

# TexVar - Manual

TexVar – LaTeX math calculations

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## 1 Description

TexVar (short tVar) is a basic L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X math calculations tool written in Lua. For integration into L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X it has to be used together with LuaLaTeX. Compared to software like Mathcad TexVar is a lot more flexible. You can fill custom designed tables with results, do calculations within text documents and print beautiful LaTeX equations. The current version also supports 2D-plotting with gnuplot.

## 2 Installation

### 2.1 Prerequisites

The following software is needed in order to use TexVar:

- Lua 5.1 or higher
- LuaLaTeX (MikTeX or Texlive)
- GnuPlot 5.0 (only needed for plotting)

### 2.2 Installation

Download TexVar from <http://texvar.projectzoo.at/> and copy the folder *tVar* and the file *texvar.sty* (subfolder package) to a location that is visible to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. (e.g. the folder your \*.tex file is in or global L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X-folder <sup>1</sup>)

#### 2.2.1 Configuration for Gnuplot

In order to use Gnuplot with TexVar you have to allow LuaLaTeX to call external commands during run-time. This works through the command-line switch `--shell-escape`. Your complete call for LuaLaTeX could look like this: `lualatex -synctex=1 -interaction=nonstopmode --shell-escape %.tex`.

## 3 Getting Started - Hello World

To ensure your installation is working test the following code. When using an luacode based environment like tVar it's important that the commands `\begin{tVar}` `\end{tVar}` are *not indented*.

```

1 \documentclass{article}
2 %
3 \usepackage{texvar}
4 \usepackage[fleqn]{amsmath}
5 %
6 \begin{document}
7 \begin{tVar}
8 #Hello World! I'm using TexVar
9 tVar.getVersion()
10 \end{tVar}
11 \end{document}
```

---

**Output**

Hello World! I'm using TexVar Version: 1.5.9

---

<sup>1</sup>You can find information on global L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X-folders at <https://www.math.hmc.edu/computing/support/tex/installing/>

## 4 General Information on tVar Enviroment

This section gives a general insight on how commands are interpreted and how this affects the code. Generally, there are two key commands the TexVar interpreter searches for <sup>2</sup>:

1. #
2. :=

Every other command is directly forwarded to the Lua interpreter. This means you can write any Lua code you want inside the tVar environment.

```

1 \begin{tVar}
2 function mypow(a,b)
3 return a^b
4 end
5 for i=0,4 do
6 tex.print("Step " .. mypow(2,i) .. "\\\\")
7 end
8 \end{tVar}

```

---

**Output**

Step 1  
Step 2  
Step 4  
Step 8  
Step 16

---

## 5 TexVar - Commands

### 5.1 Creating Variables

TexVar knows three types of variables:

**tVar** is the basic type for scalar values.

**tMat** is used for matrices.

**tVec** is used for vectors.

The following code generates a variable of each type. Every assignment is made with :=.

```

1 \begin{tVar}
2 a:=13
3 e:={1,2,4}
4 A:={{1,0},{2,4},{3,9.1}}
5 \end{tVar}

```

---

**Output**

$a = 13$

---

<sup>2</sup>Details on these key commands are discussed in Section 5

$$\vec{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 9.1 \end{pmatrix}$$


---

### 5.1.1 Creating Variables in Equations

New variables can also be created inside equations. Vectors and matrices can be created as shown in Section 5.1. Lua knows - by default - how to do calculations with numbers. Any mathematical operation with a tVar object and a decimal number results in a tVar value.

```

1 \begin{tVar}
2 # Variable a is created from the equation ...
3 a:=13*2^2
4 # To preserve the equation some of the ...
5 a:=tVar:New(13)*2^2
6 # At first Lua calculates $2^2=4$ ...
7 # To print the whole ...
8 a:=13*tVar:New(2)^2
9 # Matrices and Vectors
10 c:={{1,2,3},{4,2,6},{1,3,2}}*{1,2,3}*a
11 \end{tVar}

