# LONGDIVISION

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The LONGDIVISION package defines two main commands:  $\longdivision$  and  $\longdivision$ . The usage for both is  $\longdivision[\langle options \rangle] \{\langle dividend \rangle\} \{\langle divisor \rangle\}$ . The difference is that  $\longdivision$  divides until the remainders repeat or the quotient has too many digits to fit the page, whereas  $\longdivision$  does integer division and leaves the remainder. The command  $\longdivisionkeys\{\langle options \rangle\}$  is also defined to set default options. At most 20 division steps worth of work will be displayed and at most 60 digits worth of division output will be produced. Thanks to Mike Jenck, Cameron McLeman, and Yu-Tsung Tai for emailing me with bug reports and feature requests.

Here is an example usage:

\longdivision{100}{22}  \intlongdivision{100}{22}	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
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These commands have several key-value options:

### $max extra digits = \langle nonnegative integer \rangle$

This key determines the maximum amount of "extra" zeroes to add to the end of the dividend in the process of division – if the quotient has more digits before it repeats, the division will just stop. This is only an option for \longdivision, the command \intlongdivision{ $\langle dividend \rangle$ }{ $\langle divisor \rangle$ } is equivalent to \longdivision[max extra digits=0]{ $\langle dividend \rangle$ }{ $\langle divisor \rangle$ }. For brevity, this option has the short form where just the value is provided: \longdivision[2]{ $\langle dividend \rangle$ }{ $\langle divisor \rangle$ } is the same as \longdivision[max extra digits=2]{ $\langle dividend \rangle$ }{ $\langle divisor \rangle$ }.

	n[max extra digit n[1]{10.0}{7}	s = 2]{10.0}	-{7}		
$ \begin{array}{r} 1.428 \\ 7)\overline{10.000} \\ 7 \\ \overline{3.0} \\ 2.8 \\ \overline{20} \\ \underline{14} \\ 60 \\ \underline{56} \\ 4 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 1.42 \\ 7 \overline{\smash{\big)}10.00} \\ \underline{7} \\ 3.0 \\ \underline{2.8} \\ 20 \\ \underline{14} \\ 6 \end{array} $				

#### $stage = \langle nonnegative integer \rangle$

This controls how many steps worth of division to do. Thanks to Cam McLeman for suggesting this feature.

```
\longdivision[stage=0]{5.3}{37} \quad
\longdivision[stage=1]{5.3}{37} \quad quad
\longdivision[stage=2]{5.3}{37} \quad
\longdivision[stage=3]{5.3}{37} \quad
\longdivision[stage=4]{5.3}{37}
                                                                              0.1\overline{432}
                     0.1
                                       0.14
                                                          0.143
37)53
                 37)\overline{5.3}
                                                     37)\overline{5.300}
                                                                          37 5.3000
                                   37)5.30
                                       3.7
                                                          3.7
                                                                              3.7
                      \overline{1.6}
                                       1.60
                                                          1.60
                                                                              1.60
                                       1.48
                                                          1.48
                                                                              1.48
                                                                                120
                                         12
                                                           120
                                                            111
                                                                                111
                                                              9
                                                                                  90
                                                                                  74
                                                                                  \overline{16}
```

```
\mathbf{style} = \langle style \rangle \tag{initially standard}
```

Control the style for typesetting the result of long division. The options are default, standard, tikz, or german. The option default is the same as tikz if TikZ is loaded and otherwise is the same as standard. You probably should load TikZ because the TikZ version looks significantly better. If you use this option, you'll probably want to set the style once and for all in your preamble with  $\odots$  once  $\odots$  once  $\odots$  once  $\odots$  or  $\odots$  of  $\odots$  once  $\odots$  once and  $\odots$  or  $\odots$  once  $\odots$ 

```
\intlongdivision[style = tikz
                                        ]{100.0}{13} \quad
\intlongdivision[style = standard]{100.0}{13} \quad
\intlongdivision[style = german ]{100.0}{13}
       7.6
                      7.6
13)100.0
                13 100.0
                              100.0:13 = 7.6
      91
                     91
                                91
      9.0
                      9.0
                                9.0
       7.8
                                 7.8
                      7.8
       \overline{1.2}
                      \overline{1.2}
                                 \overline{1.2}
```

