

mismath

Miscellaneous mathematical macros*

Antoine Missier
antoine.missier@ac-toulouse.fr

November 11, 2022

Contents

1	Introduction	1
2	Usage	2
2.1	Mathematical constants	2
2.2	Vectors	3
2.3	Standard operator names	4
2.4	A few useful aliases	6
2.5	Improving some spacing in mathematical formulas	7
2.6	Environments for systems of equations and small matrices	8
2.7	Displaymath in double columns	10
3	Implementation	10

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According to the International Standards ISO 31-0:1992 to ISO 31-13:1992, superseded by ISO 80000-2:2009, mathematical constants e , i , π should be typeset in roman (upright shape) and not in italic (sloping shape) like variables (see [1] [2]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 Sautrais [5] and we provide a few more macros related to vectors with arrows, in particular to improve the typesetting of the norm: $\|\overrightarrow{AB}\|$ instead of $\text{\LaTeX version } \|\overrightarrow{AB}\|$ which is not vertically adjusted, or worse $\|\overrightarrow{AB}\|$.

*This document corresponds to mismath v2.0, dated 2022/11/11. Thanks to François Bastouil for help in English translation.

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\<command>\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.

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] or isomath by Günter Milde [9] and 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. Let's notice that `\i` and `\j` already exist in \TeX : using in LR mode, they produce “i, j”

¹The frenchmath package [19] 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`.

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`, `fourier`, `libertinust1math`, `pxgreek`, `txgreek`, `libgreek` etc. These packages provide commands like `\uppi` (`upgreek`), `\piup` (`mathdesign`, `kpfonts`), `\otherpi` (`fourier`), etc.⁴ To preserve default sloped lowercase Greek letters except for π , 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 the `textalpha` package by Günter Milde [13]. This π is particularly suitable for use with the default Computer Modern or Latin Modern font⁵.

`\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 `esvect` package by Eddie Soudrais⁷) which are much more elegant than those produced by

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 \hat{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.

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`.

\TeX `\overrightarrow` command (giving \overrightarrow{AB}). 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 `amssy` 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 $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{u} + \overrightarrow{AC}$;
- $\overrightarrow{a} \cdot \overrightarrow{b} = 0$, obtained with `\hvect{a}`, is better than $\overrightarrow{a} \cdot \overrightarrow{b} = 0$.

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):

- $\vec{\mathcal{P}} = \vec{f} \cdot \vec{v}$, obtained with `\hvec{v}`, is better than $\vec{\mathcal{P}} = \vec{f} \cdot \vec{v}$.
- $\vec{f} = m\vec{a}$, 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\Vert` and `\right\Vert` for delimiters adapting to the content. Unfortunately, these delimiters are always vertically centered, relatively to the middle of the base line, whereas vectors with arrows are asymmetric objects, the height above the middle of the base line being superior to the depth under it. The code `\norm{\vec{h}}` raises the double bar to produce $\|\vec{h}\|$. Let's notice that the height of the bars don't adjust to content, but however to context: main text, subscripts or exponents.

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

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] [20]). For this, we provide the `\di` command. See the following examples (notice the thin spaces before the d, as for classic function’s names):

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

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 upright shape as for any standard function identifier. This is obtained with `\P`
`\V` and `\E`. Variance is normally denoted by Var (see further), but in some countries we
can find 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 `amsmath` package (loaded by `amssymb` but also
available standalone) which has to be called in the preamble.

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

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

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 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) but “Im” is the imaginary part

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

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

of a complex number. Notice that `\div` and `\span` already exist and haven't been redefined, therefore the `\divg` and `\spa` macros; `\Z` is used otherwise (see further), therefore `\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 \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 [20]; and likewise to designate a field: **F** or **K** (Körper in German). We get these symbols with the macros:

`\R, \C, \Z, \N, \Q, \F, \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}` in the preamble, after loading `amsmath` 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

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

With in-line math mode, `displaymath` behavior can be forced with `\displaystyle` or its alias `\ds`, but then, all the rest of the current mathematical environment will be set in `displaymath` mode too (in the previous example, the fraction will be

`\dlim` expanded). Just as the `amsmath` command `\dfrac` only transforms the required 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 `\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 `\hlbar` command, in order to correct uneven bars heights.

