

The `onlyamsmath` package*

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Abstract

This package inhibits the usage of plain \TeX and on demand of standard \LaTeX math environments. This is useful for class writers who want to force their clients to use the environments provided by the `amsmath` package.

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1 Usage of the package

Just load the package using `\usepackage[options]{onlyamsmath}`. If no option is given only the plain \TeX environment `$$...$$` is “destroyed”. This environment leads to centred equations even with the global option `fleqn` (*force left equations*) switched on:

$$a = b.$$

One further option is `eqnarray` to switch off the `eqnarray` and `eqnarray*` environments that add an unwished space before and after the aligned part of the formula as shown here:

$$a = b.$$

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A better result is achieved using the `align` environment provided by `amsmath.sty`:

$$a = b.$$

The most brutal option is `all` that inhibits the writer to use any of the \TeX and \LaTeX math environments for non-inlined equations I know (`$$...$$`, `eqnarray`, `eqnarray*`, `displaymath`). The inlined mathematical modes (`$....$`, `\(...\)`) still work.

Then instead use the environments provided by `amsmath.sty`: `equation`, `align`, `gather`, `flalign`, `multiline`, `alignat`, and `split`. All environments except `split` have a starred variant. See the User's Guide of the `amsmath` package for further details [1].

There are two more options that control the behaviour of the package if you still use one of the "forbidden" environments. If using `error` which is the default \LaTeX generates an error message that reminds you to use the environments of the `amsmath` package.

If using `warning` \LaTeX only produces warnings and proceeds.

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2 The implementation

Package header:

```
1 \ProvidesPackage{onlyamsmath}[\onlyamsfiledate\space
2 v\onlyamsversion\space destroy the standard math environments]
```

Load `amsmath` package:

```
3 \RequirePackage{amsmath}
```

2.1 Options

All options set a boolean variable which is named similar to the option name.

Define the `eqnarray` option:

```
4 \newif\ifonlyams@eqnarray
5 \DeclareOption{eqnarray}{\onlyams@eqnarraytrue}
```

Define the `all` option:

```
6 \newif\ifonlyams@all
7 \DeclareOption{all}{
8   \onlyams@alltrue
9   \onlyams@eqnarraytrue
10 }
```

Define the `error` and `warning` options:

```
11 \newif\ifonlyams@error
12 \onlyams@errortrue
13 \DeclareOption{error}{\onlyams@errortrue}
14 \DeclareOption{warning}{\onlyams@errorfalse}
```

Set the default options:
 15 `\ExecuteOptions{error}`
 Process the options:
 16 `\ProcessOptions\relax`

2.2 Commands

`\onlyams@error` Define a command that produces the error resp. warning messages. The argument specifies the name of the environment that produced the message.

```

17 \newcommand{\onlyams@error}[1]{%
18   \ifonlyams@error
19     \PackageError{onlyamsmath}{Environment #1 used}{Please use only the
20       environments provided by the amsmath package.}%
21   \else
22     \PackageWarning{onlyamsmath}{Environment #1 used, please use
23       \MessageBreak only the environments provided by the amsmath
24       \MessageBreak package}%
25   \fi
26 }
```

Here follows the part that is only executed when one of the options `eqnarray` or `all` is used:

```
27 \ifonlyams@eqnarray
```

`\onlyams@eqnarray` Copy the original `\eqnarray` command which is called by the commands `\begin{eqnarray}` and `\begin{eqnarray*}` to be able to call it after producing the correspondig error message:

```
28 \let\onlyams@eqnarray\eqnarray
```

`eqnarray` Redefine the `\eqnarray` command:

```

29 \def\eqnarray{%
First generate an error or warning message:
30   \onlyams@error{eqnarray or eqnarray*}%
Then call the original eqnarray environment:
31   \onlyams@eqnarray}
32 \fi
```

Here follows the part that is only executed when the option `all` is used:

```
33 \ifonlyams@all
```

`displaymath` Redefine the `\displaymath` command:

```

34 \def\displaymath{%
First generate an error or warning message:
35   \onlyams@error{displaymath}%
Then call the \[ environment which normally is called by the displaymath envi-
ronment:
36   \[
37 \fi
```

Redefine the \mathbb{S} environment. This part was written by David Kastrup. Please don't ask me anything about it.

```
\dollarcode
38 \def\dollarcode{\ifx\protect\@typeset@protect
39   \expandafter\futurelet\expandafter\next\expandafter\checkdsp
40   \else \expandafter$\fi}

41 \begingroup
42 \lccode'\~='\$
43 \lowercase{\endgroup\let~}\dollarcode
```

```
\defdsp
44 \def\checkdsp{\ifx\next\dollarcode\expandafter\dspcomplain
45   \else\expandafter$\fi}
```

Now comes the part that I understand and in which I have made changes.

```
\dspcomplain This command controls the complaint when using  $\mathbb{S}$ .
46 \def\dspcomplain#1{%
If mathmode is active the code has found the second  $\mathbb{S}$  of the environment. The
complaint has already made and it is not necessary to do generate one. The
environment has to be closed by using  $\backslash$ ]:
47   \ifmmode
48     \expandafter \backslash]
49   \else
If the mathmode isn't active the first  $\mathbb{S}$  of a mathematical environment has been
found. First generate the warning or error message:
50   \onlyams@error{ $\mathbb{S}$   $\mathbb{S}$ }%
Then start the mathmode by using  $\backslash$ [:
51   \expandafter \backslash[
52   \fi}
Activate the complaining behaviour at  $\backslash$ begin{document} to ensure that packages
that internally use  $\mathbb{S}$  can do that without an error:
53 \AtBeginDocument{\catcode'\$=13 }
```

References

- [1] *User's Guide for the amsmath Package*. American Mathematical Society, 1999/12/13.

Change History

| | |
|---|--|
| 0.01 | 0.03 |
| General: First version 1 | General: Changed definition of \backslash dollarcode, by David Kastrup 4 |
| 0.02 | Removed switches \backslash dollardollar 2 |
| General: Added switch \backslash nodollardollar 2 | |

and `nodollardollar` 2 `\[...\]` 3
0.04
General: Removed code that forbids

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