

## Math-Greek alphabet

**Hello.** *This shows how my pamphlets (Prof. King) typeset the Greek letters, and how I write them on the blackboard.*

alpha	$\alpha$	A	
beta	$\beta$	B	
gamma	$\gamma$	$\Gamma$	<i>My blackboard lowercase-gamma has a loop at the bottom.</i>
delta	$\delta$	$\Delta$	<i>Different from <math>\nabla</math>, nabla. See Wikipedia Nabla.</i>
epsilon	$\epsilon$	E	<i>Different from <math>\in</math>, “is an element of”, and <math>\ni</math>, “owns”.</i>
zeta	$\zeta$	Z	<i>My blackboard lowercase-zeta, at the bottom, curves all the way back left.</i>
eta	$\eta$	H	
theta	$\theta$	$\Theta$	<i>My blackboard lowercase-theta is closer to <math>\vartheta</math>.</i>
iota	$\iota$	I	
kappa	$\kappa$	K	
lambda	$\lambda$	$\Lambda$	
mu	$\mu$	M	<i>Pronounced as “me-you”, slurred together —like a cat with an accent.</i>
nu	$\nu$	N	<i>Pronounced as “new”. Different from Roman <math>v</math>, and from Greek upsilon <math>\upsilon</math>.</i>
xi	$\xi$	$\Xi$	<i>I pronounce as in the 2nd syllable of “pixie”.</i>
omicron	$o$	O	<i>Different from 0, zero. Different from <math>\emptyset</math>, the empty set.</i>
pi	$\pi$	$\Pi$	<i>Diff. from the Product <math>\prod</math> operator, e.g. <math>\prod_{n=1}^5 \Pi(n)</math>, or possibly <math>\prod_1^5 \Pi(n)</math>.</i>
rho	$\rho$	P	
sigma	$\sigma$	$\Sigma$	<i>Different from the Sum <math>\sum</math> operator, e.g. <math>\sum_{k=1}^5 \Sigma(k)</math>, or <math>\sum_{k=1}^5 \Sigma(k)</math>.</i>
tau	$\tau$	T	<i>Pronounced as the first syllable in “towel”.</i>
upsilon	$\upsilon$	$\Upsilon$	<i>Pronounced “oops-salon” —as if you’re startled by a hairdresser.</i>
phi	$\varphi$	$\Phi$	<i>I pronounce as “fee”. Different from <math>\emptyset</math>, the empty set.</i>
chi	$\chi$	X	<i>I pronounce as the first syllable in “kayak”, the boat.</i>
psi	$\psi$	$\Psi$	<i>Remove the “ti” from “tipsy”; that’s how I pronounce “psi”.</i>
omega	$\omega$	$\Omega$	<i>Different from Roman w.</i>

**Alignment:**  $\alpha A \beta B \gamma \Gamma \delta \Delta \epsilon E \zeta Z \eta H \theta \Theta \iota I \kappa K \lambda \Lambda \mu M \nu N \xi \Xi o O \pi \Pi \rho P \sigma \Sigma \tau T \upsilon \Upsilon \varphi \Phi \chi X \psi \Psi \omega \Omega$

**Standard sets.** *I use  $\mathbb{Z} \mathbb{Q} \mathbb{R} \mathbb{C} \mathbb{A}$  for the: Integers Rationals Reals Complex-numbers Algebraic-numbers.*

**Special symbols.** *My typeset pamphlets use different fonts (usually boldface) for certain constant symbols.*

No	Yes!	Meaning:
$\pi$	$\boldsymbol{\pi}$	The ratio of circle’s circumference to its diameter.
$e$	$\boldsymbol{e}$	The base of log, the (natural) logarithm fnc. So $\log(\boldsymbol{e}) = 1$ .
$\gamma$	$\boldsymbol{\gamma}$	Euler’s constant: $\boldsymbol{\gamma} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\mathcal{H}_{n-1} - \log(n)]$ , where $\mathcal{H}_n := \sum_{k=1}^n 1/k$ .
$\lambda$	$\boldsymbol{\lambda}$	The Golden Ratio, $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ .
$p, q$	$\boldsymbol{p}, \boldsymbol{q}$	Generic prime numbers.
$\tau$	$\boldsymbol{\tau}$	The number-of-divisors fnc: $\boldsymbol{\tau}(7) = 2$ .
$\sigma$	$\boldsymbol{\sigma}$	The sum-of-divisors fnc: $\boldsymbol{\sigma}(7) = 8$ .
$\varphi$	$\boldsymbol{\varphi}$	The Euler phi fnc: $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(7) = 6$ .
$\mu$	$\boldsymbol{\mu}$	The Möbius fnc: $\boldsymbol{\mu}(30) = -1$ .
1	$\boldsymbol{1}$	Kronecker fnc: $\boldsymbol{1}(\text{true}) = 1$ , $\boldsymbol{1}(\text{false}) = 0$ . The indicator fnc of a set: $\boldsymbol{1}_S()$ .
$\Gamma$	$\boldsymbol{\Gamma}$	Gamma fnc: $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}(\omega) := \int_0^\infty t^{\omega-1} e^{-t} dt$ .
$\zeta$	$\boldsymbol{\zeta}$	The Riemann zeta fnc: $\boldsymbol{\zeta}(s) := \sum_{n=1}^\infty 1/n^s$ .
$\theta, \vartheta$	$\boldsymbol{\vartheta}$	The Chebyshev theta fnc: $\boldsymbol{\vartheta}(x) := \sum_{p: p \leq x} \log(p)$ .
$L, l, \ell$	$\boldsymbol{\mathbb{L}}, \boldsymbol{\ell}$	Banach spaces $\mathbb{L}_p$ and $\ell_p$ .