

`\def` *<control sequence>* *<parameter text>* { *<replacement text>* }

This command defines *<control sequence>* as a macro with the specified *<parameter text>* and *<replacement text>*. See page ‘macro’ for a full explanation of how to write a macro definition.

Example:

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\def\add#1+#2=?{#1+#2&=
\count255=#1 \advance\count255 by #2 \number\count255\cr}
$$\eqalign{
\add 27+9=?
\add -5+-8=?}$$
```

produces:

$$27 + 9 = 36$$

$$-5 + -8 = -13$$