

mismath

Miscellaneous mathematical macros*

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1 Introduction

According to the International Standards ISO 31-0:1992 to ISO 31-13:1992, superseded by ISO 80000-2:2009, mathematical constants e , i , π should be typeset in roman (upright shape) and not in italic (sloping shape) like variables (see [1] [2] [3] [4]). This package provides some tools to achieve this (automatically).

Even if it is recommended to typeset vectors names in bold italic style [2] [4], they are often represented with arrows (particularly in school documents or in physics). To draw pretty arrows above vectors, we use the `esvect` package by Eddie Soudrais [5] and we provide a few more macros related to vectors with arrows, in particular to improve the typesetting of the norm: $\|\vec{AB}\|$ instead of $\|\vec{AB}\|$ which is not vertically adjusted, or worse $\|\vec{AB}\|$ (and even ugly with Latin Modern font family).

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The package also provides other macros for:

- some standard operator names,
- a few useful aliases,
- improving some spacing in mathematical formulas,
- systems of equations and small matrices,
- `displaymath` in double columns for long calculation.

To avoid incompatibility, a large majority of our macros will be defined only if there is not another command with the same name in the packages loaded before `mismath`. If a macro is already defined, compilation will produce a warning message and `mismath` definition will simply be ignored. To keep `mismath` command, either load `mismath` before the other package with which it is in conflict for the name of that command (assuming the other package supports it), or use `\let\langlecommand\rangle\relax` before loading `mismath`.

`\options` The `amsmath` package is loaded by `mismath` without option. For using `amsmath` with options (see [6]), these options can be added when calling `mismath`, or `amsmath` has to be loaded with the required options before `mismath`.

Another package, `mathtools` by Morten Høgholm and Lars Madsen [7] is also loaded. It provides many useful macros and improvements of `amsmath` package.

A recommendation, seldom observed, is to typeset uppercase Greek letters in italic shape like other variables [4]. This is automatically done with the packages `fixmath` by Walter Schmidt [8], `isomath` by Günter Milde [9] or `pm-isomath` by Claudio Becari [10] and optionally with many others (for instance `mathpazo` or `mathptmx` with the option `slantedGreek`), but this feature is not implemented here because this rule is conflicting to the one used in France where all mathematics capitals have to be typeset in upright shape¹. The choice of loading or not one of these packages remains thus to the user.

2 Usage

2.1 Mathematical constants

`\mathup` As for classic functions identifiers, *predefined* mathematical constants should be typeset in upright shape (generally in roman family), even if this practice is not really common and tedious to respect. To avoid to stuff a document with `\mathrm{e}` or `\mathrm{i}` (or better `\mathup{e}` and `\mathup{i}`²), the package provides `\e` command for the base of the natural logarithm and `\i` or `\j` for imaginary numbers.

¹The `frenchmath` package [20] takes this rule into account.

²`\mathup` is based on `\operatorfont` (from `amsopn` package, automatically loaded by `amsmath`). The `beamer` package uses a default sans serif math font, but `\mathrm` produces a font with serif in `beamer`. This problem is solved by using `\mathup` instead of `\mathrm`.

Let's notice that `\i` and `\j` already exist in \TeX : using in LR mode, they produce “i, j” without the point, so you can place accents on them, and in mathematical mode they produce “LaTeX Warning: Command `\i` invalid in math mode on input line *(line)*”. The new definition of `\i` and `\j` concerns only mathematical mode³.

`\enumber` Nevertheless, it can be tiresome to type a lot of backslashes in a document with
`\inumber` many formulas containing e or i. So a way is proposed here to free of it by placing
`\jnumber` `\enumber`, `\inumber` or `\jnumber` in the preamble: e, i or j will then automatically
be set in roman in the whole document, no need to type `\e`, `\i` or `\j`, let's hope that
there are not many other e, i or j as variables. However, you can still get italicized e,
i or j with \TeX command `\mathit` or `\mathnormal`. Of course, this does not fully
comply with \TeX philosophy: in the document body, objects should be pointed out by
their nature rather than their typographical characteristics, defined in the preamble.
But these macros are really handy and thanks to them it is possible to bring a document
up to the standards afterwards; moreover anyone is free to use them or not.

`\pinumber[(command)]` The mathematical constant π should also be typeset in upright shape (see [1],
[2], [4]), which differs from italicized π . This recommendation is even less observed
than the one concerning e and i [1]. Several packages allow to typeset mathematical
Greek letters in upright shape, let us mention `upgreek` [11], `mathdesign` [12] (used
here), `kpfonts` [14], `fourier` [15], `libertinustlmath`, `pxgreek`, `txgreek`, `libgreek`, etc.
A special mention to `lgrmath` of Jean-François Burnol [16] which allow to use, in
math mode, any Greek LGR-encoded font. These packages provide commands like
`\uppi` (`upgreek`), `\piup` (`mathdesign`, `kpfonts`, `lgrmath`), `\otherpi` (`fourier`), etc.⁴
To preserve default sloped lowercase Greek letters except for pi, and to avoid typing
a lot of `\uppi` or `\piup`, we provide the `\pinumber` macro, which has to be put in
the preamble. This command redefines `\pi` to match the optional command given,
for instance `piup`, assuming the appropriate package has been loaded before.

