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Display style in math mode

Some mathematical elements change their style depending on the context, whether they are part of the text or in a equation-type environment. This article explains how to manually adjust the display style.

Introduction

Let's see an example

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Superscripts, subscripts and fractions are formatted differently.

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Setting mathematical styles

The maths styles can be set explicitly. For instance, if you want an in-line mathematical element to display as a equation-like element put `\displaystyle` before that element. There are some more maths style-related commands that change the size of the text.

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