```

---

#### Output

Variable a is created from the equation  $13 \cdot 2^2$ . Since all numbers are just decimal values, Lua calculates the result and creates the tVar object afterwards.

$$a = 52$$

To preserve the equation some of the numbers have to be initialized as tVar objects. In this case it's the number 13.

$$a = 13 \cdot 4 = 52$$

At first Lua calculates  $2^2 = 4$  and then multiplies the tVar object 13 with 4 which results in a tVar object containing the equation. To print the whole equation, one number from the first calculation has to be transformed into a tVar object.

$$a = 13 \cdot 2^2 = 52$$

Matrices and Vectors

$$\vec{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot 52 = \begin{pmatrix} 728 \\ 1352 \\ 676 \end{pmatrix}$$


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### 5.1.2 Auto-Formatting of variable names

The  $\text{\LaTeX}$ -representation of a variable is automatically generated from the variable name. The first occurrence of an underline starts the subscript the first occurrence of a double underline starts the superscript. Every other underline becomes a comma.

```
1 \begin{tVar}
2 a_1_3:=13
3 a__10_2:=3
4 b_1_x__y_2:=12
5 \end{tVar}
```

---

**Output**

$$a_{1,3} = 13$$

$$a_2^{10} = 3$$

$$b_{1,x}^{y,2} = 12$$


---

## 5.2 Creating Functions

Functions can easily be defined with the following syntax. The auto-formatting of function names and attribute names works according to Section 5.1.2.

```
1 \begin{tVar}
2 f(x,y):=x^2+y^2+4
3 a:=f(2,3)+11
4 \end{tVar}
```

---

**Output**

$$f(x,y) = x^2 + y^2 + 4$$

$$a = f(2,3) + 11 = 2^2 + 3^2 + 4 + 11 = 28$$


---

## 5.3 Indexing Matrices and Vectors

The syntax for indexing a matrix is similar to the Matlab syntax. To access a matrix you have to use square brackets and a string as key. The key has to be formatted according to the following examples.

```
1 \begin{tVar}
2 A:={{1,2,6},{2,4,6},{7,6,9}}
3 # Index one element with syntax [row,column]
4 A["1,2"]:outRES()
5 # Index a range
```

```

6 A["1:2,1:end"]:outRES()
7 # The range 1:end is equal to :
8 A["1:2,:"]:outRES()
9 # You can also set matrices this way
10 A["1:2,:"]:={{1,2,3},{4,5,6}}
11 A["1:2,:"]:outRES()
12 # Address vector
13 c:=A[:,2]
14 d:=A["2,:"]
15 # The above also applies to vectors
16 {plain
17   v_1:={1,4,3}
18   #,~
19   v_1["2"]:outRES()
20   #,~
21   v_1["1"]:=9
22   v_1:outRES()
23 }
24 \end{tVar}

```

---

### Output

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 7 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

Index one element with syntax [row,column]

$$\mathbf{A}[1,2] = 2$$

Index a range

$$\mathbf{A}[1:2,1:end] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

The range 1:end is equal to :

$$\mathbf{A}[1:2,:] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

You can also set matrices this way

$$\mathbf{A}[1:2,:] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Address vector

$$\vec{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

The above also applies to vectors

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_1[2] = 4, \quad \vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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The command `{plain }` groups equations to one math environment. For details see Section 5.4.7

## 5.4 Output

### 5.4.1 `print()`

The `[tVar]:print()` command creates the output according to the global parameter `tVar.outputMode`. The following options are supported:

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|   | Output |
|---|--------|
| <code>a = 10</code><br><code>b = 2</code><br><code>c = a + b = 10 + 2 = 12</code> |        |
| <code>tVar.outputMode = "RES_EQ_N"</code>   |        |
| <code>c = 12</code>   |        |
| <code>tVar.outputMode = "RES_EQ"</code>   |        |
| <code>c = 12</code>   |        |
| <code>tVar.outputMode = "RES"</code>  |        |
| <code>c = 12</code>   |        |

