

The engsymbols package*

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1 Introduction

This document describes the `engsymbols` package, a collection of macros to facilitate the writing of common engineering symbols.

The following packages are prerequisites:

- `siunitx`

This package follows the conventions specified by ISO standards of typesetting mathematics [1].

2 Implementation

2.1 Basic operations

`ped` This macro by [1] typesets the argument in math roman font, to indicate a object. Italic subscripts should be used only to refer to another variables, for example, c_P is the specific heat obtained by maintaining the pressure, a physical parameter, fixes. By contrast, h_L is the liquid enthalpy; liquid is not a variable. The command `\ap` does the same to superscripts, like T^I for the interface temperature.

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1 \newcommand{\ped}[1]{\ensuremath{\mathrm{#1}}}  
2 \newcommand{\ap}[1]{\ensuremath{\mathrm{#1}}}
```

2.2 Special individual symbols

`volume` This macro produces a calligraphic V to indicate volume, as \mathcal{V} . This is usually done to avoid confusion with velocity.

```
3 \newcommand{\volume}{\mathcal{V}}
```

*This document corresponds to `engsymbols v0.1`, dated 2014/12/02.

diffd This macro produces the differential d operator, as in dx . The definition is fairly complex because it tries to do an optimal spacing, and is described by [1].

```

4 \newcommand{\diffd}{\@ifnextchar^{\DIfF}{\DIfF~{}}}
5 \def\DIfF#1{%
6   \mathop{\mathrm{\mathstrut d}}}%
7   \nolimits^{#1}\gobblespace}
8 \def\gobblespace{%
9   \futurelet\diffarg\ospace}
10 \def\ospace{%
11   \let\DiffSpace\!%
12   \ifx\diffarg%
13     \let\DiffSpace\relax
14   \else
15     \ifx\diffarg[%
16       \let\DiffSpace\relax
17     \else
18       \ifx\diffarg\{%
19         \let\DiffSpace\relax
20       \fi\fi\fi\DiffSpace}

```

\hheat This macro produces a “crossed” h as in \hbar . This is done in some texts to denote the convection heat transfer coefficient and differentiate it from enthalpy h . This is actually just an alias to the existing command `\hbar`, to give a more meaningful name. There is also `\hmass` to produce \hbar_m , used to indicate a mass transfer coefficient.

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21 \newcommand{\hheat}{\hbar}
22 \newcommand{\hmass}{\hbar\ped{m}}

```

References

- [1] Claudio Beccari. Typesetting mathematics for science and technology according to iso 31/xi. *TUGboat*, 18(1):39–48, 1997.