The mathastext package

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Abstract

The mathastext package¹ propagates the document text font to mathematical mode, for the letters and digits of the Latin alphabet and a few further characters. Various possibilities are provided for Greek letters, including picking them up in the font itself, if the font is available in LGR-encoding. The initial idea was to produce handouts or research papers with a less book-like typography than what is typical of standard TeX-LATeX with the Computer Modern fonts, but equipped with a very uniform look (with the hope to coerce the reader into concentrating more onto the contents ;-).) A side-effect is that the package makes it possible to use a quite arbitrary font without worrying too much that it does not have specially designed accompanying math fonts. Also, mathastext provides a simple mechanism in order to use more than one math-as-text font in the same document (not that we recommend it!). A final aspect is that mathastext helps sometimes produce smaller PDF files.

Numerous examples are available here: http://jf.burnol.free.fr/mathastext.html

1 Description of what the package does

1.1 Motivation

mathastext was conceived as a result of frustration of distributing to students TeX-crafted mathematical handouts with a subsequent realization that not much had made it to a semi-permanent brain location. So, I forced LaTeX to produce material as if written on a primitive typewriter, a little bit like the good old seminar notes of the Cartan and Grothendieck days. Don't ask me if this helped, I have long since opted for a positive attitude in life.

The package mathastext is less extreme, but retains the idea of using inside mathematics the same font as is used for text for the letters of the Latin alphabet and the digits:

abcdefghijklm
nopqrstuvwxyz ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ 0123456789

By default the text font will also be used for:

$$!?*,..;+-=()[]/# $\% & <>|{}} and$$

Note: if the package detects OT1 as default encoding it will take out from the list $<>|\{\}|$ and \ as they are not available in OT1, except for the typewriter fonts; the option alldelims forces re-integration in this case.

The commands \mathnormal, \mathrm and \mathbf are modified to now make use of the text font; but nothing is changed to \mathit and the other math alphabet commands which will use the default math fonts, not the text font.

The en-dash (-) is used for the minus sign, rather than the hyphen (-) character. Additionally, some further glyphs will also be picked up in the text font: the dotless i and j, the hbar and the math accents. Version 1.12 brought a better compatibility with a Unicode setting (assuming that fontspec is made use of), but the scope

 $^{^1\}mathrm{This}$ document describes mathastext version 1.13 (2011/03/11).

of mathastext does not include letters with diacritics such as é, à, ö in math mode. Users of Unicode engines and fonts are advised to look at the mathspec and unicode-math packages which have a much wider scope than mathastext.

Even when type setting simple mathematics, some glyphs (almost) must be taken from the default math fonts: in particular the prime ' for derivatives, as the text font ' is not, as a rule, a satisfying alternative. Also, the package does not hing special regarding the large math symbols (except for Π and Σ whose "non-large" versions may be taken from the Symbol Font).

1.2 The italic option

In the initial version 1.0, the Latin letters in mathematical mode assumed the exact same shape as in text mode, and this meant, generally speaking, that they would turn up upright. Doing this gives a very uniform look to the document, so that one has to make an effort and read it with attention, I explained above why I did this on purpose.

Nevertheless, soon after I posted the initial version of the package to CTAN, I was overwhelmed by numerous² questions³ on how to have the letters be in italic shape.

Starting with version 1.1 the default is still, as in version 1.0, for everything to be in upright shape, but it suffices to pass to the package the option italic to have italic Latin letters in math mode. There is also an option frenchmath⁴ to make the uppercase letters nevertheless upright, because this is the way of traditional French mathematical typography.

1.3 Greek letters

The Computer Modern fonts are very light in comparison to many text fonts, and as a result rarely mix well with them (particularly if the Latin letters in math mode are upright). The following options are provided by mathastext:

<-->: nothing is done by the package, Greek letters are the default Computer Modern ones or have been set-up by other packages; for example by the fourier package with option 'upright', which gives upright Greek letters.