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

`\eqdef` The `\eqdef` macro writes equality symbol topped with “def” (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 Improving some spacing in mathematical formulas

`\then` The `\then` macro produces the symbol \implies surrounded by large spaces as the standard 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:

$$\ln x = a \implies x = e^a \quad \text{rather than} \quad \ln x = a \implies x = e^a$$

`\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`:

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

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 brackets:

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

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

`\sin\!\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)` 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:

$$\left[\frac{\lvert z \rvert}{\lfrac{\lvert z_1 - z_2 \rvert}{\lvert z_1 + z_2 \rvert}} \right] \quad \overline{Z} = \frac{z_1 - z_2}{z_1 + z_2}$$

`[]` Open intervals may be represented with parenthesis but sometimes we find also brackets. In that case the space before them is often unsuitable. Brackets symbols `[` and `]` have been redefined for mathematical mode¹⁴:

$$\begin{aligned} & \$x \in]0, \pi[\cup]2\pi, 3\pi[\\ & \begin{cases} x \in]0, \pi[\cup]2\pi, 3\pi[& \text{without mismatch} \\ x \in]0, \pi[\cup]2\pi, 3\pi[& \text{with mismatch} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

In our code, `[` and `]` symbols are not defined anymore 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`. Another problem occurs when the left boundary contains an operator sign ; the spaces surrounding the operator will then be too large : `\left[-1, 1\right]` yields $[-1, 1]$ instead of $[-1, 1]$ ¹⁵. To get correct spaces, we have to surround the sign `-` or `-1` by braces, or use `\left` and `\right`.

2.6 Environments for systems of equations and small matrices

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

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].

¹⁴We could also use the macro `\DeclarePairedDelimiters` from the `mathtools` package ; let us also mention the `interval` package [16] with his `\interval` macro.

¹⁵A problem pointed out by J.F. Burnol, which does not detract from the interest of this redefinition.


```


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


```

`\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 its 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 \LaTeX : `\begin{system}[c1]` produces a two-column system, the first one being centered, the second being left aligned, such as in the following example:

```


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


```

`\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}[r1@{\quad}l]`¹⁶:

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

Let's mention the `systeme` package [17] which deals with linear systems with a lighter syntax and automatic alignments on `+`, `-`, `=`, and also the `spalign` package [18] 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`:

```


$$\vec{u} = \begin{spmatrix} -1 & 2 \end{spmatrix} \text{ yielding } \vec{u} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$


```

¹⁶@{...} sets inter-column space.

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 $\vec{u}\left(\begin{smallmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ with $\vec{u}\left(\begin{smallmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$.

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 \times \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) \\
    & \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}

```

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

The three following internal commands are meta commands for a conditional `\bslash` macro definition with a warning message if the macro already exists. The `\bslash` macro comes from `doc.sty` package by Frank Mittelbach. It can also be used in other documents instead of `\textbackslash` (which doesn't work here).

```

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

```

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.

```

30 \providecommand{\mathup}[1]{\operatorfont #1} % also in kpfonts
31 \@mmacro{e}{\mathup{e}}
32 \AtBeginDocument{\let\oldi\i \let\oldj\j
33   \renewcommand{\i}{\TextOrMath{\oldi}{\mathup{i}}}
34   \renewcommand{\j}{\TextOrMath{\oldj}{\mathup{j}}} }
35
36 \newcommand{\enumber}{
37   \AtBeginDocument{\DeclareMathSymbol{e}\mathalpha{operators}{'e}}
38 \newcommand{\inumber}{
39   \AtBeginDocument{\DeclareMathSymbol{i}\mathalpha{operators}{'i}}
40 \newcommand{\jnumber}{
41   \AtBeginDocument{\DeclareMathSymbol{j}\mathalpha{operators}{'j}}
42 \newcommand*\pinumber[1][defaultpi]{
43   \@ifundefined{itpi}{\let\itpi\pi}\@mwarning{itpi}}

```

