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# Brackets and Parentheses

Parentheses and brackets are very common in mathematical formulas. You can easily control the size and style of brackets in LaTeX, this article explains how.

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## Introduction

The size of the brackets can be manually set, or they can be resized dynamically in your document, as shown in the next example.

In a  $\LaTeX$  document the brackets are re-sized automatically

$$\begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & -8 \end{Bmatrix}$$

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Notice that to insert the brackets, the `\left` and `\right` commands are used. Even if you are using only one bracket *both* commands are mandatory.

## Controlling types and sizes

The size of the brackets can be controlled explicitly

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Manually sized brackets

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The commands `\Bigg` and `\bigg` stablish the size of the delimiters `<` and `>` respectively. For a complete list of parentheses and sizes see the reference guide.

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