By activating `\enumber`, `\inumber` and `\pinumber[piup]` in the preamble, you
can get for instance :

$$e^{\i\pi} = -1 \qquad e^{i\pi} = -1.$$

When no argument is given, `\pinumber` defines `\pi` with an LGR encoding of
Greek letters to produce π . It looks the same as the one supplied with Günter Milde's
`textalpha` package [13]. This π is particularly suitable for use with the default Com-
puter Modern or Latin Modern font family⁵.

`\itpi` When `\pinumber` is activated, the original italic π is still available with `\itpi`.

2.2 Vectors

`\vect` By default, the `\vect` command⁶, produces vectors with arrows (thanks to the es-

³Due to this `\i` command redefinition, there is an incompatibility with `beamer` when using i with accents in `beamer` titles. A solution is to use the classic `\~i` command to produce `\i` in `beamer` titles for example.

⁴They also have options to typeset all the Greek lowercase letters in upright shape by default, but this is not our goal here.

⁵This default π doesn't fit well with many text fonts, more bold than Computer Modern; the `upgreek` package [11] provides often a better π and it has also a `Symbol` option (using Adobe Symbol font) that fits well with several text fonts, for instance Times.

vect package of Eddie Soudrais⁷) which are more elegant than those produced by \TeX 's `\overrightarrow` command. The `esvect` package has an optional argument (one letter between a and h) defining the required type of arrow (see [5]). In `mismath`, `esvect` is loaded with the option `b`: `\vect{AB}` gives \overrightarrow{AB} . To choose another type of arrow, `esvect` must be called with the required option *before* `mismath`, e.g. `\usepackage[d]{esvect}` will give the arrows produced by default in [5].

`\boldvect` The `\vect` macro allow to typeset vector's names using bold italic (according to ISO recommendation [2] [3]) rather than arrows. For this, calling `\boldvect` will modify the behavior of `\vect`, globally or locally, depending on where `\boldvect` is placed:

`\[\boldvect \vect{v}`
`=\lambda \vect{e}_x + \mu \vect{e}_y. \]` $v = \lambda e_x + \mu e_y.$

`\boldvectcommand` By default `\boldvect` uses the `\boldsymbol` command⁸ from `ambsy` package, loaded by `amsmath`. But other packages producing bold italic can be preferred, e.g. `\bm` from `bm` package or `\mathbold` from `fixmath` package or `\mathbf` from `isomath`. For that, redefine `\boldvectcommand`, for instance:

`\renewcommand\boldvectcommand{\mathbold}.`

By setting `\boldvectcommand` to `\mathbf`, `\vect` produces vectors in bold *up-right* shape, which tends to be used instead of bold *italic* (but probably for bad reasons).

`\arrowvect` At any moment, you can get back to the default behavior with the inverse switch `\arrowvect`. These switches can be placed anywhere: inside mathematical mode or inside an environment (with local effect) or outside (with global effect).

`\hvect` When vectors with arrows are typeset side by side, arrows can be set up a bit higher (with a vertical phantom box containing *t*) to avoid inelegant effects:

- $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{u} + \overrightarrow{AC}$, obtained with `\hvect{u}`, is better than $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{u} + \overrightarrow{AC}$;
- $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$, obtained with `\hvect{a}`, is better than $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$.

The `\boldvect` switch has the same effect on `\hvect` than on `\vect`.

`\hvec` In a similar way, `\hvec` raises the little arrow produced by the \TeX command `\vec` (from height of *t* letter):

- $\mathcal{P} = \vec{f} \cdot \vec{v}$, obtained with `\hvec{v}`, is better than $\mathcal{P} = \vec{f} \cdot \vec{v}$.
- $\vec{f} = m\vec{a}$, obtained with `\hvec{a}`, is better than $\vec{f} = m\vec{a}$.

`\norm` The norm of a vector is classically produced by the delimiters `\lVert` and `\rVert` (rather than `\|`) or `\left\|` and `\right\|` for delimiters adapting to the

⁶As for many macros of this package, the definition will take effect only if this macro is not defined before by another package.

⁷`esvect` provides `\vv` macro used by `\vect`.

⁸`\mathbf` gives upright bold font, even if used in combination with `\mathit`.

content. Unfortunately, these delimiters are always vertically centered, relatively to the middle of the base line, whereas vectors with arrows are asymmetric objects. The code `\norm{\vec{h}}` raises a smaller double bar to produce $\|\vec{h}\|$ instead of $\|\vec{h}\|$. Let's notice that the height of the bars don't adjust to content, but however to context: main text, subscripts or exponents, e.g. $e^{\|\vec{h}\|}$.