```

44 \ifthenelse{equal{#1}{defaultpi}}{
45   \usepackage[LGR,T1]{fontenc}
46   \DeclareSymbolFont{UpGr}{LGR}{lmr}{m}{n}
47   \DeclareMathSymbol{\pi}{\mathalpha}{UpGr}{"70}
48 }{
49   \@ifundefined{#1}{
50     \PackageWarningNoLine{mismath}{
51       \bslash pinumber command has changed since v2.0,
52       \MessageBreak
53       option #1 must be a command name \MessageBreak
54       (look at the documentation),
55       but command \bslash #1 is undefined, \MessageBreak
56       I cannot use it for replacement to \bslash pi.
57       \MessageBreak
58       Perhaps a missing package}
59     }\renewcommand{\pi}{\csname #1\endcsname}}
60 }
61 }
62
63 \newboolean{arrowvect}
64 \setboolean{arrowvect}{true}
65 \newcommand{\arrowvect}{\setboolean{arrowvect}{true}}
66 \newcommand{\boldvect}{\setboolean{arrowvect}{false}}
67 \newcommand{\boldvectcommand}{\boldsymbol} % from amsbsy package
68 \@mmacro{vect}{\ifthenelse{\boolean{arrowvect}}{
69   \vv}{\boldvectcommand}}
70 \newcommand*{\hvect}[1]{\vect{\vphantom{t}#1}}
71 \newcommand*{\hvec}[1]{\vec{\vphantom{t}#1}}
72
73 \newcommand*{\@norm}[1]{
74   \mbox{\raisebox{1.75pt}{\bigl\Vert$}} #1
75   \mbox{\raisebox{1.75pt}{\biggr\Vert$}} }
76 % works better than with relative length
77 \newcommand*{\@@norm}[1]{
78   \mbox{\footnotesize\raisebox{1pt}{\Vert$}} #1
79   \mbox{\footnotesize\raisebox{1pt}{\Vert$}} }
80 \newcommand*{\@@@norm}[1]{
81   \mbox{\tiny\raisebox{1pt}{\Vert$}} #1
82   \mbox{\tiny\raisebox{1pt}{\Vert$}} }
83 \@ifundefined{norm}{\providecommand*{\norm}[1]{
84   \mathchoice{\@norm{#1}}{\@norm{#1}}{\@@norm{#1}}{\@@@norm{#1}}
85   }
86   }{\@mwarning{norm}} % bad result with libertinust1math
87
88 \@mmacro{di}{\mathop{\!}\mathup{d}}
89 \newcommand\probastyle{}
90 \let\Par\P % end of paragraph symbol
91 \renewcommand{\P}{\operatorname{\probastyle{P}}}
92 \@mmacro{E}{\operatorname{\probastyle{E}}}
93 \@mmacro{V}{\operatorname{\probastyle{V}}}

```

