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https://github.com/abccsss/LeteSansMath

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1 What is Lete Sans Math?

Lete Sans Math is an OpenType maths font meant to be used with the Lato fonts, or other sans-serif text fonts. It requires LuaTeX or XeTeX as engine and the unicode-math package¹.

Please note that the current version (0.40) is experimental, do expect metrics and glyphs to change until version 1.0 is reached. Comments, suggestions and bug reports are welcome!

Some examples²:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^x} \, \mathrm{d}x = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{n^n}$$

$$\iiint\limits_{Q} f(w,x,y,z) \, dw \, dx \, dy \, dz \leq \oint_{\partial Q} f' \left(\max \left\{ \frac{\|w\|}{|w^2 + x^2|}; \frac{\|z\|}{|y^2 + z^2|}; \frac{\|w \oplus z\|}{|x \oplus y|} \right\} \right)$$

$$\lessapprox \biguplus\limits_{\mathbb{Q} \in \bar{Q}} \left[f^* \left(\frac{\int \mathbb{Q}(t) \setminus \mathbb{Q}(t)}{\sqrt{1 - t^2}} \right) \right]_{t=\alpha}^{t=\vartheta} - (\Delta + \nu - \nu)^3$$

¹Please read the documentation unicode-math.pdf.

²The second one is borrowed from the LaTeX Companion, 3rd edition.

2 Usage

2.1 Calling \setmathfont

A basic call for Lete Sans Math would be:

```
\usepackage{unicode-math}
\setmathfont{LeteSansMath.otf} % Call by file name or
\setmathfont{Lete Sans Math} % Call by font name
```

this loads Lete Sans Math as maths font³ with the default options, see subsections 3.1 on page 4, 3.2 on page 5 and 3.3 on page 6 for customisation.

Please note that the text fonts have to be chosen separately, f.i.:

```
\setsansfont{Lato}[Extension = .ttf,
    UprightFont = *-Regular,
    BoldFont = *-Bold,
    ItalicFont = *-Italic,
    BoldItalicFont = *-BoldItalic]
```

otherwise you would get Latin Modern for text fonts.

2.2 Calling lete-sans-math.sty (recommended)

As an alternative to load Lete Sans Math you can type:

```
\usepackage[ options 4 ]{lete-sans-math}
```

it loads unicode-math with the default options, sets Lete Sans Math as maths font and does a bit more:

1. it checks at \begin{document} if packages amssymb or latexsym are loaded and issues warnings in case they are;

³Both calls work equally well with LuaTeX; with XeTeX a call by font name will fail unless the font is declared as a *system font*.

⁴Possible options are tight, Scale= or any of the options described in sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.

- 2. it provides aliases for glyphs named differently in Unicode, so that all latexsym or AMS commands are also available;
- 3. it defines specific maths characters like \BbbDelta (△), \parallelslant (∥), \shortparallelslant (∥), etc.;
- 4. it provides an option tight which reduces spacing (\thinmuskip, \medmuskip and \thickmuskip) in maths mode.

Please note that the lete-sans-math package does not load any text fonts. The Lato text fonts can be loaded directly (see section 2.1), or via the lato package⁵ —see this package's documentation, file lato.pdf, for all the available options:

\usepackage[default]{lato}

will load the Lato text fonts as main (roman) font while

\usepackage[defaultsans]{lato}

will load the Lato text fonts as sans font (use both options if necessary). Consider loading real scripts.sty which redefines \textsuperscript to output the *real* superscripts available with the Lato fonts: M^r , M^{lle} , N^2 instead of *faked* ones, M^r , M^{lle} , N^2 .

The lete-sans-math also provides a Scale=<decimal> option meant to be used to load the Lete Sans Math font together with text fonts other than Lato, while keeping the advantages 1. to 4. pointed in the preceding list, f.i.

\usepackage[Scale=0.98]{lete-sans-math}

3 What is provided?

Lete Sans Math provides all common unicode-math glyphs plus all glyphs available in the amssymb and latexsym packages. Therefore, the latter two packages should not be loaded as they might override Lete Sans Math glyphs.

A full list of available glyphs is shown in file unimath-lete.pdf which also shows the coverage of other sans-serif maths fonts compared to the serif maths fonts NewComputerModern and Cambria.

⁵The lato package loads all available weights, Hairline to Black, hence loading takes significantly longer...

