	composed with		$\circ g(x) = 2(x + 3)$.
		set theory		
\mathcal{O}	\mathcal{O} \mathcal{O}	Big O notation	The Big O notation describes the limiting behavior of a function, when the argument tends towards a particular value <u>infinity</u> .	If $f(x) = 6x^4 - 2x^3 + 5$ and $g(x) = x^4$, then $f(x) = \mathcal{O}(g(x))$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$
		big-oh of		
		Computational complexity theory		
\emptyset $\{\}$	\emptyset \varnothing $\{\}$ $\{\}$	empty set	\emptyset means the set with no elements. ^[15] $\{\}$ means the same.	$\{n \in \mathbb{N} : 1 < n^2 < 4\} = \emptyset$
		the empty set null set		
		set theory		
\mathbb{P} \mathbb{P}	\mathbb{P} \mathbb{P} \mathbb{P} \mathbb{P}	set of primes	\mathbb{P} is often used to denote the set of prime numbers.	$2 \in \mathbb{P}, 3 \in \mathbb{P}, 8 \notin \mathbb{P}$
		\mathbb{P} ; the set of prime numbers		
		arithmetic		
		projective space	\mathbb{P} means a space with a point at infinity	$\mathbb{P}^1, \mathbb{P}^2$
		\mathbb{P} ; the projective space; the projective line; the projective plane		
		topology		
		probability	$\mathbb{P}(X)$ means the probability of the event X occurring. <i>This may also be written as $P(X)$, $\Pr(X)$, $P[X]$ or $\Pr[X]$.</i>	If a fair coin is flipped, $\mathbb{P}(\text{Heads}) = \mathbb{P}(\text{Tails}) = 0.5$.
		the probability of		
		probability theory		
		Power set	Given a set S , the power set of S is the set of all subsets of the set S . The power set of S_0 is denoted by $\mathcal{P}(S)$.	The power set $\mathcal{P}(\{0, 1, 2\})$ is the set of all subsets of $\{0, 1, 2\}$. Hence, $\mathcal{P}(\{0, 1, 2\}) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{0, 1\}, \{0, 2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{0, 1, 2\}\}$.
		the Power set of		
		Powerset		
\mathbb{Q} \mathbb{Q}	\mathbb{Q} \mathbb{Q}	rational numbers	\mathbb{Q} means $\{p/q : p \in \mathbb{Z}, q \in \mathbb{N}\}$.	$3.14000... \in \mathbb{Q}$ $\pi \notin \mathbb{Q}$
		\mathbb{Q} ; the (set of) rational numbers; the rationals		
		numbers		
\mathbb{R} \mathbb{R}	\mathbb{R} \mathbb{R}	real numbers	\mathbb{R} means the set of real numbers.	$\pi \in \mathbb{R}$ $\sqrt{-1} \notin \mathbb{R}$
		\mathbb{R} ; the (set of) real numbers; the reals		
		numbers		
\dagger \dagger	\dagger \dagger	conjugate transpose	A^\dagger means the transpose of the complex conjugate of A . ^[23] <i>This may also be written as A^{*T}, A^{T*}, A^*, $\overline{A^T}$ or $\overline{A^T}$.</i>	If $A = (a_{ij})$ then $A^\dagger = (\overline{a_{ji}})$.
		conjugate transpose; adjoint; Hermitian		
		adjoint/conjugate/transpose/dagger		
		matrix operations		
\mathbb{T} \mathbb{T}	\mathbb{T} \mathbb{T}	transpose	A^T means A , but with its rows swapped for columns. <i>This may also be written as A', A^t or A^tr.</i>	If $A = (a_{ij})$ then $A^T = (a_{ji})$.
		transpose		
		matrix operations		
\top \top	\top \top	top element	\top means the largest element of a lattice.	$\forall x : x \vee \top = \top$
		the top element		
		lattice theory		
		top type	\top means the top or universal type; every type in the <u>type system</u> of interest is a subtype of top.	$\forall \text{ types } T, T <: \top$
		the top type; top		
		type theory		
\perp \perp	\perp \perp	perpendicular	$x \perp y$ means x is perpendicular to y ; or more generally x is orthogonal to y .	If $l \perp m$ and $m \perp n$ in the plane, then $l \parallel n$.
		is perpendicular to		
		geometry		
		orthogonal complement	W^\perp means the orthogonal complement of W (where W is a subspace of the inner product space V), the set of all vectors in V orthogonal to every vector in W .	Within \mathbb{R}^3 , $(\mathbb{R}^2)^\perp \cong \mathbb{R}$.
		orthogonal/perpendicular complement of; perp		
		linear algebra		
		coprime	$x \perp y$ means x has no factor greater than 1 in common with y .	$34 \perp 55$
		is coprime to		
		number theory		
		independent	$A \perp B$ means A is an event whose probability is independent of event B . The double perpendicular symbol ($\perp\!\!\!\perp$) is also commonly used for the purpose of denoting this, for instance: $A \perp\!\!\!\perp B$ (In LaTeX, the command is: "A \perp\!\!\!\perp B")	If $A \perp B$, then $P(A B) = P(A)$.
		is independent of		
		probability		
		bottom element	\perp means the smallest element of a lattice.	$\forall x : x \wedge \perp = \perp$
		the bottom element		
		lattice theory		
		bottom type	\perp means the bottom type (a.k.a. the zero type or empty type); bottom is the subtype of every type in the <u>type system</u> .	$\forall \text{ types } T, \perp <: T$
		the bottom type; bot		
		type theory		
		comparability	$x \perp y$ means that x is comparable to y .	$\{e, \pi\} \perp \{1, 2, e, 3, \pi\}$ under set containment.
		is comparable to		
		order theory		
\mathbb{U}	\mathbb{U}	all numbers being considered	\mathbb{U} means "the set of all elements being considered." It may represent all numbers both real and complex, or any subset	$\mathbb{U} = \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$ includes all numbers.