2.3 Standard operator names

`\di` The *differential* operator should be typeset in upright shape and not in italic, to make it different from variables (as mentioned in [1] [2] [4] [22]). For this, we provide the `\di` command. See the following examples (notice the thin spaces before the d, as for classic function's names):

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \int xy \, dx \, dy \\ & m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + h \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = 0 \end{aligned}$$

This command can also stand for *distance* (hence its name):

$$\lambda d(A, \mathcal{F}) + \mu d(B, \mathcal{H}).$$

`\P` To refer to probability⁹ and expectation the proper use is to typeset capital letters
`\E` P, E in roman as for any standard function identifier. This is obtained with `\P` and
`\PEupright` `\E`. In the same way as for i and j, you can use `\PEupright` in the preamble to avoid
`\V` typing many `\P` or `\E`. Variance is generally denoted by `var` or `Var` (see table below),
but some authors prefer to use `V`, produced by `\V`.

`\Par` The `\P` command already existed to refer to the end of paragraph symbol ¶ and
has been redefined, but this symbol can still be obtained with `\Par`.

`\probastyle` Some authors use “blackboard bold” font to represent probability, expectation and
variance: $\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{E}, \mathbb{V}$. The `\probastyle` macro sets the appearance of `\P`, `\E` and `\V`:
for instance `\renewcommand{\probastyle}{\mathbb}`¹⁰ brings the previous “open-
work” letters. `\mathbb` comes from `amsfonts` package (loaded by `amssymb` but also
available standalone) which has to be called in the preamble.

The following standard operator names are defined in `mismath`:

<code>\adj</code>	adj	<code>\erf</code>	$\overrightarrow{\text{erf}}$	<code>\Re</code>	$\overrightarrow{\text{Re}}$
<code>\Aut</code>	Aut	<code>\grad</code>	$\overrightarrow{\text{grad}}$	<code>\rot</code>	$\overrightarrow{\text{rot}}$
<code>\codim</code>	codim	<code>\id</code>	id	<code>\sgn</code>	sgn
<code>\Conv</code>	Conv	<code>\Id</code>	Id	<code>\sinc</code>	sinc
<code>\cov</code>	cov	<code>\im</code>	im	<code>\spa</code>	span
<code>\Cov</code>	$\overrightarrow{\text{Cov}}$	<code>\Im</code>	Im	<code>\tr</code>	tr
<code>\curl</code>	$\overrightarrow{\text{curl}}$	<code>\lb</code>	lb	<code>\var</code>	var
<code>\divg</code>	div	<code>\lcm</code>	lcm	<code>\Var</code>	Var
<code>\End</code>	End	<code>\rank</code>	rank	<code>\Zu</code>	Z

⁹ \LaTeX provides also `\Pr` which gives Pr.

¹⁰As for `\boldvect` and `\arrowvect`, effect is local to the container environment.

By default, operators returning vectors, `\grad` and `\curl` (or its synonym `\rot` rather used in Europe), are written with an arrow on the top. When `\boldvect` is activated, they are typeset in bold style: **grad, curl, rot**. For the variance, the covariance and the identity function, two notations are proposed, with or without a first capital letter, because they are both very common. On the other hand, “im” stands for the image of a linear transformation (like “ker” for the kernel) whereas “Im” is the imaginary part of a complex number. Notice that `\div` already exist (\div) and `\span` is a \TeX primitive (used in `\multicolumn`); they haven’t been redefined, therefore the macros `\divg` (divergence) and `\spa` (span of a set of vectors) ; `\Z` is used for the set of integers (see 2.4), therefore we used `\Zu`, to designate the center of a group: $Z(G)$ (from German Zentrum).

`\oldRe` The `\Re` and `\Im` macros already existed, to refer to real and imaginary part of
`\oldIm` a complex number, producing outdated symbols \Re and \Im . They have been redefined according to actual use, as mentioned in the above table, but it’s still possible to get the old symbols with `\oldRe` and `\oldIm`.

Some (inverse) circular or hyperbolic functions, missing in $\mathbb{E}\TeX$, are also provided by `mismath`:

<code>\arccot</code>	<code>arccot</code>	<code>\arsinh</code>	<code>arsinh</code>	<code>\arcoth</code>	<code>arcoth</code>
<code>\sech</code>	<code>sech</code>	<code>\arcosh</code>	<code>arcosh</code>	<code>\arsech</code>	<code>arsech</code>
<code>\csch</code>	<code>csch</code>	<code>\artanh</code>	<code>artanh</code>	<code>\arcsch</code>	<code>arcsch</code>

`\bigO` Asymptotic comparison operators (in Landau notation) are obtained with `\bigO`
`\bigo` or `\bigo` and `\lito` commands:
`\lito`

$$n^2 + \mathcal{O}(n \log n) \quad \text{or} \quad n^2 + O(n \log n) \quad \text{and} \quad e^x = 1 + x + o(x^2).$$