---

If you do your calculations inside `\begin{tVar}` and `\end{tVar}` the `[tVar]:print()` command is automatically added to your calculations. This means `c:=(a+b)` creates an output using the `[tVar]:print()` command. To suppress the automatic output just add a `;"` at the end of the line.

```

1  \begin{tVar}
2  # With output:
3  a:=10
4  b:=3
5  c:=a+b
6  # Without output (Lines 7 and 8 produce no output):
7  a:=10;
8  b:=3;
9  c:=a+b
10 \end{tVar}
```

---

Output

With output:

$$a = 10$$

$$b = 3$$

$$c = a + b = 10 + 3 = 13$$

Without output (Lines 7 and 8 produce no output):

$$c = a + b = 10 + 3 = 13$$

### 5.4.2 outRES()

The `[tVar]:outRES()` command is equal to the combination of `[tVar]:print()` with `tVar.outputMode = "RES"`. If you do your calculations inside `\begin{tVar}` and `\end{tVar}` the `[tVar]:outRES()` command is automatically added to any assignment of a new variable. That means `a:=10` creates and output using the `[tVar]:outRES()` command.

In some cases you might want to print an equation without assigning it to a variable. This can be achieved by directly calling the function `tVar.outRES([tVar])` (now with a dot) and passing your equation as argument to the function.

```
1 \begin{tVar}
2 a:=2
3 b:=13
4 tVar.outRES((a+b)/2+b)
5 \end{tVar}
```

**Output**

$$a = 2$$

$$b = 13$$

$$\frac{a+b}{2} + b = 20.5$$

This method also works for the output commands listed in Section 5.4.3.

### 5.4.3 Other Output Commands

For every output mode mentioned in Section 5.4.1 there is an equal output function.

**RES\_EQ\_N** `[tVar]:outRES_EQ_N(numbering,environment)`

**RES\_EQ** `[tVar]:outRES_EQ(numbering,environment)`

**RES** `[tVar]:outRES(numbering,environment)`



The attributes *numbering* and *environment* are boolean values and define if the output is created with numeration and a math environment. Both parameters are optional and can also be defined via the global parameters `tVar.numeration` and `tVar.mathEnviroment`<sup>3</sup>

Additionally there are the functions `[tVar]:out()` for printing the result without the variable name and `[tVar]:outN()` for printing the variable name the equation with numbers and the result.

#### 5.4.4 L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Output

Inside `\begin{tVar}` and `\end{tVar}` the symbol `#` can be used to print a text in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X. Inside such a text you can use `%[tVar]%` to print a variables name and `$$[tVar]$$` to print a variables value.

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X commands used within `#` have to be escaped. For example `\section{}` has to be written as `\\section{}`.

```
1 \begin{tVar}
2 #\\section*{First Section}
3 a_1_2:=22.4:setUnit("m")
4 # Linebreaks are a bit confusing \\\
5 # The variable %[a_1_2]% has the value $$a_1_2$$
6 \end{tVar}
```

---

#### Output

##### First Subsection

$$a_{1,2} = 22.4 \, m$$

Linebreaks are a bit confusing

The variable  $a_{1,2}$  has the value  $22.4 \, m$

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#### 5.4.5 Precise Manipulation of Output