LGRgreek: this is for fonts which additionally to Latin letters also provide Greek letters in LGR encoding.⁵ The letters (but see below) will be in the same shape as the Latin letters, or upright in case of the option frenchmath.

eulergreek: the Greek letters will be taken from the Euler font which is included in all LATEX distributions (although no package loading is necessary for the user, nor done by mathastext, the file uzeur.fd from the eulervm package must be accessible to LATEX as it provides a mechanism to scale by an arbitrary factor the Euler font.) The letters are upright.

²this means "more then one."

³I thank in particular Tariq Perwez and Kevin Klement for their kind remarks (chronological order).

⁴in versions of the package prior to 1.13, it was necessary to also pass the option italic to enable frenchmath. This is now superfluous.

⁵among examples known to the author are the Comfortaa and the Droid (serif and sans) fonts, and of course the Greek Font Society fonts such as GFS Didot.

symbolgreek: the Greek letters will be taken from the (Adobe) Symbol font. A command is provided so that the user can scale the Symbol font to let it better mix with the text font. The letters are upright.

selfGreek: this option has limited use; it is for OT1-encoded text fonts which do provide the glyphs for the capital Greek letters. It does nothing for the lowercase Greek letters.

1.3.1 Shape of Greek letters

Classic T_EX uses in math mode italic lowercase and upright uppercase Greek letters. French typography uses upright shape for both lowercase and uppercase. And the ISO standard is to use italic shape for both lowercase and uppercase.

The Euler and Symbol font are not available in italic shape, so this raises issues only in the case of the options LGRgreek and selfGreek. The mathastext default is to let the Greek letters have the same shape as the Latin letters (and be upright in the case of option frenchmath.)

A finer control is provided by options upgreek, itgreek, upGreek, itGreek: the former first two control both lower- and uppercase, the latter control only the uppercase shape. So classic TEX is itgreek+upGreek, ISO is itgreek, and French is upgreek.

Note that, as mentioned before, the options italic and frenchmath act on both Latin and Greek letters, so italic gives ISO behavior, and frenchmath gives French behavior, 6 without need to use the [up|it][g|G]reek options.

Again, all of this applies only in case of option LGRgreek and to a lesser extent, selfGreek. And to recapitulate, people wanting the classic TEX behavior will use italic+upGreek, or itgreek+upGreek in the absence of italic.

1.4 Advanced use: math versions

It is not infrequent to use two different text fonts in the same document. In the context of the mathastext design goals it was thus necessary to find a way to let changes of the text font also propagate to math mode. For this the package extends the LATEX mechanism of math versions. However this is only for Latin letters, digits, and the other characters mentioned above, but not for Greek letters: the choice of a Greek-related option (or none) at the time of loading the package will affect all math versions. This does mean though that in the case of the LGRgreek option changing the text font will also change the font for the Greek letters. But it is not possible (in the current version of the package) to have one part of the document use the Euler font for Greek letters and another part use the Symbol font (it is possible to use both fonts simultaneously but Symbol will then be employed for various mathematical symbols, not for Greek, see option symbolmax).

Let us now see a small document using four math versions:

\documentclass{minimal}
\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}
\usepackage{mathastext}

⁶In fact, frenchmath confers to the Greek letters and uppercase Latin letters the same shape as to the operator-names and digits, so generally speaking this will be the \shapedefault at the time of loading the package. If this shape is not the upright one and one still wants upright Greek, then it is thus necessary to use upgreek.

```
declares Latin Modern Typewriter Proportional:
\MTDeclareVersion{lmvtt}{T1}{lmvtt}{m}{n}
     declares Baskervald, italic letters in math:
\MTDeclareVersion[it]{baskervald}{T1}{ybv}{m}{n}
    declares Helvetica-Bold-Slanted, but upright
     letters in math mode:
\MTDeclareVersion[n]{helvetica}{T1}{phv}{b}{s1}
\begin{document}
\MTVersion{helvetica}
Bold-slanted Helvetica in text,
$bold\ upright\ Helvetica\ in\ math$.\\
\MTVersion[lmvtt] {baskervald}
Text in lmvtt but $math\ in\ Baskervald-Italic$.\\
\MTVersion{normal}
The normal version uses the default text font at
the time of loading mathastext, $in\ math\ also\ of\ course$.
\end{document}
```

The encodings of the various mathastext-defined versions can be arbitrary; but as mathastext decides at the time when it is loaded where to look for things like the en-dash, or the dotless i and j, or the math accents, which are encoding-dependent, there are obviously some limitations to the use of these things in more than one math version.

