

The physics package

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NOTE (2023-03-31): [Typst](#) is in beta and evolving, and this package evolves with it. Also, the package itself is under development and fine-tuning. As a result, no backward compatibility is guaranteed yet, until the major version becomes a positive number.

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1. Introduction

The physics package provides handy [Typst](#) typesetting functions that make academic writing for physics simpler and faster by simplifying otherwise very complex expressions.

This manual itself was generated using the Typst CLI and the physics package, so hopefully the manual source code is able to provide you with a sufficiently self evident demonstration of how this package shall be used.

2. Using physics

- To use the physics package, you may import names specifically:

```
#import "physics.typ": curl, grad
```

The expression `$op("curl")(op("grad") f) ident curl (grad f) = 0$` is not foreign to any trained eye in physical mathematics.

- or you may simply import all names:

```
#import "physics.typ": *
```

The expression `$op("curl")(op("grad") f) ident curl (grad f)$` is not foreign to any trained eye in physical mathematics.

- sometimes you may want to import the names under a name space:

```
#import "physics.typ"
```

The expression `$op("curl")(op("grad") f) ident physics.curl (physics.grad f)$` is not foreign to any trained eye in physical mathematics.

3. The symbols

Some symbols are already provided as a Typst built-in (TBI). They are listed here just for completeness, as users coming from LATEX's physics package might not know they are already available in Typst out of box.

All symbols need to be used in **math mode** `$...$`.

3.1. Braces

Symbol	Abbr.	Example	Notes
<code>abs(<i>content</i>)</code>		<code>abs(phi(x))</code> $\rightarrow \varphi(x) $	absolute, TBI
<code>norm(<i>content</i>)</code>		<code>norm(phi(x))</code> $\rightarrow \ \varphi(x)\ $	norm, TBI
<code>order(<i>content</i>)</code>		<code>order(x^2)</code> $\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(x^2)$	order of magnitude
<code>Set</code>		<code>Set(a_n)</code> $\rightarrow \{a_n\}$ <code>Set(integral u, forall u)</code> $\rightarrow \{\int u \mid \forall u\}$	math set, use Set not set since the latter is a Typst keyword
<code>evaluated</code>	<code>eval</code>	<code>eval(f(x))_0^infinity</code> $\rightarrow f(x) _0^\infty$ <code>eval(f(x)/g(x))_0^1</code> $\rightarrow \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} _0^1$	attach a vertical bar on the right to denote evaluation boundaries
<code>expectationvalue</code>	<code>expval</code>	<code>expval(u)</code> $\rightarrow \langle u \rangle$	expectation value

3.2. Vector notations

Symbol	Abbr.	Example	Notes
<code>vec</code>		<code>vec(1,2)</code> $\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$	column vector, TBI
<code>vecrow</code>		<code>vecrow(1,2)</code> $\rightarrow (1,2)$ <code>vecrow(sum_0^n a_i, b)</code> $\rightarrow (\sum_0^n a_i, b)$	row vector
<code>TT</code>		<code>v^TT, A^TT</code> $\rightarrow v^T, A^T$	transpose (same for matrices)
<code>vectorbold(<i>content</i>)</code>	<code>vb</code>	<code>vb(a), va(mu_1)</code> $\rightarrow \mathbf{a}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_1$	vector, bold
<code>vectorarrow(<i>content</i>)</code>	<code>va</code>	<code>va(a), va(mu_1)</code> $\rightarrow \vec{a}, \vec{\mu}_1$	vector, arrow
<code>vectorunit(<i>content</i>)</code>	<code>vu</code>	<code>vu(a), vu(mu_1)</code> $\rightarrow \hat{a}, \hat{\mu}_1$	unit vector
<code>gradient</code>	<code>grad</code>	<code>grad f</code> $\rightarrow \nabla f$	gradient
<code>divergence</code>	<code>div</code>	<code>div vb(E)</code> $\rightarrow \nabla \cdot E$	divergence
<code>curl</code>		<code>curl vb(B)</code> $\rightarrow \nabla \times B$	curl

laplacian	$\text{diaer}(u) = c^2 \text{laplacian } u$ $\rightarrow \ddot{u} = c^2 \nabla^2 u$	laplacian
dotproduct	$a \text{ dotproduct } b \rightarrow a \cdot b$	dot product
crossproduct	$a \text{ crossproduct } b \rightarrow a \times b$	cross product

