An Empirical Measure on the Set of Symbols Occurring in Engineering Mathematics Texts

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Abstract

Certain forms of mathematical expression are used more often than others in practice. A quantitative understanding of actual usage can provide additional information to improve the accuracy of software for the input of mathematical expressions from scanned documents or handwriting and more natural forms of presentation of mathematical expressions by computer algebra systems. Earlier work has examined this question for the diverse set of articles from the mathematics preprint archive arXiv.org. That analysis showed showed the variance between mathematical areas. The present work analyzes a particular mathematical domain more deeply. We have chosen to examine second *vear university engineering mathematics as taught in North* America as the domain. We have analyzed the set of expressions occurring in the most popular textbooks, weighted by popularity. Assuming that early training influences later mathematical usage, we take this as a model of the set of mathematical expressions used by the population of North American engineers. We present an empirical analysis of the symbols and n-grams occurring in these expressions.

1 Introduction

This paper concerns computer analysis of mathematical documents. Unlike natural language text, dictionary-based techniques cannot be used easily to guide recognition—there is no fixed vocabulary of mathematical "words" that may appear in expressions. There is, however, a well-established tradition of common mathematical usage: some sub-expressions occur in practice more than others. We wish to use this information to guide the recognition of mathematical text.

In earlier work [1] we have reported on the analysis of some 20,000 articles from the mathematics pre-print server arXiv.org [2]. These articles were classified by area using the MSC subject classification, and we were able to observe that mathematical usage varied considerably by area. We then were able to use the information gathered to construct *n*-grams to improve the recognition accuracy of a pen-based mathematics interface [3, 4]. The construction of *n*-grams from tree-structured data used a linearization technique to traverse the tree frontier and insert sufficient geometric symbols to keep track of the expression baseline.

We wish to explore further the general approach of using statistical analysis of mathematical corpora to improve the recognition of mathematical expressions by software systems. While our interest is primarily in the area of mathematical handwriting recognition, the same models should be useful in improving the analysis of mathematics in scanned documents by systems such as Infty [5].

One of the difficulties in using the arXiv server is that certain specialized mathematical areas receive an unrepresentative number of articles by particular authors and their idiosyncrasies skew the analysis. For the current work, we have therefore taken an area of general interest that nevertheless exhibits a wide diversity of mathematical notation. We have selected the domain of engineering mathematics as taught in the second year of North American university programs as the scope for the current study.

Second year engineering mathematics is taught as a collection of applied mathematical subjects including such topics as elementary complex analysis and vector calculus. The population that uses these techniques measures in the millions of individuals, so any progress in handling documents with this mathematical content would be useful.

In addition to the use in document analysis and recognition, a statistical study of mathematical expression usage can be of interest in other areas. In particular, we would suggest that computer algebra systems could make use of information about what are the preferred forms in practice in order to present their output in the most desirable way.

Earlier work on optical character recognition for typeset mathematical documents touches upon aspects of the current paper. One study [6] considered a collection of 30 English works on pure mathematics and analyzed the scanned images for visual properties of the mathematical characters, such as whether they were touching or abnormal in shape. Another study [7] analyzed a database of 400 document images and noted that expression symbols differed from normal text, that a set of 12 two-dimensional layout structures were used and that the top 150 n-grams or so were highly representative of the subject categories. The present article does not consider at all the printed appearance of the mathematical text. Instead we take the document source text (ground truth) as given and analyze the symbol and ngram frequences that occur.

The paper is organized as follows: Section 2 presents the problem we study in more detail. Section 3 outlines the methodology we have used to collect and analyze our data. Section 4 presents our first results. Section 5 discusses future work and presents our conclusions.

2 The Problem

We are interested in analyzing documents that use engineering mathematics as presented in the second year of the North American university education. Such documents would include engineering documents in professional practice, mathematical textbooks, student assignments and hand-written mathematics by both students and practicing professionals.

While elementary engineering mathematics includes a broad range of activity, the range of mathematical notation used is limited, at least when compared to range of notations for mathematics as a whole. We make the assumption that the notations used in practice will follow to a large those that the practitioners learned while students.

Under this assumption, we are ultimately studying the set of expressions occurring in the collection of textbooks used to teach second year engineering students. We may model the population of expressions used in practice by analyzing the individual textbooks and weighting them by their popularity.

The problem we wish to study is the statistics of the space of mathematical expressions that occur in these texts, with a suitable weighting.

Rank	Author	Reference	Demand	Adoptions
1	Kreyszig	[8]	72%	67%
2	Greenberg	[9]	13%	14%
3	O'Neil	[10]	7%	8%
4	Jeffrey	[11]	5%	5%
5	Harman	[12]	2%	3%
6	Zill	[13]	1%	1%
7	Potter	[14]	1%	1%
8	Wylie	[15]	0%	1%

(Source 353 adoptions reported in TDIS.)