The package provides various macros to interface with its 'math versions' functionalities. These commands are detailed in a later section. As an example, here is an equivalent manner to set up our small document:

```
\documentclass{minimal}
\usepackage[T1]{fontenc}
\usepackage{mathastext}
\renewcommand{\rmdefault}{lmvtt}
\Mathastext[lmvtt] % Declares the 'lmvtt' version
\renewcommand{\rmdefault}{ybv}
\MTlettershape{it}
\Mathastext[baskervald] % Declares the 'baskervald' version
\renewcommand{\shapedefault}{sl}
\renewcommand{\rmdefault}{phv}
\renewcommand{\mddefault}{b}
\MTlettershape{n}
\Mathastext[helvetica] % Declares the 'helvetica' version
\begin{document}
\MTVersion{helvetica} % use 'helvetica' both in text and math
Bold-slanted Helvetica in text, $bold\ upright\ Helvetica\ in\ math$.\\
\MTVersion[lmvtt]{baskervald}
Text in lmvtt but $math\ in\ Baskervald-Italic$.\\
\MTVersion{normal}
The normal version uses the default text font at
the time of loading mathastext, $in\ math\ also\ of\ course$.
\end{document}
```

Unicode TEX engines and fonts can also be accommodated. It is recommended to load the package fontspec. Of course mathastext is extremely far from really defining a math font, as it applies basically only to a subset of the 32-127 ascii

range. And it does not know how to use a given Unicode font simultaneously for Latin and Greek letters: interested people are advised to look at packages mathspec and unicode-math. Here is an example (a bit schizophrenic) of a document with mathastext-versions for a XeTeX or LualATeX user:

```
\documentclass{minimal}
\usepackage[no-math]{fontspec}
\setmainfont{comfortaa}
\usepackage{mathastext} % the normal version uses Comfortaa
\setmainfont{TeX Gyre Pagella}
\Mathastext[pagella]
                         % the pagella version uses
                         % TeX Gyre Pagella
\MTDeclareVersion{times}{T1}{ptm}{m}{n}
          % this is a T1-encoded URW Times.
          \% Do not use this interface for a Unicode font,
          % use rather as above the \setmainfont
          % command of |fontspec|, followed by \Mathastext
\setmainfont{TeX Gyre Schola}
\Mathastext[schola] % and the schola version uses
                    % unicode TeX Gyre Schola
\begin{document}
\MTVersion{pagella}
This is in TeX Gyre Pagella $and\ this\ also$ (unicode font).
\MTVersion{times}
Now we are in URW Times, here\ also (T1 encoded font).
\MTVersion[normal]{schola}
Text in Unicode Comfortaa and $math\ in\ Unicode\ Schola$.
\end{document}
```

1.5 Main options

italic, frenchmath: italic letters in math, upright uppercase if frenchmath.

LGRgreek, eulergreek, symbolgreek: the Greek letters will be taken, respectively from the text font itself (in LGR encoding), or from the Euler font, or from the Postscript Symbol font.

symbolmax: all characters listed supra, other than letters and digits, are taken from the Symbol font. This option also makes a number of further glyphs available, including some basic mathematical arrows, as well as the sum and product signs. For documents with very simple needs in mathematical symbols, mathastext with option symbolmax may give in the end a PDF file quite smaller than the one one would get without the package.

defaultmathsizes: the package mathastext opts for bigger subscripts (and, copied from the moresize package, redefines \Huge and defines \HUGE). Use this option to prevent it from doing so.

1.6 Miscellaneous

the en-dash as minus sign: Very often the - character from the text font does not give a good minus sign. So by default, the package uses the en-dash sign -. Use noendash to deactivate it. Starting with version 1.12 of the package

this 'en-dash as minus' should work in all encodings, including Unicode (if fontspec has been loaded).