3.1 Upright or slanted?

Package unicode-math follows TEX conventions for Latin and Greek letters: in maths mode, the default option (math-style=TeX) prints Latin letters a...z A...Z and lowercase Greek letters $\alpha...\omega$ slanted (italic) while uppercase Greek letters AB $\Gamma...\Omega$ are printed upright. This can be changed by option math-style as shown in table 1.

Table 1: Effects of the math-style package option.

Package option	Latin	Greek
math-style=ISO	(a, z, B, X)	$(\alpha, \beta, \Gamma, \Xi)$
math-style=TeX	(a, z, B, X)	$(\alpha, \beta, \Gamma, \Xi)$
math-style=french	(a, z, B, X)	$(\alpha, \beta, \Gamma, \Xi)$
math-style=upright	(a, z, B, X)	$(\alpha, \beta, \Gamma, \Xi)$

Bold letters are printed upright except lowercase Greek letters which are slanted (the default option is bold-style=TeX). This can be changed by option bold-style as shown in table 2.

Table 2: Effects of the bold-style package option.

Package option	Latin	Greek
bold-style=ISO	(a, z, B, X)	$(\alpha, \beta, \Gamma, \Xi)$
bold-style=TeX	(a, z, B, X)	$(\alpha, \beta, \Gamma, \Xi)$
bold-style=upright	(a, z, B, X)	$(\alpha, \beta, \Gamma, \Xi)$

Other possible customisation: ∇ is printed upright and ∂ is printed slanted by default, but nabla=italic and partial=upright can change this.

All these options are offered by the unicode-math package, they can be added to the \setmathfont call as well⁶, for example:

\setmathfont{LeteSansMath.otf}[math-style=french,partial=upright] will print for the code

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \alpha \mathbf{V} + a \nabla \Gamma + \mathbf{\beta} \mathbf{M}$$

⁶IMHO it is easier to add *all options* to the \setmathfont command.

while the default settings would print

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \alpha \mathbf{V} + a \nabla \Gamma + \beta \mathbf{M}$$

Both shapes remain available anytime: π, π .

3.2 Character variants

Lete Sans Math provides nine "Character Variants" options, listed on table 3, to choose between different glyphs for Greek characters and some others.

For instance, to get \epsilon and \phi typeset as ε and φ instead of ε and φ , you can add option CharacterVariant={3,6} to the \setmathfort call:

\setmathfont{LeteSansMath.otf}[CharacterVariant={3,6}]

Table 3: Character variants.

	Default	Variant	Name
cv01	ħ	ħ	\hslash
cv02	Ø	Ø	\emptyset
cv03	ϵ	3	\epsilon
cv04	Κ	и	\kappa
cv05	π	$\overline{\omega}$	\pi
cv06	ф	φ	\phi
cv07	ρ	Q	\rho
cv08	σ	ς	\sigma
cv09	θ	ϑ	\theta
cv10	Θ	θ	\Theta

This works for all shapes and weights of these characters: f.i. $\scriptstyle \$ symbf{\epsilon}\$, $\scriptstyle \$ symbf{\phi}\$ are output as $\scriptstyle \varepsilon$, $\scriptstyle \phi$ instead of $\scriptstyle \varepsilon$, $\scriptstyle \phi$. If math-style=french has been chosen, \epsilon and \phi are output as $\scriptstyle \varepsilon$ and $\scriptstyle \phi$ (upright).

Please note that curly braces are mandatory whenever more than one "Character Variant" is selected.

Note about \hbar: amsmath provides two different glyphs (italic *h* with horizontal or diagonal stroke) while unicode-math defines \hbar as \hslash (U+210F). lete-sans-math follows unicode-math; the italic *h* with horizontal stroke can be printed using \hslash or \hbar together with character variant cv01 or with \mithbar (replacement for AMS' command \hbar).

3.3 Stylistic sets

Lete Sans Math provides five "Stylistic Sets" options to choose between different glyphs for families of maths symbols.

StylisticSet=4, alias⁷ Style=leqslant, converts inequalities into their slanted variants, see table 5a.

StylisticSet=5, alias Style=smaller, converts some symbols into their smaller variants, see table 5b.

