

MATH formulas in PARagraph mode

Typesetting Inference Rules

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Abstract

This package provides macros for displaying lists of formulas that are typeset in mixed horizontal and vertical modes. The package is two-folded.

The first part is an environment `mathpar` that generalizes the math display mode to allow several formulas on the same line, and several lines in the same display. The arrangement of the sequence of formulas into lines is automatic depending on the line width and on a minimum inter-formula space and line width alike words in a paragraphs (in centerline mode). A typical application is displaying a set of type inference rules.

The second part is a macro `inferrule` to typeset inference rules themselves. Here again, both premises and conclusions are presented as list of formulas that should be displayed in almost the same way, except that the width is not fixed in advance; and the inference rule should use no more width than necessary so that other inference rules are given a chance to appear on the same line.

Although `mathpar` and `inferrule` look similar in their specification, and are often used in combination, they are in fact completely different in their implementations.

1 The `mathpar` environment

The `mathpar` environment is a “paragraph mode for formulas”. It allows to typeset long list of formulas putting as many as possible on the same line:

```
\begin{mathpar}
A-Formula \and           A-Formula   Longer-Formula
Longer-Formula \and
And \and The-Last-One    And       The-Last-One
\end{mathpar}
```

Formulas are separated by `\and` (or equivalently by a blank line). To enforce a vertical break it suffices to replace `\and` by `\\`.

The implementation of `\mathpar` entirely relies on the paragraph mode for text. It starts a new paragraph, and a math formula within a paragraph, after adjusting the spacing and penalties for breaks. Then, it simply binds `\and` to something like `\goodbreak`.

2 The inferrule macro

The `inferrule` macro is designed to typeset inference rules. It should only¹ be used in math mode (or display math mode).

The basic use of the rule is

```
\inferrule
  {one \\ two \\ three \\ or \\ more \\ premisses}
  {and \\ any \\ number \\ of \\ conclusions \\ as \\ well}
```

This is the rendering on a large page

$$\frac{\textit{one} \quad \textit{two} \quad \textit{three} \quad \textit{or} \quad \textit{more} \quad \textit{premisses}}{\textit{and} \quad \textit{any} \quad \textit{number} \quad \textit{of} \quad \textit{conclusions} \quad \textit{as} \quad \textit{well}}$$

However, the same formula on a narrower page will automatically be typesetted like that:

$$\frac{\textit{one} \quad \textit{two} \quad \textit{three} \quad \textit{or} \quad \textit{more} \quad \textit{premisses}}{\textit{and} \quad \textit{any} \quad \textit{number} \quad \textit{of} \quad \textit{conclusions} \quad \textit{as} \quad \textit{well}}$$

An inference rule is mainly composed of a premiss and a conclusion. The premiss and the conclusions are both list of formulas where the elements are separated by `\\`.

Note the dissymetry between typesetting of the premisses and of conclusions where lines closer to the center are fit first.

A newline can be forced by adding an empty line `\\ \\`

```
\inferrule
  {aa \\ \\ bb}
  {dd \\ ee \\ ff}
```

$$\frac{\textit{aa} \quad \textit{bb}}{\textit{dd} \quad \textit{ee} \quad \textit{ff}}$$

¹Even though the basic version may work in text mode, we discourage its use in text mode; the star-version cannot be used in text-mode

2.1 Single rules

Single rules are the default mode. Rules are aligned on their fraction bar, as illustrated below:

$$\frac{aa \quad bb}{ee} \qquad \frac{bb \quad ee}{ee} \qquad \frac{aa}{bb \quad ee}$$

If the premise or the conclusion is empty, then the fraction bar is not typeset and the premise or the conclusion is centered:

```
\inferrule {}{aa} +
\inferrule {aa \\ \\ aa}{ } aa +  $\frac{aa}{aa}$ 
```

Use use { } instead of {} to get an axiom for instance:

```
\inferrule { }{aa} +
\inferrule {aa}{ }  $\frac{aa}{aa} + \frac{aa}{aa}$ 
```

The macro `\inferrule` accepts a label as optional argument, which will be typeset on the top left corner of the rule:

```
\inferrule [yop]
{aa \\ bb}
{cc}  $\frac{aa \quad bb}{cc}$  YOP
```

See section 3 for changing typesetting of labels. A label can also be placed next to the rule directly, since the rule is centered:

```
\inferrule
{aa \\ bb}
{cc}  $\frac{aa \quad bb}{cc}$  (YOP)
\quad (\textsc {Yop})
```

2.2 Customizing presentation

By default, lines are centered in inference rules. However, this can be changed by either `\mprset{flushleft}` or `\mprset{center}`. For instance,

```
$$\mprset{flushleft}
\inferrule
{a \\ bbb \\ \\ ccc \\ dd}
{dd \\ ee \\ ff}$$  $\frac{a \quad bb}{ccc \quad dddd} \frac{e \quad ff}{gg}$ 
```

Note that lines are aligned independently in the premisses and the conclusions, which are both themselves centered. In particular, left alignment will not affect a single-line premiss or conclusion.