<u>U</u>	\mathbf{U} $\backslash\mathrm{mathbf}\{U\}$	U; the universal set; the set of all numbers; all numbers considered	of these—hence the term "universal".	If instead, $U = \{Z, C\}$, then $\pi \notin U$.
U	\cup $\backslash\mathrm{cup}$	set-theoretic union the union of ... or ...; union	$A \cup B$ means the set of those elements which are either in A , or in B , or in both. ^[13]	$A \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow (A \cup B) = B$
\cap	\cap $\backslash\mathrm{cap}$	set-theoretic intersection intersected with; intersect	$A \cap B$ means the set that contains all those elements that A and B have in common. ^[13]	$\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 = 1\} \cap \mathbb{N} = \{1\}$
V	\vee $\backslash\mathrm{lor}$	logical disjunction or join in a lattice or; max; join	The statement $A \vee B$ is true if A or B (or both) are true; if both are false, the statement is false. For functions $A(x)$ and $B(x)$, $A(x) \vee B(x)$ is used to mean $\max(A(x), B(x))$.	$n \geq 4 \vee n \leq 2 \Leftrightarrow n \neq 3$ when n is a natural number.
\wedge	\wedge $\backslash\mathrm{land}$	logical conjunction or meet in a lattice and; min; meet	The statement $A \wedge B$ is true if A and B are both true; else it is false. For functions $A(x)$ and $B(x)$, $A(x) \wedge B(x)$ is used to mean $\min(A(x), B(x))$.	$n < 4 \wedge n > 2 \Leftrightarrow n = 3$ when n is a natural number.
		wedge product wedge product; exterior product	$u \wedge v$ means the wedge product of any multivectors u and v . In three-dimensional Euclidean space the wedge product and the cross product of two vectors are each other's Hodge dual	$u \wedge v = *(u \times v)$ if $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^3$
		exterior algebra		
		multiplication times; multiplied by	3×4 means the multiplication of 3 by 4. (The symbol * is generally used in programming languages, where ease of typing and use of ASCII text is preferred)	$7 \times 8 = 56$
		arithmetic		
		Cartesian product the Cartesian product of ... and ...; the direct product of ... and ...	$X \times Y$ means the set of all ordered pairs with the first element of each pair selected from X and the second element selected from Y .	$\{1, 2\} \times \{3, 4\} = \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4)\}$
<u>x</u>	\times $\backslash\mathrm{times}$	cross product cross	$u \times v$ means the cross product of vectors u and v	$(1, 2, 5) \times (3, 4, -1) = (-22, 16, -2)$
		linear algebra		
		group of units the group of units of	R^\times consists of the set of units of the ring R , along with the operation of multiplication. This may also be written R^* as described below or $U(R)$.	$(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z})^\times = \{[1], [2], [3], [4]\} \cong C_4$
		ring theory		
\otimes	\otimes $\backslash\mathrm{otimes}$	tensor product, tensor product of modules tensor product of	$V \otimes U$ means the tensor product of V and U . ^[24] $V \otimes_R U$ means the tensor product of modules V and U over the ring R .	$\{1, 2, 3, 4\} \otimes \{1, 1, 2\} = \{(1, 1, 2), (2, 2, 4), (3, 3, 6), (4, 4, 8)\}$
		linear algebra		
\rtimes	\rtimes $\backslash\mathrm{rtimes}$	semidirect product the semidirect product of	$N \rtimes_\phi H$ is the semidirect product of N (a normal subgroup) and H (a subgroup), with respect to ϕ . Also, if $G = N \rtimes_\phi H$, then G is said to split over N . (\rtimes may also be written the other way round, as \ltimes , or as \times .)	$D_{2n} \cong C_n \rtimes C_2$
\bowtie	\bowtie $\backslash\mathrm{bowtie}$	semijoin the semijoin of	$R \bowtie S$ is the semijoin of the relations R and S , the set of all tuples in R for which there is a tuple in S that is equal on their common attribute names.	$R \bowtie S = \Pi_{a_1, \dots, a_n}(R \bowtie S)$
		relational algebra		
		natural join the natural join of	$R \bowtie S$ is the natural join of the relations R and S , the set of all combinations of tuples in R and S that are equal on their common attribute names.	
		relational algebra		
Z	\mathbb{Z} $\backslash\mathrm{mathbb}\{Z\}$	integers the (set of) integers	\mathbb{Z} means $\{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. \mathbb{Z}^+ or $\mathbb{Z}^>$ means $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. \mathbb{Z}^{\geq} means $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. \mathbb{Z}^* is used by some authors to mean $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ^[25] and others to mean $\{\dots, -2, -1, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ^[26] .	$\mathbb{Z} = \{p, -p : p \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$
<u>Z</u>	\mathbf{Z} $\backslash\mathrm{mathbf}\{Z\}$	numbers		
\mathbb{Z}_n	\mathbb{Z}_n $\backslash\mathrm{mathbb}\{Z\}_n$	integers mod n the (set of) integers modulo n	\mathbb{Z}_n means $\{[0], [1], [2], \dots, [n-1]\}$ with addition and multiplication modulo n .	$\mathbb{Z}_3 = \{[0], [1], [2]\}$
\mathbb{Z}_p	\mathbb{Z}_p $\backslash\mathrm{mathbb}\{Z\}_p$	numbers	Note that any letter may be used instead of n , such as p . To avoid confusion with p -adic numbers, use $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ or $\mathbb{Z}/(p)$ instead.	
\mathbb{Z}_n	\mathbb{Z}_n $\backslash\mathrm{mathbb}\{Z\}_n$	p -adic integers		
\mathbb{Z}_p	\mathbb{Z}_p	the (set of) p -adic integers numbers	Note that any letter may be used instead of p , such as n or l .	