- hbar: The definition of \hbar inherited from default LATEX will in our context make use of the h of the current math font (so for us, it is also the text font, perhaps in italic shape), but the bar accross the h will come from the original default math font for letters (usually cmmi), and furthermore its placement on the h can be odd-looking. So we redefine \hbar to use only the text font (and this will be aware of the italic option). Our construction does not always give an optimal result (and its scope is limited to the OT1, LY1 and T1 encodings), so an option nohbar deactivates it. There is no \hslash provided by the package, though. The version 1.12 of the package when dealing with a Unicode font tries to get the \hbar directly as a glyph from the font.
- dotless i and j: By default the package redefines \i and \j to give the dotless i and j (if it exists at all), also in math mode, in the text font. Will overwrite the default commands \imath and \jmath. In version 1.12 of the package this should work in all encodings, including Unicode (it is then assumed that fontspec has been loaded, and of course that the glyphs are indeed in the font).
- XeTeX and LualaTeX: for the en-dash and the dotless i and j, the package expects to detect either the EU1 encoding for XeTeX or the EU2 encoding for LualaTeX (this will be true if fontspec was loaded), or one of OT1, LY1 or T1, else it will renounce and not attempt to access the en-dash or the dotless i and j glyphs. With LaTeX and PdfLaTeX, there is no such limitation and all 8bit-encodings (containing these glyphs) should be ok.
- fontspec: one more note to users of XeTeX/LuaLATeX with fontspec: it has to be loaded with the option no-math, and before mathastext.
- vec accent: The default \vec accent is not appropriate for upright letters, so mathastext provides a \fouriervec which takes its glyph in a Fourier font, and an Ersatz \pmvec which is reasonably good looking on upright letters and works with the \rightarrow glyph. Contrarily to version 1.0, the default \vec is not overwritten with \fouriervec. And contrarily to version 1.1, one now needs to pass the option fouriervec to have the math accent \fouriervec defined by the package.
- math alphabets: The \mathnormal, \mathrm, and \mathbf are modified to use the text font (or the arbitrarily specified font for a math version), and behave as in standard IATEX. But we provide a new \mathnormalbold, to access the bold letters while maintaining their italic shape (or whatever shape has been specified for them) in case of the italic option. Other math alphabet changing commands are \MathEulerBold, \MathEuler and \MathPSymbol. Note though that it is not possible to use too many of such commands in the same document, due to some limitations of IATEX. Declaring them does not seem to be a problem, and I will welcome any information by knowledgeable people.
- math accents: an option mathaccents is provided to pick up the accents in math mode from the text font, but the package knows only T1, LY1 or OT1-compatible encodings.

Regarding the encoding-dependent glyphs: the en-dash, the dotless i and j, the math accents, the hbar, are encoding dependent and the relevant decisions are made by mathastext at the time it is loaded. So you can use math versions with different encodings but, regarding these characters only those with the same encoding as the normal math version will display them correctly.

2 Commands

2.1 Preamble-only commands

Nothing is necessary besides loading mathastext, possibly with some customizing options. The following commands provide enhancements to the basic use of the package.

- \Mathastext: reinitializes mathastext according to the current defaults of encoding, family, series and shape.
 - It can also be preceded optionally by one or more of $\{\langle enc \rangle\}$, $\texttt{MTfamily}\{\langle fam \rangle\}$, $\texttt{MTseries}\{\langle ser \rangle\}$, $\texttt{MTshape}\{\langle sh \rangle\}$, and, new with version 1.1, $\texttt{MTlettershape}\{\langle sh \rangle\}$. For example valid values are, respectively, $\langle T1 \rangle$, $\langle phv \rangle$, $\langle m \rangle$, $\langle n \rangle$, and $\langle it \rangle$: this is the Helvetica font in T1-encoding, regular (medium) series, upright shape, and the letters will be in italic shape.
 - starting with version 1.12 \Mathastext accepts an optional argument, which will serve as a name to designate the corresponding math version.
 Without optional argument \Mathastext redefines the default normal and bold versions. This argument, being optional, must be enclosed within square brackets.
- \MTWillUse[\langle thind the specified encoding, family, series, and shape for the letters and digits (and all other afflicted characters) in math mode. The optional argument \langle thind the specifies a shape for the letters, for example \itdefault, or directly \langle it \rangle or \langle sec.
- \MTDeclareVersion[$\langle ltsh \rangle$] { $\langle name \rangle$ } { $\langle enc \rangle$ } { $\langle ser \rangle$ } { $\langle ser \rangle$ } { $\langle sh \rangle$ }: declares that the document will have access to the font with the specified characteristics, under the version name $\langle name \rangle$. For example:

