

The `old-arrows` package

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Abstract

This package provides Computer Modern old-style arrows (\rightarrow) with smaller arrowheads, associated with ordinary \LaTeX commands. It can be used in a document that contains other `amsmath` arrow characters, like \rightarrow , that also have small arrowheads. It is possible to use the usual new-style Computer Modern arrows (\rightarrow) together with the old-style ones.

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1 Introduction

In 1992, Donald E. Knuth made some important corrections to Computer Modern fonts¹. As a consequence, the characters corresponding to arrows have been modified. Just to make things clearer,

$$A \rightarrow B$$

became

$$A \rightarrow B$$

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¹See <http://www-cs-faculty.stanford.edu/~uno/cm.html>

that is, the character \rightarrow was replaced by \rightarrow , that has a larger arrowhead. The same happened to other arrow characters. However, many arrow characters defined by `amssymb`, like \nrightarrow , \rightharpoonup , \Rightarrow and others, maintained a small arrowhead and seem too different from \rightarrow .

The `old-arrows` package with Old Arrows font family allows to use the old-style arrows \rightarrow , \leftarrow ..., with the traditional commands `\rightarrow`, `\leftarrow`... Furthermore, the option `new` allows to obtain simultaneously the new-style arrows \rightarrow , \leftarrow ..., just placing `\var` before the corresponding commands (e.g., `\varrightarrow`, `\varleftarrow`...).

Old Arrows font family was derived from an old version of Blue Sky Computer Modern Math Symbols (1991–1992, released by AMS) by deleting many characters with FontForge.

2 Licenses

The \LaTeX code in this package is licensed under the \LaTeX Project Public License, v1.3.

The fonts in this package are licensed under the SIL Open Font License, v1.1.

3 Installation

3.1 Copying the files in the local texmf tree

The Old Arrows fonts files are:

<code>oasy5.afm</code>	<code>oasy5.pfm</code>	<code>oasy5.tfm</code>	<code>oasy5.pfb</code>
<code>oasy6.afm</code>	<code>oasy6.pfm</code>	<code>oasy6.tfm</code>	<code>oasy6.pfb</code>
<code>oasy7.afm</code>	<code>oasy7.pfm</code>	<code>oasy7.tfm</code>	<code>oasy7.pfb</code>
<code>oasy8.afm</code>	<code>oasy8.pfm</code>	<code>oasy8.tfm</code>	<code>oasy8.pfb</code>
<code>oasy9.afm</code>	<code>oasy9.pfm</code>	<code>oasy9.tfm</code>	<code>oasy9.pfb</code>
<code>oasy10.afm</code>	<code>oasy10.pfm</code>	<code>oasy10.tfm</code>	<code>oasy10.pfb</code>
<code>oabsy5.afm</code>	<code>oabsy5.pfm</code>	<code>oabsy5.tfm</code>	<code>oabsy5.pfb</code>
		<code>oabsy6.tfm</code>	
<code>oabsy7.afm</code>	<code>oabsy7.pfm</code>	<code>oabsy7.tfm</code>	<code>oabsy7.pfb</code>
		<code>oabsy8.tfm</code>	
		<code>oabsy9.tfm</code>	
<code>oabsy10.afm</code>	<code>oabsy10.pfm</code>	<code>oabsy10.tfm</code>	<code>oabsy10.pfb</code>

These files were derived from Computer Modern fonts `cmbsy5`, `cmbsy7`, `cmbsy10`, `cmsy5`, `cmsy7`, `cmsy8`, `cmsy9` and `cmsy10`.

Call `<localtexmf>` the path of your local `texmf` tree. For \TeX Live, the local tree is usually placed in `/usr/local/texlive/texmf-local`; for $\text{MiK}\TeX$, it can be set up on any directory, by the Roots tab of “ $\text{MiK}\TeX$ Options”.

