Dictating mathematics into LyX using Caster

Mike Roberts

February 2, 2019

Contents

1	Introduction	1
2	Miscellaneous	2
3	Letters 3.1 Greek 3.2 Accents	3 3
4	Symbols4.1 Common symbols4.2 Less common symbols	4 4 6
5	Text modes	7
6	Fractions	7
7	Matrices	7

1 Introduction

- All of these bindings can be easily changed by modifying mathfly/config/lyx.toml 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 Miscellaneous

math mode Begins a new mathematical dictation en-

vironment, necessary for all maths dicta-

tion.

new line Begins a new mathematical dictation line.

Creates a fraction. anything highlighted

will form the numerator.

over Creates a fraction with the previous el-

ement as the numerator (e.g. "five over

three")

(super [script] | to the power)Superscriptsub [script]SubscriptsquaredSuperscript 2cubedSuperscript 3

inverse Superscript 3

(parens | parentheses) Parentheses

square brackets Square brackets

curly brackets Curly brackets

absolute Create two bars and moves inside them

summation \sum_{b}^{a} blank summation \sum (summation | sum) to N $\sum_{?}^{n}$ product \prod_{b}^{a} blank product $\prod_{?}^{n}$ product to N $\prod_{?}^{n}$ limit $\lim_{?}$ blank limit $\lim_{?}$

label above Add a label above the selected text label below Add a label below the selected text

3 Letters

3.1 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
             \alpha
beta
             β
                        beater
                  Γ
gamma
             \delta
delta
                  \Delta
epsilon
             ε
zeta
             ζ
eta
                        eater
             \eta
theta
                  Θ
                        they-tah
iota
kappa
             \kappa
lambda
             \lambda
                  Λ
mu
             \mu
                        moo
                        new
nu
             \nu
                  \Xi
xi
                        zee
                  П
рi
             \pi
{\rm rho}
             \rho
sigma
                  \sum
             \sigma
tau
             \tau
                  Υ
upsilon
             \upsilon
phi
             \phi
                  Φ
chi
                        kie
             \chi
                  \Psi
psi
                        sigh
omega
                  \Omega
```

3.2 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}

4 Symbols

In order to avoid clutter and misrecognition, mathematical symbols are split up into two distinct groups: common and uncommon. By default, common symbols (e.g. integral) need no prefix, while uncommon symbols (e.g. up arrow) are prefixed with "symbol". The prefixes are defined by symbol1_prefix and symbol2_prefix. It is expected that you will want to move symbols which you happen to use frequently or infrequently between the two groups, or change/remove the prefixes to your liking. There is a trade-off to be made between recognition accuracy and speed of dictation.

4.1 Common symbols

[generic] root	$\sqrt[n]{x}$
square root	\sqrt{x}
integral	j
double integral	Ĵſ
triple integral	J J .
degrees	Ō
times	×
divide	÷
stop	
plus or minus	土
partial	∂
nice fraction	a/b
binomial	$\binom{a}{b}$
infinity	∞
dot dot dot	

vector nabla	∇
greater [than] [or] equal [to]	v >
less [than] [or] equal [to]	_
not equal [to]	<u> </u>
	$ abla \geq \leq \neq \approx \approx \qquad \qquad$
approximately [equal] [to]	~
proportional [to]	,
preference less [than]	イ
preference less equal	
preference greater [than]	>
preference greater equal	<u>~</u>
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
exponential	\exp
(natural (log logarithm) log natural)	ln
logarithm	\log
argument	arg
maximum	max
minimum	\min
$(\text{modulo} \mid \text{modulus})$	mod
supremum	\sup
infimum	inf
probability	\Pr
there exists	3
member [of]	\in

for all empty set subsetsuperset strict subset strict superset intersection union \bigcup \mathbb{R} real numbers \mathbb{C} complex numbers integer numbers \mathbb{Z} rational numbers \mathbb{Q} natural numbers \mathbb{N} logic and logic or logic not left arrow right arrow up arrow down arrow left right arrow \leftrightarrow maps to oh plus \oplus oh times \otimes big oh plus big oh times diagonal dots horizontal dots . . . vertical dots

4.2 Less common symbols

Prefix with "symbol"

GCD gcd cat hom kernel ker

5 Text modes

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

(beebee|blackboard bold | blackboard) \mathbb{RNZ} romanSampletextboldSampletextsans serifSampletextitalicSampletexttypewriterSampletext

6 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".

7 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".