Symbols based on Hebrew or Greek letters

Symbol in HTML	Symbol in TeX	Name	Explanation	Examples
		Read as		
		Category		
\aleph	\aleph <code>\aleph</code>	aleph number	\aleph_α represents an infinite cardinality (specifically the α -th one, where α is an ordinal).	$ \mathbb{N} = \aleph_0$, which is called aleph-null.
\beth	\beth <code>\beth</code>	beth number	\beth_α represents an infinite cardinality (similar to \aleph , but \beth does not necessarily index all of the numbers indexed by \aleph).	$\beth_1 = P(\mathbb{N}) = 2^{\aleph_0}$.
δ	δ <code>\delta</code>	Dirac delta function	$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} \infty, & x = 0 \\ 0, & x \neq 0 \end{cases}$	$\delta(x)$
		Dirac delta of hyperfunction		
		Kronecker delta	$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}$	δ_{ij}
		Kronecker delta of hyperfunction		
δ	δ <code>\delta</code>	Functional derivative	$\left\langle \frac{\delta F[\varphi(x)]}{\delta \varphi(x)}, f(x) \right\rangle = \int \frac{\delta F[\varphi(x)]}{\delta \varphi(x')} f(x') dx'$	$\frac{\delta V(r)}{\delta \rho(r')} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r - r' }$
		Functional derivative of	$= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{F[\varphi(x) + \epsilon f(x)] - F[\varphi(x)]}{\epsilon}$	
		Differential operators	$= \frac{d}{d\epsilon} F[\varphi + \epsilon f] \Big _{\epsilon=0}$.	
Δ \ominus \oplus	Δ <code>\vartriangle</code> \ominus <code>\ominus</code> \oplus <code>\oplus</code>	symmetric difference	$A \Delta B$ (or $A \ominus B$) means the set of elements in exactly one of A or B.	$\{1,5,6,8\} \Delta \{2,5,8\} = \{1,2,6\}$
		symmetric difference	(Not to be confused with delta Δ , described below)	$\{3,4,5,6\} \ominus \{1,2,5,6\} = \{1,2,3,4\}$
		set theory		
Δ	Δ <code>\Delta</code>	delta	Δx means a (non-infinitesimal) change in x .	$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$ is the gradient of a straight line.
		delta; change in calculus	(If the change becomes infinitesimal δ and even d are used instead. Not to be confused with the symmetric difference, written Δ , above.)	
		Laplacian		If f is a twice-differentiable real-valued function, then the Laplacian of f is defined by $\Delta f = \nabla^2 f = \nabla \cdot \nabla f$
		Laplace operator	The Laplace operator is a second order differential operator in n -dimensional Euclidean space	
∇	∇ <code>\nabla</code>	gradient		If $f(x,y,z) := 3xy + z^2$, then $\nabla f = (3y, 3x, 2z)$
		del; nabla; gradient of	$\nabla f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is the vector of partial derivatives $\partial f / \partial x_1, \dots, \partial f / \partial x_n$.	
		divergence	$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$	If $\vec{v} := 3xy\mathbf{i} + y^2z\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$, then $\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 3y + 2yz$.
		curl	$\nabla \times \vec{v} = \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} \right) \mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} \right) \mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \right) \mathbf{k}$	If $\vec{v} := 3xy\mathbf{i} + y^2z\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$, then $\nabla \times \vec{v} = -y^2\mathbf{i} - 3xz\mathbf{k}$.