Table 1. Second year engineering texts

1 First Order ODEs	
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- 2 Second-Order Linear ODEs
- 3 Higher Order Linear ODEs
- 4 Systems of ODEs Phase Plane Qualitative Methods
- 5 Series Solutions of ODEs Special Functions
- 6 Laplace Transforms
- 7 Linear Algebra-Matrices, Vectors, Determinants, Lin. Systems
- 8 Linear Algebra—Matrix Eigenvalue Problems
- 9 Vector Differential Calculus—Grad Div Curl
- 10 Vector Integral Calculus—Integral Theorems
- 11 Fourier Series Integrals and Transforms
- 12 Partial Differential Equations PDEs
- 13 Complex Numbers and Functions
- 14 Complex Integration
- 15 Power Series Taylor Series
- 16 Laurent Series Residue Integration
- 17 Conformal Mapping
- 18 Complex Analysis and Potential Theory
- 19 Numerics in General
- 20 Numeric Linear Algebra
- 21 Numerics for ODEs and PDEs
- 22 Unconstrained Optimization Linear Programming
- 23 Graphs Combinatorial Optimization
- 24 Data Analysis Probability Theory
- 25 Mathematical Statistics

Table 2. Kreyszig table of contents

3 Methodology

Corpus Selection The first step in our approach was to identify the most popular textbooks in the area of second year engineering mathematics. Table 1 shows the US college and university bookstore sales for spring for 2006 to fall 2006. From this we see that three titles account for about 90% of the textbook use. We therefore build our model based on these three titles. The subjects covered in these three texts are shown in Tables 2, 3 and 4.

T_EX Sources For each of the three textbooks, we obtained $T_{E}X$ sources for all the mathematical expressions, and then constructed MathML from the T_FX.

For the texts by Greenberg and O'Neil the author and publisher (respectively) were highly cooperative and provided the TEX sources directly. The sources for the text by O'Neil corresponded to the published version in use today. The sources for the text by Greenberg had somewhat diverged from the published text but not so much as to materially affect the analysis in our opinion.

- 1 Introduction to Differential Equations
- 2 Equations of First Order
- 3 Linear Differential Equations of Second Order and Higher
- 4 Power Series Solutions
- 5 Laplace Transform
- 6 Quantitative Methods—Numerical Solution of DEs
- 7 Qualitative Methods—Phase Plane and Nonlinear DEs
- 8 Systems of Linear Algebraic Equations—Gauss Elimination
- 9 Vector Space
- 10 Matrices and Linear Equations
- 11 The Eigenvalue Problem
- 12 Extension to Complex Case
- 13 Differential Calculus of Functions of Several Variables
- 14 Vectors in 3-Space
- 15 Curves Surfaces and Volumes
- 16 Scalar and Vector Field Theory
- 17 Fourier Series Integral Transform
- 18 Diffusion Equation
- 19 Wave Equation
- 20 Laplace Equation
- 21 Functions of a Complex Variable
- 22 Conformal Mapping
- 23 The Complex Integral Calculus
- 24 Taylor Laurent Series Residue Theorem

Table 3. Greenberg table of contents

- 1 ODEs—First Order Differential Equations
- 2 ODEs—Second Order Differential Equations
- 3 ODEs—The Laplace Transform
- 4 ODEs—Series Solutions
- 5 ODEs—Numerical Approximation of Solutions
- Vectors and Linear Algebra—Vectors and Vector Spaces
 Vectors and Linear Algebra—Matrices and Systems of Linear
- Equations
- 8 Vectors and Linear Algebra—Determinants
- 9 Vectors and Linear Algebra—Eigenvalues Diagonalization and Special Matrices
- 10 Systems of Linear Differential Equations
- 11 Qualitative Methods and Systems of Nonlinear Differential Equations
- 12 Vector Analysis—Vector Differential Calculus
- 13 Vector Analysis—Vector Integral Calculus
- 14 Fourier Series
- The Fourier Integral and Fourier Transforms
 Fourier Analysis—Special Functions Orthogonal Expansions
- and Wavelets
- 17 PDEs—The Wave Equation
- 18 PDEs—The Heat Equation
- 19 PDEs—The Potential Equation
- 20 Geometry and Arithmetic of Complex Numbers
- 21 Complex Analysis—Complex Functions
- 22 Complex Analysis—Complex Integration
- 23 Complex Analysis—Series Representations of Functions
- 24 Complex Analysis-Singularities and The Residue Theorem
- 25 Complex Analysis—Conformal Mappings
- 26 Counting and Probability
- 27 Statistics

Table 4. O'Neil table of contents

For the text by Kreyszig it was not possible to obtain sources. To obtain the mathematical expressions of the text in electronic form, we first scanned the entire book and used the Infty system to produce T_EX . In most cases the T_EX produced had to be edited by hand to correct errors. This was a highly labour intensive activity that spanned several months. In the end we had a T_EX representation for all the mathematical expressions in the text. **MathML Conversion** Naive examination of T_EX sources does not give the mathematical expressions of a document. This is for two reasons.

The first reason is that typical T_EX document markup makes use of a number of macro packages, as well as author-defined macros. These macros have to be expanded to reveal the mathematical expression.

