

Comprehensive List of

# Mathematical Symbols



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# 1 Constant

## 1.1 Key Mathematical Numbers

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)            | LaTeX Code                | Example   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 0<br>(Zero, additive identity)      | <code>\$0\$</code>        | $3 + 0 = 3$   |
| 1<br>(One, multiplicative identity) | <code>\$1\$</code>        | $5 \times 1 = 5$  |
| $\sqrt{2}$<br>(Square root of 2)    | <code>\$\sqrt{2}\$</code> | $(\sqrt{2} + 1)^2 = 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$                        |
| $e$<br>(Euler's constant)           | <code>\$e\$</code>        | $\ln(e^2) = 2$  |
| $\pi$<br>(Pi, Archimedes' constant) | <code>\$\pi\$</code>      | $\frac{\pi^2}{6} = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots$ |
| $\varphi$<br>(Phi, golden ratio)    | <code>\$\varphi\$</code>  | $\varphi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$                        |
| $i$<br>(Imaginary unit)             | <code>\$i\$</code>        | $(1 + i)^2 = 2i$  |

## 1.2 Key Mathematical Sets

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                 | LaTeX Code                   | Example   |
|--|------------------------------|---|
| $\emptyset$<br>(Empty set)               | <code>\$\varnothing\$</code> | $ \emptyset  = 0$                                   |
| $\mathbb{N}$<br>(Set of natural numbers) | <code>\$\mathbb{N}\$</code>  | $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{N}, x + y \in \mathbb{N}$ |
| $\mathbb{Z}$<br>(Set of integers)        | <code>\$\mathbb{Z}\$</code>  | $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$                   |

|   |                           |   |
|---|---------------------------|---|
| $\mathbb{Z}_+$<br>(Set of positive integers)          | <code>\mathbb{Z}_+</code> | $3 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$                                  |
| $\mathbb{Q}$<br>(Set of rational numbers)             | <code>\mathbb{Q}</code>   | $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$                          |
| $\mathbb{R}$<br>(Set of real numbers)                 | <code>\mathbb{R}</code>   | $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} (x^2 \geq 0)$               |
| $\mathbb{R}_+$<br>(Set of positive real numbers)      | <code>\mathbb{R}_+</code> | $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}_+ (xy \in \mathbb{R}_+)$ |
| $\mathbb{C}$<br>(Set of complex numbers)              | <code>\mathbb{C}</code>   | $\exists z \in \mathbb{C} (z^2 + 1 = 0)$              |
| $\mathbb{Z}_n$<br>(Set of integer modulo $n$ )        | <code>\mathbb{Z}_n</code> | In the world of $\mathbb{Z}_2$ ,<br>$1 + 1 = 0$ .     |
| $\mathbb{R}^3$<br>(Three-dimensional Euclidean space) | <code>\mathbb{R}^3</code> | $(5, 1, 2) \in \mathbb{R}^3$                          |

## 1.3 Key Mathematical Infinities

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                        | LaTeX Code                | Example                                 |
|---|---------------------------|---|
| $\aleph_0$<br>(Cardinality of natural numbers)  | <code>\aleph_0</code>     | $\aleph_0 + 5 = \aleph_0$               |
| $\mathfrak{c}$<br>(Cardinality of real numbers) | <code>\mathfrak{c}</code> | $\mathfrak{c} = 2^{\aleph_0}$           |
| $\omega$<br>(Smallest infinite ordinal number)  | <code>\omega</code>       | $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} (n < \omega)$ |

## 1.4 Other Key Mathematical Objects

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)              | LaTeX Code              | Example  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| $\mathbf{0}$<br>(Zero vector)         | <code>\mathbf{0}</code> | $\forall \mathbf{v} \in V, \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{v}$ |
| $e$<br>(Identity element of a group)  | <code>e</code>          | $e \circ e = e$  |
| $I$<br>(Identity matrix)              | <code>I</code>          | $AI = IA = A$  |
| $C$<br>(Constant of integration)      | <code>C</code>          | $\int 1 \, dx = x + C$   |
| $\top$<br>(Tautology)                 | <code>\top</code>       | For each proposition $P$ , $P \wedge \top \equiv P$ .            |
| $\perp$<br>(Contradiction)            | <code>\bot</code>       | For each proposition $P$ , $P \wedge \neg P \equiv \perp$ .      |
| $Z$<br>(Standard normal distribution) | <code>Z</code>          | $Z \sim N(0, 1)$   |

