

Dictating mathematics into LyX using Talon+Mathfly

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1 Introduction

- All of these bindings can be easily changed by modifying mathfly/lyx.talon in any text editor.

- (option a | option b) means that both commands will do the same thing.
- Square brackets means that the word(s) inside are optional, the command will work with or without them.

2 Basics

new file	Create a new file
open file	Open a file
save as	Save as
math mode	Insert in-line mathematics
display mode	Insert equation
normal mode	Insert regular text
next tab [$\langle n \rangle$]	Navigate to next tab n times
previous tab [$\langle n \rangle$]	Navigate to previous tab n times
close tab [$\langle n \rangle$]	Close the current tab n times
view PDF	View current document as a PDF
update PDF	Refresh changes
move line up [$\langle n \rangle$]	Move the current line up
move line down [$\langle n \rangle$]	Move the current line down
insert [bulleted] list	Insert a list
insert numbered list	Insert a numbered list
insert description	Insert a description
insert part	Create a part label
insert (section heading)	Insert a heading
insert sub (section heading)	Insert a subheading
insert sub sub (section heading)	Insert a sub subheading
insert paragraph	Insert a paragraph
insert sub paragraph	Insert a subparagraph
insert title	Provide a title
insert author	Provide an author
insert date	Provide a date
insert abstract	Insert an abstract
insert address	Insert an address
insert bibliography	Insert a bibliography
insert quotation	Insert a quotation
insert quote	Insert a quote
insert verse	Insert verse
insert delimiters	Insert more complex bracketry
insert matrix	Insert a matrix (see matrix section for more options)
insert macro	Create a new macro

3 Miscellaneous

math mode	Begins a new mathematical dictation environment, necessary for all maths dictation.
new math line	Begins a new mathematical dictation line.
fraction	Creates a fraction. anything highlighted will form the numerator.
over	Creates a fraction with the previous element as the numerator (e.g. "five over three")
(super script to the power)	Superscript
sub script	Subscript
squared	Superscript 2
cubed	Superscript 3
inverse	Superscript -1
(parens parentheses)	Parentheses
square brackets	Square brackets
curly brackets	Curly brackets
absolute	Create two bars and moves inside them
summation	\sum_a^b
blank summation	\sum
(summation sum) to N	$\sum_?^n$
product	\prod_b^a
blank product	\prod
product to N	$\prod_?^n$
limit	$\lim_?$
blank limit	\lim
prime	' (prime symbol)
degrees	°
exponential	$\exp()$
expectation	$E()$
variance	$Var()$
label above	Add a label above the selected text
label below	Add a label below the selected text

4 Letters

4.1 Greek

By default, all of these commands must be prefixed with "greek" for lowercase or "greek big" for uppercase. This behaviour can be changed by modifying `greek_prefix` and `capitals_prefix`. Where relevant I have provided pronunciation tips for best results.

alpha	α		
beta	β		beater
gamma	γ	Γ	
delta	δ	Δ	
epsilon	ε		
zeta	ζ		
eta	η		eater
theta	θ	Θ	they-tah
iota	ι		
kappa	κ		
lambda	λ	Λ	
mu	μ		moo
nu	ν		new
xi	ξ	Ξ	zee
pi	π	Π	
rho	ρ		
sigma	σ	Σ	
tau	τ		
upsilon	υ	Υ	
phi	ϕ	Φ	
chi	χ		kie
psi	ψ	Ψ	sigh
omega	ω	Ω	

4.2 Accents

These commands add accents above the highlighted text, or create an empty accent if nothing is highlighted.

accent hat	\hat{a}
accent tilde	\tilde{a}
accent dot	\dot{a}
accent double dot	\ddot{a}
accent bar	\bar{a}
accent vector	\vec{a}

5 Symbols

generic root	$\sqrt[n]{x}$
square root	\sqrt{x}
integral	\int
double integral	\iint
triple integral	\iiint
times	\times
divide	\div
stop	\cdot
plus or minus	\pm
partial	∂
nice fraction	$\frac{a}{b}$
binomial	$\binom{a}{b}$
infinity	∞
dot dot dot	\dots
vector nabla	∇
greater than or equal to	\geq
less than or equal to	\leq
not equal to	\neq
approximately equal to	\approx
proportional to	\propto
preference less than	\prec
preference less equal	\preceq
preference greater than	\succ
preference greater equal	\succeq
sine	\sin
cosine	\cos
tangent	\tan
secant	\sec

cosecant	\csc
cotangent	\cot
arc sine	\arcsin
arc cosine	\arccos
arc tan	\arctan
hyperbolic sine	\sinh
hyperbolic cosine	\cosh
hyperbolic tangent	\tanh
hyperbolic cotangent	\coth
degree	\deg
determinant	\det
dimension	\dim
natural log	\ln
logarithm	\log
argument	\arg
maximum	\max
minimum	\min
modulus	mod
supremum	\sup
infimum	\inf
probability	\Pr
there exists	\exists
member of	\in
for all	\forall
empty set	\emptyset
subset	\subset
superset	\supset
strict subset	\subsetneq
strict superset	\supsetneq
intersection	\cap
union	\cup
real numbers	\mathbb{R}
complex numbers	\mathbb{C}
integer numbers	\mathbb{Z}
rational numbers	\mathbb{Q}
natural numbers	\mathbb{N}
logic and	\wedge
logic or	\vee

logic not	\neg
left arrow	\leftarrow
right arrow	\rightarrow
up arrow	\uparrow
down arrow	\downarrow
left right arrow	\leftrightarrow
maps to	\mapsto
oh plus	\oplus
oh times	\otimes
big oh plus	\bigoplus
big oh times	\bigotimes
diagonal dots	\ddots
horizontal dots	\cdots
vertical dots	\vdots

6 Text modes

These commands allow you to insert various forms of regular text into a mathematical environment. They should all be prefixed with "text".

(beeb blackboard bold blackboard)	\mathbb{RNZ}
roman	<i>Sampletext</i>
bold	Sampletext
sans serif	Sampletext
italic	<i>Sampletext</i>
typewriter	Sampletext

7 Fractions

There are a few ways of easily inserting fractions:

- Use the "fraction" command, and navigate through it using directions.
- Use the "over" command, which will build a fraction with the previous element as the numerator. e.g. "x-ray squared over five".

- For denominators up to 10, use their natural names, providing a number for the numerator, e.g. "five thirds".

8 Matrices

- To insert a matrix of a particular size, use the matrix command, e.g. "matrix three by one".
- To add or remove columns and rows, Use the command "add/remove matrix column/row".
- Matrices can be encased in brackets as expected, E.g. "parens matrix three by three".

9 Environments

These commands provide more detailed control over equation positioning and alignment.

insert (in line formula in line)	In-line formula - same as "math mode"
insert numbered formula	Numbered formula
insert (display formula display)	Same as "display mode"
insert (equation array environment equation array)	Insert equation array - use the "check" (ctrl-enter) command to start a new line
insert (AMS align environment AMS align)	Insert an aligned equation
insert AMS align at [environment]	
insert AMS flalign [environment]	
insert (AMS gathered environment AMS gather)	
insert (AMS multiline [environment] multiline)	
insert array [environment]	
insert (cases [environment] piecewise)	
insert (aligned [environment] align)	
insert aligned at [environment]	
insert gathered [environment]	
insert split [environment]	