Asymptote Reference Card

Program structure/functions

`import "`*filename*`"`	import module
`import "`*filename*`" as name`	import filename as module name
`include "`*filename*`"`	include verbatim text from file
type f `(`*type*`,...);`	optional function declaration
type name`;`	variable declaration
type f `(`*type arg*`,...) {`	function definition
statements	
`return` *value*`;`	
`}`	

Data types/declarations

boolean (true or false)	`bool`
tri-state boolean (true, default, or false)	`bool3`
integer	`int`
float (double precision)	`real`
ordered pair (complex number)	`pair`
character string	`string`
fixed piecewise cubic Bezier spline	`path`
unresolved piecewise cubic Bezier spline	`guide`
color, line type/width/cap, font, fill rule	`pen`
label with position, alignment, pen attributes	`Label`
drawing canvas	`picture`
affine transform	`transform`
constant (unchanging) value	`const`
allocate in higher scope	`static`
no value	`void`
inhibit implicit argument casting	`explicit`
structure	`struct`
create name by data type	`typedef` *type name*

3D data types (import three;)

ordered triple	`triple`
3D path	`path3`
3D guide	`guide3`
3D affine transform	`transform3`

Constants

exponential form	`6.02e23`
TEX string constant	`"abc...de"`
TEX strings: special characters	`\\, \"`
C strings: constant	`'abc...de'`
C strings: special characters	`\\, \" \' \?`
C strings: newline, cr, tab, backspace	`\n \r \t \b`
C strings: octal, hexadecimal bytes	`\0-\377 \x0-\xFF`

Operators

arithmetic operations	`+ - * /`
modulus (remainder)	`%`
comparisons	`== != > >= < <=`
not	`!`
and or (conditional evaluation of RHS)	`&& ||`
and or xor	`&	^`
cast expression to type	`(`*type*`)` *expr*
increment decrement prefix operators	`++ --`
assignment operators	`+= -= *= /= %=`
conditional expression	$expr_1$ `?` $expr_2$ `:` $expr_3$
structure member operator	*name.member*
expression evaluation separator	`,`

Flow control

statement terminator	`;`
block delimiters	`{ }`
comment delimiters	`/* */`
comment to end of line delimiter	`//`
exit from `while`/`do`/`for`	`break;`
next iteration of `while`/`do`/`for`	`continue;`
return value from function	`return` *expr*`;`
terminate execution	`exit();`
abort execution with error message	`abort(string);`

Flow constructions (`if`/`while`/`for`/`do`)

`if(`*expr*`)` *statement*
`else if(`*expr*`)` *statement*
`else` *statement*

`while(`*expr*`)`
   statement

`for(`$expr_1$`;` $expr_2$`;` $expr_3$`)`
   statement

`for(`*type* `var` `:` *array*`)`
   statement

`do` *statement*
   `while(`*expr*`);`

Arrays

array	*type*[] *name*;
array element i	*name*[i]
array indexed by elements of int array A	*name*[A]
anonymous array	new *type*[*dim*]
array containing n deep copies of x	array(n,x)
length	*name*.length
cyclic flag	*name*.cyclic
pop element x	*name*.pop()
push element x	*name*.push(x)
append array a	*name*.append(a)
insert rest arguments at index i	*name*.insert(i,...)
delete element at index i	*name*.delete(i)
delete elements with indices in [i,j]	*name*.delete(i,j)
delete all elements	*name*.delete()
test whether element n is initialized	*name*.initialized(n)
array of indices of initialized elements	*name*.keys
complement of int array in {0,...,n-1}	complement(a,n)
deep copy of array a	copy(a)
array {0,1,...,n-1}	sequence(n)
array {n,n+1,...,m}	sequence(n,m)
array {n-1,n-2,...,0}	reverse(n)
array {f(0),f(1),...,f(n-1)}	sequence(f,n)
array obtained by applying f to array a	map(f,a)
uniform partition of [a,b] into n intervals	uniform(a,b,n)
concat specified 1D arrays	concat(a,b,...)
return sorted array	sort(a)
return array sorted using ordering less	sort(a,less)
search sorted array a for key	search(a,key)
index of first true value of bool array a	find(a)
index of nth true value of bool array a	find(a,n)

Initialization

initialize variable	*type name*=*value*;
initialize array	*type*[] *name*={...};

path connectors

straight segment	--
Beziér segment with implicit control points	..
Beziér segment with explicit control points	..controls c0 and c1..
concatenate	&
lift pen	^^
..tension atleast 1..	::
..tension atleast infinity..	---

Labels

implicit cast of string s to Label	s
Label s with relative position and alignment	Label(s,real,pair)
Label s with absolute position and alignment	Label(s,pair,pair)
Label s with specified pen	Label(s,pen)

draw commands

draw path with current pen	draw(path)
draw path with pen	draw(path,pen)
draw labeled path	draw(Label,path)
draw arrow with pen	draw(path,pen,Arrow)
draw path on picture	draw(picture,path)
draw visible portion of line through two pairs	drawline(pair,pair)

fill commands

fill path with current pen	fill(path)
fill path with pen	fill(path,pen)
fill path on picture	fill(picture,path)

label commands

label a pair with optional alignment z	label(Label,pair,z)
label a path with optional alignment z	label(Label,path,z)
add label to picture	label(picture,Label)

clip commands

clip to path	clip(path)
clip to path with fill rule	clip(path,pen)
clip picture to path	clip(picture,path)