## 2 Variables

### 2.1 Variables for Numbers

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                       | LaTeX Code              | Example         |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|
| $m, n, p, q$<br>(Integers and natural numbers) | <code>m, n, p, q</code> | $m + n - q = 1$ |

|   |                                  |  |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
| $a, b, c$<br>(Coefficients for functions and equations) | <code>\$a\$, \$b\$, \$c\$</code> | $ax + by = 0$                                  |
| $x, y, z$<br>(Unknowns in functions and equations)      | <code>\$x\$, \$y\$, \$z\$</code> | If $2x + 5 = 3$ , then<br>$x = -1$ .           |
| $\Delta$<br>(Discriminant)                              | <code>\$\Delta\$</code>          | $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$ for quadratic polynomials |
| $i, j, k$<br>(Index variables)                          | <code>\$i\$, \$j\$, \$k\$</code> | $\sum_{i=1}^{10} i = 55$                       |
| $t$<br>(Time variable)                                  | <code>\$t\$</code>               | At $t = 5$ , the velocity is $v(5) = 32$ .     |
| $z$<br>(Complex numbers)                                | <code>\$z\$</code>               | $z\bar{z} =  z ^2$                             |

## 2.2 Variables in Geometry

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                    | LaTeX Code   | Example                               |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| $P, Q, R, S$<br>(Vertices)                  | <code>\$P\$, \$Q\$, \$R\$, \$S\$</code>                    | $\overline{PQ} \perp \overline{QR}$   |
| $\ell$<br>(Lines)                           | <code>\$\ell\$</code>                                      | $\ell_1 \parallel \ell_2$             |
| $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \theta$<br>(Angles) | <code>\$\alpha\$, \$\beta\$, \$\gamma\$, \$\theta\$</code> | $\alpha + \beta + \theta = 180^\circ$ |

## 2.3 Variables in Calculus

| Symbols<br>(Explanation) | LaTeX Code | Example |
|--------------------------|------------|---------|
|--------------------------|------------|---------|

|  |                                  |  |
|--|----------------------------------|--|
| $f(x), g(x, y), h(z)$<br>(Functions)                                   | $\$f(x)\$, \$g(x,y)\$, \$h(z)\$$ | $f(2) = g(3, 1) + 5$   |
| $a_n, b_n, c_n$<br>(Sequences)   | $\$a_n\$, \$b_n\$, \$c_n\$$      | $a_n = \frac{3}{n+2}$  |
| $h, \Delta x$<br>(Limiting variables in derivatives)                   | $\$h\$, \$\Delta x\$$            | $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - e^0}{h} = 1$   |
| $\delta, \varepsilon$<br>(Small quantities in proofs involving limits) | $\$\delta\$, \$\varepsilon\$$    | For all $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a $\delta > 0$ such that $ x  < \delta$ implies that $ 2x  < \varepsilon$ . |
| $F(x), G(x)$<br>(Antiderivatives)                                      | $\$F(x)\$, \$G(x)\$$             | $F'(x) = f(x)$   |

## 2.4 Variables in Linear Algebra

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                          | LaTeX Code                                       | Example                                  |
|---|--|--|
| $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$<br>(Vectors) | $\$\mathbf{u}\$, \$\mathbf{v}\$, \$\mathbf{w}\$$ | $3\mathbf{u} + 4\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w}$ |
| $A, B, C$<br>(Matrices)                           | $\$A\$, \$B\$, \$C\$$                            | $AX = B$                                 |
| $\lambda$<br>(Eigenvalues)                        | $\$\lambda\$$                                    | $A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$        |

## 2.5 Variables in Set Theory and Logic

| Symbols<br>(Explanation) | LaTeX Code            | Example                |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| $A, B, C$<br>(Sets)      | $\$A\$, \$B\$, \$C\$$ | $A \subseteq B \cup C$ |

$a, b, c$   
(Elements)  $\$a\$, \$b\$, \$c\$$   $a \in A$

$P, Q, R$   
(Propositions)  $\$P\$, \$Q\$, \$R\$$   $P \vee \neg P \equiv \top$

## 2.6 Variables in Probability and Statistics

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                     | LaTeX Code            | Example  |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| $X, Y, Z$<br>(Random variables)              | $\$X\$, \$Y\$, \$Z\$$ | $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$                       |
| $\mu$<br>(Population means)                  | $\$\mu\$$             | $H_0 : \mu = 5$                                |
| $\sigma$<br>(Population standard deviations) | $\$\sigma\$$          | $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$                          |
| $s$<br>(Sample standard deviations)          | $\$s\$$               | $s \neq \sigma$                                |
| $n$<br>(Sample sizes)                        | $\$n\$$               | For $n \geq 30$ , use the normal distribution. |
| $\rho$<br>(Population correlations)          | $\$\rho\$$            | $H_a : \rho < 0$                               |
| $r$<br>(Sample correlations)                 | $\$r\$$               | If $r = 0.75$ , then $r^2 = 0.5625$ .          |
| $\pi$<br>(Population proportions)            | $\$\pi\$$             | $\pi = 0.5$                                    |
| $p$<br>(Sample proportions)                  | $\$p\$$               | $p = \frac{X}{n}$                              |