3.3. Matrix notations

Symbol	Abbr.	Example	Notes
TT		$v^{\text{TT}}, A^{\text{TT}} \rightarrow v^{\text{T}}, A^{\text{T}}$	transpose (same for vectors)
mat		$\text{mat}(1,2;3,4) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$	matrix, TBI
matrixdet(...)	mdet	$\text{mdet}(1,x;1,y) \rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x \\ 1 & y \end{vmatrix}$	matrix determinant
diagonalmatrix(...)	dmat	$\text{dmat}(1,2) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ $\text{dmat}(1,a,\text{xi},\text{delim}:"[")$ $\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi \end{bmatrix}$	diagonal matrix
antidiagonalmatrix(...)	admat	$\text{admat}(1,2) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\text{admat}(1,a,\text{xi},\text{delim}:"[")$ $\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & a & 0 \\ \xi & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	anti-diagonal matrix
identitymatrix(...)	imat	$\text{imat}(\text{\#}2) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $\text{imat}(\text{\#}3,\text{delim}:"[") \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	identity matrix, note: Typst needs # to parse input as a number
zeromatrix(...)	zmat	$\text{zmat}(\text{\#}2) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $\text{zmat}(\text{\#}3,\text{delim}:"[") \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	zero matrix, note: Typst needs # to parse input as a number

3.4. Dirac braket notations

Symbol	Abbr.	Example	Notes
$\text{bra}(\text{content})$		$\text{bra}(u) \rightarrow \langle u $ $\text{bra}(\text{limits}(\text{sum})_{(i=0)}^n i)$ $\rightarrow \left\langle \sum_{i=0}^n i \right $	bra
$\text{ket}(\text{content})$		$\text{ket}(u) \rightarrow u\rangle$ $\text{ket}(\text{limits}(\text{sum})_{(i=0)}^n i)$ $\rightarrow \left \sum_{i=0}^n i \right\rangle$	ket
$\text{braket}(a, b)$		$\text{braket}(u, v)$ $\rightarrow \langle u v\rangle$ $\text{braket}(\text{limits}(\text{sum})_{(i=0)}^n i, b)$ $\rightarrow \left\langle \sum_{i=0}^n i b \right\rangle$	braket
$\text{ketbra}(a, b)$		$\text{ketbra}(u, v)$ $\rightarrow u\rangle\langle v $	ketbra

		<code>ketbra(limits(sum)_(i=0)^n i, b)</code>	
		$\rightarrow \left \sum_{i=0}^n i \right\rangle \langle b $	
<code>innerproduct(a, b)</code>	<code>iprod iprod(u, v)</code>	$\rightarrow \langle u v \rangle$	innerproduct
		<code>iprod(limits(sum)_(i=0)^n i, b)</code>	
		$\rightarrow \left\langle \sum_{i=0}^n i b \right\rangle$	
<code>outerproduct(a, b)</code>	<code>oprod oprod(u, v)</code>	$\rightarrow u\rangle \langle v $	outerproduct
		<code>oprod(limits(sum)_(i=0)^n i, b)</code>	
		$\rightarrow \left \sum_{i=0}^n i \right\rangle \langle b $	
<code>matricelement(n, M, m)</code>	<code>mel mel(n, diff_nu H, m)</code>	$\rightarrow \langle n \partial_\nu H m \rangle$	matrix element
		<code>mel(n, limits(sum)_(i=0)^n i, m)</code>	(quantum theory)
		$\rightarrow \left\langle n \left \sum_{i=0}^n i \right m \right\rangle$	

3.5. Math functions

Typst built-in (TBI) math operators: [source code](#).

Expressions

`sin(x)`, `sinh(x)`, `arcsin(x)`, `asin(x)`
`cos(x)`, `cosh(x)`, `arccos(x)`, `acos(x)`
`tan(x)`, `tanh(x)`, `arctan(x)`, `atan(x)`
`sec(x)`, `sech(x)`, `arcsec(x)`, `asec(x)`
`csc(x)`, `csch(x)`, `arccsc(x)`, `acsc(x)`
`cot(x)`, `coth(x)`, `arccot(x)`, `acot(x)`

Results

$\sin(x)$, $\sinh(x)$, $\arcsin(x)$, $\operatorname{asin}(x)$
 $\cos(x)$, $\cosh(x)$, $\arccos(x)$, $\operatorname{acos}(x)$
 $\tan(x)$, $\tanh(x)$, $\arctan(x)$, $\operatorname{atan}(x)$
 $\sec(x)$, $\operatorname{sech}(x)$, $\operatorname{arcsec}(x)$, $\operatorname{asec}(x)$
 $\csc(x)$, $\operatorname{csch}(x)$, $\operatorname{arccsc}(x)$, $\operatorname{acsc}(x)$
 $\cot(x)$, $\operatorname{coth}(x)$, $\operatorname{arccot}(x)$, $\operatorname{acot}(x)$