The second reason that the T_EX sources do not give *expressions* directly is that the T_EX representation of mathematics is not grouped as required. For example, most authors would write a + b c rather than $a + \{b c\}$. While it is true that a coarsening of the T_EX layout tree would correspond to a coarsening of the mathematical expression tree, it is still in general necessary to regroup the T_EX representation.

We used our T_EX to MathML [16] converter[17], described elsewhere [18], to resolve these difficulties, and performed our analysis on the resulting MathML expressions. The benefit of this approach was that the expressions treated were (for the most part) complete, well formed, and grouped appropriately. The difficulty with the approach was that not all the complexities of T_EX were handled, and a small number of expressions were incorrectly translated. However, since we are interested in the most frequently occurring expressions is not, in principle, a problem. The conversion process has been described in more detail elsewhere [1].

Analysis We grouped the chapters of each text into the general categories shown in Table 5 and analyzed the mathematical expressions for each subject/author combination, for each author with subjects combined (as given in the text), and for each subject with authors combined by weight.

In each case, we computed the individual symbol frequencies (normalized to total 1) and *n*-gram frequencies for n = 2, 3, 4, 5. To compute the *n*-grams, we converted the expressions to strings by traversing the frontier of the expression trees in writing order. The resulting strings were over the alphabet of leaf symbols extended by $\langle \text{sub} \rangle$, $\langle /\text{sub} \rangle$, $\langle \text{sup} \rangle$, $\langle \text{frac} / \rangle$ and $\langle \text{root} / \rangle$. These symbols captured transitions from the expression baseline to subscripts and superscripts as well as built up fractions and radicals. The *n*-grams were then tallied using sliding windows over these strings.

4. Results

Single Symbols Table 6 shows the frequencies of the most commonly occurring symbols in the entire set of expressions. These are presented with the absolute symbol count for each author and as a percentage of all symbols, weighted by author. The relative weights used were

- Ordinary Differential Equations (Kreyszig 1-6, Greenberg 1-7, O'Neil 1-5 & 10-11)
- Linear Algebra (Kreyszig 7-8, Greenberg 8-11 & 14, O'Neil 6-9)
- Vector Calculus (Kreyszig 9-10, Greenberg 16, O'Neil 12-13)
- Partial Differential Equations (Kreyszig 12, Greenberg 18-20, O'Neil 17-19
- Fourier Analysis (Kreyszig 11, Greenberg 17, O'Neil 14-16)
- Multivariable Calculus (Greenberg 13&15)
- Complex Analysis (Kreyszig 13-18, Greenberg 12&21-24, O'Neil 20-25)
- Numerical Analysis (Kreyszig 19-21)
- Linear Programming (Kreyszig 22)
- Graph Theory (Kreyszig 23)
- Probability and Statistics (Kreyszig 24-25, O'Neil 26-27)

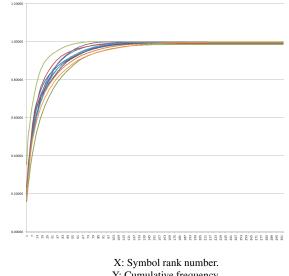
Table 5. Subject Groupings

72::13::7. We see that the most popular symbols were common among all the authors, although the rank of the symbols varied somewhat from author to author. The total number of mathematical symbols occurring in the texts were (368 267 and 467 044 and 391 602, respectively).

Tables 7 and 8 show the most commonly occurring symbols for the second year engineering versions of complex analysis and partial differential equations, respectively. We see that the curve of declining relative frequency of the most popular symbols is similar between the areas, with a few outlying points (such as z being very popular for complex analysis). This same pattern was observed for all subject areas.

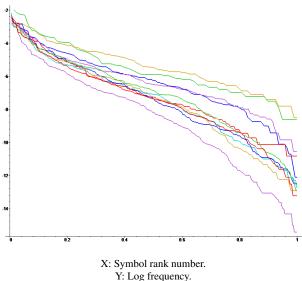
The cumulative frequency of symbols is shown in Figure 1 with one curve for each subject and one for the weighted combination. Figure 2 shows the same curves on a log plot, from which it is possible to see that the symbols follow an exponential distribution. Tables 9 and 10 show the most popular 2-grams and 5-grams respectively for the three authors of the selected corpus as well as from two comparison texts [19, 20]. The *n*-grams have a qualitatively similar declining frequency pattern as the symbols, but this time in a much larger space.

The total number of *n*-grams (for any *n*) was 479 388 for Kreyzig, 562 297 for Greenberg and 477 268 for O'Neil. The total number of *different* bigrams was 5 992 (Kreyszig),



Y: Cumulative frequency. (Each color represents a subject grouping of Table 5.)

Figure 1. Cumulative symbol freq. by subject

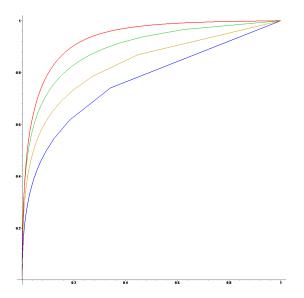


(Each color represents a subject grouping of Table 5.)

