Dictating mathematics into LyX using Caster

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1 Introduction

- \bullet 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. fraction 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) Superscript sub [script] Subscript squared Superscript 2 cubed Superscript 3 inverse Superscript -1 Parentheses parens square brackets Square brackets curly brackets Curly brackets

absolute Create two bars and moves inside them

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{summation} & \sum_{b}^{a} \\ \text{blank summation} & \sum_{n=1}^{n} \\ \text{(summation } | \text{ sum) to N} & \sum_{n=1}^{n} \\ \text{product} & \prod_{b}^{a} \\ \text{blank product} & \prod_{n=1}^{n} \\ \text{limit} & \lim_{n=1}^{n} \\ \text{blank limit} & \lim_{n=1}^{n} \end{array}$

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.

alpha α beater β gamma Γ δ delta Δ epsilon ε zita ζ eater η θ Θ theta iota ι kappa lambda λ Λ mu μ new ν ξ Ξ zee П pie π row ρ \sum sigma σ tau Υ upsilon υ Φ phi ϕ chi χ Ψ sigh Ω 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}

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

[square] root	\sqrt{x}
generic root	$\sqrt[n]{x}$
integral	ſ
double integral	
triple integral	$\int \int \int$
degrees	0
times	×
divide	÷
stop	•
plus or minus	\pm
partial	∂
(nice frack nice fraction)	a/b
binomial	$\binom{a}{b}$
infinity	∞
dot dot dot	
vector nabla	∇
greater [than] [or] equal [to]	\geq

less [than] [or] equal [to]	\leq
not equal [to]	≤ ≠ ≈
approximately [equal] [to]	
proportional [to]	\propto
preference less [than]	≺
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
exponential	exp
(natural (log logarithm) log natural)	ln
logarithm	\log
argument	arg
maximum	max
minimum	min
(modulo modulus)	mod
supremum	sup
infimum	\inf
probability	Pr
there exists	\exists
member [of]	\in
for all	\forall
empty set	Ø

subset superset strict subset strict superset \cap intersection \bigcup union real numbers \mathbb{R} \mathbb{C} complex numbers \mathbb{Z} integer numbers 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 big oh plus big oh times diagonal dots horizontal dots . . . vertical dots

4.2 Less common symbols

Prefix with "symbol"

GCD gcd cat hom 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".