

The `tma` Package

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1 Introduction

The `tma` package provides a set of macros and environments to assist in writing question papers or solutions to Tutor Marked Assessments (TMAs) for Open University courses. It simplifies the formatting of questions, parts, subparts, and includes useful mathematical commands.

2 Installation

To install the package, place the ‘`tma.sty`’ file in your LaTeX directory or project folder. If using a TeX distribution, you may place it in the local `texmf` tree.

3 Package Options

`alph` (default) Question numbering as 1(b)(iii).

`roman` Question numbering as 1(ii)(c).

cleveref Enables automatic referencing with the **cleveref** package.

pdfbookmark Adds PDF bookmarks for each question using the **hyperref** package.

legacy Enables old definitions of `\vec` and `\C` for backward compatibility with earlier versions of the package.
Deprecated.

4 Usage

Include the package in your LaTeX document:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage[alph,cleveref]{tma}
```

Set your personal information:

```
\myname{Your Name}
\mycourse{Course Code}
\mytma{TMA Number}
\mypin{Your PIN}
```

5 Commands and Environments

5.1 Question Environment

Begin answering a question with the **question** environment:

```
\begin{question}
% Question text
\end{question}
```

Questions are automatically numbered from 1 unless an integer parameter is given in square brackets after the opening of the environment, for example:

```
\begin{question}[6] % set the question number to be 6
% Question text
\end{question}
```

5.2 Parts and Subparts

Within a question environment, divisions are achieved using **\qpart** and **\qsubpart** to create parts and subparts:

```
\qpart % For parts
\qsubpart % For subparts
```

Again, the numbering for parts and subparts begin at 1 unless otherwise prescribed by an integer within square brackets after the appropriate command.

5.3 Mathematical Commands

The package provides several mathematical commands:

- `\N`, `\Z`, `\Q`, `\R`, `\Complex`: Number sets.
- `\vect{v}`: Vector notation with an arrow over the variable.
- `\ve{v}`: Bold vector notation.
- `\dd`, `\e`, `\ii`: Differential operator, Euler’s number, imaginary unit.
- Superscript ordinals: `\st`, `\nd`, `\rd`, `\nth`.

6 Examples

6.1 Sample Question

```
\begin{question}
  Prove that the set \N{} of natural numbers is infinite.

  \qpart
    What does it mean for a set to be infinite?

  \qpart
    Assume, for contradiction the \N{} is a finite set.
    Under this assumption, what can you say about the
    number of elements in \N{} and the existence of a
    largest natural number?

  \qpart
    Explain how the successor function  $s(n) = n + 1$ 
    leads to a contradiction when applied to the largest
    natural number assumption of part (b).

  \qpart
    Based on the contradiction found in part (c), conclude
    whether the set \N{} is finite or infinite, and briefly
    explain why.
\end{question}
```

Note that the default part numbering is in the form (a), (b), (c)... If the option `[roman]` is given when loading the `tma` package, then the numbering will be (i), (ii), (iii)... instead.

6.2 Using Mathematical Commands

Euler’s formula states that $e^{\ii\theta} = \cos\theta + \ii\sin\theta$.

7 Change Log

- ****v1.12 (2024/11/08)****: Fixed error with `\renewcommand{\C}`; changed to `\providecommand{\C}`.
- ****v1.11 (2024/11/08)****: Added ‘legacy’ option to allow old definitions of `\vec` and `\C`.
- ****v1.10 (2024/09/10)****: Ensured commands are correctly defined before being redefined!
- ****v1.09 (2024/09/10)****: Improved code readability.

- ****v1.08 (2024/09/05)****: Consolidated geometry settings and adjusted package loading order.
- ****v1.07 (2024/09/04)****: Avoided redefining standard LaTeX commands to avoid clashes. Fixed error with `\ExecuteOptions` in package file. Implemented flags to handle the various options simpler.
- ****v1.06 (2024/08/28)****: Updated definitions of `\comb`, `\samp` to correctly work after a superscript.
- ****v1.05 (2024/08/28)****: Updated definitions of `\ve`, `\vec` to allow use in both maths and text mode.
- ****v1.04 (2024/08/26)****: Updated usage of 'fancyhdr' to remove deprecated function.

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