2.4 A few useful aliases

In the tradition of Bourbaki and D. Knuth, proper use requires that classic sets of numbers are typeset in bold roman: **R, C, Z, N, Q**, whereas “openwork” letters ($\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Z}, \dots$) are reserved for writing at blackboard [22]; and likewise to designate a field: **F** or **K** (Körper in German). We get these symbols with the macros:

$$\backslash\mathbf{R}, \backslash\mathbf{C}, \backslash\mathbf{Z}, \backslash\mathbf{N}, \backslash\mathbf{Q}, \backslash\mathbf{F}, \backslash\mathbf{K}.$$

`\mathset` The `\mathset` command enables to change the behavior of all these macros in a global way: by default, `\mathset` is an alias for `\mathbf`, but if you prefer openwork letters, just place `\renewcommand\mathset{\mathbb}` where you want, for instance in the preamble, after loading `amsfonts` package (which provides the “blackboard bold” typeface, also loaded by `amssymb`).

`\ds` The `\displaystyle` command being very common, alias `\ds` is provided. Not only it eases typing but also it makes source code more readable.

Symbols with limits behave differently for in-line formulas or for displayed equations. In the latter case, “limits” are put under or above whereas for in-line math mode,

they are placed on the right, as subscript or exponent. Compare: $\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$ with

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}.$$

`\dlim` With in-line math mode, `displaymath` behavior can be forced with `\displaystyle`
`\dsum` or its alias `\ds`, but then, all the rest of the current mathematical environment
`\dprod` will be set in `displaymath` mode too (in the previous example, the fraction will be
`\dcup` expanded). Just as the `amsmath` command `\dfrac` only transforms the required
`\dcap` fraction in display style, we can limit the display style effect to the affected symbol, by using the following macros: `\dlim`, `\dsum`, `\dprod`, `\dcup`, `\dcap`. So
 $\$ \dlim_{x \to +\infty} \frac{1}{x} \$$ gives $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{x}$.

`\lbar` Large bars over expressions are obtained with `\overline` or, shorter, its alias
`\hbar` `\lbar`, to get for instance $\overline{z_1 z_2}$. Such as for vectors, you can raise the bar (from the
height of h) with the `\hbar` command, in order to correct uneven bars heights.

$$\overline{z + z'} = \overline{z} + \overline{z'}, \text{ obtained with } \hbar\overline{z}, \text{ is better than } \overline{z + z'} = \overline{z} + \overline{z'}.$$

`\eqdef` The `\eqdef` macro writes equality symbol topped with “def” or with “ Δ ” for
`\eqdef*` `\eqdef*` (thanks to the `TeX` command `\stackrel`):

$$\$ e^{i\theta} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \$$$

`\unbr` `\unbr` is an alias for `\underbrace`¹¹, making source code more compact.

$$\$ (QAP)^n = \underbrace{QAP \times QAP \times \dots \times QAP}_{n \text{ times}} \$$$

`\iif` `\iif` is an alias for “if and only if”, to be used in text mode.

2.5 Improved spacing in mathematical formulas

`\then` The `\then` macro produces the symbol \implies surrounded by large spaces as the stan-
`\txt` dard macro `\iff` does it with \iff . In a similar way, `\txt` based on the `\text` macro
(from the `amstext` package, loaded by `amsmath`), leaves em quad spaces (`\quad`)
around the text. See the following example:

$$\begin{aligned} & \backslash [\backslash \ln x = a \backslash \text{then } x = e^a \backslash \text{txt}\{\text{rather than}\} \\ & \backslash \ln x = a \backslash \text{Longrightarrow } x = e^a \backslash] \\ & \ln x = a \implies x = e^a \text{ rather than } \ln x = a \implies x = e^a \end{aligned}$$

`\mul` The multiplication symbol obtained with `\times` produces the same spacing than
addition or subtraction operators, whereas division obtained with `/` is closer to its
operands. This actually hides the priority of the multiplication on `+` and `-`. This is
why we provide the `\mul` macro, behaving like `/` (ordinary symbol) and leaving less
space around than `\times`:

¹¹The `mathtools` package by Morten Høgholm and Lars Madsen [7] provides a new improved version of `\underbrace` command (as many other useful macros); it is loaded by `mismath`.

$\lambda + \alpha \times b - \beta \times c$, obtained with `\mul`, is better than $\lambda + \alpha \times b - \beta \times c$.

When using `\mul` before a function name or around a `\left... \right` structure, the space may be too large on one side of `\mul`. To get the same amount of space on the two sides of `\mul`, you can use thin negative spaces `\!` or enclose the function or the structure with braces:

$x \times \sin x$, obtained with `x \mul {\sin x}`, is slightly better than $x \times \sin x$.

`\sin \! \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right) \mul 2` gives $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \times 2$ which is better than $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \times 2$.