You can define your own typesetting style by saying  $\lceil \log div_define_style:nn\{\langle style\ name\rangle\}\{\langle code\rangle\}$ . This can use the commands  $\lceil \log divdividend$  which contains the dividend,  $\lceil \log divdivisor$  which contains the divisor,  $\lceil \log divquotient$  which contains the quotient, and  $\lceil \log divwork \rceil$ : which contains the division work. For instance, a simplified version of the german style is:

```
\label{logdivdefinestyle} $$ \left( \frac{10}{10} \right) $$ \end{tabular} \left( \frac{10}{10} \right) $$ \end{tabular} $$ \end{tab
```

Send me an email if you cannot figure out how to make a style to your liking.

Control the way that repeating decimals are typeset. The options are overline, dots, dots all, parentheses, or none. The default is overline. The parentheses style creates ugly spacing problems and the dots style is insufficiently visible, so the overline style is the best. If you use this option, you'll probably want to set the style once and for all in your preamble with  $\lceil \log divisionkeys \lceil ecurring decimal style=\langle style \rangle$ . Like the style key, this is designed to be extensible. However, the process of creating new repeating decimal styles is a bit involved. Send me an email if you want a new repeating decimal style.

```
\longdivision[repeating decimal style = overline
                                                                    ]{5.3}{37} \quad quad
\longdivision[repeating decimal style = dots
                                                                    ]{5.3}{37} \quad quad
\longdivision[repeating decimal style = dots all
                                                                    ]{5.3}{37} \quad
\longdivision[repeating decimal style = parentheses]{5.3}{37} \quad
\longdivision[repeating decimal style = none
                                                                    ]{5.3}{37}
                           0.1\dot{4}3\dot{2}
                                                 0.1\dot{4}\dot{3}\dot{2}
     0.1\overline{432}
                                                                        0.1(432)
                                                                                                0.1432
                       37)5.3000
37)5.3000
                                             37 ) 5.3000
                                                                    37)5.3 000
                                                                                            37)5.3000
                           3.7
                                                  3.7
                                                                        3.7
                                                                                                 3.7
     3.7
     1.60
                           1.60
                                                 1.60
                                                                        1.6 \ 0
                                                                                                1.60
     1.48
                           1.48
                                                 1.48
                                                                        1.4 8
                                                                                                 1.48
       120
                             120
                                                    120
                                                                          \frac{1}{1} \frac{1}{2} 0
                                                                                                  120
                             111
                                                    111
                                                                          1 11
                                                                                                  111
       111
         90
                                90
                                                      90
                                                                              90
                                                                                                     90
         74
                                74
                                                      74
                                                                              74
                                                                                                     74
          \overline{16}
                                \overline{16}
                                                      \overline{16}
                                                                              \overline{16}
                                                                                                     \overline{16}
```

#### $decimal separator = \langle separator character \rangle$

(initially .)

Control the character used to indicated the decimal point. Most people want this to be a period or a comma. The default is a period. Note that this changes the decimal separator BOTH in the input and in the output. If you set the decimal separator to a comma and then use a period in the input, it will throw an error (though this could be inconvenient for people – if this behavior causes you trouble, email me and I can fix it). If you want to use the comma decimal separator, I recommend saying \longdivisionkeys{decimal separator = {,}} in your preamble.

```
\longdivision[decimal separator = {.}]{2.1}{3} \quad \longdivision[decimal separator = {,}]{2,1}{3} \

\frac{0.7}{3 | 2.1} \qquad 3 | \frac{0.7}{2.1} \\
\frac{2.1}{0} \qquad \frac{2.1}{0}
```

