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$\_$ $\langle argument \rangle$	$\char94$ $\langle argument \rangle$
$\texttt{\textbackslash sb}$ $\langle argument \rangle$	$\texttt{\textbackslash sp}$ $\langle argument \rangle$

The commands in each column are equivalent. The commands in the first column typeset $\langle argument \rangle$ as a subscript, and those in the second column typeset $\langle argument \rangle$ as a superscript. The $\texttt{\textbackslash sb}$ and $\texttt{\textbackslash sp}$ commands are mainly useful if you're working on a terminal that lacks an underscore or caret, or if you've redefined '$\_$' or '$\char94$' and need access to the original definition. These commands are also used for setting lower and upper limits on summations and integrals.

If a subscript or superscript is not a single token, you need to enclose it in a group. TEX does not prioritize subscripts or superscripts, so it will reject formulas such as $\texttt{a\_i\_j}$, $\texttt{a\char94 i\char94 j}$, or $\texttt{a\char94 i\_j}$.

Subscripts and superscripts are normally typeset in script style, or in scriptscript style if they are second-order, e.g., a subscript on a subscript or a superscript on a a subscript. You can set *any* text in a math formula in a script or scriptscript style with the $\texttt{\textbackslash scriptstyle}$ and $\texttt{\textbackslash scriptscriptstyle}$ commands (p. '$\texttt{\textbackslash scriptscriptstyle}$').

You can apply a subscript or superscript to any of the commands that produce named mathematical functions in roman type (see p. '$\texttt{namedfns}$'). In certain cases (again, see p. '$\texttt{namedfns}$') the subscript or superscript appears directly above or under the function name as shown in the examples of $\texttt{\textbackslash lim}$ and $\texttt{\textbackslash det}$ below.

Example:
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$x_3 \quad t_{\max} \quad a_{i_k} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n{q_i}
    \quad x^3\quad e^{t \cos\theta}\quad r^{x^2}\quad
    \int_0^\infty{f(x)\,dx}$
$$\lim_{x\leftarrow0}f(x)\qquad\det^{z\in A}\qquad\sin^2t$$
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produces:

$$x_3 \quad t_{\max} \quad a_{i_k} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n q_i \quad x^3 \quad e^{t\cos\theta} \quad r^{x^2} \quad \int_0^\infty f(x)\,dx$$

$$\lim_{x\leftarrow 0} f(x) \qquad \overset{z\in A}{\det} \qquad \sin^2 t$$