

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

Axiom 1.

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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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- There are more options with the amsthm package, described in a bit.



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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).
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- 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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- 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:

`\subvec[A]{1}{n}`

`\subvec[y]{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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- 'begdef' is the stuff that is printed when the environment is opened, and 'enddef' is the stuff that is printed when the environment is closed.
- We can also define and make use of new counters using the command `newcounters`.
- These options are part of what makes \LaTeX highly customizable and useful.