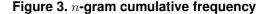
Figure 2. Log frequencies

7 056 (Greenberg) and (5 442) O'Neil. The total number of *different* 5-grams was 140 306 (Kreyszig), 146 507 (Greenberg), 126 232 (O'Neil).

Figure 3 shows the cumulative frequency for all distinct n-grams occurring in the text by Kreyszig. The highest curve is for n = 2 and they are in order to the lowest curve for n = 5. We find it remarkable that even though the rank-



From top to bottom, curves count 2-, 3-, 4- and 5-grams for entire corpus.



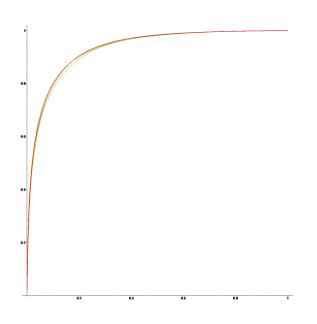


Figure 4. Bigram cumul. frequency per author

ing of the particular n-grams is different for the each author, the cumulative n-gram frequency curves are virtually identical for each author. Figure 4 shows the cumulative frequency of bigrams, ordered by popularity, for the three authors.

5 Conclusions

Earlier work had shown that statistical analysis of mathematical research documents could produce n-grams that improve mathematical handwriting recognition rates for highlevel mathematics.

We have have therefore been motivated to define a more elementary corpus of mathematics that would be more widely applicable and analyze its statistical structure. We have selected second year engineering mathematics as taught in North America as the subject and have analyzed the expressions that occur in the textbooks are adopted in more than 90% of the classes. We are then able to produce statistics weighted by the popularity of the textbooks, thus modeling the set of expressions that are used in practice.

Analyzing the population of symbols and n-grams that occur in these texts, we are able to determine the most popular symbols and n-grams by subject. The exponential drop in number of occurrences from the highest ranked symbols and n-grams to the lowest, means that a compact database can contain all of the frequently occurring items. Thus applications, even those for portable devices, could use these statistics to guide their recognition.

Future work will explore how well this performs in practice for elementary engineering mathematics.

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Symbol	Weighted	d Symbol Counts			
•	Freq. (%)	Kreyszig	Greenberg	O'Neil	
1	6.16415	24519	23209	20345	
2	6.15918	24436	22613	21886	
=	5.89883	22906	26202	19275	
0	5.13055	20436	19623	16164	
(5.08432 5.08387	18162 18158	26262 26257	27777 27804	
$) \\ x$	4.97402	18138	28243	17918	
<i>x</i>	3.82436	14609	15625	17152	
+	3.12976	11906	14648	11711	
\dot{y}	2.94812	11400	13191	9996	
,	2.53506	9796	12571	6784	
n	2.11526	8016	9681	8577	
z	1.88590	7447	7238	6593	
$\begin{array}{c}z\\3\\\hline \Box\\t\end{array}$	1.87252	7225	7603	7706	
	1.73059	6386	7715	9163	
	1.71003	5771	9800	11446	
4	1.62134	6234	4510	10083	
	1.42027 1.30925	5694 4926	4119 6522	6097 4874	
f_{\prime}					
~	1.24019 1.21198	4427 4627	7757 6305	4749 3390	
$\frac{a}{5}$	1.14952	4027 4771	3030	3674	
i	0.91795	3451	4251	3940	
$\overset{\circ}{u}$	0.91478	3392	5740	2121	
c	0.89854	3638	3096	2727	
s	0.87843	3539	3742	1756	
d	0.84576	2761	6929	3460	
e	0.84518	3010	4819	4019	
	0.81767	3270	2962	2691	
π	$0.76648 \\ 0.75086$	2913 2849	2710 3730	4243 2557	
6	0.73080	2849 2981	1648	3088	
k^{0}	0.71945	2892	2217	2807	
-	0.70123	2698	3114	2558	
]	0.70104	2697	3110	2565	
\dot{m}	0.64372	2712	2033	1114	
8	0.55862	2374	963	1977	
r	0.55619	2008	3348	2085	
b	0.54474	2080	2731	1678	
9 cin	$0.49895 \\ 0.46307$	2144 1704	741	1698 2310	
$\sin v$	0.45379	1679	2190 2863	1067	
	0.44919	1783	1565	1716	
j 7	0.44045	1818	890	1930	
	0.43961	1918	957	723	
cos	0.42582	1667	1409	1988	
$\partial_{\widetilde{\alpha}}$	0.41059	1363	2621	2578	
C	0.40904	1470	2918	906	
A	$0.40878 \\ 0.39223$	1517 1334	2092 2919	1660 1487	
< n	0.39223	1334	2919	1487	
$\stackrel{p}{<}$	0.38081	1534	1016	1693	
$\stackrel{p}{\leq} \int w$	0.37320	1216	2585	2276	
$\overset{J}{w}$	0.35636	1505	985	793	
∞	0.34904	1093	2796	2019	
A	0.34528	1294	1989	927	
F	0.34459	1396	1402	708	
L	0.32925	1097	2217	1848	
λ_{L}	0.31876	1210	1817	722	
$egin{array}{c} h \ heta \end{array} egin{array}{c} \theta \end{array}$	0.29846 0.27871	1195 926	1176 2266	822 995	
$\overset{o}{T}$	0.27871	920 1078	1282	619	
$\stackrel{I}{R}$	0.26417	1078	1114	878	
$\stackrel{n}{P}$	0.26299	1033	1041	1057	
D	0.24927	780	2531	629	