## 3 Delimiters

### 3.1 Common Delimiters

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)        | LaTeX Code                                 | Example                         |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| .                               | <code>\$. \$</code>                        | 25.9703                         |
| (Decimal separator)             |  |                                 |
| :                               | <code>\$:\$</code>                         | $1 : 4 : 9 = 3 : 12 : 27$       |
| (Ratio indicator)               |  |                                 |
| ,                               | <code>\$,\$</code>                         | $(3, 5, 12)$                    |
| (Object separator)              |  |                                 |
| ((), [], {})                    | <code>\$()\$, \$[]\$, \${\{} {\}}\$</code> | $(a + b) \times c$              |
| (Order-of-operation indicators) |  |                                 |
| ((), [] )                       | <code>\$()\$, \$[]\$</code>                | $3 \notin (3, 4], 4 \in (3, 4]$ |
| (Interval indicators)           |  |                                 |

### 3.2 Other Delimiters

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)  | LaTeX Code   | Example  |
|---|--|--|
| ((), [], $\begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix}$ , $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ ) | <code>\$()\$, \$[]\$,<br/>\$\begin{pmatrix} x &amp; y \end{pmatrix}\$,<br/>\$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\$</code> | $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ |
| (Vector/matrix indicators)  |  |  |
| {}  | <code> \${\{} {\}}\$</code>  | $\{\pi, e, i\}$                                |
| (Set builder)   |  |  |
| , :   | <code>\$\mid\$, \$\colon\$</code>  | $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 - 2 = 0\}$        |
| ("Such that" markers)   |  |  |

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| $\ , \ \ $<br>(Metric-related operators)   | $\$  \  , \  \ \ \$$   | $\ (3, 4)\  = 5$   |
| $\begin{cases} f(x) & x \geq a \\ g(x) & x < a \end{cases}$<br>(Piecewise-function marker) | $\$\\begin\\{cases} f(x) \& x \\ ge a \\\backslash g(x) \& x < a \\ end\\{cases}\\$$ | $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$ |
| $\langle \rangle$<br>(Inner product operator)  | $\$\\langle \\rangle\$$  | $\langle ka, b \rangle = k\langle a, b \rangle$              |
| $\lceil \rceil$<br>(Ceiling operator)  | $\$\\lceil \\rceil\$$  | $\lceil 2.476 \rceil = 3$                                    |
| $\lfloor \rfloor$<br>(Floor operator)  | $\$\\lfloor \\rfloor\$$  | $\lfloor \pi \rfloor = 3$                                    |

## 4 Operators

### 4.1 Common Operators

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                 | LaTeX Code                                | Example                     |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| $x + y$<br>(Sum)                         | $\$x+y\$$                                 | $2a + 3a = 5a$              |
| $x - y$<br>(Difference)                  | $\$x-y\$$                                 | $11 - 5 = 6$                |
| $-x$<br>(Additive inverse)               | $\$-x\$$                                  | $-3 + 3 = 0$                |
| $x \times y, x \cdot y, xy$<br>(Product) | $\$x \\times y\$, \$x \\cdot y\$, \$xy\$$ | $(m + 1)n = mn + n$         |
| $x \div y, x/y$<br>(Quotient)            | $\$x \\div y\$, \$x/y\$$                  | $152 \\div 3 = 50.\\bar{6}$ |

|                                      |                                    |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| $\frac{x}{y}$<br>(Fraction)          | $\$\\displaystyle \\frac{x}{y}\\$$ | $\frac{53+5}{6} = \frac{53}{6} + \frac{5}{6}$ |
| $x^y$<br>(Power)                     | $\$x^y\\$$                         | $3^4 = 81$                                    |
| $x \pm y$<br>(Plus and minus)        | $\$x \\pm y\\$$                    | $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$             |
| $\sqrt{x}$<br>(Positive square root) | $\$\\sqrt{x}\\$$                   | $\sqrt{2} \approx 1.414$                      |
| $ x $<br>(Absolute value)            | $\$ x \\$$                         | $ x - 3  < 5$                                 |
| $x\%$<br>(Percent)                   | $\$x \\%\\$$                       | $x\% \doteq \frac{x}{100}$                    |

## 4.2 Function-related Operators

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)            | LaTeX Code                        | Example  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| $\text{dom } f$<br>(Domain)         | $\$\\operatorname{dom}\\{f\\}\\$$ | If $g(x) = \ln x$ , then $\text{dom}(g) = \mathbb{R}$ .    |
| $\text{ran } f$<br>(Range)          | $\$\\operatorname{ran}\\{f\\}\\$$ | If $h(y) = \sin y$ , then $\text{ran}(h) = [-1, 1]$ .      |
| $f(x)$<br>(Image of an element)     | $\$f(x)\\$$                       | $g(5) = g(4) + 3$  |
| $f(X)$<br>(Image of a set)          | $\$f(X)\\$$                       | $f(A \cap B) \subseteq f(A) \cap f(B)$                     |
| $f \circ g$<br>(Composite function) | $\$f \\circ g\\$$                 | If $g(3) = 5$ and $f(5) = 8$ , then $(f \circ g)(3) = 8$ . |