The following functions manipulate equations directly and can be used for detailed formatting.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <code>[tVar]:bracR()</code>             | Surrounds the <code>[tVar]</code> object with round brackets.   |
| <code>[tVar]:bracB()</code>             | Surrounds the <code>[tVar]</code> object with boxed brackets.   |
| <code>[tVar]:bracC()</code>             | Surrounds the <code>[tVar]</code> object with curly brackets.   |
| <code>[tVar]:CRLF ([string])</code>     | Inserts a line break in N after the <code>[tVar]</code> object and adds the string before and after the line break.   |
| <code>[tVar]:CRLFb([string])</code>     | Inserts a line break in N before the <code>[tVar]</code> object and adds the string before and after the line break.  |
| <code>[tVar]:CRLF_EQ ([string])</code>  | Inserts a line break in EQ after the <code>[tVar]</code> object and adds the string before and after the line break.  |
| <code>[tVar]:CRLFb_EQ([string])</code>  | Inserts a line break in EQ before the <code>[tVar]</code> object and adds the string before and after the line break. |
| <code>[tVar]:clean()</code>             | Removes the calculation history from an object.   |
| <code>[tVar]:setUnit([string])</code>   | Sets the unit for a <code>tVar</code> object.   |
| <code>[tVar]:setFormat([string])</code> | Sets the numberformat for a <code>tVar</code> Object. For details see Section 5.4.6                                   |

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<sup>3</sup>In case `tVar.mathEnviroment` is set to `""` no math environment is used.

```

1 \begin{tVar}
2 a:=10:setUnit("m")
3 b:=3:setUnit("m")
4 c:=(((a+b):bracR()^2):bracB()*5):bracC()*22):setUnit("m^2")
5 #In case you do a really long calculation you can insert a linebreak
   \\\
6 c:=((a+a+a+a+a+a+a+b+b):CRLF("+")+b+b+b:CRLF_EQ("+")+b+b+b+a+a+a+a)
   :CRLFb("=")
7 tVar.debugMode = "off"

```

---

### Output

$$a = 10 \, m$$

$$b = 3 \, m$$

$$c = \left\{ \left[ (a+b)^2 \right] \cdot 5 \right\} \cdot 22 = \left\{ \left[ (10+3)^2 \right] \cdot 5 \right\} \cdot 22 = 18590 \, m^2$$

In case you do a really long calculation you can insert a linebreak

$$\begin{aligned}
c &= a + a + a + a + a + a + a + a + a + b + b + b + b + b + \\
&+ b + b + b + a + a + a + a = \\
&= 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 3 + 3 + \\
&+ 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 10 + 10 + 10 + 10 = 144
\end{aligned}$$


---

#### 5.4.6 Number Format

The number format can be controlled globally and locally. The function `[tVar]:setFormat([string])` defines the local number format of a tVar object. In case no local format was defined, tVar falls back to the global format set with `tVar.numberFormat = [string]`.

Common values are:

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### Output

Variable a is set to 192.6345

Integer %d

$$a = 192$$

Exponential %.2E

$$a = 1.93 \cdot 10^2$$

Float %.3f

$$a = 192.635$$


---

There is one case where TexVar automatically changes the number format: When the output precision return 0 but the calculation precision is unequal to 0 the number format is changed to `%.3E`.

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**Output**

Variable a is set to 0.00001. Default number format is `%.3f`. Calculation precision is 10

$$a = 1 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$b = 123432$$

$$c = a \cdot b = 1 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot 123432 = 1.234$$


---

**5.4.7 Grouping Math Environments**

By default TexVar creates a new mathematical environment for every output (except plain text-output with `#`). To group equations into one environment, you can enclose them with curly brackets. The group operator automatically adds an alignment symbol at the beginning of the line and a line-break at the end. If you want to suppress this behavior you can open the group with the command `{plain}`.

```

1  \begin{tVar}
2  {
3    a:=1
4    b:=10
5    c:=3
6  }
7  d:=(a+b):bracR()/c
8  #It's also possible to create environments without line-breaks and
   alignment:
9  {plain
10 f:=3
11 #,~
12 g:=f+d
13 }
14 \end{tVar}
```

---

**Output**

$$a = 1$$

$$b = 10$$

$$c = 3$$

$$d = \frac{(a+b)}{c} = \frac{(1+10)}{3} = 3.667$$

It's also possible to create environments without line-breaks and alignment:

$$f = 3, g = f + d = 3 + 3.667 = 6.667$$


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## 5.5 Global Parameters

Global parameters can be set during runtime and affect all commands.