2.3 Customizing rules

One may wish to change use rules for rewriting rule or implications, etc. There is a generic way of definition new rules by providing three parts: a tail, a body, and a head. The rule will then be built by joining all three components in this order and filling the body with leaders to extend as much as necessary. Here are examples

```


$$\frac{a \quad bbb}{cc}$$


```

```


$$\frac{a \quad bbb}{\longrightarrow cc}$$


```

The height and depth of the *body* are used to adjust vertical space. One, may “smash” the body to reduce the vertical space

```


$$\frac{a \quad bbb}{\smash{\longrightarrow} cc}$$


```

```


$$\frac{a \quad bbb}{\cdots cc}$$


```

Finally, it is also possible to provide its own definition of fraction by

```


$$\frac{a \quad bbb}{cc}$$


```

2.4 Derivation trees

To help writing cascades of rules forming a derivation tree, inference rules can also be aligned on their bottom line. For this, we use the star-version:

```


$$\frac{\frac{aa \quad bb}{cc} \quad dd}{ee}$$


```


2.5 Implementation

The main macro in the implementation of inference rules is the one that either premises and conclusions. The macros uses two box-registers one `hbox` for typesetting each line and one `vbox` for collecting lines. The premise appears as a list with `\` as separator. Each element is considered in turn typeset in a `hbox` in display math mode. Its width is compare to the space left on the current line. If the box would not fit, the current horizontal line is transferred to the vertical box and emptied. Then, the current formula can safely be added to the horizontal line (if it does not fit, nothing can be done). When moved to the vertical list, lines are aligned on their center (as if their left-part was a left overlapped). At the end the `vbox` is readjusted on the right.

This description works for conclusions. For premises, the elements must be processes in reverse order and the vertical list is simply built upside down.

3 Other Options

The package also defines `\infer` as a shortcut for `\inferrule` but only if it is not previously defined.

The package uses `\TirName` and `\RefTirName` to typeset labels, which can safely be redefined by the user. The former is used for defining occurrences (*ie.* in rule `\inferrule`) while the latter is used for referencing (*ie.* in the star-version).

The vertical space in `mathpar` is adjusted by `\MathparLineskip`. To restore the normal paragraph parameters in `mathpar` mode (for instance for some inner paragraph), use the command `\MathparNormalpar`. The environment uses `\MathparBindings` to rebind `\`, `and`, and `\par`. You can redefine thus command to change the default bindings or add your own.

4 Examples

See the source of this documentation —the file `mathpartir.tex`— for full examples.

5 $\text{H}_E\text{V}_E\text{A}$ compatibility

The package also redefines `\hva` to do nothing in `mathpar` environment and nor in inference rules.

In `HeVeA`, `\and` will always produce a vertical break in `mathpar` environment; to obtain a horizontal break, use `\hva \and` instead. Conversely, `\` will always produce a horizontal break in type inference rules; to obtain a vertical break, use `\hva \` instead.

For instance, by default the following code,

```

\begin{mathpar}
\inferrule* [Left=Foo]
  {\inferrule* [Right=Bar,width=8em,
               leftskip=2em,rightskip=2em,vdots=1.5em]
    {a \\\ a \\\ bb \\\ cc \\\ dd}
    {ee}
    \\\ ff \\\ gg}
  {hh}
\and
\inferrule* [lab=XX]{uu \\\ vv}{ww}
\end{mathpar}

```

which typesets in $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ as follows,

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c}
 a \quad a \\
 bb \quad cc \quad dd \\
 \hline
 ee \\
 \vdots \\
 ff \quad gg \\
 \hline
 hh
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \text{BAR} \\
 \text{Foo} \text{---}
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{XX} \\
 uu \quad vv \\
 \hline
 ww
 \end{array}$$

would appear as follows with the compatible $\text{H}_{\text{E}}\text{V}_{\text{E}}\text{A}$ mode:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c}
 a \quad a \quad bb \quad cc \quad dd \\
 \hline
 ee \\
 \hline
 hh
 \end{array}
 \text{BAR} \\
 \text{Foo} \text{---}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 ff \quad gg \\
 \hline
 \text{XX} \\
 uu \quad vv \\
 \hline
 ww
 \end{array}$$

To obtain (almost) the same rendering as in $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$, it could be typed as

```

\begin{mathpar}
\inferrule* [Left=Foo]
  {\inferrule* [Right=Bar,width=8em,
               leftskip=2em,rightskip=2em,vdots=1.5em]
    {a \\\ a \hva \\\ bb \\\ cc \\\ dd}
    {ee}
    \\\ ff \\\ gg}
  {hh}
\hva \and
\inferrule* [lab=XX]{uu \\\ vv}{ww}
\end{mathpar}

```

Actually, it would be typeset and follows with the compatible $\text{H}_E\text{V}_E\text{A}$ mode:

$$\begin{array}{rcc} & a & a \\ & bb & cc & dd \\ \hline & & ee & \\ \hline \text{FOO} & & & hh \\ & & ff & gg \\ & & & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} \text{BAR} \\ \text{XX} \\ uu & vv \\ \hline ww \end{array}$$