## 4.3 Elementary Functions

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                           | LaTeX Code                                  | Example  |
|--|---|--|
| $k_n x^n + \dots + k_0 x^0$<br>(Polynomial)        | <code>\$k_n x^n + \cdots + k_0 x^0\$</code> | The polynomial $x^3 + 2x^2 + 3$ has a root in $(-3, -2)$ . |
| $e^x$ , $\exp x$<br>(Natural exponential function) | <code>\$e^x\$, \$\exp x\$</code>            | $e^{x+y} = e^x \cdot e^y$                                  |
| $b^x$<br>(General exponential function)            | <code>\$b^x\$</code>                        | $2^x > x^2$ for large $x$ .                                |
| $\ln x$<br>(Natural logarithmic function)          | <code>\$\ln x\$</code>                      | $\ln(x^2) = 2 \ln x$                                       |
| $\log x$<br>(Common logarithmic function)          | <code>\$\log x\$</code>                     | $\log 10000 = 4$   |
| $\log_b x$<br>(General logarithmic function)       | <code>\$\log_b x\$</code>                   | $\log_2 x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln 2}$                           |
| $\sin x$<br>(Sine function)                        | <code>\$\sin x\$</code>                     | $\sin \pi = 0$   |
| $\cos x$<br>(Cosine function)                      | <code>\$\cos x\$</code>                     | $\cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$                  |
| $\tan x$<br>(Tangent function)                     | <code>\$\tan x\$</code>                     | $\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$                           |

## 4.4 Algebra-related Operators

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                 | LaTeX Code                  | Example            |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| $\gcd(x, y)$<br>(Greatest common factor) | <code>\$\gcd (x,y)\$</code> | $\gcd(35, 14) = 7$ |

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| $\lfloor x \rfloor$<br>(Floor operator)     | $\$\\lfloor x \\rfloor\$$               | $\lfloor 3.6 \rfloor = 3$                      |
| $\lceil x \rceil$<br>(Ceiling operator)     | $\$\\lceil x \\rceil\$$                 | $\lceil \pi \rceil = 4$                        |
| $\min(A)$<br>(Minimum)                      | $\$\\min (A)\$$                         | If $\min(A) = 3$ , then<br>$\min(A + 5) = 8$ . |
| $\max(A)$<br>(Maximum)                      | $\$\\max (A)\$$                         | $\max(A \cup B) \geq \max(A)$                  |
| $x \bmod y$<br>(Modulo operator)            | $\$x\\bmod y\$$                         | $36 \bmod 5 = 1$                               |
| $\sum_{i=m}^n a_i$<br>(Summation)           | $\$\\displaystyle \\sum_{i=m}^n a_i\$$  | $\sum_{i=1}^5 i^2 = 55$                        |
| $\prod_{i=m}^n a_i$<br>(Pi Product)         | $\$\\displaystyle \\prod_{i=m}^n a_i\$$ | $\prod_{i=1}^n = n!$                           |
| $[a]$<br>(Equivalence class)                | $\$[a]\$$                               | $[a] \doteq \{x \mid xRa\}$                    |
| $\deg f$<br>(Degree of polynomial)          | $\$\\deg f\$$                           | $\deg(2x^2 + 3x + 5) = 2$                      |
| $\bar{z}$<br>(Complex conjugate)            | $\$\\bar{z}\$$                          | $\overline{5 - 8i} = 5 + 8i$                   |
| $ z $<br>(Absolute value of complex number) | $\$ z \$$                               | $ e^{\pi i}  = 1$                              |
| $\arg z$<br>(Arguments of complex number)   | $\$\\arg z\$$                           | $\arg(1 + i) = \frac{\pi}{4} + 2\pi n$         |

## 4.5 Geometry-related Operators

| Symbols<br>(Explanation) | LaTeX Code | Example |
|--------------------------|------------|---------|
|--------------------------|------------|---------|

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| $\angle ABC$<br>(Angle)                         | $\$\\angle ABC\$$                         | $\angle ABC = \angle CBA$                                      |
| $\angle ABC, m\angle ABC$<br>(Measure of angle) | $\$\\measuredangle ABC, \$m\\angle ABC\$$ | $\angle ABC = \angle A'B'C'$                                   |
| $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$<br>(Infinite line)    | $\$\\overleftarrow{AB} \$$                | $\overleftrightarrow{AB} = \overleftrightarrow{BA}$            |
| $\overline{AB}$<br>(Line segment)               | $\$\\overline{AB} \$$                     | If $B \neq B'$ , then<br>$\overline{AB} \neq \overline{AB'}$ . |
| $\overrightarrow{AB}$<br>(Ray)                  | $\$\\overrightarrow{AB} \$$               | $\overrightarrow{AB} \cong \overrightarrow{CD}$                |
| $ AB $<br>(Distance<br>between two<br>points)   | $\$ AB  \$$                               | $ AB  <  A'B' $  |
| $\triangle ABC$<br>(Triangle)                   | $\$\\triangle ABC\$$                      | $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle A'B'C'$                         |
| $\square ABCD$<br>(Quadrilateral)               | $\$\\square ABCD\$$                       | $\square ABCD = \square DCBA$                                  |

