

**math.tex**  
a short guide

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# Functions

- Use `\fn` to write **function applications** and not to worry about parantheses.

- `\fn[\max]{x,0}` produces

$$\max(x, 0)$$

- `\fn{\fn[g]{\fn[h]{x^2 + 1}^2}^{-1} - 1}` produces

$$f\left(g\left(h\left(x^2 + 1\right)^2\right)^{-1} - 1\right)$$

- Define new functions on top of `\fn` for nicer equations.

```
\newcommand{\foo}[1]{\fn[foo]{#1}}
```

```
\foo{x + 1}
```

# Partial derivatives

- Use `\fstpd` and `\fstpdfn` to write **first order partial derivatives**.
  - `\fstpd{f}{x}` produces

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

- `\fstpdfn{\fn[\sin]{2x + 1}^2 + 3}{x}` produces

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \sin(2x + 1)^2 + 3 \right)$$

- Similarly, use `\sndpd` and `\sndpdfn` for **second order partial derivatives**.

$$\frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (x^2 + 2y)$$

# Matrix operations

- Use `\tr` to **transpose** matrices (it uses the `\intercal` symbol).
  - `\tr{A}` produces  $A^T$ .
- Use `\inv` to refer to the **inverse** of a matrix.
  - `\inv{A}` produces  $A^{-1}$ .

# Parentheses and brackets

- Use `\rp` for **round parentheses** around some expression. Do that if you prefer this to writing `\left( ... \right)` yourself.