Tab. 1: Global parameters with default values and description

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <code>tVar.numFormat = "%.3f"</code>       | Defines the number format for printing.   |
| <code>tVar.mathEnviroment = "align"</code> | Defines the environment used around equations.  |
| <code>tVar.outputMode = "RES_EQ_N"</code>  | Defines the outputmode (Section 5.4.1).   |
| <code>tVar.numeration = true</code>        | Disables and enables numeration of equations.   |
| <code>tVar.decimalSeparator = "."</code>   | Defines the decimal separator.  |
| <code>tMat.texStyle = "mathbf"</code>      | Defines the style for matrices.   |
| <code>tMat.eqTexAsMatrix = false</code>    | Enables and disables output of a matrix as variable name or matrix with variable names  |
| <code>tVec.texStyle = "vec"</code>         | Defines the style for vectors.  |
| <code>tVar.calcPrecision = 10</code>       | Defines the how many decimal places are used for comparison.  |
| <code>tVar.disableOutput = false</code>    | Disables the complete output.   |
| <code>tVar.autocutZero = true</code>       | Removes trailing zeros from a decimal number.   |
| <code>tVar.autocutDecimalSep = true</code> | In case <code>tVar.autocutDecimalSep</code> is true remove the decimal separator if all trailing zeros have been removed. Else show number with one decimal zero. (Only works if <code>tVar.autocutZero = true</code> ) |
| <code>tVar.debugMode = "off"</code>        | In case <code>debugMode</code> is set to "on" the equations are printed as $\LaTeX$ code.   |
| <code>tVar.logInterp = false</code>        | Enables logging of interpreted commands. Creates a file <code>tVarLog.log</code>  |
| <code>tVar.coloredOutput = false</code>    | Prints all variables with value=nil red.  |

### 5.5.1 Details on automatic removal of trailing zeros

The following example shows the difference between the global parameters `tVar.autocutDecimalSep` and `tVar.autocutZero`. If `tVar.autocutZero` is disabled the number format from `tVar.numFormat` get's applied.

```

1 \begin{tVar}
2 #Default settings
3 {
4 a:=2.0
5 b:=3.3
6 c:=tVar.sqrt(a^2+b^2)
7 }
8 #Disable tVar.autocutDecimalSep
9 tVar.autocutDecimalSep = false
10 {
11 a:=2.0
12 b:=3.3
13 c:=tVar.sqrt(a^2+b^2)
14 }
15 #Disable tVar.autocutZero
16 tVar.autocutZero = false
17 {
```

```

18  a:=2.0
19  b:=3.3
20  c:=tVar.sqrt(a^2+b^2)
21  }
22  \end{tVar}

```

---

### Output

Default settings

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= 2 \\
 b &= 3.3 \\
 c &= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{2^2 + 3.3^2} = 3.859
 \end{aligned}$$

Disable tVar.autocutDecimalSep

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= 2.0 \\
 b &= 3.3 \\
 c &= \sqrt{a^{2.0} + b^{2.0}} = \sqrt{2.0^{2.0} + 3.3^{2.0}} = 3.859
 \end{aligned}$$

Disable tVar.autocutZero

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= 2.000 \\
 b &= 3.300 \\
 c &= \sqrt{a^{2.000} + b^{2.000}} = \sqrt{2.000^{2.000} + 3.300^{2.000}} = 3.859
 \end{aligned}$$


---

## 5.6 Plotting with Gnuplot

Plotting in TexVar is support via Gnuplot. The code describing the figure is generated in TexVar and is sent to Gnuplot which creates the graphics.

### 5.6.1 Configuration

For enabling plotting the path to the Gnuplot executable has to be set via a global parameter. By default its set to `tPlot.gnuplot_library = "gnuplot"`. In case you work on a windows system and want to specify the absolute path to your Gnuplot install the command has to be `tPlot.gnuplot_library = ["\" + WINDOWSPATH + "\"]`.