The thin negative space after the function name is not relative to `\mul`, but is due to the fact that spaces around a `\left... \right` structure are bigger than those produced by single parenthesis (. . .).

`\pow` In the same way, when typesetting an exponent after a closing *big* parenthesis produced by `\right)`, the exponent is little to far from the parenthesis. The command `\pow{<expr>}{<pow>}` sets *<expr>* between parentheses and puts the exponent *<pow>* slightly closer to the right parenthesis¹². Compare:

$$e^a \sim \left(1 + \frac{a}{n}\right)^n \quad \text{may be better than} \quad e^a \sim \left(1 + \frac{a}{n}\right)^n.$$

`\abs` Absolute value (or modular for a complex number) should be typeset with `\lvert... \rvert` rather than `|` which doesn't respect correct spaces for delimiters; for bars whose height has to adapt to content, we use `\left\lvert... \right\rvert` or, more simply, the `\abs{...}` command which is equivalent¹³.

`\lfrac` This macro behaves like `\frac` but with thick spaces around the arguments, so the corresponding fraction bar is perceptibly a little bit longer:

$$\left[\lbar{Z} = \lfrac{\lbar{z_1 - z_2}}{\lbar{z_1 + z_2}} \right] \quad \bar{Z} = \frac{z_1 - z_2}{z_1 + z_2}$$

`brackets` Open intervals are usually represented with parenthesis, e.g. $(0, +\infty)$, but sometimes we find also brackets, for example in French mathematics. In that case the space around them is often unsuitable, e.g. $x \in]0, +\infty[$.

We have redefine brackets in the `ibrackets` package [21] which is loaded by `mis-math`. Simply type `\in]-\pi, 0[\cup]2\pi, 3\pi[` to get

$$x \in]-\pi, 0[\cup]2\pi, 3\pi[\quad \text{with ibrackets,}$$

$$\text{instead of } x \in]-\pi, 0[\cup]2\pi, 3\pi[\quad \text{without ibrackets.}$$

In our code, `[` and `]` symbols become “active” and are not defined by default as delimiters. Thereby a line break could occur between the two brackets, but it is always possible to transform them into delimiters with `\left` and `\right`.

¹²This macro gives bad results with normal sized parenthesis.

¹³Another solution is to define `\abs` with the `\DeclarePairedDelimiter` command from the `math-tool` package [7].

With `ibrackets`: a bracket become an ordinary character but an open delimiter when it is immediately followed by a `+` or `-` character. Thus, when the left boundary contains an operator sign, *you don't have to leave a space between the first bracket and the sign*, otherwise, the spaces surrounding the operator will be too large: e.g. `$x \in]-\infty, 0]$` yields $x \in]-\infty, 0]$. Contrariwise, when you want to write algebra on intervals then *you must leave a blank space between the second bracket and the +/- operations*, e.g. `[$[a, b] + [c, d]$` yields $[a, b] + [c, d]$ but `[$[a, b]+ [c, d]$` yields $[a, b]+[c, d]$.

Let us also mention other approaches e.g. `\DeclarePairedDelimiters`, a macro from the `mathtools` package [7], or the `interval` package [17] with his `\interval` macro. Nevertheless our solution is lighter.

2.6 Environments for systems of equations and small matrices

`system` The `system` environment produces a system of equations:

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$$\begin{cases} x = 1 + 2t \\ y = 2 - t \\ z = -3 - t \end{cases}$$


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`\systemsep` This first example could also have been produced with `cases` environment from `amsmath` package, although `cases` places mathematical expressions closer to the bracket (which makes sense considering it's use). `\systemsep` enables to set the gap between the bracket and the expressions, set by default to `\medspace`. This gap may be reduced, for instance: `\renewcommand{\systemsep}{\thinspace}`, or enlarged with `\thickspace` (and with `\renewcommand{\systemsep}{}` we obtain what `cases` do).

`system[(coldef)]` By default, a system is written like an `array` environment with only one column, left aligned. The environment has an optional argument to create several columns, specifying their alignment, with the same syntax than the `array` environment of \TeX : `\begin{system}[c1]` produces a two-column system, the first one being centered, the second being left aligned, such as in the following example:

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$$\begin{cases} y & = \frac{1}{2}x - 2 \\ (x, y) & \neq (0, -2) \end{cases}$$


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`\systemstretch` Default spacing between the lines of a `system` environment has been slightly enlarged compared to the one from `array` environments (from 1.2 factor). This spacing may be changed by typing `\renewcommand{\systemstretch}{stretch}`, inside the current mathematical environment (for a local change) or outside (for a global change). By default, `stretch`'s value is 1.2. In addition we can use the end of line with a spacing option such as it has been done above with `\[1ex]`.