π	π <code>\pi</code>	Pi	Used in various formulas involving circles; π is equivalent to the amount of area a circle would take up in a square of equal width with an area of 4 square units, roughly 3.14159. It is also the ratio of the circumference to the diameter of a circle.	$\underline{A} = \pi \underline{R}^2 = 314.16 \rightarrow R = 10$
		projection	$\pi_{a_1, \dots, a_n}(\mathbf{R})$ restricts \mathbf{R} to the $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ attribute set.	$\pi_{Age, Weight}(\mathbf{Person})$
		Homotopy group		$\pi_i(S^4) = \pi_i(S^7) \oplus \pi_{i-1}(S^3)$
		the n th Homotopy group of	$\pi_n(\mathbf{X})$ consists of homotopy equivalence classes of base point preserving maps from an n -dimensional sphere (with base point) into the pointed space \mathbf{X} .	
\prod	\prod <code>\prod</code>	product		$\prod_{k=1}^4 (k+2) = (1+2)(2+2)(3+2)(4+2) = 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 6 = 360$
		product over ... from ... to ... of arithmetic	$\prod_{k=1}^n a_k$ means $a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$.	
		Cartesian product	$\prod_{i=0}^n Y_i$ means the set of all $(n+1)$ -tuples (y_0, \dots, y_n) .	$\prod_{n=1}^3 \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}^3$

		the direct product of set theory	
\amalg	\amalg <code>\coprod</code>	coproduct coproduct over ... from ... to ... of category theory	A general construction which subsumes the disjoint union of sets and of topological spaces the free product of groups and the direct sum of modules and vector spaces. The coproduct of a family of objects is essentially the "least specific" object to which each object in the family admits a morphism.
σ	σ <code>\sigma</code>	selection Selection of relational algebra	The selection $\sigma_{\alpha\theta\beta}(\mathbf{R})$ selects all those tuples in \mathbf{R} for which θ holds between the α and the β attribute. The selection $\sigma_{\alpha\theta\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{R})$ selects all those tuples in \mathbf{R} for which θ holds between the α attribute and the value \mathbf{v} .
\sum	\sum <code>\sum</code>	summation sum over ... from ... to ... of arithmetic	$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ means $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$.
			$\sigma_{\text{Age} \geq 34}(\text{Person})$ $\sigma_{\text{Age} = \text{Weight}}(\text{Person})$
			$\sum_{k=1}^4 k^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 = 1 + 4 + 9 + 16 = 30$

Variations

In mathematics written in Persian or Arabic, some symbols may be reversed to make right-to-left writing and reading easier.^[27]

See also

- Greek letters used in mathematics, science, and engineering
- List of letters used in mathematics and science
- List of common physics notations
- Diacritic
- ISO 31-11 (Mathematical signs and symbols for use in physical sciences and technology)
- Latin letters used in mathematics
- List of mathematical abbreviations
- List of mathematical symbols by subject
- Mathematical Alphanumeric Symbols (Unicode block)
- Mathematical constants and functions
- Mathematical notation
- Mathematical operators and symbols in Unicode
- Notation in probability and statistics
- Physical constants
- Table of logic symbols
- Table of mathematical symbols by introduction date
- Typographical conventions in mathematical formulae

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