\MTDeclareVersion[sc]{palatino}{T1}{ppl}{b}{sl}

declares under the name palatino a version where mathematics will be typset using the Palatino font in T1-encoding, bold, slanted, and the letters will in fact be in caps and small caps (and bold).⁸ When the optional argument is absent, and mathastext was loaded with the italic option, then the default letter shape will be it,⁹ else letters will have the same shape as used for digits and operator-names.

⁷these commands exist also with long names: \Mathastextencoding, etc... The same applies to the other commands mentioned in this section.

⁸I do not especially recommend to use this in real life!

⁹more precisely, the shape is the latest value passed in one of the previously used package commands to specify the shape of letters, or the **\itdefault** of the time of loading the package.

- \MTboldvariant{\(\sigma var\)}: when used before \Mathastext, specifies which bold (b,sb,bx,...) to be used by \mathbf (and \boldmath). Default is the \bfdefault at the time of loading mathastext. When used before the declaration of a version, decides the way \mathbf will act in this version.
- \MTEulerScale{ $\langle factor \rangle$ }: scales the Euler font by $\langle factor \rangle$.
- \MTSymbolScale{ $\langle factor \rangle$ }: scales the Symbol font by $\langle factor \rangle$.

2.2 Body Text and Math commands

• \MTVersion[$\langle nametext \rangle$] { $\langle namemath \rangle$ }: ¹⁰ in the absence of the optional argument changes simultaneously the text and the math font to be the font corresponding to the version $\langle namemath \rangle$. If there is an optional argument then the text font will use $\langle nametext \rangle$ and the math mode will use $\langle namemath \rangle$. To change only the math font, use the LATEX command \mathversion.

All further commands are for math mode only.

- \hbar: this is constructed (in a way compatible with the italic option) from the h letter and the accent from the mathastext font. Note that \mathrm{\hbar} and \mathbf{\hbar} should work and that \hbar does scale in subscripts and exponents. Only for T1 and OT1 (or LY1) encodings.
- \fouriervec: this is a \vec accent taken from the Fourier font; the fourier package need not be loaded. Active only if option fouriervec.
- \pmvec: this provides a poor man \vec accent command, for upright letters. It uses the right arrow. Does not change size in subscripts and exponents.
- \Mathnormal, \Mathrm, \Mathbf: suitable modifications of the original \mathnormal, \mathrm, \mathbf. By default, the originals are also overwritten by the new commands.
- \mathnormalbold: a bold version of \mathnormal.
- \inodot, \jnodot: the corresponding glyphs in the chosen font for math mode. By default, will overwrite \imath and \jmath. With version 1.12 by default \i and \j work also in math mode and give then \inodot, resp. \jnodot. This should work for all 8bit-encodings having these glyphs, and also in Unicode.
- \MathEuler, \MathEulerBold: math alphabets to access all the glyphs of the Euler font, if option eulergreek (or eulerdigits) was passed to the package.
- \MathPSymbol: math alphabet to access the Symbol font.
- Capital Greek letters: macro names \Digamma, \Alpha, \Beta, \Epsilon, \Zeta, \Iota, \Kappa, \Mu, \Nu, \Omicron, \Rho, \Tau, \Chi are provided for the capital Greek letters which look like their Latin counterparts, when one of the options symbolgreek (no \Digamma for Symbol), eulergreek or selfGreek was passed to the package. Also an \omicron control sequence is provided.

^{10\}MTVersion is also available as \MTversion.