1. Copy the `*.afm` and `*.tfm` font files into the corresponding `old-arrows` directories (you have to create them, as shown below):

```
<localtexmf>/fonts/afm/old-arrows
<localtexmf>/fonts/tfm/old-arrows
```

2. Copy the *.pfb and *.pfm font files into the directory

```
<localtexmf>/fonts/type1/old-arrows
```

3. Copy the oasy.enc and oasy.map files, respectively, into the directories

```
<localtexmf>/fonts/enc/dvips/old-arrows  
<localtexmf>/fonts/map/dvips/old-arrows
```

4. Copy the old-arrows.sty file into the directory

```
<localtexmf>/tex/latex/old-arrows
```

3.2 Updating the filename database

MiKTeX On the General tab of “MiKTeX Options (Admin)” click the Refresh FNDB button. Alternatively, in a DOS command prompt window run

```
initexmf --update-fndb
```

T_EX Live Start the “T_EX Live Manager”. From Actions menu, select Update filename database. Alternatively, run in a terminal command line

```
mktexlsr
```

3.3 Updating the font map files

MiKTeX To update the configuration file updmap.cfg, execute in a DOS command prompt

```
initexmf --edit-config-file updmap
```

add to updmap.cfg (that will be opened) the following line

```
Map oasy.map
```

save, close and execute (always in the DOS command prompt)

```
initexmf --mkmaps
```

T_EX Live Execute in a terminal command line

```
updmap-sys --enable Map=oasy.map
```

Finally, it is better to make another update of the filename database (see [3.2](#)).

4 Usage

4.1 Basic usage

Simply type in the preamble of your L^AT_EX document

```
\usepackage{old-arrows}
```

and every arrow command will be associated to the “old-style”, as indicated in table 1.

\leftarrow	<code>\leftarrow</code> or <code>\gets</code>	\longleftarrow	<code>\longleftarrow</code>	\uparrow	<code>\uparrow</code>
\rightarrow	<code>\rightarrow</code> or <code>\to</code>	\longrightarrow	<code>\longrightarrow</code>	\downarrow	<code>\downarrow</code>
\leftrightarrow	<code>\leftrightarrow</code>	\longleftrightarrow	<code>\longleftrightarrow</code>	\updownarrow	<code>\updownarrow</code>
\mapsto	<code>\mapsto</code>	\longmapsto	<code>\longmapsto</code>	\nearrow	<code>\nearrow</code>
\hookrightarrow	<code>\hookrightarrow</code>	\hookleftarrow	<code>\hookleftarrow</code>	\searrow	<code>\searrow</code>
\leftharpoonup	<code>\leftharpoonup</code>	\rightharpoonup	<code>\rightharpoonup</code>	\swarrow	<code>\swarrow</code>
\leftharpoondown	<code>\leftharpoondown</code>	\rightharpoondown	<code>\rightharpoondown</code>	\nwarrow	<code>\nwarrow</code>

Table 1: Old-style arrows, provided by `old-arrows`.

4.2 Usage together with `amsmath` and `lmodern` packages

The `old-arrows` package does not require `amsmath`. However, if you want to use the `amsmath` package, you must load it *before* `old-arrows`:

```
\usepackage{amsmath}
\usepackage{old-arrows}
```

Moreover, `old-arrows` is fully compatible with the Latin Modern fonts, always provided that you load the `lmodern` package *before* `old-arrows`:

```
\usepackage{lmodern}
\usepackage{amsmath}
\usepackage{old-arrows}
```

Remark. It is very important that you load `old-arrows` *after* `amsmath` and `lmodern`, because `old-arrows` redefines many commands provided by these packages. Otherwise, `old-arrows` won’t work properly.

The `amsmath` package makes other over, under (table 2) and extensible arrows (table 3) available. Note that `amsmath` adds more space between the arrow and the characters, with a better typographical result. The commands `\overrightarrow{AB}` and `\overleftarrow{AB}`, without `amsmath`, produce respectively

$$\overrightarrow{AB} \text{ rather than } \overline{AB} \quad \text{and} \quad \overleftarrow{AB} \text{ rather than } \overleftarrow{\overline{AB}}.$$

The commands `\rightarrowfill` and `\leftarrowfill` allow to fill empty spaces with extensible arrows. For example, the first command at the end of this line gives \rightarrow

\overleftarrow{AB}	<code>\overleftarrow{AB}</code>	$\underline{\overleftarrow{AB}}$	<code>\underleftarrow{AB}</code>
\overrightarrow{AB}	<code>\overrightarrow{AB}</code>	$\underline{\overrightarrow{AB}}$	<code>\underrightarrow{AB}</code>
\overleftrightarrow{AB}	<code>\overleftrightarrow{AB}</code>	$\underline{\overleftrightarrow{AB}}$	<code>\underleftrightarrow{AB}</code>

Table 2: Old-style over and under arrows provided by `amsmath`.