The Gnuplot terminal is by default `tPlot.terminal = "pdf enhanced color font 'Helvetica ,12'"` and the file extension is `tPlot.FileExtension = "pdf"`.

### 5.6.2 Creating a Plot

Every parameter set through `[tPlot].*` is directly translated to a gnuplot command. Actually tPlot is only aware of the following commands

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|   |  |
|---|--|
| <code>tPlot:New(present[tPlot])</code>                                      | Creates a new plot. Present is an optional parameter. If a value gets passed the configuration of the plot is used as template for the new plot. |
| <code>[tPlot].steps = 0.1</code>  | Resolution for functions   |
| <code>[tPlot].conf.size = "14cm,8cm"</code>                                 | Size of the plot   |
| <code>[tPlot].xrange = "[0,10]"</code>                                      | Range of the x axis and min and max value for function creation.   |
| <code>[tPlot]:add(f or {{1,2},{3,2}}, "f(x)", "with line lt 1 lc 2")</code> | Adds a functions or points to the plot.  |
| <code>[tPlot]:plot()</code>   | Generates the plot and returns the includegraphics command.  |

---

```

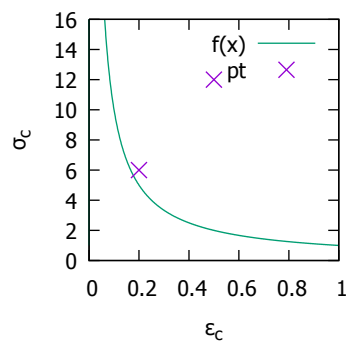
1 \begin{tVar}
2 f(x):=1/x
3
4 plot1=tPlot:New()
5 plot1.xlabel = "{/ Symbol e}_c"
6 plot1.ylabel = "{/ Symbol s}_c"
7 plot1.steps = 0.001
8
9 plot1.xtics = "0.1"
10 plot1.xrange = "[0:1]"
11 plot1.yrange = "[0:16]"
12 plot1.conf.size = "6cm ,6cm"
13 plot1:add(f,"f(x)", "with line lt 1 lc 2")
14 plot1:add({{0.2,6},{0.5,12}}, "pt", "with points lc 1")
15 #\\begin{center}
16 plot1:plot()
17 #\\end{center}
18 \end{tVar}

```

---

### Output

$$f(x) = \frac{1.000}{x}$$




---

Currently TexVar only supports 2D plots and functions with one attribute. If you want to print a function with more than one attribute you can create a helper function.

```

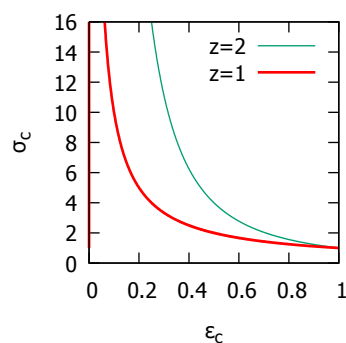
1  \begin{tVar}
2  -- use plot1 as template
3  plot2=tPlot:New(plot1)
4
5  f(x,z):=(1/x)^z
6  -- helper functions with fixed z values
7  f_h_1(x):=f(x,2);
8  f_h_2(x):=f(x,1);
9
10 plot2:add(f_h_1,"z=2","with line lt 1 lc 2")
11 plot2:add(f_h_2,"z=1","with line lt 1 lc 3")
12
13 #\\begin{center}
14 plot2:plot()
15 #\\end{center}
16 \end{tVar}

```

---

Output

$$f(x, z) = \frac{1.000^z}{x}$$



## 5.7 Mathematical Commands

The following subsections are just a listing of currently implemented mathematical functions.

### 5.7.1 General

These functions can be used with every tVar object.