Table 4: Stylistic Sets 4 and 5

(a) Style=leqslant (+ss04)

(b) Style=smaller (+ss05)

Command	Default	Variant
∖leq	<u> </u>	€
\geq	\geq	≽
\nleq	≰	≰
\ngeq	≱	≱
\leqq	≦	<i>₩₩₩</i> ₩
\geqq	≧	\geqslant
\nleqq	≨	≰
\ngeqq	≱	*
\eqless	<	<
\eqgtr	>	≽
\lesseqgtr	<u> </u>	≶
\gtreqless	≥	≷
\lesseqqgtr	€	
\gtreqqless	ΛΙ ΥΙ ★1 ★1 ΛΙΙ ΔΙΙ ★# ΙΛ ΙΛ ΛΙΥΝΙΑΛΙΙΝ	// \// \/\\ \/\\ \/\\

Command	Default	Variant
∖in	€	€
\ni	∋	∍
\mid		1
\nmid	ł	ł
\parallel		П
\nparallel	#	¥
\parallelslant	//	//
\nparallelslant	H	H

StylisticSet=6, alias Style=subsetneq, converts some inclusion symbols, as shown in table 6a on the following page.

⁷These Style aliases are provided by lete-sans-math.sty.

StylisticSet=7, alias Style=parallelslant, converts "parallel" symbols into their slanted variants, see table 6b.

Table 5: Stylistic Sets 6 and 7

(a) Style=subsetneq (+ss06)

(b) Style=parallelslant (+ss07)

Command	Default	Variant
\subsetneq	Ç	 ⊊
\supsetneq	⊋	⊋
\subsetneqq	⊊	≨
\supsetneqq	⊋	₽

Command	Default	Variant
\parallel		//
\nparallel	#	H
\shortparallel	II	//
\nshortparallel	¥	H

To enable Stylistic Sets 4 and 8 for Lete Sans Math, you should enter

\setmathfont{LeteSansMath.otf}[StylisticSet={4,8}] or \usepackage[Style={leqslant,upint}]{lete-sans-math}

then, $\[x\leq y \quad \inf_{a}^{b} f(x) \; \$ will print as

$$x \le y \int_a^b f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x$$

instead of

$$x \le y \quad \int_a^b f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x$$

StylisticSet=8, alias⁸ Style=upint, converts integrals signs into their upright variants, see table 6 on the following page.

3.4 Other font features

To get oldstyle numbers in maths, the feature +onum is available:

\setmathfont{LeteSansMath.otf}[Numbers=OldStyle] or \usepackage[Style=fulloldstyle]{lete-sans-math}

0123456789, 0123456789

^{*}These Style aliases are provided by lete-sans-math.sty.

Table 6: Style=upint (+ss08)

Command	\int	\iint	\iiint	\iiiint	\oint	\oiint	\oiiint
Default	\int	\int	\iiint	\iiint	$ \oint $	∯	
Upright		\iint	\iiint	\iiint	\oint	∯	∰

Command	\intclockwise	\awint	\varointclockwise	\ointctrclockwise
Default	f	f	∳	lacksquare
Upright	\oint	∫	∳	∳

3.5 Standard LaTeX maths commands

All standard LaTeX maths commands, all amssymb commands and all latexsym commands are supported, for some of them loading lete-sans-math.sty is required.

Various wide accents and extensible arrows are also supported:

\wideoverbar and \mathunderbar⁹

$$\overline{x}$$
 \overline{xy} \overline{xyz} $\overline{A \cup B}$ $\overline{A \cup (B \cap C) \cup D}$ $\underline{m+n+p}$

\widehat and \widetilde

\widecheck and \widebreve

$$\widehat{x}$$
 \widehat{xy} \widehat{xyz} $\widehat{A \cup B}$ $\widehat{A \cup (B \cap C) \cup D}$ $\widehat{x+y}$ $\widehat{a+b+...+z}$

[&]quot;\overline and \underline are not font related, they are based on \rule.

$$\underbrace{x} \underbrace{xz} \underbrace{xyz} \underbrace{x+z} \underbrace{a+b+...+z}_{26}$$