Expressions

`Pr(x)`
`exp x`, `log x`, `lg x`, `ln x`
`det A`
`diag(-1,1,1,1)`

`trace A`, `tr A`
`Trace A`, `Tr A`
`rank A`
`erf(x)`
`Res A`
`Re z`, `Im z`
`sgn x`

Results

$\operatorname{Pr}(x)$
 $\exp x$, $\log x$, $\lg x$, $\ln x$
 $\det A$
 $\operatorname{diag}(-1, 1, 1, 1)$

 $\operatorname{trace} A$, $\operatorname{tr} A$
 $\operatorname{Trace} A$, $\operatorname{Tr} A$
 $\operatorname{rank} A$
 $\operatorname{erf}(x)$
 $\operatorname{Res} A$
 $\operatorname{Re} z$, $\operatorname{Im} z$
 $\operatorname{sgn} x$

Notes

probability, TBI
exponential and logarithmic, TBI
matrix determinant, TBI
diagonal matrix, compact form (use `dmat` for the “real” matrix form)

matrix trace
matrix trace, alt.
matrix rank
Gauss error function
residue
real, imaginary parts of a complex number
sign function

3.6. Differentials and derivatives

Symbol	Abbr.	Example	Notes
differential(...)	dd	e.g. df , $dx dy$, $d^3 x$, $dx \wedge dy$ See Section 3.6.1	differential
variation(...)	var	$\text{var}(f) \rightarrow \delta f$ $\text{var}(x, y) \rightarrow \delta x \delta y$	variation, shorthand of <code>dd(..., d: delta)</code>
derivative(...)	dv	e.g. $\frac{d}{dx}$, $\frac{df}{dx}$, $\frac{\Delta^k f}{\Delta x^k}$, df/dx See Section 3.6.2	derivative
partialderivative(...)	pdv	e.g. $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$, $\frac{\partial^4 f}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2}$, $\frac{\partial^5 f}{\partial x^2 \partial y^3}$, $\partial f / \partial x$ See Section 3.6.3	partial derivative, could be mixed order

3.6.1. Differentials

Functions: `differential(*args, **kwargs)`, abbreviated as `dd(...)`.

- positional *args*: the variable names,
- named *kwargs*:
 - *n*: an order number an order number array [default: none],
 - *d*: the differential symbol [default: `upright(d)`].
 - *p*: the product symbol connecting the components [default: none].

Order assignment algorithm:

- If there is no order number or order number array, all variables has order 1.
- If there is an order number (not an array), then this order number is assigned to *every* variable, e.g. `dd(x, y, n: 2)` assigns $x \leftarrow 2, y \leftarrow 2$.
- If there is an order number array, then the order numbers therein are assigned to the variables in order, e.g. `dd(f, x, y, n: (2, 3))` assigns $x \leftarrow 2, y \leftarrow 3$.
- If the order number array holds fewer numbers than the number of variables, then the orders of the remaining variables are 1, e.g. `dd(x, y, z, n: (2, 3))` assigns $x \leftarrow 2, y \leftarrow 3, z \leftarrow 1$.
- If a variable x has order 1, it is rendered as dx not $d^1 x$.

Examples

(1) <code>dd(f), dd(x, y), dd(x, y, z, p: and)</code>	(2) <code>dd(phi, n: k, d: delta)</code>
$df, dx dy, dx \wedge dy \wedge dz$	$\delta^k \varphi$
(3) <code>dd(f, n: 2), dd(vb(x), t, n: (3,))</code>	(4) <code>dd(x, y, n: (2, 3)), dd(x, y, z, n: (2, 3))</code>
$d^2 f, d^3 x dt$	$d^2 x d^3 y, d^2 x d^3 y dz$
(5) <code>dd(x, y, z, n: ((1, 1), rho+1, n_1))</code>	(6) <code>dd(x, y, d: Delta), dd(x, y, n: 2, d: Delta)</code>
$d^{(1,1)} x d^{\rho+1} y d^{n_1} z$	$\Delta x \Delta y, \Delta^2 x \Delta^2 y$

3.6.2. Ordinary derivatives

Function: `derivative(f, *args, **kwargs)`, abbreviated as `dv(...)`.

- *f*: the function, which can be `#none` or omitted,
- positional *args*: the variable name, **optionally** followed by an order number,
- named *kwargs*:
 - *d*: the differential symbol [default: `upright(d)`].