(Top 65 out of 305)

Table 6. Top Symbols: All subjects combined

Symbol	Weighted	S	ymbol Counts		Symbol	Weighted	s	ymbol Counts	
~,	Freq. (%)	Kreyszig	Greenberg	O'Neil	0,110,01	Freq. (%)	Kreyszig	Greenberg	O'Neil
z	11.28007	5740	4155	4670	=	7.22187	1362	3661	2625
=	6.19577	3052	2879	2566	x	7.04832	1289	4080	2874
)	5.76133 5.75744	2664 2661	2761 2761	4145 4152	(6.44756	1125	3923	3745
(5.59297	2790	2559	2006) 2	6.43967 5.54914	1123 1064	3922 2378	3751 2187
2	5.21226	2520	2669	2000	0	4.82981	827	3394	2562
_	4.02399	1912	2075	2058	$\frac{u}{u}$	4.28608	822	2355	949
0	3.88584	1934	1609	1756	1	3.35806	607	2117	1306
+	3.71409	1793	1845	1719	n	3.33931	659	1175	1200
i	2.95919	1358	1609	1888	t	3.10607	594	2205	1859
n	2.94910	1504	1016	1315	y	2.63211	480	1442	1224
	2.78406 2.45995	1381 1125	1120 1621	1282 1086	_	2.38819 2.02753	419 354	1485 1521	1283 764
$\overset{x}{f}$	1.98821	926	1021	1262	+	2.02733	308	2050	1031
, ,	1.69837	839	842	579	, c	1.68841	334	645	514
$\overset{,}{y}$	1.60176	759	903	699	r	1.67920	325	817	446
π	1.30730	631	537	815	π	1.66333	317	593	875
C	1.18192	570	855	56	f_{-}	1.38602	260	722	512
3	1.13346	527	683	524	$\dot{\partial}$	1.32067	245	285	1130
d	1.10683 1.09869	477 519	824 619	634 498	m	1.13741 1.08369	249 184	165	114 634
e'	1.09809	507	585	498 599	$L \\ w$	0.97867	217	748 153	12
a	0.95106	383	893	497	sin	0.97415	184	412	463
4	0.85898	421	382	411		0.93572	136	649	1129
w	0.84605	406	344	560	d	0.88630	171	301	434
∞	0.75755	352	459	348	/	0.85220	165	418	220
u	0.72164	331	476	307	<i>s</i>	0.83542	164	457	91
<	0.68370	309	511	230	F	0.79309	161	277	173
$s \ t$	0.63924 0.62265	338 248	245 397	107 704	$\stackrel{\infty}{ heta}$	0.73690 0.70563	117 130	589 396	525 281
$\overset{\iota}{\theta}$	0.56642	248	255	316	4	0.69761	130	318	293
r	0.55408	281	190	266	3	0.66666	120	419	274
\leq	0.54975	279	134	363	G	0.65305	145	83	30
*	0.52955	308	39	85	B	0.63865	138	143	39
R	0.52740	261	285	131	k	0.63278	109	420	354
	0.51782	226	369	296	5	0.61589	110	445	193
D cos	0.51152 0.50425	186 247	572 201	317 286	$p \\ e$	0.60337 0.58116	130 100	127 423	58 275
	0.49176	154	350	949	a	0.57791	100	441	179
Ì	0.48189	210	324	315	φ	0.55596	120	93	82
	0.48000	263	141	59	cos	0.55098	108	112	333
\sin	0.47708	220	235	338	A	0.53950	106	244	129
v	0.44584	178	438	214	/	0.51395	74	546	369
b_{\prime}	0.42329	196	215	279	\int	0.50346	92	164	388
	0.40738	162	379	242	<i>α</i>	0.48979	82	513	68
F	0.39388 0.38962	220 205	90 100	50 168	R	0.43566	86 92	130	189
\sum_{n}^{m}	0.38962	183	100 140	216	$v \ \lambda$	0.43559 0.41367	92 88	144 41	15 134
\sum_{5}	0.37171	179	204	141	<	0.40432	73	950	470
Φ	0.36030	215	5	38	\tilde{i}	0.39696	77	227	53
Δ	0.34065	176	183	5	b	0.38346	61	375	173
\rightarrow	0.32410	135	230	258	T	0.32036	54	163	280
∮	0.32389	149	191	175	8	0.29625	61	63	100
	0.29125	156		234	Δ	0.28748	48	259	103
${6 \atop k}$	$0.28148 \\ 0.26354$	139 122	93 122	183 196	\sum_{z}	0.26555 0.26496	49 39	127 248	135 216
L K	0.25968	132	93	190	~	0.26490	56	248 60	12
	0.25574	108	207	140	1	0.25482	36	231	257
[0.25324	100	247	137		0.25441	36	230	256
j	0.25234	100	247	131	\dot{C}	0.24920	49	135	27
∂	0.24631	106	145	214	*	0.24767	55	33	9
>	0.24236	126	79	90 74	ω	0.24534	16	172	797
! ≠	0.20472 0.19061	101 92	100 82	74 112	g <	0.24349 0.24063	41 36	164 69	157 403
$\epsilon \to \epsilon$	0.19001	92 98	82 81		$\frac{1}{J}$	0.23427	30 44	132	403
ln	0.18341	100	42	50	\tilde{W}	0.22762	51	28	