Another example with `\begin{system}[r]{\quad}1`¹⁴:

$$\begin{cases} x + 3y + 5z = 0 & R_1 \\ 2x + 2y - z = 3 & R_2 \\ 3x - y + z = 2 & R_3 \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} x + 3y + 5z = 0 & R_1 \\ 4y + 11z = 3 & R_2 \leftarrow 2R_1 - R_2 \\ 5y + 7z = -1 & R_3 \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}(3R_1 - R_3) \end{cases}$$

Let's mention the `systeme` package [18] which deals with linear systems with a lighter syntax and automatic alignments on +, -, =, and also the `spalign` package [19] which moreover produces nice alignments for matrices (with spaces and semicolons as delimiters).

`spmatrix` The `amsmath` package provides various environments to typeset matrices: for instance `pmatrix` surrounds the matrix with parenthesis or `smallmatrix` typesets a small matrix that can even be inserted in a text line. We provide a combination of the two with `spmatrix`:

`\vec{u}\begin{spmatrix}-1\2\end{spmatrix}` yielding $\vec{u} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

The `mathtools` package enhance `amsmath` matrices environments and provides also a small matrix environment with parenthesis. Furthermore, with starred version `\begin{psmallmatrix*}[\langle col \rangle]`, you can choose the alignment inside the columns (c, l or r). But sadly, the space before the left parenthesis is too narrow regarding to the space inside the parenthesis. Compare previous $\vec{u} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ with $\vec{u} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

2.7 Displaymath in double columns

`mathcols` The `mathcols` environment activates mathematical mode and enables to arrange “long” calculation in double columns, separated with a central rule, as shown in the following example. But you have to load the `multicol` package in the preamble.

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \frac{1}{2 \times \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n + 1} \geq 0.999 & \iff 4^n \geq 1998 \\ \iff 1 \geq 1.998 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n + 0.999 & \iff n \ln 4 \geq \ln(1998) \\ \iff 0.001 \geq \frac{1.998}{4^n} & \iff n \geq \frac{\ln(1998)}{\ln 4} \approx 5.4 \\ & \iff n \geq 6 \end{array}$$

`\changeacol` The `\changeacol` macro causes a change of column; alignment is produced using the classic delimiters `&` and `\\`.

```
\begin{mathcols}
& \frac{1}{2 \mul {\pow{\frac{1}{4}}{n}} + 1} \geq 0.999 \\
\iff & 1 \geq 1.998 \pow{\frac{1}{4}}{n} + 0.999 \\
\iff & 0.001 \geq \frac{1.998}{4^n} \\
\changeacol
& \iff 4^n \geq 1998 \\
& \iff n \ln 4 \geq \ln(1998) \\
\end{mathcols}
```

¹⁴`{...}` sets inter-column space.

```

& \iff n \geq \frac{\ln(1998)}{\ln 4} \approx 5.4 \\\
& \iff n \geq 6
\end{mathcols}

```

3 Implementation

```

1 \DeclareOption*{\PassOptionsToPackage{\CurrentOption}{amsmath}}
2 \ProcessOptions \relax
3 \@ifpackageloaded{amsmath}{}{\RequirePackage{amsmath}}
4 \@ifpackageloaded{esvect}{}{\RequirePackage[b]{esvect}}
5 \RequirePackage{ifthen}
6 \RequirePackage{xspace}
7 \RequirePackage{mathtools}
8 \RequirePackage{ibrackets}
9

```

The above conditional packages loading avoids “option clash” errors if the packages have been previously loaded with other options.

`\bslash` The `\bslash` macro comes from Frank Mittelbach’s `doc.sty` package. It can also be used in other documents instead of `\textbackslash` (which doesn’t work inside warnings).

```

10 {\catcode'\|=\z@ \catcode'\=12 |gdef|bslash{\}} % \bslash command
11

```

`\@mwarning` The three following internal macros are meta commands for a conditional macro definition with a warning message if the macro already exists. They could be useful in other packages.

```

\@mmacro
\@moperator
12 \newcommand\@mwarning[1]{
13   \PackageWarningNoLine{mismath}{
14     Command \bslash #1 already exist and will not be redefined}
15 }
16 \newcommand\@mmacro[2]{
17   \@ifundefined{#1}{
18     \expandafter\def\csname #1\endcsname{#2}
19   }{\@mwarning{#1}}
20 }
21 \newcommand\@moperator[3][\% this macro is ugly, by default #1=#3
22   \ifthenelse{\equal{#1}{}}{
23     \@ifundefined{#3}{
24       \DeclareMathOperator{#2}{#3}
25     }{\@mwarning{#3}}
26   }{
27     \@ifundefined{#1}{
28       \DeclareMathOperator{#2}{#3}
29     }{\@mwarning{#1}}
30   }
31 }

```

To produce the correct upright shape font even when working with the beamer package, we did not use `\mathrm` but `\mathup` (based on `\operatorfont` from the `amsopn` package). This command works also fine with other sans serif fonts like `cmbright`. Moreover for beamer, `\enumber` must be typeset in the family default font (sans serif), therefore the `\AtBeginDocument` inside the macro (otherwise it has no effect). The same holds for `\inumber` and `\jnumber`.