- `s`: the “slash” separating the numerator and denominator [default: none], by default it produces the normal fraction form $\frac{df}{dx}$. The most common non-default is `slash` or simply `\`, so as to create a flat form df/dx that fits inline.

Order assignment algorithm: there is just one variable, so the assignment is trivial: simply assign the order number (default to 1) to the variable. If a variable x has order 1, it is rendered as x not x^1 .

Examples

(1) `dv(,x), dv(,x,2), dv(,x,k+1)`

$$\frac{d}{dx}, \frac{d^2}{dx^2}, \frac{d^{k+1}}{dx^{k+1}}$$

(2) `dv(, vb(r)), dv(, vb(r), 2)`

$$\frac{d}{dr}, \frac{d^2}{dr^2}$$

(3) `dv(f,x), dv(f,x,2), dv(f,xi,k+1)`

$$\frac{df}{dx}, \frac{d^2f}{dx^2}, \frac{d^{k+1}f}{d\xi^{k+1}}$$

(4) `dv(f, vb(r)), dv(f, vb(r), 2)`

$$\frac{df}{dr}, \frac{d^2f}{dr^2}$$

(5) `dv(f,x,2,s:\), dv(f,xi,k+1,s:slash)`

$$d^2f/dx^2, d^{k+1}f/d\xi^{k+1}$$

(6) `dv(, x, d:delta), dv(, x, 2, d:Delta)`

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta x}, \frac{\Delta^2}{\Delta x^2}$$

(7) `dv(vb(u), t, 2, d: upright(D))`

$$\frac{D^2u}{Dt^2}$$

(8) `dv(vb(u),t,2,d:upright(D),s:slash)`

$$D^2u/Dt^2$$

3.6.3. Partial derivatives

Function: `partialderivative(f,*args,**kwargs)`, abbreviated as `pdv(...)`.

- `f`: the function, which can be `#none` or omitted,
- positional `args`: the variable names, **optionally** followed by an order number e.g. `#2`, or an order number array e.g. `#(2,3)`.
 - Note `#` is important, since Typst constructs a number or array in **code mode** – without `#`, what follows will just be parsed as a sequence of generic symbols (not numbers) that are not operable in the numeric computation of the total order.
- named `kwargs`:
 - `s`: the “slash” separating the numerator and denominator [default: none], by default it produces the normal fraction form $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$. The most common non-default is `slash` or simply `\`, so as to create a flat form $\partial f/\partial x$ that fits inline.

Order assignment algorithm:

- If there is no order number or order number array, all variables has order 1.
- If there is an order number (not an array), then this order number is assigned to *every* variable, e.g. `pdv(f,x,y,#2)` assigns $x \leftarrow 2, y \leftarrow 2$.
- If there is an order number array, then the order numbers therein are assigned to the variables in order, e.g. `pdv(f,x,y,#(2,3))` assigns $x \leftarrow 2, y \leftarrow 3$.
- If the order number array holds fewer numbers than the number of variables, then the orders of the remaining variables are 1, e.g. `pdv(f,x,y,z,#(2,3))` assigns $x \leftarrow 2, y \leftarrow 3, z \leftarrow 1$.
- If a variable x has order 1, it is rendered as x , not x^1 .

The total order applied to the function differential is automatically calculated by adding the order numbers of the variables. Examples:

- `pdv(f, x)` has total order 1,
- `pdv(f, x, #2)` has total order 2,
- `pdv(f, x, y, #2)` has total order $2 + 2 = 4$,
- `pdv(f, x, y, #(2, 3))` has total order $2 + 3 = 5$,
- `pdv(f, x, y, z, #(2, 3))` has total order $2 + 3 + 1 = 6$,

Examples

(1) `pdv(, x), pdv(, t, #2)`

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}$$

(2) `pdv(f, vb(r)), pdv(phi, vb(r), #2)`

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \mathbf{r}}, \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial \mathbf{r}^2}$$

(3) `pdv(, x, y), pdv(, x, y, #2)`

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y}, \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2}$$

(4) `pdv(f, x, y, #2), pdv(f, x, y, #3)`

$$\frac{\partial^4 \varphi}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2}, \frac{\partial^6 \varphi}{\partial x^3 \partial y^3}$$

(5) `pdv(, x, y, #(2,)), pdv(, x, y, #(1,2))`

$$\frac{\partial^3}{\partial x^2 \partial y}, \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x \partial y^2}$$

