

# *Math 291: Lecture 7*

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- ‘subctr’ is the counter of some other environment or structural element.
  - If omitted, numbering is maintained throughout the document.
  - If present, it must be a standard  $\text{\LaTeX}$  counter, and will create numbers such as ‘4.1’, where 4 is the last number of the standard counter and 1 is the first use of this environment since the 4 was updated. Ex: Theorem 4.1 in section 4 of your document.



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- Then, type in a similar command to define the “axiom” environment: `\newtheorem{ax}{Axiom}`



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- Now type in commands and build to produce the following:

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*All dogs chase postal workers.*

### *Axiom 2.*

*All postal workers deliver mail.*



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### *Theorem 3.1.*

*This is the first numbered theorem after item three.*

### *Theorem 3.2.*

*This is the second numbered theorem after item three.*

- ❹ Blah, blah

### *Theorem 4.1.*

*This is yet another theorem statement - How did it get numbered?.*



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- Note that we referred to a specific enumeration level in our environment definition.
- Other counters can be used, like sections and chapters in larger documents.



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- You can still manually define other theorem environments as if you didn't load the `amsthm` package.



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- Finally, it defines a proof environment (`\begin{proof}` `\end{proof}`). This environment:
  - is unnumbered
  - it starts with *Proof*
  - it ends with: □.



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- When placed in the preamble, the command is globally defined (applies to the entire document).
- When placed within an environment, it is defined only within that environment.
- When placed elsewhere in the body of a document, it can only be used from then on.





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- The command `\ensuremath` ensures the command will **always** be carried out in math mode (whether you call the command inside `$` signs or not).



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Try changing the input value and see what happens to the output.



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- Add this command definition to your sample document.
- Then, test out your new `\cfrac` command using some different input values. What does this command do?



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- The first of the three arguments is optional, and a default value has been supplied.
- If a new value for this optional argument is **not** supplied, the default value of `x` will be used. Otherwise, the new input value will be used.
- Remember, the optional argument, if used, is in square brackets.



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- Try calling this command three times using the following inputs:

$$\backslash\text{subvec}[A]\{1\}\{n\}$$

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- Here is a command that Dr. Fagerstrom uses when she runs out of alphabet on her review sheets:

```
\setcounter{enumi}{0}
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\renewcommand{\labelenumi}{(\alph{enumi}\alph{enumi})}
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- We can also define and make use of new counters using the command `newcounters`.
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