## 4.6 Logic-related Operators

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                 | LaTeX Code                 | Example   |
|--|----------------------------|---|
| $\neg P$<br>(Negation)                   | $\$\\lnot P\$$             | $\neg(1 = 2)$                                       |
| $P \wedge Q$<br>(Conjunction)            | $\$P \\land Q\$$           | $P \wedge Q \equiv Q \wedge P$                      |
| $P \vee Q$<br>(Disjunction)              | $\$P \\lor Q\$$            | $\pi^e \in \mathbb{Q} \vee \pi^e \notin \mathbb{Q}$ |
| $P \rightarrow Q$<br>(Conditional)       | $\$P \\to Q\$$             | $P \rightarrow Q \equiv (\neg P \vee Q)$            |
| $P \leftrightarrow Q$<br>(Biconditional) | $\$P \\leftrightarrow Q\$$ | $P \leftrightarrow Q \implies P \rightarrow Q$      |

|   |                        |   |
|---|------------------------|---|
| $\forall x P(x)$<br>(Universal statement)   | $\$\\forall x P(x) \$$ | $\forall y \in \mathbb{N} (y + 1 \in \mathbb{N})$ |
| $\exists x P(x)$<br>(Existential statement) | $\$\\exists x P(x) \$$ | $\exists z (z^2 = -\pi)$                          |

## 4.7 Set-related Operators

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)               | LaTeX Code                           | Example                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| $\overline{A}$ , $A^c$<br>(Complement) | $\$\\overline{A} \$$ ,<br>$\$A^c \$$ | $\overline{A} = A$                           |
| $A \cap B$<br>(Intersection)           | $\$A \\cap B \$$                     | $\{2, 5\} \cap \{1, 3\} = \emptyset$         |
| $A \cup B$<br>(Union)                  | $\$A \\cup B \$$                     | $\mathbb{N} \cup \mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}$    |
| $A/B$ , $A - B$<br>(Set difference)    | $\$A/B \$$ , $\$A-B \$$              | In general,<br>$A - B \neq B - A$ .          |
| $A \times B$<br>(Cartesian product)    | $\$A \\times B \$$                   | $(11, -35) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{Z}$ |
| $\mathcal{P}(A)$<br>(Power set)        | $\$\\mathcal{P}(A) \$$               | $\mathcal{P}(\emptyset) = \{\emptyset\}$     |
| $ A $<br>(Cardinality)                 | $\$ A  \$$                           | $ \mathbb{N}  = \aleph_0$                    |

## 4.8 Vector-related Operators

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)             | LaTeX Code                 | Example          |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| $\ \mathbf{v}\ $<br>(Norm of vector) | $\$\\  \\mathbf{v} \\  \$$ | $\ (3, 4)\  = 5$ |

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$<br>(Dot product)               | $\$\\mathbf{u} \\cdot \\mathbf{v}\\$$                 | $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \ \mathbf{u}\ ^2$         |
| $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$<br>(Cross product)            | $\$\\mathbf{u} \\times \\mathbf{v}\\$$                | $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$              |
| $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$<br>(Projection vector) | $\$\\operatorname{proj}_{\\mathbf{v}} \\mathbf{u}\\$$ | $\text{proj}_{(0,1)}(5, 4) = (0, 4)$                     |
| $\text{span}(S)$<br>(Span of vectors)                        | $\$\\operatorname{span}(S)\\$$                        | $\text{span}(\{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}\}) = \mathbb{R}^2$ |
| $\dim(V)$<br>(Dimension of vector space)                     | $\$\\dim(V)\\$$                                       | $\dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3$                                 |

## 4.9 Matrix-related Operators

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)            | LaTeX Code                   | Example                             |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| $A + B$<br>(Matrix sum)             | $\$A+B\$$                    | $A + X = B$                         |
| $A - B$<br>(Matrix difference)      | $\$A-B\$$                    | In general,<br>$A - B \neq B - A$ . |
| $-A$<br>(Additive inverse)          | $\$-A\$$                     | $B + (-B) = 0$                      |
| $kA$<br>(Scalar product)            | $\$kA\$$                     | $(-1)A = -A$                        |
| $AB$<br>(Matrix product)            | $\$AB\$$                     | $AI = IA = A$                       |
| $A^T$<br>(Matrix transpose)         | $\$A^T\$$                    | $I^T = I$                           |
| $A^{-1}$<br>(Matrix inverse)        | $\$A^{-1}\$$                 | $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$          |
| $\text{tr}(A)$<br>(Trace of matrix) | $\$\\operatorname{tr}(A)\\$$ | $\text{tr}(A^T) = \text{tr}(A)$     |

$$\det(A), |A|, \begin{vmatrix} x & y \\ w & z \end{vmatrix}$$

(Determinant)