- LGR Greek and 'var'-letters: only the \varsigma is from the font, others such as \varphi will load the previous default math font. So when re-compiling a previously written document it might be suitable to \let\varphi=\phi, \let\varepsilon=\epsilon, etc..., when only the 'variant' form of the letter was used therein.
- Miscelleneous mathematical symbols from the postscript Symbol font are made available (or replaced) when option symbolmisc is passed. They are \prod ∏ \sum ∑ \implies ⇒ \impliedby ← \iff ←⇒, \shortiff ⇔ \to → \longto →→ \mapsto →→ \longmapsto →→, \aleph % \inftypsy ∞ \emptyset Ø \surd √ \nabla ∇, \angle ∠ \forall ∀ \exists ∃ \neg ¬ \clubsuit ♣, \diamondsuit ◆ \heartsuit ♥ \spadesuit ♠ \smallint ∫, \wedge ∧ \vee ∨ \cap ∩ \cup ∪ \bullet \div ÷, \otimes ⊗ \oplus ⊕ \pm ± \ast * \times × \proptopsy ∞, \mid | \leq ≤ \geq ≥ \approx ≈ \supset ⊃ \subset ⊂, \supseteq ⊇ \subseteq ⊆ \in ∈ \sim ~ \cong ≅ \perp ⊥, \equiv ≡ \notin ∉ \langle ⟨ \rangle ⟩. And a \DotTriangle ∴ is made available by option symbolre (which overwrites \Re and \Im: ℜ, ℑ).

3 Complete list of options

- basic: only mathastextify letters and digits.
- italic: the letters will default to italic shape in math mode.
- frenchmath: italic, but uppercase Latin letters in the same font as for digits and operator names. In general this means that they will be upright. In case of the LGRgreek option, this generally upright shape will be applied also to Greek letters.
- endash, emdash: use the text font en-dash (-) or even the em-dash (--, but this seems crazy) for the minus sign rather than -. endash option is default for the package.
- noendash: the minus sign will be the from the text font, not the en-dash -.
- nohbar: prevents mathastext from defining its own \hbar.
- nolessnomore: besides !?*,.:;+-=()[]/#\$%& mathastext treats also <>| {} and \. Use this option to not do it. The option nolessnomore is activated by default in case of OT1-encoding.
- further excluding options: noexclam!? noasterisk * nopunct ,.:; noplus, nominus, noplusnominus +- noequal = noparenthesis ()[]/ nospecials # \$% & and nodigits.
- alldelims: true by default, means that the characters excluded by nolessnomore are treated. Use this option in case of a mono-width OT1-encoded font.
- symbolgreek, symboldigits: to let Greek letters (digits) use the Symbol font.
- symbolre: replaces \Re and \Im by the Symbol glyphs \Re , \Im and defines a \DotTriangle command (:.).

- symbolmisc: takes quite a few glyphs, including logical arrows, product and sum signs from Symbol. They are listed *supra*. You may also consider \renewcommand{\int}{\smallint} to maximize still more the use of the Symbol font.
- symboldelimiters: the characters apart from letters and digits will be taken from the Symbol font.
- symbol: combines symbolgreek, symbolre, and symbolmisc.
- symbolmax: combines symbol and symboldelimiters.
- eulergreek, eulerdigits: to let Greek letters (digits) use the Euler font.
- LGRgreek: this is for a font which is also available in LGR-encoding.
- selfGreek: this is for a font which has the capital Greek letters at the OT1 slot positions.
- upgreek, itgreek, upGreek, itGreek: optional specification of the shapes of the Greek letters, or only of the uppercase Greek letters. Only operant in the case of the LGRgreek and selfGreek options.
- mathaccents: use the text font also for the math accents. As in vanilla LATEX, they are taken from the font for the digits and \log-like names. Obey the alphabet changing commands. Will work only for T1, LY1, or OT1-compatible encodings.
- defaultrm, defaultbf, defaulnormal: do not overwrite the default \mathrm, \mathbf, \mathnormal.
- defaultimath: do not overwrite \imath and \jmath, do not extend \i and \j to math mode use.
- defaultmathsizes: do not change the LATEX defaults.
- fouriervec: provides a \fouriervec command. The user can then add in the preamble \let\vec=\fouriervec. There is also always available a "poor man" vec accent \pmvec for upright letters.

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