(6) `pdv(, t, #2, s:\/), pdv(f, x, y, s:slash)`

$$\partial^2 / \partial t^2, \partial^2 f / \partial x \partial y$$

(7) `pdv(, (x^1), (x^2), (x^3), #(1,3))`

$$\frac{\partial^5}{\partial (x^1) \partial (x^2)^3 \partial (x^3)}$$

(8) `pdv(phi, x, y, z, tau, #(2,2,2,1))`

$$\frac{\partial^7 \varphi}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2 \partial z^2 \partial \tau}$$

(9) `integral_V dd(V) (pdv(cal(L), phi) - diff_mu (pdv(cal(L), (diff_mu phi)))) = 0`

$$\int_V dV \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \varphi} - \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \varphi)} \right) \right) = 0$$

3.7. Miscellaneous

3.7.1. Reduced Planck constant (hbar)

Due to the default font, the built-in symbol `planck.reduce` \hbar looks a bit off: on letter “h” there is a slash instead of a horizontal bar, contrary to the symbol’s colloquial name “h-bar”. This package offers `hbar` to render the symbol in the familiar form: \hbar . Contrast:

Typst’s <code>planck.reduce</code>	$E = \hbar \omega$	$\frac{\pi G^2}{\hbar c^4}$	$A e^{\frac{i(px-Et)}{\hbar}}$	$i \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi = - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi$
this package’s <code>hbar</code>	$E = \hbar \omega$	$\frac{\pi G^2}{\hbar c^4}$	$A e^{\frac{i(px-Et)}{\hbar}}$	$i \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi = - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi$

3.7.2. Tensors

Tensors are often expressed using the [abstract index notation](#), which makes the contravariant and covariant “slots” explicit. The intuitive solution of using superscripts and subscripts do not suffice if both upper (contravariant) and lower (covariant) indices exist, because the notation rules require the

indices be vertically separated: e.g. T^a_b and T_a^b , which are of different shapes. “ T_b^a ” is flatly wrong, and $T^{(space\ w)}_{(i\ space\ j)}$ produces a weird-looking “ T_{ij}^w ” (note w, j vertically overlap).

Function: `tensor(symbol, *args)`.

- *symbol*: the tensor symbol,
- positional args: comma-separated list taking the form of $+...$ or $-...$, where a $+$ prefix denotes an upper index and a $-$ prefix denotes a lower index.

Examples

(1) `tensor(u,+a), tensor(v,-a)`

$$u^a, v_a$$

(2) `tensor(h,+mu,+nu), tensor(g,-mu,-nu)`

$$h^{\mu\nu}, g_{\mu\nu}$$

(3) `tensor(T,+a,-b), tensor(T,-a,+b)`

$$T^a_b, T_a^b$$

(4) `tensor(T, -i, +w, -j)`

$$T_i^w_j$$

(5) `tensor((dd(x^lambda)), -a)`

$$(dx^\lambda)_a$$

(6) `tensor(AA,+a,+b,-c,-d,+e,-f,+g,-h)`

$$A^{ab}_{cd} e^g_f h$$

(7) `tensor(R, -a, -b, -c, +d)`

$$R_{abc}^d$$

(8) `tensor(T,+1,-I(1,-1),+a_bot,-+,-+)`

$$T^1_{I(1,-1)} a_{\perp}^+ -$$

(9) `grad_mu A^nu = diff_mu A^nu + tensor(Gamma,+nu,-mu,-lambda) A^lambda`

$$\nabla_\mu A^\nu = \partial_\mu A^\nu + \Gamma^\nu_{\mu\lambda} A^\lambda$$

3.7.3. Isotopes

Function: `isotope(element, a: ..., z: ...)`.

- *element*: the chemical element (use “.” for multi-letter symbols)
- *a*: the mass number A [default: none].
- *z*: the atomic number Z [default: none].

Examples

(1) `isotope(I, a:127)`

$$^{127}\text{I}$$

(2) `isotope("Fe", z:26)`

$$^{26}\text{Fe}$$

(3) `isotope("Bi",a:211,z:83) --> isotope("Tl",a:207,z:81) + isotope("He",a:4,z:2)`

$$^{211}_{83}\text{Bi} \longrightarrow ^{207}_{81}\text{Tl} + ^4_2\text{He}$$

(4) `isotope("Tl",a:207,z:81) --> isotope("Pb",a:207,z:82) + isotope(e,a:0,z:-1)`

$$^{207}_{81}\text{Tl} \longrightarrow ^{207}_{82}\text{Pb} + ^0_{-1}\text{e}$$

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