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LaserWriters: How To Print Mathematical Symbols Under MS-DOS

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This article describes how to generate mathematical symbols on various models of the LaserWriter, from an MS-DOS application, like PC/Write.

LaserWriter IINTX

If you're using a LaserWriter IINTX in HP LaserJet mode, you can purchase from Hewlett-Packard the "Letter Gothic Base Set" (HP 33412A), 5.25-inch MS-DOS. The Math 7 and Math 8 fonts are included in this set, and these fonts can be downloaded into the LaserWriter for use in HP LaserJet mode. These are extended characters, meaning 8 bit mode must be in effect, both computer and printer. (The 8-bit mode lets the extended characters pass from the computer to the printer.)

Other LaserWriters

If you are using PostScript with a LaserWriter model other than the LaserWriter IINTX, your application should provide some method for dealing with different typefaces. Choose the Symbol font and type the key equivalent for the math symbols.

(NOTE: Printing the Macintosh screen while in Key Caps will provide a map to the Symbol key equivalents.)

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