`\AtBeginDocument` is also necessary to redefine `\i` when calling the `hyperref` package which overwrites the `\i` definition.

```

33 \providecommand{\mathup}[1]{\operatorfont #1} % also in kpfonts
34 \@mmacro{e}{\mathup{e}}
35 \AtBeginDocument{\let\oldi\i \let\oldj\j
36   \renewcommand{\i}{\TextOrMath{\oldi}{\mathup{i}}}
37   \renewcommand{\j}{\TextOrMath{\oldj}{\mathup{j}}} }
38
39 \newcommand{\enumber}{
40   \AtBeginDocument{\DeclareMathSymbol{e}\mathalpha{operators}{'e}}
41 \newcommand{\inumber}{
42   \AtBeginDocument{\DeclareMathSymbol{i}\mathalpha{operators}{'i}}
43 \newcommand{\jnumber}{
44   \AtBeginDocument{\DeclareMathSymbol{j}\mathalpha{operators}{'j}}
45 \newcommand*{\pinumber}[1][defaultpi]{
46   \ifundefined{itpi}{\let\itpi\pi}{\@mwarning{itpi}}
47   \ifthenelse{\equal{#1}{defaultpi}}{
48     \usepackage[LGR,T1]{fontenc}
49     \DeclareSymbolFont{UpGr}{LGR}{lmr}{m}{n}
50     \DeclareMathSymbol{\pi}\mathalpha{UpGr}{"70}
51   }{
52     \@ifundefined{#1}{
53       \PackageWarningNoLine{mismath}{
54         \bslash pinumber command has changed since v2.0,
55         \MessageBreak
56         option #1 must be a valid command name \MessageBreak
57         (look at the documentation),
58         but command \bslash #1 is undefined, \MessageBreak
59         I cannot use it for replacement to \bslash pi.
60         \MessageBreak
61         Perhaps a missing package}
62       }{\renewcommand{\pi}{\csname #1\endcsname}}
63   }
64 }
65
66 \newboolean{arrowvect}
67 \setboolean{arrowvect}{true}
68 \newcommand{\arrowvect}{\setboolean{arrowvect}{true}}
69 \newcommand{\boldvect}{\setboolean{arrowvect}{false}}
70 \newcommand{\boldvectcommand}{\boldsymbol} % from amsbsy package
71 \@mmacro{vect}{\ifthenelse{\boolean{arrowvect}}{

```

```

72      \vv}{\boldvectcommand}}
73 \newcommand*\hvect[1]{\vect{\vphantom{t}#1}}
74 \newcommand*\hvec[1]{\vec{\vphantom{t}#1}}
75
76 \newcommand*\@norm[1]{
77   \mbox{\raisebox{1.75pt}{\small$\bigl\Vert$}} #1
78   \mbox{\raisebox{1.75pt}{\small$\bigr\Vert$}} }
79 % works better than with relative length
80 \newcommand*\@@norm[1]{
81   \mbox{\footnotesize\raisebox{1pt}{$\Vert$}} #1
82   \mbox{\footnotesize\raisebox{1pt}{$\Vert$}} }
83 \newcommand*\@@@norm[1]{
84   \mbox{\tiny\raisebox{1pt}{$\Vert$}} #1
85   \mbox{\tiny\raisebox{1pt}{$\Vert$}} }
86 \@ifundefined{norm}{\providecommand*\norm[1]{
87   \mathchoice{\@norm{#1}}{\@norm{#1}}{\@norm{#1}}{\@@norm{#1}}
88   }
89   }{\@mwarning{norm}} } % bad result with libertineust1math
90
91 \@macro{di}{\mathop{}!\mathup{d}}
92 \newcommand\probastyle{}
93 \let\Par\P % end of paragraph symbol
94 \renewcommand{\P}{\operatorname{\probastyle{P}}}
95 \@macro{E}{\operatorname{\probastyle{E}}}
96 \@macro{V}{\operatorname{\probastyle{V}}}
97 \newcommand{\PEupright}{
98   \AtBeginDocument{% necessary for working with beamer
99     \DeclareMathSymbol{P}\mathalpha{operators}'{P}
100    \DeclareMathSymbol{E}\mathalpha{operators}'{E}
101   }
102 }
103
104 \@operator{\adj}{adj}
105 \@operator{\Aut}{Aut}
106 \@operator{\codim}{codim}
107 \@operator{\Conv}{Conv}
108 \@operator{\cov}{cov}
109 \@operator{\Cov}{Cov}
110 \@macro{curl}{\operatorname{\vect{\mathup{curl}}}}
111 \@operator[divg]{\divg}{div}
112 \@operator{\End}{End}
113
114 \@operator{\erf}{erf}
115 \@macro{grad}{\operatorname{\vect{\mathup{grad}}}}
116 \@operator{\id}{id} % mathop or mathord ?
117 \@operator{\Id}{Id}
118 \@operator{\im}{im}
119 \let\oldIm\Im \renewcommand{\Im}{\operatorname{Im}}
120 \@operator{\lb}{lb}
121 \@operator{\lcm}{lcm}