- tVar.sqrt([tVar],[tVar])
- tVar.PI
- tVar.abs([tVar])
- tVar.acos([tVar])
- tVar.cos([tVar])
- tVar.cosh([tVar])
- tVar.asin([tVar])
- tVar.sin([tVar])

- `tVar.sinh([tVar])`
- `tVar.atan([tVar])`
- `tVar.tan([tVar])`
- `tVar.tanh([tVar])`
- `tVar.ceil([tVar])`
- `tVar.floor([tVar])`
- `tVar.exp([tVar])`
- `tVar.ln([tVar])`
- `tVar.log10([tVar])`
- `tVar.rad([tVar])`
- `tVar.deg([tVar])`
- `tVar.atan2(X[tVar],Y[tVar])`
- `tVar.fact([tVar])`

### 5.7.2 Matrices and Vectors

These functions can only be used with `tMat` or `tVec` objects.

- `[tMat]:T()`
- `[tMat]:Det()`
- `[tMat]:Inv()`
- `tVec.crossP([tVec],[tVec])`

## 5.8 The Link Function

If you want to use your own functions within TexVar, you can use the `Link` function to link them to `tVar` functions. This only applies to functions that don't use TexVar objects for calculation. If you want to write a TexVar function see Section 5.2. The following code shows the implementation of the factorial function with the link function.

```

1  \begin{tVar}
2  function mycalcFactorial(n)
3    -- no tVar objects here just numbers
4    if n<=1 then return 1 end
5    return n*mycalcFactorial(n-1)
6  end
7
8  -- link it
9  myfact = tVar.link(mycalcFactorial,"","!")
10
11 a:=10
12 b:=myfact(a)
13 \end{tVar}

```

---

Output

$a = 10.000$



$$b = a! = 10.000! = 3628800.000$$

---

The link function takes as first attribute the function you want to link as second a string to be added before the attributes and as third a string to be added after the attributes.

All Lua math functions are implemented this way.

For example the Lua function **math.atan2**:

```
1 --- calculates inverse tangens with with appr. quadrant
2 --
3 -- @param opposite (tVar,number) values
4 -- @param adjacent (tVar,number) values
5 -- @return (tVar)
6 tVar.atan2 = tVar.link(math.atan2,"\\text{atan2}\\left(", "\\right)")
```

---

**Output**

$$c = \operatorname{atan2}(3.000; 4.000) = 0.644$$

---

## 6 Examples

### 6.1 U-Value

This is a very simple example using only the basic functionality of TexVar.

```

1 \newcommand{\msKpW}{\tfrac{m^2K}{W}}
2 \newcommand{\WpmsK}{\tfrac{W}{m^2K}}
3 \newcommand{\WpmK}{\tfrac{W}{mK}}
4 \newcommand{\m}{m}
5 Calculating the U-Value for an element with two layers.\
6 \begin{tVar}
7   #\\noindent Resistance of surface
8   {plain
9     R_se:= 0.3:setUnit("\msKpW")
10    #,~
11    R_si:= 0.13:setUnit("\msKpW")
12  }
13  #Parameters for elements
14  {
15    d_1 := 0.2:setUnit("\m")
16    \lambda_1 := 0.035:setUnit("\WpmK")
17    d_2 := 0.1:setUnit("\m")
18    \lambda_2 := 0.5:setUnit("\WpmK")
19  }
20  #Calculate thermal resistance
21  R := (R_se + d_1/lambda_1 + d_2/lambda_2 + R_si):setUnit("\msKpW")
22  #Calculate U-Value
23  U:=(1/R):setUnit("\WpmsK")
24 \end{tVar}

```

---

#### Output

Calculating the U-Value for an element with two layers.  
Resistance of surface

$$R_{se} = 0.300 \frac{m^2K}{W}, R_{si} = 0.130 \frac{m^2K}{W}$$

Parameters for elements

$$\begin{aligned} d_1 &= 0.200 \, m \\ \lambda_1 &= 0.035 \frac{W}{mK} \\ d_2 &= 0.100 \, m \\ \lambda_2 &= 0.500 \frac{W}{mK} \end{aligned}$$

