Round Trip Examples

Maple
$$\rightarrow$$
 LATEX and LATEX \rightarrow Maple

Our example contains Greek letters, mathematical constants, fractions, powers and floating numbers. All representations on this page will use line breaks for a better readability.

$$\gamma - \frac{3 \cdot \beta}{4} - 3i + \left(\frac{\kappa}{\Theta^y + xy^{2.3}}\right)^{-i} \tag{1}$$

With γ as Euler-Mascheroni's constant and i as the imaginary unit. We have two representations for our formulae 1 above.

Representation 1: Semantic LATEX representation of 1

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\label{left} $$ \left( \frac{3 \cdot \text{cdot } \text{beta}}{4} - 3 \cdot \text{iunit } + \left( \frac{\text{frac} \left( \frac{xappa}{Theta} + y \cdot y^{2.3} \right)}{-iunit} \right) $$
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Representation 2: Maple's representation of 1

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gamma - (3*beta)/4 - 3*I + (kappa/(Theta^y + x*y^(2.3)))^(-I)
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All white spaces are used to improve the readability. From now on, each white space really appears after the translation process but the output will not produce any line breaks. Each line break is manually set.

Pre-Translation Steps

Maple automatically simplify simple arithmetic expressions and we are not able to prevent that. For instance an input like $2 \cdot 3$ will automatically simplified to 6. This steps happens before our first translation. That's why our input is most of the time not identical to our output representation. For the input above, just the first fraction $\frac{3 \cdot \beta}{4}$ is changed to $\frac{3}{4}\beta$.

$$Maple \rightarrow LAT_{FX}$$

Starting from Maple's representation of formula 1, our program computes the following semantic LATEX expression.

Representation 3: Maple $\rightarrow \LaTeX$

which produces the rendered version 2:

$$\gamma - \frac{3}{4} \cdot \beta - 3 \cdot i + \left(\frac{\kappa}{\Theta^y + x \cdot y^{2.3}}\right)^{-i} \tag{2}$$

As you can see, besides the changes described above (first fraction), it also creates \cdot for multiplications. This can be changed, when the DLMF/DRMF supports invisible macros.

$$\LaTeX \rightarrow Maple$$

Starting from the LATEX representation of 1 above, we get the following translation:

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Representation 4: \LaTeX \to Maple
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\frac{\text{gamma} -(3 * \text{beta})/(4) - 3*I + (\text{kappa})/((\text{Theta})^{\hat{}}(y) + x*(y)^{\hat{}}(2.3))}{(-I)}
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which is almost identical to our 2. representation above. The only differences are additional parenthesis around the numerators and denominators of fractions and the exponent in power functions.

Round Trip Tests

All test cases converges in a fix point, where the string representation is identical to the previous string representation. All round trip tests between Maple and semantic LATEX reaching this fix point after at most two cycles and a fix point representation is symbolically equivalent to the input representation.

The reason for that, can be found in formula 2. Since Maple's internal representation is slightly different but mathematically equivalent to our input, we translate no longer the original structure but the internal representation. Likewise, most computer algebra systems doesn't care redundant parenthesis and remove them from the input expression. Maple doesn't save parenthesis at all in its internal dataset, but the tree structure implies parenthesis. Thereby, we reaching the fix point without adding more and more redundant parenthesis.

Once we adopted these changes from Maple, our translation process converges into the described fix point. To reach the fix point in semantic LATEX

- starting from Maple: Maple $\rightarrow L^{A}T_{F}X$
- starting from LATEX: LATEX \rightarrow Maple \rightarrow LATEX

And finally to reach the fix point in Maple:

- starting from Maple: Maple $\rightarrow LAT_FX \rightarrow Maple$

The fix point of our example above in LATEX is representation 3:

And the corresponding fix point in Maple is: