

The ShorTeX package

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Abstract

The purpose of the ShorTeX (meta)package is to make the process of typesetting typical mathematical documents in LaTeX more efficient, and the resulting code easier to read. It achieves this primarily by (1) providing an extensive, internally consistent, and easy to learn set of macro shorthands, and (2) incorporating a collection of packages that are dedicated to reducing manual coding effort while providing the full suite of usual typesetting capabilities.

1 Usage, options, and workflow

Include ShorTeX by adding `\usepackage{shortex}` to the preamble of your document. The package has a few options:

`manualnumbering` Asdf

`subtlehypersetup` Asdf

`blackhypersetup` Asdf

You must compile your document 4 times when using ShorTeX to ensure that equation numbers and references update properly.

2 Packages included in ShorTeX

2.1 Internal packages

`xifthen`, `xstring`, `xspace`, `xargs` asdf

2.2 Typical packages

It is worth noting that we did not include a standard bibliography package in ShorTeX (e.g., `natbib.sty`). This is because...

`mathrsfs`, `dsfont`, `amsmath`, `amssymb`, `amsthm`, `bm`, `bbm`, `amsfonts`, `mathtools`, `thmtools`
asdf

hyperref asdf
color asdf
algorithm, algpseudocode asdf
graphicx asdf

2.3 Improvement packages

cleveref asdf
autonum asdf
nicefrac asdf
crossreftools asdf
multirow asdf
wrapfig asdf
caption,subcaption asdf
microtype asdf
booktabs asdf
import,subfiles asdf
url asdf

3 Features and Examples

3.1 Automated references for equations, figures, tables

3.2 Automatic equation numbering

3.3 Brackets and bracket-like functions

You can specify a bracket size using `*` for `\left` and `\right` or one of the standard size choices (`\big`, `\Big`, `\bigg`, `\Bigg`).

Description	Example	Text style	Display style
Round brackets (i.e., parentheses)	<code>\rbra{\frac{x}{y}}</code>	$(\frac{x}{y})$	$(\frac{x}{y})$
Curly brackets	<code>\cbra*{\frac{x}{y}}</code>	$\{\frac{x}{y}\}$	$\{\frac{x}{y}\}$
Square brackets	<code>\sbra[\bigg]{\frac{x}{y}}</code>	$\left[\frac{x}{y}\right]$	$\left[\frac{x}{y}\right]$

Many other bracket-like, semantic commands are also available:

Description	Example	Text style	Display style
Absolute value	<code>\abs{\frac{x}{y}}</code>	$ \frac{x}{y} $	$ \frac{x}{y} $
Set	<code>\set{\frac{x}{y}, \frac{y}{z}}</code>	$\{\frac{x}{y}, \frac{y}{z}\}$	$\{\frac{x}{y}, \frac{y}{z}\}$
Floor	<code>\floor{\frac{x}{y}}</code>	$\lfloor \frac{x}{y} \rfloor$	$\lfloor \frac{x}{y} \rfloor$
Ceiling	<code>\ceil{\frac{x}{y}}</code>	$\lceil \frac{x}{y} \rceil$	$\lceil \frac{x}{y} \rceil$
Norm	<code>\norm{\frac{x}{y}}</code>	$\ \frac{x}{y}\ $	$\ \frac{x}{y}\ $
Inner product	<code>\inner{\frac{x}{y}}{\frac{y}{z}}</code>	$\langle \frac{x}{y}, \frac{y}{z} \rangle$	$\langle \frac{x}{y}, \frac{y}{z} \rangle$
Cardinality	<code>\card{\wh{A}}</code>	$ \hat{A} $	$ \hat{A} $

The norm and inner product commands also have versions with a subscript argument:

Description	Example	Text style	Display style
Norm with subscript	<code>\normsub*{\frac{x}{y}}{2}</code>	$\ \frac{x}{y}\ _2$	$\left\ \frac{x}{y}\right\ _2$
Inner product with subscript	<code>\innersub*{\frac{x}{y}}{z}{2}</code>	$\langle \frac{x}{y}, z \rangle_2$	$\left\langle \frac{x}{y}, z \right\rangle_2$

3.4 L_p Spaces and Operators

Description	Example	Text style	Display style
L_p space	<code>\Lp{2}</code>	L_2	L_2
L_p space for specified measure	<code>\Lpmeas{2}{\hmu}</code>	$L_2(\hat{\mu})$	$L_2(\hat{\mu})$
	<code>\Lpmeas[\Big]{2}{\hmu}</code>	$L_2\left(\hat{\mu}\right)$	$L_2\left(\hat{\mu}\right)$
L_p norm	<code>\Lpnorm{\hGamma}{2}</code>	$\ \hat{\Gamma}\ _{L_2}$	$\ \hat{\Gamma}\ _{L_2}$
	<code>\Lpnorm*{\hGamma}{2}</code>	$\left\ \hat{\Gamma}\right\ _{L_2}$	$\left\ \hat{\Gamma}\right\ _{L_2}$
	<code>\Lpnorm*{\Gamma}{2}</code>	$\ \Gamma\ _{L_2}$	$\ \Gamma\ _{L_2}$
	<code>\left\Vert{\hGamma}\right\Vert_2</code>	$\left\ \hat{\Gamma}\right\ _2$	$\left\ \hat{\Gamma}\right\ _2$
	<code>\left\Vert{\Gamma}\right\Vert_2</code>	$\ \Gamma\ _2$	$\ \Gamma\ _2$
L_p norm for specified measure	<code>\Lpmeasnorm{\hGamma}{2}{\hmu}</code>	$\ \hat{\Gamma}\ _{L_2(\hat{\mu})}$	$\ \hat{\Gamma}\ _{L_2(\hat{\mu})}$
	<code>\Lpmeasnorm[\Big]{\hGamma}{2}{\hmu}</code>	$\left\ \hat{\Gamma}\right\ _{L_2(\hat{\mu})}$	$\left\ \hat{\Gamma}\right\ _{L_2(\hat{\mu})}$
L_p inner product	<code>\Lpinner{\hGamma}{\Gamma}{2}</code>	$\langle\hat{\Gamma},\Gamma\rangle_{L_2}$	$\langle\hat{\Gamma},\Gamma\rangle_{L_2}$
	<code>\Lpinner*{\hGamma}{\Gamma}{2}</code>	$\left\langle\hat{\Gamma},\Gamma\right\rangle_{L_2}$	$\left\langle\hat{\Gamma},\Gamma\right\rangle_{L_2}$
L_p inner product for specified measure	<code>\Lpmeasinner{\hGamma}{\Gamma}{2}{\hmu}</code>	$\langle\hat{\Gamma},\Gamma\rangle_{L_2(\hat{\mu})}$	$\langle\hat{\Gamma},\Gamma\rangle_{L_2(\hat{\mu})}$
	<code>\Lpmeasinner[\big]{\hGamma}{\Gamma}{2}{\hmu}</code>	$\left\langle\hat{\Gamma},\Gamma\right\rangle_{L_2(\hat{\mu})}$	$\left\langle\hat{\Gamma},\Gamma\right\rangle_{L_2(\hat{\mu})}$

3.5 annotation commands

<code>\barA</code>	\bar{A}
<code>\bara</code>	\bar{a}
<code>\bA</code>	\bar{A}
<code>\bB</code>	\bar{B}
<code>\balpha</code>	$\bar{\alpha}$
<code>\bGamma</code>	$\bar{\Gamma}$
<code>\mcA</code>	\mathcal{A}
<code>\hmcA</code>	$\hat{\mathcal{A}}$
<code>\mfA</code>	\mathfrak{A}
<code>\mfa</code>	\mathfrak{a}
<code>\bmfa</code>	\mathfrak{A}
<code>\bmfa</code>	\mathfrak{a}
<code>\hA</code>	\hat{A}
<code>\ha</code>	\hat{a}
<code>\halpha</code>	$\hat{\alpha}$
<code>\hGamma</code>	$\hat{\Gamma}$
<code>\bhA</code>	\hat{A}
<code>\bha</code>	\hat{a}
<code>\bhalpha</code>	$\hat{\alpha}$
<code>\bhGamma</code>	$\hat{\Gamma}$
<code>\whA</code>	\hat{A}
<code>\wha</code>	\hat{a}
<code>\tdA</code>	\tilde{A}
<code>\tda</code>	\tilde{a}
<code>\tdalpha</code>	$\tilde{\alpha}$
<code>\tdGamma</code>	$\tilde{\Gamma}$
<code>\btdA</code>	\tilde{A}
<code>\btda</code>	\tilde{a}
<code>\btdalpha</code>	$\tilde{\alpha}$
<code>\btdGamma</code>	$\tilde{\Gamma}$
<code>\biA</code>	\mathbf{A}
<code>\bia</code>	\mathbf{a}
<code>\bhiA</code>	$\hat{\mathbf{A}}$
<code>\bhia</code>	$\hat{\mathbf{a}}$

3.6 new approach to annotation commands

Out of the box we can get all sorts of cool fonts in math mode using `\f[<fontcodestring>]A`. For the time being I only implemented 2 fonts and 1 accent. These can be expanded once everything else is set. We see the effect of single font codes:

`\f[b]A` \mathbf{A}
`\f[k]A` \mathbb{A}
`\f[h]A` \hat{A}

And multiple font codes:

```

\fbhA  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$ 
\fhbA  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$ 
\fhkA  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$ 
\fhkA  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$ 

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Note that these are expanded in the reverse of the order they appear: the font code furthest to the right is applied first. This matches the order that the corresponding commands would appear in TeX code.

We can also avoid typing [] for some combinations of font codes we sue frequently. To do this, use `\parsefontstylesstrings{\{<fcstr1>\},\{<fcstr2>\},...\}\{<alphabet>\}` as demonstrated below. For “ease of use” we have implemented `\upperCaseRomanLetters` and `\lowerCaseRomanLetters`

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\parsefontstylesstrings{\hb,\hk}\{ABCDEFGH\} ...
\parsefontstylesstrings{\hb,\hk}\{\lowerCaseRomanLetters\} ...
\fhbA  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}$ 
\fhkB  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}$ 
\fhbx  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ 
\fhby  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ 
\fhkz  $\hat{\mathbf{F}}$ 

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Since `\mathbb{<lowercaseletter>}` is defined to give weird characters, our macros do the same.