

Mathematics in \LaTeX

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By using the `amsmath` package, we can also use the `equation` environment:

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Basic operators

Notice the operator we already used for multiplication, namely, `\times`. This gives a better looking \times ('into') compared to what we normally use, namely, the alphabet `x`.

We have other operators like `\frac` (for fractions such as $\frac{1}{2}$) and `\dfrac` (for large size fractions like $\frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$)

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The square root symbol can be nested:

The sequence

$$2\sqrt{2}, \quad 2^2\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}}, \quad 2^3\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}, \dots$$

converges to π .

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This is the inline form. In the display form, it appears as:

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Integral

Here is an equation with limits and definite integration:

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You can, of course, write the equation yourself now.

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