pens

Grayscale pen from value in [0,1]	gray(g)
RGB pen from values in [0,1]	rgb(r,g,b)
CMYK pen from values in [0,1]	cmyk(r,g,b)
RGB pen from heximdecimal string]	rgb(string)
heximdecimal string from rgb pen]	hex(pen)
hsv pen from values in [0,1]	hsv(h,s,v)
invisible pen	invisible
default pen	defaultpen
current pen	currentpen
solid pen	solid
dotted pen	dotted
wide dotted current pen	Dotted
wide dotted pen	Dotted(pen)
dashed pen	dashed
long dashed pen	longdashed
dash dotted pen	dashdotted
long dash dotted pen	longdashdotted
PostScript butt line cap	squarecap
PostScript round line cap	roundcap
PostScript projecting square line cap	extendcap
miter join	miterjoin
round join	roundjoin
bevel join	beveljoin
pen with miter limit	miterlimit(real)
zero-winding fill rule	zerowinding
even-odd fill rule	evenodd
align to character bounding box (default)	nobasealign
align to TeX baseline	basealign
pen with font size (pt)	fontsize(real)
LaTeX pen from encoding,family,series,shape	font(strings)
TeX pen	font(string)
scaled TeX pen	font(string,real)
PostScript font from strings	Courier(series,shape)
pen with opacity in [0,1]	opacity(real)
construct pen nib from polygonal path	makepen(path)
pen mixing operator	+

path operations

number of segments in path p	`length(p)`
number of nodes in path p	`size(p)`
is path p cyclic?	`cyclic(p)`
is segment i of path p straight?	`straight(p,i)`
is path p straight?	`piecewisestraight(p)`
coordinates of path p at time t	`point(p,t)`
direction of path p at time t	`dir(p,t)`
direction of path p at length(p)	`dir(p)`
unit(dir(p)+dir(q))	`dir(p,q)`
acceleration of path p at time t	`accel(p,t)`
radius of curvature of path p at time t	`radius(p,t)`
precontrol point of path p at time t	`precontrol(p,t)`
postcontrol point of path p at time t	`postcontrol(p,t)`
arclength of path p	`arclength(p)`
time at which arclength(p)=L	`arctime(p,L)`
point on path p at arclength L	`arcpoint(p,L)`
first value t at which dir(p,t)=z	`dirtime(p,z)`
time t at relative fraction l of arclength(p)	`reltime(p,l)`
point at relative fraction l of arclength(p)	`relpoint(p,l)`
point midway along arclength of p	`midpoint(p)`
path running backwards along p	`reverse(p)`
subpath of p between times a and b	`subpath(p,a,b)`
times for one intersection of paths p and q	`intersect(p,q)`
times at which p reaches minimal extents	`mintimes(p)`
times at which p reaches maximal extents	`maxtimes(p)`
intersection times of paths p and q	`intersections(p,q)`
intersection times of path p with '--a--b--'	`intersections(p,a,b)`
intersection times of path p crossing $x=$x	`times(p,x)`
intersection times of path p crossing $y=$z.y	`times(p,z)`
intersection point of paths p and q	`intersectionpoint(p,q)`
intersection points of p and q	`intersectionpoints(p,q)`
intersection of extension of P--Q and p--q	`extension(P,Q,p,q)`
lower left point of bounding box of path p	`min(p)`
upper right point of bounding box of path p	`max(p)`
subpaths of p split by nth cut of knife	`cut(p,knife,n)`
winding number of path p about pair z	`windingnumber(p,z)`
pair z lies within path p?	`interior(p,z)`
pair z lies within or on path p?	`inside(p,z)`
path surrounding region bounded by paths	`buildcycle(...)`
path filled by draw(g,p)	`strokepath(g,p)`
unit square with lower-left vertex at origin	`unitsquare`
unit circle centered at origin	`unitcircle`
circle of radius r about c	`circle(c,r)`
arc of radius r about c from angle a to b	`arc(c,r,a,b)`
unit n-sided polygon	`polygon(n)`
unit n-point cyclic cross	`cross(n)`

pictures

add picture pic to currentpicture	`add(pic)`
add picture pic about pair z	`add(pic,z)`

affine transforms

identity transform	`identity()`
shift by values	`shift(real,real)`
shift by pair	`shift(pair)`
scale by x in the x direction	`xscale(x)`
scale by y in the y direction	`yscale(y)`
scale by x in both directions	`scale(x)`
scale by real values x and y	`scale(x,y)`
map $(x,y) \rightarrow (x+sy,y)$	`slant(s)`
rotate by real angle in degrees about pair z	`rotate(angle,z=(0,0))`
reflect about line from P--Q	`reflect(P,Q)`

string operations

concatenate operator	`+`
string length	`length(string)`
position $\geq$ pos of first occurence of t in s	`find(s,t,pos=0)`
position $\leq$ pos of last occurence of t in s	`rfind(s,t,pos=-1)`
string with t inserted in s at pos	`insert(s,pos,t)`
string s with n characters at pos erased	`erase(s,pos,n)`
substring of string s of length n at pos	`substr(s,pos,n)`
string s reversed	`reverse(s)`
string s with before changed to after	`replace(s,before,after)`
string s translated via {{before,after},...}	`replace(s,string [][] table)`
format x using C-style format string s	`format(s,x)`
casts hexidecimal string to an integer	`hex(s)`
casts x to string using precision digits	`string(x,digits=realDigits)`
current time formatted by format	`time(format="%a %b %d %T %Z %Y")`
time in seconds of string t using format	`seconds(t,format)`
string corresponding to seconds using format	`time(seconds,format)`
split s into strings separated by delimiter	`split(s,delimiter="")`