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Table 7. Top Symbols: Complex Analysis

Table 8. Top Symbols: PDEs

Kreyszig		Greenberg		O'Neil		Lopez [19]		MSKit [20]	
Freq (%)	Sequence	Freq (%)	Sequence	Freq (%)	Sequence	Freq (%)	Sequence	Freq (%)	Sequence
0.015609	$1^{\langle \text{sub} \rangle}$	0.013729	(x	0.013652) =	0.015275	$\langle \sup \rangle 2$	0.026046	(x
0.013716	$\langle sub \rangle 1$	0.012302	$1^{\langle/sub\rangle}$	0.013640	$\langle \sup \rangle 2$	0.015171	$2^{\langle/sup\rangle}$	0.019772	x)
0.012866	$2^{\langle/\sup\rangle}$	0.011704	$2^{\langle/\sup\rangle}$	0.013500	$2^{\langle/\sup\rangle}$	0.012549	(x	0.018647	$2^{\langle/\sup\rangle}$
0.012828	$\langle \sup \rangle 2$	0.011643	$\langle \sup \rangle 2$	0.012630	(x	0.009457) =	0.017966	$\langle \sup \rangle 2$
0.011231	$2^{\langle/sub\rangle}$	0.011210) =	0.008977	(t)	0.009434	00	0.015542	$x^{\langle \sup \rangle}$
0.011127	$\langle sub \rangle 2$	0.010881	(sub) 1	0.008486	(x)	0.009044	-1	0.013704) =
0.009607) =	0.008806	= 0	0.008406	$1^{\langle/sub\rangle}$	0.008534	x)	0.010710	x+
0.009482	(x	0.008434	x)	0.008301	-1	0.007400	$1^{\langle \texttt{frac}/ \rangle}$	0.010583	n(
0.009255	$x^{\langle ext{sub} angle}$	0.007672	$2^{\langle/sub\rangle}$	0.007969	$e^{\langle \sup \rangle}$	0.007261	t)	0.009933	-1
0.008517	$\langle /sub \rangle =$	0.007556	$e^{\langle \sup \rangle}$	0.007835	$0^{\langle/sub\rangle}$	0.007216	$1^{\langle/sub\rangle}$	0.009696	x-
0.007745	$0^{\langle /sub \rangle}$	0.007504	$\langle { m sub} angle 2$	0.007278	(t	0.006365	$\langle / sup \rangle +$	0.008967	$\langle / sup \rangle +$
0.007711	= 0	0.006287	$0^{\langle \text{sub} \rangle}$	0.007161	$\langle / sub \rangle \langle sup \rangle$	0.005821	$\langle sub \rangle 1$	0.008650	y =
0.007060	$\langle sub \rangle 0$	0.006233	$x^{\langle ext{sub} angle}$	0.006839	$\langle sub \rangle 0$	0.005767	0 :=	0.008618	x =
0.007030	$y^{\langle ext{sub} angle}$	0.006224	$\langle /sub \rangle =$	0.006631	$^{\langle { m sub} angle} n$	0.005740	(t	0.008365	$\langle \texttt{root} / \rangle 2$
0.006699	-1	0.006182	$^{\langle { m sub} angle} n$	0.006592	$1^{\rm (frac/)}$	0.005608	$x^{\langle \sup \rangle}$	0.008349	$1^{\rm (frac/)}$
0.006676	= 1	0.006182	$\langle \sup \rangle^{\uparrow}$	0.006258	= 0	0.005419	$e^{\langle \sup \rangle}$	0.008333	dx
0.006362	0.	0.006182	$\langle / \sup \rangle$	0.006033	$\langle sub \rangle 1$	0.005344	< root / > 2	0.007002	+1
0.006349	$\langle / sub \rangle \langle sup \rangle$	0.006015	-1	0.005804	$\langle / sup \rangle +$	0.005287	$\langle {}^{ m sub} angle k$	0.006939	2x
0.006187	$^{\langle { m sub} angle} n$	0.005707	$\langle \texttt{sub} \rangle 0$	0.005798	f(0.005178	$\left< \texttt{frac} / \right> 2$	0.006876	f(
0.005891	x)	0.005471	$\langle / sub \rangle \langle sup \rangle$	0.005506	= 1	0.005061	f(0.006464	$3^{\langle/sup\rangle}$
0.005847	(sup) /	0.005457	$\langle / sub \rangle$ (0.005479	$x^{\langle \sup \rangle}$	0.005007	10	0.006432	= 1
0.005831	$/\langle / \sup \rangle$	0.005333	t)	0.005372	n(0.004949	$2^{\langle/sub\rangle}$	0.005877	$\langle / sup \rangle$
0.005706	$e^{\langle \sup \rangle}$	0.004978	$n^{\langle/{ m sub} angle}$	0.005139	<pre>(/sup) (</pre>	0.004941	= 1	0.005656	$\langle / sub \rangle ($
0.005546	$\langle / sup \rangle +$	0.004962	in	0.005133	$2^{\langle/sub\rangle}$	0.004806	$\langle sub \rangle 2$	0.005640) (sup)
0.005454	$1^{\rm \langle frac/\rangle}$	0.004903	$\langle / sup \rangle +$	0.005077	$y^{\langle {\rm sup} \rangle}$	0.004792	= 0	0.005513	1)

