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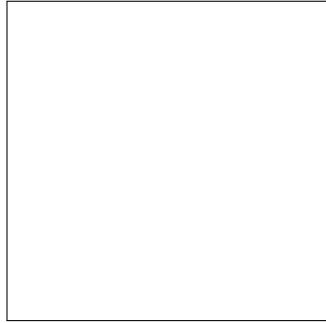


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## 5 DEFAULT NOTATION

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### Numbers and Arrays

162	$a$	A scalar (integer or real)
163	$\mathbf{a}$	A vector
164	$\mathbf{A}$	A matrix
165	$\mathbf{A}$	A tensor
166	$\mathbf{I}_n$	Identity matrix with $n$ rows and $n$ columns
167	$\mathbf{I}$	Identity matrix with dimensionality implied by context
168	$\mathbf{e}^{(i)}$	Standard basis vector $[0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]$ with a 1 at position $i$
169	$\text{diag}(\mathbf{a})$	A square, diagonal matrix with diagonal entries given by $\mathbf{a}$
170	$\mathbf{a}$	A scalar random variable
171	$\mathbf{a}$	A vector-valued random variable
172	$\mathbf{A}$	A matrix-valued random variable
173	<b>Sets and Graphs</b>	
174	$\mathbb{A}$	A set
175	$\mathbb{R}$	The set of real numbers
176	$\{0, 1\}$	The set containing 0 and 1
177	$\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$	The set of all integers between 0 and $n$
178	$[a, b]$	The real interval including $a$ and $b$
179	$(a, b]$	The real interval excluding $a$ but including $b$
180	$\mathbb{A} \setminus \mathbb{B}$	Set subtraction, i.e., the set containing the elements of $\mathbb{A}$ that are not in $\mathbb{B}$
181	$\mathcal{G}$	A graph
182	$\text{Pa}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{x}_i)$	The parents of $\mathbf{x}_i$ in $\mathcal{G}$
183	<b>Indexing</b>	
184	$a_i$	Element $i$ of vector $\mathbf{a}$ , with indexing starting at 1
185	$\mathbf{a}_{-i}$	All elements of vector $\mathbf{a}$ except for element $i$
186	$\mathbf{A}_{i,j}$	Element $i, j$ of matrix $\mathbf{A}$
187	$\mathbf{A}_{i,:}$	Row $i$ of matrix $\mathbf{A}$
188	$\mathbf{A}_{:,i}$	Column $i$ of matrix $\mathbf{A}$
189	$\mathbf{A}_{i,j,k}$	Element $(i, j, k)$ of a 3-D tensor $\mathbf{A}$
190	$\mathbf{A}_{:,:,i}$	2-D slice of a 3-D tensor
191	$\mathbf{a}_i$	Element $i$ of the random vector $\mathbf{a}$

**Calculus**

216	$\frac{dy}{dx}$	Derivative of $y$ with respect to $x$
217	$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$	Partial derivative of $y$ with respect to $x$
218	$\nabla_x y$	Gradient of $y$ with respect to $x$
219	$\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} y$	Matrix derivatives of $y$ with respect to $\mathbf{X}$
220	$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} y$	Tensor containing derivatives of $y$ with respect to $\mathbf{X}$
221	$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$	Jacobian matrix $\mathbf{J} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ of $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$
222	$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}^2 f(\mathbf{x})$ or $\mathbf{H}(f)(\mathbf{x})$	The Hessian matrix of $f$ at input point $\mathbf{x}$
223	$\int f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$	Definite integral over the entire domain of $\mathbf{x}$
224	$\int_{\mathbb{S}} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$	Definite integral with respect to $\mathbf{x}$ over the set $\mathbb{S}$
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226		<b>Probability and Information Theory</b>
227	$P(\mathbf{a})$	A probability distribution over a discrete variable
228	$p(\mathbf{a})$	A probability distribution over a continuous variable, or over a variable whose type has not been specified
229	$\mathbf{a} \sim P$	Random variable $\mathbf{a}$ has distribution $P$
230	$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim P}[f(\mathbf{x})]$ or $\mathbb{E}f(\mathbf{x})$	Expectation of $f(\mathbf{x})$ with respect to $P(\mathbf{x})$
231	$\text{Var}(f(\mathbf{x}))$	Variance of $f(\mathbf{x})$ under $P(\mathbf{x})$
232	$\text{Cov}(f(\mathbf{x}), g(\mathbf{x}))$	Covariance of $f(\mathbf{x})$ and $g(\mathbf{x})$ under $P(\mathbf{x})$
233	$H(\mathbf{x})$	Shannon entropy of the random variable $\mathbf{x}$
234	$D_{\text{KL}}(P \  Q)$	Kullback-Leibler divergence of $P$ and $Q$
235	$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$	Gaussian distribution over $\mathbf{x}$ with mean $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and covariance $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$
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237		<b>Functions</b>
238	$f : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$	The function $f$ with domain $\mathbb{A}$ and range $\mathbb{B}$
239	$f \circ g$	Composition of the functions $f$ and $g$
240	$f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$	A function of $\mathbf{x}$ parametrized by $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ . (Sometimes we write $f(\mathbf{x})$ and omit the argument $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ to lighten notation)
241	$\log x$	Natural logarithm of $x$
242	$\sigma(x)$	Logistic sigmoid, $\frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$
243	$\zeta(x)$	Softplus, $\log(1 + \exp(x))$
244	$\ \mathbf{x}\ _p$	$L^p$ norm of $\mathbf{x}$
245	$\ \mathbf{x}\ $	$L^2$ norm of $\mathbf{x}$
246	$x^+$	Positive part of $x$ , i.e., $\max(0, x)$
247	$\mathbf{1}_{\text{condition}}$	is 1 if the condition is true, 0 otherwise
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or

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\usepackage[pdftex]{graphicx} ...
\includegraphics[width=0.8\linewidth]{myfile.pdf}
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for `.pdf` graphics. See section 4.4 in the graphics bundle documentation (<http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/macros/latex/required/graphics/grfguide.ps>)

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