

# Symbol for Mathematics

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*In this paper I suggest a symbol for mathematics. The intention is to start an informal discussion about the role of mathematics in society and cultural significance. Why do we have symbols for things like gender and love, but not mathematics?*

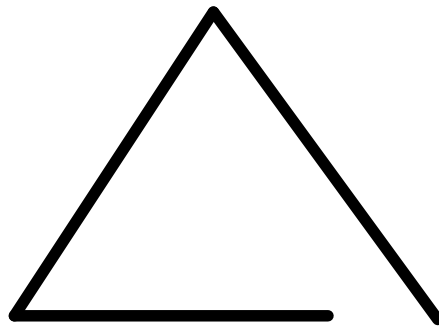
Mathematics is an integrated part of society and used everywhere. Every natural language on Earth has a word meaning roughly the same as “mathematics” in English, for example:

English	mathematics
French	mathématiques
Spanish	matemáticas
Arabic	الرياضيات
Japanese	数学
Punjabi	ਗਣਿਤ
Norwegian	mattematikk

A common symbol for mathematics might have the following benefits:

- Recognition no matter language one uses to write
- Acceptance of mathematics as a universal tool across cultures
- Make new generations of people more interested in learning more mathematics

My humble suggestion is the following symbol for mathematics:



The inspiration is the following, besides being very simple to draw:

1. Mathematics as grounded in abstract reasoning (starting from the top instead of bottom)
2. Mathematics as the search for symmetry and balance (making both sides same angle)
3. Mathematics as a tool for problem solving (the incomplete line at the bottom)
4. Mathematics as long tradition of geometry and rigorous discipline (triangle with straight edges)