```

```

122
123 \@operator{\rank}{rank}
124 \let\oldRe\Re \renewcommand{\Re}{\operatorname{Re}}
125 \@macro{rot}{\operatorname{\vect{\mathup{rot}}}}
126 \@operator{\sgn}{sgn}
127 \@operator{\sinc}{sinc}
128 \@operator[spa]{\spa}{span}
129 \@operator{\tr}{tr}
130 \@operator{\var}{var}
131 \@operator{\Var}{Var}
132 \@operator[Zu]{\Zu}{Z}
133
134 \@operator{\arccot}{arccot}
135 \@operator{\sech}{sech}
136 \@operator{\csch}{csch}
137 \@operator{\arsinh}{arsinh}
138 \@operator{\arcosh}{arcosh}
139 \@operator{\artanh}{artanh}
140 \@operator{\arcoth}{arcoth}
141 \@operator{\arsech}{arsech}
142 \@operator{\arcsch}{arcsch}
143
144 \@operator[big0]{\big0}{\mathcal{0}}
145 \@operator[bigo]{\bigo}{0}
146 \@operator[lito]{\lito}{o}
147
148 \@macro{mathset}{\mathbf}
149 \@macro{R}{\ensuremath{\mathset{R}}\xspace}
150 \@macro{C}{\ensuremath{\mathset{C}}\xspace}
151 \@macro{N}{\ensuremath{\mathset{N}}\xspace}
152 \@macro{Z}{\ensuremath{\mathset{Z}}\xspace}
153 \@macro{Q}{\ensuremath{\mathset{Q}}\xspace}
154 \@macro{F}{\ensuremath{\mathset{F}}\xspace}
155 \@macro{K}{\ensuremath{\mathset{K}}\xspace}
156
157 \@macro{ds}{\displaystyle}
158 \@macro{dlim}{\lim\limits}
159 \@macro{dsum}{\sum\limits}
160 \@macro{dprod}{\prod\limits}
161 \@macro{dcup}{\bigcup\limits}
162 \@macro{dcap}{\bigcap\limits}
163
164 \@macro{lbar}{\overline}
165 \ifundefined{hlbar}{
166   \providecommand*\hlbar[1]{\overline{\vphantom{t}#1}}{
167   \@warning{hlbar} }
168 \newcommand\@eqdef{\stackrel{\mathup{def}}{=}}
169 \newcommand\@eqdef{\stackrel{\Delta}{=}}
170 \@macro{eqdef}{\ifstar{\@eqdef}{\@eqdef}}
171 \@macro{unbr}{\underbrace}

```

```

172 \@mmacro{iif}{if and only if\xspace}
173
174 \@macro{then}{\ \Longrightarrow \ \mbox{}} }

Without \mbox{}, the space produced by \ would be suppressed in tables.

175 \@ifundefined{txt}{
176   \providecommand*\txt[1]{\quad\text{#1}\quad }{
177   \@mwarning{txt} }
178 \@macro{mul}{\mathord{\times}}
179 \providecommand\paren{\PackageWarning{mismath}{Command
180   \bslash paren is no longer supported}}
181 \@ifundefined{pow}{
182   \providecommand*\pow[2]{\left( #1 \right)^{\!#2}} }{
183   \@mwarning{pow} }
184 \@ifundefined{abs}{
185   \providecommand*\abs[1]{\left\vert#1\right\vert }{
186   \@mwarning{abs} }
187 \@ifundefined{lfrac}{
188   \providecommand*\lfrac[2]{\frac{\;#1\;}{\;#2\;}} }{
189   \@mwarning{lfrac} }
190
191 \newcommand{\systemstretch}{1.2}
192 \newcommand{\systemsep}{\medspace}
193 \newenvironment{system}[1][1]{
194   \renewcommand{\arraystretch}{\systemstretch}
195   \setlength{\arraycolsep}{0.15em}
196   \left\{\begin{array}{@{\systemsep}#1@{}} %
197 }\end{array}\right.}
198
199 \newenvironment{spmatrix}{
200   \left(\begin{smallmatrix}
201 }\end{smallmatrix}\right)}
202
203 \newenvironment{mathcols}{% needs multicol package
204   \renewcommand{\columnseprule}{0.1pt}
205   \begin{multicols}{2}
206     \par\noindent\hfill
207     \begin{math}\begin{aligned}\displaystyle
208 }{%
209     \end{aligned}\end{math} \hfill\mbox{}
210   \end{multicols}
211 }
212 \newcommand{\change col}{%
213   \end{aligned}\end{math} \hfill\mbox{}
214   \par\noindent\hfill
215   \begin{math}\begin{aligned}\displaystyle
216 }

```

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