Calculate thermal resistance

$$R = R_{se} + \frac{d_1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{d_2}{\lambda_2} + R_{si} = 0.300 + \frac{0.200}{0.035} + \frac{0.100}{0.500} + 0.130 = 6.344 \frac{m^2K}{W}$$

Calculate U-Value

$$U = \frac{1.000}{R} = \frac{1.000}{6.344} = 0.158 \frac{W}{m^2K}$$


---

## 6.2 Rotating a Vector

This example shows the usage of the parameter `tMat.eqTexAsMatrix` as mentioned in Section 5.5.

```

1 \begin{tVar}
2 tMat.eqTexAsMatrix = true
3
4 #Rotation angle in degree
5 \theta:=tVar.rad(45)
6
7 #Rotation matrix in R2
8 {
9 A := {{tVar.cos(theta),-tVar.sin(theta)},{tVar.sin(theta),tVar.cos(
    theta)}}:outRES_EQ()
10 e_x:={1,0}
11 }
12
13
14 tMat.eqTexAsMatrix = false
15 e:=(A*e_x)
16 \end{tVar}

```

---

### Output

Rotation angle in degree

$$\theta = \text{rad}(45.000) = 0.785$$

Rotation matrix in R2

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.707 & -0.707 \\ 0.707 & 0.707 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{e}_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1.000 \\ 0.000 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{e} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \vec{e}_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0.707 & -0.707 \\ 0.707 & 0.707 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1.000 \\ 0.000 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.707 \\ 0.707 \end{pmatrix}$$


---

### 6.3 Vector Calculations - Custom Function

This example shows how to create a custom TeXVar function for calculating the angle between two vectors. The function has an extra parameter for disabling printing.

```

1  \begin{tVar}
2
3  tVar.outputMode = "RES_EQ"
4  function angleBetweenVectors(a,b,disablePrinting)
5    if disablePrinting then
6      tVar.disableOutput = true
7    end
8
9    #Calculate the length of the vectors
10
11    len_a:=tVar.sqrt(a*a)
12    len_b:=tVar.sqrt(b*b)
13
14    #Normalize the vectors
15
16    a_n:=(a/len_a)
17    b_n:=(b/len_b)
18
19    \\alpha:=tVar.deg(tVar.acos(a_n*b_n)):setUnit("^{\circ}")
20
21    if disablePrinting then
22      tVar.disableOutput = false
23    end
24
25    return alpha
26 end
27
28 #With output
29 {
30   v_1:={1,0.4,0.5}
31   v_2:={0.3,1,0}
32 }
33
34 \\alpha_1:=angleBetweenVectors(v_1,v_2)
35
36 #Without output
37 {
38   v_3:={4,0.2,5}
39   v_4:={9.3,8,1}
40 }
41 \\alpha_2:=angleBetweenVectors(v_3,v_4,true)
42 \end{tVar}

```

---

**Output**

With output

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1.000 \\ 0.400 \\ 0.500 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.300 \\ 1.000 \\ 0.000 \end{pmatrix}$$

Calculate the length of the vectors

$$len_a = \sqrt{\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1} = 1.187$$

$$len_b = \sqrt{\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2} = 1.044$$

Normalize the vectors

$$\vec{a}_n = \frac{\vec{v}_1}{len_a} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.842 \\ 0.337 \\ 0.421 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{b}_n = \frac{\vec{v}_2}{len_b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.287 \\ 0.958 \\ 0.000 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha = \deg \left( \arccos \left( \vec{a}_n \cdot \vec{b}_n \right) \right) = 55.622^\circ$$

$$\alpha_1 = 55.622^\circ$$

Without output

$$\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 4.000 \\ 0.200 \\ 5.000 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 9.300 \\ 8.000 \\ 1.000 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha_2 = 56.255^\circ$$


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