```

94 \newcommand{\PEupright}{
95     \AtBeginDocument{% necessary for working with beamer
96         \DeclareMathSymbol{P}\mathalpha{operators}{‘P}
97         \DeclareMathSymbol{E}\mathalpha{operators}{‘E}
98     }
99 }
100
101 \@operator{\adj}{adj}
102 \@operator{\Aut}{Aut}
103 \@operator{\Conv}{Conv}
104 \@operator{\cov}{cov}
105 \@operator{\Cov}{Cov}
106 \@macro{curl}{\operatorname{\vect{\mathup{curl}}}}
107 \@operator{divg}{\divg}{div}
108 \@operator{\End}{End}
109
110 \@operator{\erf}{erf}
111 \@macro{grad}{\operatorname{\vect{\mathup{grad}}}}
112 \@operator{\id}{id} % mathop or mathord ?
113 \@operator{\Id}{Id}
114 \@operator{\im}{im}
115 \let\oldIm\Im \renewcommand{\Im}{\operatorname{Im}}
116 \@operator{\lb}{lb}
117 \@operator{\lcm}{lcm}
118
119 \@operator{\rank}{rank}
120 \let\oldRe\Re \renewcommand{\Re}{\operatorname{Re}}
121 \@macro{rot}{\operatorname{\vect{\mathup{rot}}}}
122 \@operator{\sgn}{sgn}
123 \@operator[spa]{\spa}{span}
124 \@operator{\tr}{tr}
125 \@operator{\Var}{Var}
126 \@operator[Zu]{\Zu}{Z}
127
128 \@operator{\arccot}{arccot}
129 \@operator{\sech}{sech}
130 \@operator{\csch}{csch}
131 \@operator{\arsinh}{arsinh}
132 \@operator{\arcosh}{arcosh}
133 \@operator{\artanh}{artanh}
134 \@operator{\arcoth}{arcoth}
135 \@operator{\arsech}{arsech}
136 \@operator{\arcsch}{arcsch}
137
138 \@operator[big0]{\big0}{\mathcal{0}}
139 \@operator[bigo]{\bigo}{0}
140 \@operator[lito]{\lito}{o}
141
142 \@macro{mathset}{\mathbf}
143 \@macro{R}{\ensuremath{\mathset{R}}\xspace}

```

```

144 \@macro{C}{\ensuremath{\mathset{C}}\xspace}
145 \@macro{N}{\ensuremath{\mathset{N}}\xspace}
146 \@macro{Z}{\ensuremath{\mathset{Z}}\xspace}
147 \@macro{Q}{\ensuremath{\mathset{Q}}\xspace}
148 \@macro{F}{\ensuremath{\mathset{F}}\xspace}
149 \@macro{K}{\ensuremath{\mathset{K}}\xspace}
150
151 \@macro{ds}{\displaystyle}
152 \@macro{dlim}{\lim\limits}
153 \@macro{dsum}{\sum\limits}
154 \@macro{dprod}{\prod\limits}
155 \@macro{dcup}{\bigcup\limits}
156 \@macro{dcap}{\bigcap\limits}
157
158 \@macro{lbar}{\overline}
159 \ifundefined{hlbar}{
160   \providecommand*\hlbar[1]{\overline{\vphantom{t}#1}}{
161   \mwarning{hlbar} }
162 \@macro{eqdef}{\stackrel{\mathup{def}}{=}}
163 \@macro{unbr}{\underbrace}
164 \@macro{iif}{if and only if\xspace}
165
166 \@macro{then}{\ \Longrightarrow \ \mbox{}}

```

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

```

167 \ifundefined{txt}{
168   \providecommand*\txt[1]{\quad\text{#1}\quad} }{
169   \mwarning{txt} }
170 \@macro{mul}{\mathord{\times}}
171 \PackageWarningNoLine{mismath}{Command \bslash paren
172   is no longer supported}
173 \ifundefined{pow}{
174   \providecommand*\pow[2]{\left( #1 \right)^{\!#2}} }{
175   \mwarning{pow} }
176 \ifundefined{abs}{
177   \providecommand*\abs[1]{\left\vert\!#1\right\vert} }{
178   \mwarning{abs} }
179 \ifundefined{lfrac}{
180   \providecommand*\lfrac[2]{\frac{\;#1\;}{\;#2\;}} }{
181   \mwarning{lfrac} }
182 \DeclareMathSymbol{[]\mathord{operators}{093} % originally \mathclose
183 \DeclareMathSymbol{[]\mathord{operators}{091} % originally \mathopen
184
185 \newcommand{\systemstretch}{1.2}
186 \newcommand{\systemsep}{\medspace}
187 \newenvironment{system}[1][1]{
188   \renewcommand{\arraystretch}{\systemstretch}
189   \setlength{\arraycolsep}{0.15em}
190   \left\{\begin{array}{@{\systemsep}#1@{}} %
191 \end{array}\right.}

```

