Dictating mathematics into Scientific notebook using Mathfly

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1 Introduction

• All of these bindings can be easily changed by modifying mathfly/config/scientific_notebook.toml in any text editor or saying

"configure Scientific Notebook" while the module is enabled.

- (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 a file save as Save as

print file Print current document

page preview View a preview of the current document

toggle math Inline mathematics body math Block mathematics

 $\begin{array}{ll} {\rm toggle\ text} & {\rm Inline\ text} \\ {\rm body\ text} & {\rm Block\ text} \end{array}$

evaluate Evaluate expression
begin [bulleted] list Begin a bulleted list
begin numbered list Begin a numbered list
end list End the current list

insert normal text normal text insert big text large text insert small text small text insert bold text bold text insert italic text bold text insert bold symbols boldsymbols insert centred text Insert centred text insert left text Insert left justified text

insert right text
Insert right justified text
Insert quotation
Insert a quotation
Insert heading [one]
Insert heading
Insert heading
Insert heading
Insert heading
Insert heading
Insert right justified text
Insert a quotation
Insert heading
Insert right justified text
Insert a quotation
Insert heading
Insert heading
Insert heading
Insert right justified text
Insert a quotation
Insert heading
Insert head

3 Miscellaneous

fraction Creates a fraction. anything highlighted

will form the numerator.

over Creates a fraction with the previous ele-

ment 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
curly brackets

Curly brackets

absolute Create two bars and moves inside them

degrees Insert a degree symbol

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{summation} & & \sum \\ \text{product} & & \prod \\ \text{limit} & & \text{lim} \end{array}$

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.

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{alpha} & \alpha & \\ \text{beta} & \beta & \text{beater} \\ \text{gamma} & \gamma & \Gamma \\ \text{delta} & \delta & \Delta \\ \text{epsilon} & \varepsilon \\ \text{zeta} & \zeta & \end{array}$

eta η eater Θ they-tah theta iota ι kappa κ lambda λ Λ mu moo nu new ν ξ Ξ хi zee П pi rho sigma \sum σ tau Υ upsilon vphi Φ chikie χ Ψ sigh psi Ω omega

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 arrow \vec{a}

5 Symbols

[square] root $\sqrt[n]{x}$ integral $\sqrt[n]{x}$ double integral \int

triple integral	$\int \int \int$
times	× ÷
divide	
C dot	•
plus or minus	\pm
partial	∂
infinity	∞
dot dot dot	
nabla	∇
greater [than] [or] equal [to]	\geq
less [than] [or] equal [to]	\leq
not equal [to]	\neq
approximately [equal] [to]	$ \begin{array}{l} $
proportional [to]	\propto
preference less [than]	\prec
preference less equal	\preceq
preference greater [than]	\succ
preference greater equal	
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 \exists there exists member [of] \in \forall for all subset \subset superset strict subset strict superset intersection \bigcup union logic and logic or logic not left arrow right arrow up arrow down arrow left right arrow \leftrightarrow maps to \mapsto oh plus \oplus oh times \otimes big oh plus big oh times diagonal dots horizontal dots vertical dots

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 Nested commands

There are a few commands within Mathfly which allow for commands to be inserted within them. These are just examples, you can include any commands you want:

- "Integral from minus infinity to infinity" integral symbol with superscript and subscript.
- "Definite from zero to ten" definite integral square brackets with subscript and superscript afterwards.
- "Differential x-ray squared by squared yankee" creates a differential friction.
- "Sum from india equals one to november" creates a summation.
- "Limit from november to infinity" create a limit.
- "argument that maximises greek beta" argmax.
- "minimum by greek beta" min.
- "sub india" quick sub/superscripts.

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 Units

These commands insert common scientific units. By default, all of them must be prefixed with "unit", so for example "unit cubic feet" produces ft³.

- Activity— Becquerels, Curies
- Amount— Attomoles, Examoles, Femtomoles, Gigamoles, Kilomoles, Megamoles, Micromoles, Millimoles, Moles, Nanomoles, Petamoles, Picomoles, Teramoles
- Area— Acres, Hectares, Square feet, Square inches, Square metres
- Current— Amperes, Kiloamperes, Microamperes, Milliamperes, Nanoamperes
- Capacitance— Farads, Microfarads, Millifarads, Nanofarads, Picofarads
- Charge— Coulombs
- Conductance— Kilosiemens, Microsiemens, Millisiemens, Siemens
- Potential difference— Kilovolts, Megavolts, Microvolts, Millivolts, Nanovolts, Picovolts, Volts
- Resistance— Gigaohms, Kiloohms, Megaohms, Milliohms, Ohms
- Energy— British thermal unit, Calories, Electron volts, Ergs, Gigaelectronvolts, Gigajoules, Joules, Kilocalories, Kilojoules, Megaelectronvolts, Megajoules, Microjoules, Millijoules, Nanojoules
- Force— Dynes, Kilonewtons, Meganewtons, Micronewtons, Millinewtons, Newtons, Ounce force, Pound force
- Frequency— Exahertz, Gigahertz, Hertz, Kilohertz, Megahertz, Petahertz, Terahertz
- Illuminance— Footcandle, Lux, Phot
- Length— Angstrom, Attometers, Centimeters, Decimeters, Femtometers, Feet, Inches, Kilometers, Meters, Micrometers, Miles, Millimeters, Nanometers, Picometers

- Luminance— Candela, Lumens
- Magnetic flux— Maxwells, Microwebers, Milliwebers, Nanowebers, Webers
- Magnetic flux density— Gauss, Microteslas, Milliteslas, Nanoteslas, Picoteslas, Teslas, Henries, microhenries, millihenries
- Mass— Atomic mass units, Centigrams, Decigrams, Grams, Kilograms, Micrograms, Milligrams, Pounds, Slug
- **Angle** degrees, Microradians, Milliradians, Minutes of angle, Seconds of angle, Radians, Steradian
- **Power** Gigawatts, Horsepowers, Kilowatts, Megawatts, Microwatts, Milliwatts, Nanowatts, Watts
- **Pressure** Atmospheres, Bar, Kilobar, Kilopascals, Megapascals, Micropascals, Millibar, Millimeters of Mercury, Pascals, Torrs
- Temperature— Celsiuss, Fahrenheits, Kelvins
- **Time** Attoseconds, Days, Femtoseconds, Hours, Microseconds, Milliseconds, Minutes, Nanoseconds, Picoseconds, Seconds, Years
- Volume— Cubic feet, Cubic inches, Cubic metres, Gallons, Liters, Milliliters, Pints, Quarts