The delarray package*

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1 Examples

The addition to array.sty added in delarray.sty is a system of implicit \left \right pairs. If you want an array surrounded by parentheses, you can enter: \begin{array}({cc}) ...

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly if an environment equivalent to Plain TeX's \cases could be defined by:

\begin{array}\{{lL}....

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0\\ \sin(x)/x & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Here L is supposed to denote a column of left aligned L-R text. It may be defined via: \newcolumntype{L}{>{\$}}<, as discussed in array.sty. Note that as the delimiters must always be used in pairs, the '.' must be used to denote a 'null delimiter'.

This feature is especially useful if the [t] or [b] arguments are also used. In these cases the result is not equivalent to surrounding the environment by \left...\right, as can be seen from the following example:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{not} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

\begin{array}[t]({c}) 1\2\\3 \end{array}
\begin{array}[c]({c}) 1\2\\3 \end{array}
\begin{array}[b]({c}) 1\2\\3 \end{array}
\quad\mbox{not}\quad
\left(\begin{array}[t]{c} 1\\2\\3 \end{array}\right)
\left(\begin{array}[c]{c} 1\\2\\3 \end{array}\right)

 $\left(\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)_{c} 1\) \$

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