$\$\\det(A)\$, \$|A|\$,$   
 $\$\\begin{vmatrix} x & y \\ w & z \end{vmatrix}$   
 $\$\\end{vmatrix}\$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 - 12 = -10$$

## 4.10 Probability-related Operators

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                      | LaTeX Code                                    | Example                             |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| $n!$<br>(Factorial)                           | $\$n! \$$                                     | $4! = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$    |
| $nPr$<br>(Permutation)                        | $\$nPr \$$                                    | $5P3 = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3$           |
| $nCr, \binom{n}{r}$<br>(Combination)          | $\$nCr \$, \$\\displaystyle \\binom{n}{r} \$$ | $\binom{5}{2} = \binom{5}{3}$       |
| $P(E)$<br>(Probability of event)              | $\$P(E) \$$                                   | $P(A \cup B \cup C) = 0.3$          |
| $P(A B)$<br>(Conditional probability)         | $\$P(A B) \$$                                 | $P(A B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$ |
| $E(X)$<br>(Expected value of random variable) | $\$E(X) \$$                                   | $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$            |
| $V(X)$<br>(Variance of random variable)       | $\$V(X) \$$                                   | $V(5X) = 25V(X)$                    |

## 4.11 Statistics-related Operators

| Symbols<br>(Explanation) | LaTeX Code | Example |
|--------------------------|------------|---------|
|--------------------------|------------|---------|

|                                      |                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| $\bar{X}$<br>(Sample mean)           | $\$\\overline{X} \$$ | $\bar{3\bar{X}} = 3\bar{X}$                  |
| $s^2$<br>(Sample variance)           | $\$s^2 \$$           | $s^2 = \\frac{\\sum(X - \\bar{X})^2}{n - 1}$ |
| $\\sigma^2$<br>(Population variance) | $\$\\sigma^2 \$$     | $\\sigma^2 = \\frac{\\sum(X - \\mu)^2}{n}$   |

## 4.12 Key Probability Functions and Distributions

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                                  | LaTeX Code                       | Example  |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
| $\\text{Bin}(n, p)$<br>(Binomial distribution)            | $\$\\operatorname{Bin}(n, p) \$$ | If $X$ stands for the number of heads in 10 coin tosses, then $X \\sim \\text{Bin}(10, 0.5)$ . |
| $\\text{Geo}(p)$<br>(Geometric distribution)              | $\$\\operatorname{Geo}(p) \$$    | $Y \\sim \\text{Geo}(1/5)$ , then $E(Y) = 5$ .   |
| $U(a, b)$<br>(Continuous uniform distribution)            | $\$U(a,b) \$$                    | If $X \\sim U(3, 7)$ , then $V(X) = \\frac{(7 - 3)^2}{12}$ .                                   |
| $N(\\mu, \\sigma^2)$<br>(Normal distribution)             | $\$N(\\mu, \\sigma^2) \$$        | If $X \\sim N(3, 5^2)$ , then $\\frac{X - 3}{5} \\sim Z$ .                                     |
| $z_{\\alpha}$<br>(Critical z-score)                       | $\$z_{\\alpha} \$$               | $z_{0.05} \\approx 1.645$  |
| $t_{\\alpha, \\nu}$<br>(Critical t-score)                 | $\$t_{\\alpha, \\nu} \$$         | $t_{0.05, 1000} \\approx z_{0.05}$   |
| $\\chi^2_{\\alpha, \\nu}$<br>(Critical Chi-squared-score) | $\$\\chi^2_{\\alpha, \\nu} \$$   | $\\chi^2_{0.05, 30} \\approx 43.77$  |

$$F_{\alpha,\nu_1,\nu_2} \quad \$F_{\alpha,\nu_1,\nu_2}$$

(Critical F-score)  $\approx 2.1242$

## 4.13 Calculus-related Operators

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                                 | LaTeX Code   | Example   |
|--|--|---|
| $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$<br>(Limit of sequence) | $\$\\displaystyle \\lim_{n \\rightarrow \\infty} a_n$$ | $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+3}{2n} = \frac{1}{2}$                                  |
| $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$<br>(Limit of function)     | $\$\\displaystyle \\lim_{x \\rightarrow c} f(x)$$      | $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\pi \sin x}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \sin x$ |
| $\sup(A)$<br>(Supremum)                                  | $\$\\sup(A)$$  | $\sup([-3, 5]) = 5$   |
| $\inf(A)$<br>(Infimum)                                   | $\$\\inf(A)$$  | If $B = \left\{ \frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{2}, \dots \right\}$ , then $\inf(B) = 0$ .            |
| $f', f'', f''', f^{(n)}$<br>(Derivative)                 | $\$f'$, $f''$, $f'''$, $f^{(n)}$$                      | $(\sin x)''' = -\cos x$   |
| $\int_a^b f(x) dx$<br>(Definite integral)                | $\$\\displaystyle \\int_a^b f(x) \\, dx$$              | $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{4}$   |
| $\int f(x) dx$<br>(Indefinite integral)                  | $\$\\displaystyle \\int f(x) \\, dx$$                  | $\int \ln x dx = x \ln x - x$   |
| $f_x$<br>(Partial derivative)                            | $\$f_x$$   | If $f(x, y) = x^2y^3$ , then $f_x(x, y) = 2xy^3$ .  |