\overleftarrow{ABCDEF}	<code>\xleftarrow{ABCDEF}</code>	\overrightarrow{ABCDEF}	<code>\xrightarrow{ABCDEF}</code>
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Table 3: Old-style extensible arrows provided by `amsmath`.

Finally, the `amsmath` package provides the command `\boldsymbol` that allows bold mathematical symbols, which can be used together with `old-arrows`. For example, the commands

`\boldsymbol{A \rightarrow B}` and `\boldsymbol{\overrightarrow{AB}}` produce $\boldsymbol{A \rightarrow B}$ and $\boldsymbol{\overrightarrow{AB}}$, respectively.

4.3 The option `new`

Loading `old-arrows` with the option `new`

`\usepackage[new]{old-arrows}`

allows to use the new-style and the old-style arrows simultaneously. In order to obtain new-style arrows, just put `\var` before every ordinary command, as shown in tables 4, 5 and 6.

\leftarrow	<code>\varleftarrow</code> or <code>\vargets</code>	\longleftarrow	<code>\varlongleftarrow</code>	\uparrow	<code>\varuparrow</code>
\rightarrow	<code>\varrightarrow</code> or <code>\varto</code>	\longrightarrow	<code>\varlongrightarrow</code>	\downarrow	<code>\vardownarrow</code>
\leftrightarrow	<code>\varleftrightharpoonup</code>	\longleftrightarrow	<code>\varlongleftrightharpoonup</code>	\updownarrow	<code>\varupdownarrow</code>
\mapsto	<code>\varmapsto</code>	\longmapsto	<code>\varlongmapsto</code>	\nearrow	<code>\varnearrow</code>
\hookleftarrow	<code>\varhookleftarrow</code>	\hookrightarrow	<code>\varhookrightarrow</code>	\searrow	<code>\varsearrow</code>
\leftharpoonup	<code>\leftharpoonup</code>	\rightharpoonup	<code>\rightharpoonup</code>	\swarrow	<code>\varswarrow</code>
\leftharpoondown	<code>\leftharpoondown</code>	\rightharpoondown	<code>\rightharpoondown</code>	\nwarrow	<code>\varnwarrow</code>

Table 4: New-style arrows provided by option `new`.

Note that the commands

`\leftharpoonup`, `\rightharpoonup`, `\leftharpoondown`, `\rightharpoondown`

have not been redefined by `old-arrows`, because the corresponding characters \leftarrow , \rightarrow , \hookleftarrow , \hookrightarrow have not been modified by the introduction of the new-style arrows.

\overleftarrow{AB}	<code>\varoverleftarrow{AB}</code>	\varunderleftarrow{AB}	<code>\varunderleftarrow{AB}</code>
\overrightarrow{AB}	<code>\varoverrightarrow{AB}</code>	\varunderrightarrow{AB}	<code>\varunderrightarrow{AB}</code>
\overleftrightarrow{AB}	<code>\varoverleftrightarrow{AB}</code>	$\varunderleftrightarrow{AB}$	<code>\varunderleftrightarrow{AB}</code>

Table 5: New-style over and under arrows provided by `amsmath` and the option `new` of `old-arrows`.

$$\overleftarrow{ABCDEF} \quad \code{\varxleftarrow{ABCDEF}} \quad \overrightarrow{ABCDEF} \quad \code{\varxrightarrow{ABCDEF}}$$

Table 6: New-style extensible arrows provided by `amsmath` and the option `new` of `old-arrows`.

The commands `\varrightarrowfill` and `\varleftarrowfill` allow to fill empty spaces with extensible arrows. The first command at the end of this line gives \longrightarrow

Finally, even with the option `new` it is possible to use the command `\boldsymbol` provided by `amsmath`. The following commands

$$\boldsymbol{A \varrightarrow B} \quad \text{and} \quad \boldsymbol{A \varoverrightarrow{B}}$$

produce $A \rightarrow B$ and \overrightarrow{AB} respectively.