



# Use of Notations & Alphabets

---

Rishi, Aditya & Diya



WHY ARE SYMBOLS AND  
NOTATIONS USED?

<https://youtu.be/eVm063xmnow>

Where do math symbols come from? - John David Walters

# GREEK ALPHABET

By Ben Crowder • [bencrowder.net](http://bencrowder.net) • Last modified 2 May 2012

Αα

ALPHA [a]  
ἄλφα

Ββ

BETA [b]  
βῆτα

Γγ

GAMMA [g]  
γάμμα

Δδ

DELTA [d]  
δέλτα

Εε

EPSILON [e]  
ἒ ψιλόν

Ζζ

ZETA [dz]  
ζῆτα

Ηη

ETA [ɛː]  
ἦτα

Θθ

THETA [tʰ]  
θῆτα

Ιι

IOTA [i]  
ἰώτα

Κκ

KAPPA [k]  
κάππα

Λλ

LAMBDA [l]  
λάμβδα

Μμ

MU [m]  
μῦ

Νν

NU [n]  
νῦ

Ξξ

XI [ks]  
ξεῖ

Οο

OMICRON [o]  
ὀ μικρόν

Ππ

PI [p]  
πεῖ

Ρρ

RHO [r]  
ῥῶ

Σσς

SIGMA [s]  
σίγμα

Ττ

TAU [t]  
ταῦ

Υυ

UPSILON [u]  
ὕ ψιλόν

Φφ

PHI [pʰ]  
φεῖ

Χχ

CHI [kʰ]  
χεῖ








Ψψ

PSI [ps]  
ψεῖ

Ωω

OMEGA [oː]  
ὦ μέγα

# Notation of operations

Math Operations	Symbols	Other Words	
Addition		sum Altogether all in all	together total total number add
Subtraction		minus greater than more than take away fewer than less than	How many more? How many left? How many less? subtract difference is left
Multiplication	 	product multiply multiplied by times	
Division	 	quotient dividend divide divided by	each per average divide equally
Equal		the same equals the same as is equal to equivalent	

# Notations in geometry

---

$\sphericalangle$	Angle
$\sphericalangle ABC$	Angle $ABC$
$\widehat{AB}$	Arc $AB$
$m\widehat{AB}$	Measure of arc $AB$
$\overleftrightarrow{AB}$	Line $AB$
$\overrightarrow{AB}$	Ray $AB$
$\overline{AB}$	Line segment $AB$
$AB$	Length of line segment $AB$
$\cong$	Congruent
$^\circ$	Degree
$\parallel$	Parallel
$\perp$	Perpendicular
$\sim$	Similar
$\triangle$	Triangle

# Notation of Statistics and Probability

Symbol	Symbol Name	Meaning / definition	Example
$P(A)$	probability function	probability of event A	$P(A) = 0.5$
$P(A \cap B)$	probability of events intersection	probability that of events A and B	$P(A \cap B) = 0.5$
$P(A \cup B)$	probability of events union	probability that of events A or B	$P(A \cup B) = 0.5$
$P(A   B)$	conditional probability function	probability of event A given event B occurred	$P(A   B) = 0.3$
$f(x)$	probability density function (pdf)	$P(a \leq x \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$	
$F(x)$	cumulative distribution function (cdf)	$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$	
$\mu$	population mean	mean of population values	$\mu = 10$

# Bibliography

---

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/?a=d&d=HTES19101109.2.32&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN-----1>

<https://www.intmath.com/blog/learn-math/math-its-all-greek-to-me-1048>

<https://www.quora.com/Why-do-we-use-Greek-letters-in-mathematics>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Table\\_of\\_mathematical\\_symbols\\_by\\_introduction\\_date](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Table_of_mathematical_symbols_by_introduction_date)

[https://www.encyclopediaofmath.org/index.php/Mathematical\\_symbols](https://www.encyclopediaofmath.org/index.php/Mathematical_symbols)

<https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/1844374/why-does-the-symbol-for-the-multiplication-operation-change-shape>