Table 9. Most Popular Bigrams

Kreyszig	Greenberg	O'Neil	Lopez	MSKit
Freq (%) Sequence		Freq (%) Sequence	Freq (%) Sequence	Freq (%) Sequence
0.001049(x,y)	$0.002046 \ e^{\langle \sup \rangle \hat{\langle} \sup \rangle \langle \sup \rangle \langle \sup \rangle}$	0.001519(x,y)	0.002845 00000	$0.004420 \lim^{(sub)} x$
$0.000951 y^{\langle \sup \rangle} \prime \prime^{\langle \sup \rangle}$	$0.001415 \int \langle sub \rangle 0 \langle /sub \rangle \langle sup \rangle$	$0.001488 \int \langle \text{sub} \rangle 0 \langle /\text{sub} \rangle \langle \text{sup} \rangle$	0.001361(x,y)	$0.004055 \ im^{\langle { m sub} \rangle} x \rightarrow$
$0.000816 x^{(sub)} 1^{(/sub)} +$	0.001295(x, y)	$0.001020 0^{\langle/\mathrm{sub}\rangle \langle\mathrm{sup}\rangle} \infty^{\langle/\mathrm{sup}\rangle}$	$0.001202 x^{(sup)} 2^{(/sup)} +$	$0.003200 x^{(sup)} 2^{(/sup)} +$
0.000812 f(x) =	$0.000774~0^{\langle/{ m sub}\rangle\langle{ m sup} angle}\infty^{\langle/{ m sup} angle}$	$0.001001 \sum \langle \text{sub} \rangle n = 1$	$0.001045 \int \langle sub \rangle 0 \langle /sub \rangle \langle sup \rangle$	$0.002851 dy^{(\text{frac}/)} dx$
$0.000803 \int \langle sub \rangle 0 \langle /sub \rangle \langle sup \rangle$	$0.000770 \ x^{(\sup)} 2^{(/\sup)} +$	$0.000999 \overline{\text{(sub)}} n = 1^{\text{(/sub)}}$	0.000959 f(x) =	0.001996 f(x) =
$0.000728 m{0}^{\langle/ m{sub}}\langle m{sup}\infty^{\langle/ m{sup}}$	0.000711(x,t)	$0.000995 \ n = 1^{\langle/{ m sub} angle \langle{ m sup} angle}$	$0.000736 x^{(sup)} 2^{(/sup)} -$	$0.001996 \sin(x)$
$0.000722 \langle \text{(sub)} \langle \text{(sup)} \text{(sup)} \rangle =$	$0.000699 \ 1^{\langle/sub\rangle}, \ldots,$	$0.000935~1^{\langle/{ m sub} angle\langle{ m sup} angle}\infty^{\langle/{ m sup} angle}$	0.000703 (x, y,	$0.001901 x^{(sup)} 2^{(/sup)} -$
$0.000718 x^{\langle \sup \rangle} 2^{\langle /\sup \rangle} +$	$0.000674 \langle sub \rangle 1^{\langle /sub \rangle}, \dots$	$0.000927 = 1^{\langle/\mathrm{sub}\rangle \langle \mathrm{sup} \rangle} \infty$	$0.000663 \langle \sup \rangle 2^{\langle /\sup \rangle} + 1$	0.001885 in(x)
$0.000706 \langle \sup \rangle \prime \prime \langle / \sup \rangle +$	$0.000615 \ y(x) =$	0.000898)sin(0.000647 ,,	$0.001536 \ 2x^{\langle \sup \rangle} 2^{\langle \sup \rangle}$
$0.000635 - z^{(sub)} 0^{(/sub)}$	0.000601 (sub) 0 (/sub) (sup) ∞	$0.000859 x^{(sup)} 2^{(/sup)} +$	0.000644 f(x, y)	$0.001410 \cos(x)$
0.000599	$0.000571 {}^{\langle/{\rm sub}\rangle}(x) =$	$0.000839 (-1)^{(sup)}$	$0.000643 + y^{\langle \sup \rangle} 2^{\langle /\sup \rangle}$	$0.001330 \ os(x)$
$0.000566 \left< \mathrm{sub} \right> 1 \left< \mathrm{sub} \left< \mathrm{sub} \right> \prime$	$0.000566 i^{(sup)^{(jsup)}} +$	$0.000820 \sin(n$	$0.000609 \ x, y, z$	$0.001314 x^{(sup)} 3^{(/sup)} +$