## 5 Relational Symbols

### 5.1 Equality-based Relational Symbols

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                 | LaTeX Code                         | Example                           |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| $x = y$<br>(Equal)                       | <code>\$x = y\$</code>             | $3x - x = 2x$                     |
| $x \neq y$<br>(Non-equal)                | <code>\$x \neq y\$</code>          | $2 \neq 3$                        |
| $x \approx y$<br>(Approximately equal)   | <code>\$x \approx y\$</code>       | $\pi \approx 3.1416$              |
| $x \sim y, xRy$<br>(Related to)          | <code>\$x \sim y\$, \$xRy\$</code> | $xRy$ if and only if $ x  =  y $  |
| $x \equiv y$<br>(Equivalent to)          | <code>\$x \equiv y\$</code>        | $2 \equiv 101 \text{ in mod } 33$ |
| $f(x) \propto g(x)$<br>(Proportional to) | <code>\$f(x) \propto g(x)\$</code> | $V \propto r^3$                   |

### 5.2 Comparison-based Relational Symbols

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)              | LaTeX Code                | Example       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| $x < y$<br>(Less than)                | <code>\$x &lt; y\$</code> | $\sin x < 3$  |
| $x > y$<br>(Greater than)             | <code>\$x &gt; y\$</code> | $\pi > e$     |
| $x \leq y$<br>(Less than or equal to) | <code>\$x \leq y\$</code> | $n! \leq n^n$ |

$x \geq y$ 

(Greater than or equal to)

 $\$x \geq y\$$  $x^2 \geq 0$ 

## 5.3 Number-related Relational Symbols

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)          | LaTeX Code      | Example       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| $m   n$<br>(Divisibility)         | $\$m \mid n\$$  | $101   1111$  |
| $m \perp n$<br>(Coprime integers) | $\$m \perp n\$$ | $31 \perp 97$ |

## 5.4 Geometry-related Relational Symbols

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                 | LaTeX Code                    | Example   |
|--|-------------------------------|---|
| $\ell_1 \parallel \ell_2$<br>(Parallel)  | $\$\ell_1 \parallel \ell_2\$$ | $\overline{PQ} \parallel \overline{RS}$         |
| $\ell_1 \perp \ell_2$<br>(Perpendicular) | $\$\ell_1 \perp \ell_2\$$     | $\overrightarrow{AB} \perp \overrightarrow{BC}$ |
| $F \sim F'$<br>(Similar figures)         | $\$F \sim F'\$$               | $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$              |
| $F \cong F'$<br>(Congruent figures)      | $\$F \cong F'\$$              | $\square ABCD \cong \square PQRS$               |

## 5.5 Set-related Relational Symbols

| Symbols<br>(Explanation) | LaTeX Code | Example |
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|--------------------------|------------|---------|

|                                   |                                |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| $a \in A$<br>(Member of)          | <code>\$a \in A\$</code>       | $\frac{2}{3} \in \mathbb{R}$        |
| $a \notin A$<br>(Not a member of) | <code>\$a \notin A\$</code>    | $\pi \notin \mathbb{Q}$             |
| $A \subseteq B$<br>(Subset of)    | <code>\$A \subseteq B\$</code> | $A \cap B \subseteq A$              |
| $A = B$<br>(Equal Sets)           | <code>\$A = B\$</code>         | If $A = B$ , then $A \subseteq B$ . |

## 5.6 Logic-related Relational Symbols

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                         | LaTeX Code   | Example   |
|--|--|---|
| $P \implies Q$<br>(Implies)                      | <code>\$P \implies Q\$</code>                              | $x \text{ is even} \implies$<br>2 divides $x$                 |
| $P \impliedby Q$<br>(Implied by)                 | <code>\$P \impliedby Q\$</code>                            | $x = 3 \impliedby 3x + 2 = 11$                                |
| $P \iff Q$ ,<br>$P \equiv Q$<br>(If and only if) | <code>\$P \iff Q\$</code> ,<br><code>\$P \equiv Q\$</code> | $x \neq y \iff$<br>$(x - y)^2 > 0$                            |
| $P \therefore Q$<br>(Therefore)                  | <code>\$P \therefore Q\$</code>                            | $i \in \mathbb{C} \therefore \exists z (z \in \mathbb{C})$    |
| $P \because Q$<br>(Because)                      | <code>\$P \because Q\$</code>                              | $x = \frac{\pi}{2} \because$<br>$\sin x = 1$ and $\cos x = 0$ |