☞ \overbrace and \underbrace

$$\overrightarrow{a}$$
 \overrightarrow{ab} \overrightarrow{abc} \overrightarrow{abcd} \overrightarrow{abcde} $\overrightarrow{a+b+c}$ $\overrightarrow{a+b+...+z}$

$$\underline{a}$$
 \underline{ab} \underline{abc} \underline{abcd} \underline{abcde} $\underline{a+b+c}$ $\underline{a+b+...+z}$

$$\overline{a}$$
 \overline{ab} \overline{abc} \overline{abcd} \overline{abcde} $\overline{a+b+c}$ $\overline{a+b+...+z}$

$$\underline{a}$$
 \underline{ab} \underline{abc} \underline{abcd} \underline{abcde} $\underline{a+b+c}$ $\underline{a+b+...+z}$

\overrightarrow and \overleftarrow

$$\vec{v}$$
 \vec{M} $\vec{v}\vec{v}$ \vec{AB} \vec{ABCD} $\vec{ABCDEFGH}$.

\overrightharpoon and \overleftharpoon

$$\vec{v}$$
 \vec{M} $\vec{v}\vec{v}$ $\vec{A}\vec{B}$ $\vec{A}\vec{B}\vec{C}$ $\vec{A}\vec{B}\vec{C}\vec{D}$ $\vec{A}\vec{B}\vec{C}\vec{D}\vec{E}\vec{F}\vec{G}\vec{H}$.

\underrightarrow and \underleftarrow

\underrightharpoon and \underleftharpoondown

All the extensible arrows provided by the mathtools package are available in the Lete Sans Math font (loading lete-sans-math.sty is required), f.i.:

$$X \stackrel{\text{above}}{\longleftrightarrow} Y \stackrel{\text{above}}{\longleftrightarrow} Z \stackrel{\text{above}}{\longleftrightarrow} W$$

A wide range of extensible vertical delimiters is provided:

3.6 Mathematical alphabets

- All Latin and Greek characters are available in italic, upright, bold and bold italic via the \symit{}, \symbf{} and \symbfit{} commands.
- Calligraphic alphabet (\symscr or \symcal or \mathcal command), uppercase:

also in boldface (\symbfscr,\symbfcal or \mathbfcal command):

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTUVWXYZ

Blackboard-bold alphabet (\symbb or \mathbb command):

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 0123456789

Fraktur alphabet is borrowed from Latin Modern, medium and bold (\symfrak, or \symbffrak commands):

ABCDEFGHIJALMNDPLASTUUWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwrŋz ABCDEFGHIJALMNDPLASTUUWXYZ

abedefghijklmnopgrstuvwrnz

but this can overwritten, i.e.

\setmathfont{Asana-Math.otf}[range=frak,Scale=MatchUppercase] \$\symfrak{ABCDEFGHIJKL...XYZ abcdefghijkl...xyz}\$

Typewriter alphabet is sans-serif: 0123456789

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopgrstuvwxyz

but it can be borrowed from another maths font.

Like Latin Modern, lete-sans-math provides only four lowercase Latin letters in script (or calligraphic) shape: e, g, ℓ, o (\mscre, \mscrg, \ell, \mscro).

All others (range "1D4B6 to "1D4CF) have to be borrowed from another maths font if needed, i.e.

```
\setmathfont{LibertinusMath-Regular.otf}%

[range="1D4B6-"1D4CF, Scale=MatchLowercase]
```

3.7 Bold variant

In case short maths formulas have to be printed in section titles, a *limited* bold variant is provided. Example of usage: **Einstein's equation** $E = mc^2$

```
\setmathfont{LeteSansMath-Bold.otf}[version=bold, options] \section{\mathversion{bold} Einstein's equation $E=mc^2$}
```

It is also possible to use the \boldmath command 10:

```
\setmathfont{LeteSansMath.otf}[BoldFont=LeteSansMath-Bold.otf]
\section{\boldmath Einstein's equation $E=mc^2$}
```

3.8 Missing symbols

Lete Sans Math is fairly complete (see file unimath-lete.pdf), if you happen to need some of the few missing glyphs you can borrow them from a more complete font, say New Computer Modern. For instance if you need Italic Blackboard Bold (U+2145 to U+2149) you could try:

```
\setmathfont{NewCMMath-Book.otf}[range={"2145-"2149},Scale=1.05]
```

Let's mention albatross, a useful tool to find out the list of fonts providing a given glyph: f.i. type in a terminal "albatross U+2145", see the manpage or albatross-manual.pdf.

¹⁰The \boldmath command works out of the box when lete-sans-math.sty is loaded.

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