$0.000553 z^{(sub)} 0^{(/sub)})$	0.000562(0) = 0	0.000721 ,,	0.000604, y, z)	$0.001235 \langle \sup \rangle 2^{\langle / \sup \rangle} + 1$
$0.000551 \ y^{(sub)} 1^{(/sub)}^{(sub)}$	$0.000561 \ f(x, y)$	0.000700(x,t)	$0.000588 \ 2x^{\langle \sup \rangle} 2^{\langle /\sup \rangle}$	$0.001219 \log^{(sub)} a$
$0.000545 \ y(0) =$	$0.000522 \langle \text{sub} \rangle 1^{\langle /\text{sub} \rangle} (x)$	$0.000678 - 1)^{\langle \sup \rangle} n$	$0.000585 \left< \sup \right> 2^{\left< \operatorname{sup} \right>} + y$	$0.001219 \ og^{(sub)} a^{(/sub)}$
$0.000543 1^{\langle/sub\rangle \langle sup \rangle} \prime^{\langle/sup \rangle}$	$0.000522 \ 1^{\langle/sub\rangle}(x)$	0.000651(x, y,	0.000579 $)sin($	$0.001172 \ y^{\langle \texttt{frac}/ angle} dx =$
0.000512 $\langle ext{sub} \rangle$ $2 \langle / ext{sub} \rangle$ $\langle ext{sup} \rangle$ /	$0.000515~1^{\langle/{ m sub} angle}\infty^{\langle/{ m sup} angle}$	$0.000643 - \infty^{\langle/\mathrm{sub}\rangle\langle\mathrm{sup} angle} \infty$	$0.000576 \langle sup \rangle cos($	$0.001156 < root/ > 2x^{\langle \sup \rangle} 2$
$0.000508 \ z - z^{\langle { m sub} angle} 0$	$0.000513 \ x, y, z$	$0.000643 \propto (/sub) \langle sup \rangle \propto (/sup)$		$0.001156 \left(x^{\langle \sup \rangle} 2^{\langle /\sup \rangle} \right)$
$0.000501, y^{\langle \text{sub} \rangle} 2^{\langle / \text{sub} \rangle}$	0.000505 f(x) =	$0.000641 z^{(sub)} 0^{(/sub)})$	$0.000552 \ 0^{\langle/{ m sub} angle \langle { m sup} angle} \infty^{\langle/{ m sup} angle}$	$0.001156 du^{\langle \texttt{frac}/ angle} dx$
$0.000497 \ y^{(sub)} 2^{(/sub)} \langle sup \rangle}$	0.000494 (x, y, y)	$0.000620 \left< \text{sub} \right> - \infty^{\left< /\text{sub} \right> \left< \text{sup} \right>}$	$0.000516 \ 2^{\langle/ \sup \rangle} + y^{\langle \sup \rangle}$	$0.001156 g^{(sub)} a^{(/sub)}$
$0.000495 \left< \mathrm{sub} \right> n + 1 \left< / \mathrm{sub} \right>$	$0.000444 \langle \sup \rangle^{(sup)} \langle \sup \rangle \theta$	$0.000620 \langle /sup \rangle sin($	$0.000500 \sin(t$	$0.001093 = log^{(sub)}$
$0.000489~2^{\rm sub} \langle sup \rangle \prime^{\rm sup}$	$0.000444^{\langle/\sup\rangle\langle\sup\rangle}\theta^{\langle/uu\rangle}$	$0.000613 \int \langle sub \rangle - \infty \langle /sub \rangle$	$0.000499 \left< \left< \operatorname{sup} \right> + y \left< \operatorname{sup} \right> 2$	$0.001093 \ln(x)$
$0.000487 x^{(sub)} 2^{(/sub)} =$	0.000438 (sub) $n^{\langle/{ m sub} angle}(x$	$0.000611 \langle /sup \rangle cos($	$0.000478 \cos(t$	$0.001013 \langle \sup \rangle 2 \langle /\sup \rangle (x)$
0.000485 f(x, y	$0.000438 sinn\pi$	0.000599) <i>cos</i> ($0.000476 \ ^{(ext{sub})}k^{(/ ext{sub})}(x)$	$0.001013 \ y = f(x$

Table 10. Most Popular 5-grams