

# Typesetting Inference Rules

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## and other MATH formulas in PARragraph mode

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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}
```

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`.

The inferrule macro is designed to typeset inference rules. It should only<sup>1</sup> be used in math mode (or display math mode).

The basic use of the rule is

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<div style="text-align: center;"> <i>one      two      three      or      more      premisses</i> </div> <hr/> <div style="text-align: center;"> <i>and      any      number      of      conclusions      as      well</i> </div>
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		one	
two	three	or	
more	premisses		
<hr/>			
and	any	number	
of	conclusions		
	as	well	

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

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \text{\texttt{\textbackslash inferrule}} \\ \text{\texttt{\{aa \textbackslash\textbackslash\textbackslash\textbackslash bb\}}} \\ \text{\texttt{\{dd \textbackslash\textbackslash ee \textbackslash\textbackslash ff\}}} \end{array}}{\begin{array}{ccc} aa & & \\ bb & & \\ \hline dd & ee & ff \end{array}}$$

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## 2.1 Single rules

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

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

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 `{ }` 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}
```

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

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 bbb \quad ccc \quad dd}{e \quad ff}
```

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

## 2.3 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:

```
\inferrule*
  {\inferrule* {aa \\\ bb}{\cc}{\bb}
   \\\ dd}
  {\ee}
  \frac{\frac{\frac{aa}{cc} \quad bb}{dd}}{ee}
```

The star version can also take an optional argument, but with a different semantics. The optional argument is parsed by the `keyval` package, so as to offer a set of record-like options:

key	Effect for value <i>v</i>
before	Execute <i>v</i> before typesetting the rule. Useful for instance to change the maximal width of the rule.
width	Set the width of the rule to <i>v</i>
narrower	Set the width of the rule to <i>v</i> times <code>\hsize</code> .
left	Put a label <i>v</i> on the left of the rule
Left	Idem, but as if the label had zero width.
Right	As <code>Left</code> , but on the right of the rule.
right	As <code>left</code> , but on the right of the rule.
leftskip	Cheat by (skip negative space) <i>v</i> on the left side.
rightskip	Cheat by <i>v</i> on the right side of the rule.
vdots	Raise the rule by <i>v</i> and insert vertical dots.

Here is an example of a complex derivation:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 a & & a \\
 bb & cc & dd
 \end{array} \\
 \hline
 ee \\
 \vdots \\
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{FOO} & ff & gg \\
 \hline
 hh
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{BAR} \\
 \\
 \begin{array}{cc}
 \text{XX} & \\
 uu & vv \\
 \hline
 ww
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \text{TOTAL} \\
 \hline
 \end{array}
 \quad (1)$$

and its code

```
\inferrule* [left=Total]
  {\inferrule* [Left=Foo]
   {\inferrule* [Right=Bar,
```

```

                                leftskip=2em,rightskip=2em,vdots=1.5em]
      {a \\ a \\\ \ bb \\ cc \\ dd}
      {ee}
      \\ ff \\ gg}
    {hh}
  \\
  \inferrule* [lab=XX]{uu \\ vv}{ww}}
  {(1)}

```

## 2.4 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 H<sub>E</sub>V<sub>E</sub>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}
\infrule* [Left=Foo]
  {\infrule* [Right=Bar,width=8em,
             leftskip=2em,rightskip=2em,vdots=1.5em]
    {a \ a \ bb \ cc \ dd}
    {ee}
    \ ff \ gg}
  {hh}
\and
\infrule* [lab=XX]{uu \ vv}{ww}
\end{mathpar}
```

which typesets in T<sub>E</sub>X as follows,

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

would appear as follows with the compatible H<sub>E</sub>V<sub>E</sub>A mode:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccccc}
 a & a & bb & cc & dd \\
 \hline
 ee & & & & \\
 \hline
 hh & & & & 
 \end{array}
 \text{BAR} \\
 \text{Foo} \text{---}
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{cc}
 ff & gg \\
 \hline
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{cc}
 \text{XX} \\
 uu \quad vv \\
 \hline
 ww
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

To obtain (almost) the same rendering as in T<sub>E</sub>X, it could be typed as

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

```

{ee}
\\ ff \\ gg}
{hh}
\hva \and
\inferrule* [lab=XX]{uu \\ vv}{ww}
\end{mathpar}

```

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

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