## $digit separator = \langle separator character \rangle$

(initially none)

Control the character used to separate groups of digits in the output. By default digit groups have length 3, but that can be configured with the digit group length key. If value is empty, then no separator is used. Most people want this to be a period or a comma. Note that this changes the decimal separator BOTH in the input and in the output. If you set the decimal separator to a comma and then use a period in the input, it will throw an error.

```
\longdivisionkeys{digit group length = 2}
\longdivision[digit separator = {,}]{5}{7} \quad
\longdivision[digit separator = {.}, decimal separator = {,}]{5}{7}
\longdivision[digit separator = { }]{5}{7}
\longdivision[digit separator = {_}]{5}{7}
   0.\overline{71,42,85}
                           0,\overline{71.42.85}
                                                  0.\overline{71\ 42\ 85}
                                                                        0.\overline{71\_42\_85}
7)5.00,00,00
                         7)5,00.00.00
                                               7)5.00 00 00
                                                                     7)5.00_00_00
   4.9
                            4,9
                                                  4.9
                                                                        4.9
                              10
                                                    10
                                                                          10
     10
                               7
                                                                           \bar{3}_{-}0
       \bar{3},0
                                                     \overline{3} 0
                               \overline{3}.0
                               2.8
                                                     2 8
                                                                           2_8
       2,8
                                                       20
                                                                              20
        20
                                 20
         14
                                 14
                                                       14
                                                                              14
                                  6.0
                                                        6 0
                                                                               6_0
          6,0
          5,6
                                  5.6
                                                        5 6
                                                                               5_6
            40
                                    40
                                                           40
                                                                                  \overline{40}
            35
                                    35
                                                           35
                                                                                  35
                                     5
             5
                                                            5
                                                                                   5
```

### digit group length = $\langle integer \rangle$

(initially 3)

Specify how often to include a digit separator. Does nothing without the digit separator key.

```
\label{longdivision} $$  \log digit group length = 2, digit separator = {,}]{5}{7}  \setminus quad $$  \
\longdivision[digit group length = 3, digit separator = { }]{5}{7} \quad
\longdivision[digit group length = 4, digit separator = {_}]{5}{7}
    0.\overline{71,42,85}
                              0.\overline{714\ 285}
                                                        0.\overline{7142\_85}
7)5.00,00,00
                           7)5.000 000
                                                     7)5.0000_00
    4.9
                              4.9
                                                        4.9
      10
                                10
                                                          10
                                  7
                                                           7
                                  \overline{3}0
                                                           \overline{3}0
       \bar{3},0
       2,8
                                  28
                                                            28
                                   \frac{1}{2} 0
         20
                                                             20
          14
                                   1 4
                                                             14
          6,0
                                     60
                                                              6_0
           5,6
                                      56
                                                              5_6
             40
                                       \overline{40}
                                                                 40
             35
                                       35
                                                                 35
                                        5
              5
                                                                  5
```

#### separators in work = $\langle bool \rangle$

(initially true)

Specifies whether to include the decimal and digit separators in division work. When this is false, \longdivision will leave a space instead so that the digits are aligned correctly.

```
\longdivision[separators in work = true ]{14.1}{3} \quad \longdivision[separators in work = false]{14.1}{3}

\frac{4.7}{3)14.1} \frac{4.7}{3)14.1}

\frac{12}{2.1} \frac{12}{2}

\frac{2.1}{0} \frac{2}{0}
```

```
german division sign = \langle division \ sign \rangle
```

(initially:)

```
\longdivisionkeys{style = german}
\longdivision[german division sign = $\,\div\,$ ]{14.1}{3} \quad
\longdivision[german division sign = : ]{14.1}{3}
```

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
14.1 \div 3 &= 4.7 & 14.1 : 3 &= 4.7 \\
\frac{12}{2.1} & & \frac{12}{2.1} \\
\frac{2.1}{0} & & \frac{2.1}{0}
\end{array}$$