```

192
193 \newenvironment{spmatrix}{
194     \left(\begin{smallmatrix}
195 \end{smallmatrix}\right)
196
197 \newenvironment{mathcols}{% needs multicol package
198     \renewcommand{\columnseprule}{0.1pt}
199     \begin{multicols}{2}
200         \par\noindent\hfill
201         \begin{math}\begin{aligned}\displaystyle
202 }{%
203         \end{aligned}\end{math} \hfill\mbox{}
204     \end{multicols}
205 }
206 \newcommand{\changeacol}{%
207     \end{aligned}\end{math} \hfill\mbox{}
208     \par\noindent\hfill
209     \begin{math}\begin{aligned}\displaystyle
210 }

```

References

- [1] *Typesetting mathematics for science and technology according to ISO 31/XI*, Claudio Beccari, TUGboat Volume 18 (1997), No. 1.
<http://www.tug.org/TUGboat/tb18-1/tb54becc.pdf>.
- [2] *Typefaces for Symbols in Scientific Manuscripts*.
<https://www.physics.nist.gov/cuu/pdf/typefaces.pdf>.
- [3] *Guide for the Use of the International System of Units (SI)*, NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology), updated March 4, 2020
<https://www.nist.gov/pml/special-publication-811>.
- [4] *On the Use of Italic and up Fonts for Symbols in Scientific Text*, I.M. Mills and W.V. Metanomski, ICTNS (Interdivisional Committee on Terminology, Nomenclature and Symbols), dec 1999. https://old.iupac.org/standing/idcns/italic-roman_dec99.pdf.
- [5] *Typesetting vectors with beautiful arrow with $\TeX 2_{\epsilon}$* . esvect package by Eddie Soudrais, CTAN, v1.3 2013/07/11.
- [6] *The amsmath package*. Frank Mittelbach, Rainer Schöpf, Michael Downes, Davis M. Jones, David Carlisle, CTAN, v2.17b 2018/12/01.
- [7] *The mathtool package*. Morten Høgholm, Lars Madsen, CTAN, v1.21 2018/01/08.
- [8] *The fixmath package for $\TeX 2_{\epsilon}$* , Walter Schmidt, CTAN, v0.9 2000/04/11.

- [9] *isomath – Mathematical style for science and technology*. Günter Milde, CTAN, v0.6.1 2012/09/04.
- [10] *PM-ISOMath, The Poor Man ISO math bundle*, pm-isomath package by Claudio Beccari, CTAN, v1.2.00 2021/08/04.
- [11] *The upgreek package for $\text{\LaTeX}2_{\epsilon}$* , Walter Schmidt, CTAN, v2.0 2003/02/12.
- [12] *The mathdesign package*. Paul Pichaureau, CTAN, v2.31 2013/08/29.
- [13] *The textalpha package* (part of the greek-fontenc bundle). Günter Milde, CTAN, v2.1 14/06/2022.
- [14] *Kp-Fonts – The Johannes Kepler project*. Christophe Caignaert, CTAN, v3.34 20/09/2022.
- [15] *Fourier-GUTenberg*. Michel Bovani, CTAN, v1.3 30/01/2005.
- [16] *The interval package*. Lars Madsen, CTAN, v0.4 2019/03/06.
- [17] *L'extension pour \TeX et \LaTeX systeme*. Christian Tellechea, CTAN v0.32 2019/01/13.
- [18] *The spalign package*. Joseph Rabinoff, CTAN, 2016/10/05.
- [19] *L'extension frenchmath*. Antoine Missier, CTAN, v2.1 2022/11/11.
- [20] *The Not So Short Introduction to $\text{\LaTeX}2_{\epsilon}$* . lshort package by Tobias Oetiker, Hubert Partl, Irene Hyna and Elisabeth Schlegl, CTAN, v6.4 2021/04/09.
<http://tug.ctan.org/info/lshort/english/lshort.pdf>.
- [21] *The \LaTeX Companion*. Frank Mittelbach, Michel Goossens, Johannes Braams, David Carlisle, Chris Rowley, 2nd edition, Pearson Education, 2004.