## 5.7 Probability-related Relational Symbols

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)            | LaTeX Code                 | Example   |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| $A \perp B$<br>(Independent events) | <code>\$A \perp B\$</code> | If $A \perp B$ , then<br>$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cap P(B)$ . |

$$X \sim F \quad \$X \backslashsim F\$ \quad Y \sim \text{Bin}(30, 0.4)$$

( $X$  follows distribution  $F$ )

## 5.8 Calculus-related Relational Symbols

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                   | LaTeX Code                      | Example                       |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| $f(x) \sim g(x)$<br>(Asymptotically equal) | $\$f(x) \backslashsim g(x)\$$   | $\pi(x) \sim \frac{x}{\ln x}$ |
| $f(x) \in O(g(x))$<br>(In the big-O of)    | $\$f(x) \backslashin O(g(x))\$$ | $2x^2 + 3x + 3 \in O(x^2)$    |

## 6 Notational Symbols

### 6.1 Common Notational Symbols

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)  | LaTeX Code  | Example  |
|---|---|--|
| $\dots, \dots$<br>(Horizontal ellipsis)   | $\$\backslashldots\$, \$\backslashcdots\$$                            | $1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2$  |
| $\vdots, \ddots$<br>(Vertical ellipsis)   | $\$\backslashvdots\$, \$\backslashddots\$$                            | $\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$ |
| $f : A \rightarrow B,$<br>$A \xrightarrow{f} B$<br>(Function's domain/codomain specifier) | $\$f : A \backslashto B\$, \$A \backslashoverset{f}{\rightarrow} B\$$ | A function $g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ can be thought of as a sequence.                              |

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| $x \mapsto f(x)$<br>(Function mapping rule)        | $\$x \mapsto f(x)\$$                          | The function $x \mapsto x^2$ is increasing in the interval $[0, \infty)$ . |
| <i>Q.E.D.</i> , ■, □<br>(End-of-the-proof symbols) | $\$Q. E. D.\$, \$\blacksquare\$, \$\square\$$ | Thus the result is established as desired.<br>■                            |
| <i>Q.E.A.</i> , ⊥<br>(Contradiction symbols)       | $\$Q. E. A.\$, \$\bot\$$                      | Multiplying both sides of the equation yields that $1 = 2$ . ⊥             |

## 6.2 Notational Symbols in Geometry and Trigonometry

| Symbols<br>(Explanation) | LaTeX Code      | Example                                  |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--|
| $\circ$<br>(Degree)      | $\hat{\circ}$   | $\cos(90^\circ) = 0$                     |
| '<br>(Arcminute)         | $\hat{}$        | $35' = \left(\frac{35}{60}\right)^\circ$ |
| "<br>(Arcsecond)         | $\hat{\hat{}}$  | $20'' = \left(\frac{20}{60}\right)'$     |
| rad<br>(Radian)          | $\mathrm{rad}$  | $\pi \mathrm{rad} = 180^\circ$           |
| grad<br>(Gradian)        | $\mathrm{grad}$ | $100 \mathrm{grad} = 90^\circ$           |

## 6.3 Notational Symbols in Calculus

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)         | LaTeX Code | Example                                 |
|----------------------------------|------------|---|
| $+\infty$<br>(Positive infinity) | $+\infty$  | $\frac{n^2 + 1}{n} \rightarrow +\infty$ |

|  |                               |  |
|--|-------------------------------|--|
| $-\infty$<br>(Negative infinity)       | <code>\$-\infty\$</code>      | $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = 0$   |
| $\Delta x$<br>(Change in variable)     | <code>\$\Delta x\$</code>     | $m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$  |
| $dx$<br>(Differential)                 | <code>\$\mathrm{d} x\$</code> | $dy = f'(x) dx$  |
| $\partial x$<br>(Partial differential) | <code>\$\partial x\$</code>   | $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} dx$   |
| $df$<br>(Total differential)           | <code>\$\mathrm{d} f\$</code> | $dg(x, y) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} dy$ |

## 6.4 Notational Symbols in Probability and Statistics

| Symbols<br>(Explanation)                            | LaTeX Code           | Example   |
|---|----------------------|---|
| i.i.d.<br>(Independent and identically distributed) | i.i.d.               | Given $n$ i.i.d. random variables $X_1, \dots, X_n$ ,<br>$V(X_1 + \dots + X_n) = V(X_1) + \dots + V(X_n)$ . |
| $H_0$<br>(Null hypothesis)                          | <code>\$H_0\$</code> | $H_0 : \mu = 23$  |
| $H_a$<br>(Alternative hypothesis)                   | <code>\$H_a\$</code> | $H_a : \sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$  |

## 7 Additional Resources

- **Ultimate LaTeX Reference Guide:** A definitive reference guide on the LaTeX language, with the commands, environments and

packages most LaTeX users will ever need

- **Definitive Guide to Learning Higher Mathematics:** A standalone 10-principle framework for tackling higher mathematical learning, thinking and problem solving
- **10 Commandments of Higher Mathematical Learning:** An illustrated web guide on 10 scalable rules for learning higher mathematics
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