Using script fonts in LATEX

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There are several free "script-like" fonts available in $L^{AT}EX$, and in addition a number of commercial script fonts. Here's how to use some of the most common ones.

Some of these require special macro packages to be loaded. To do this, you insert an appropriate \usepackage command in your *preamble* (after your \documentclass command, and before $\begin{document})$. Many of these packages are included with standard LATEX distributions, and many TEX programs will download them automatically if they are not. If you need to download a package manually, you can probably find it at www.ctan.org.

1. Standard LATEX "calligraphic" font: No special package needed.

\$\mathcal{ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ}\$

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2. Euler Script font: Use the "euscript" package.

\usepackage[mathscr]{euscript}

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3. Ralph Smith's Formal Script Font (rsfs): Use the "mathrsfs" package.

\usepackage{mathrsfs}

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4. Oblique rsfs fonts (rsfso): A less slanted version of rsfs. Use the "rsfso" package.

\usepackage[scr]{rsfso}

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5. Boondox upright script font: Use the "BOONDOX-uprscr" package.

\usepackage{BOONDOX-uprscr}

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6. MathTimePro2 (commercial fonts): In addition, for those who are really picky, there is an excellent script font in the commercial font package called *MathTimePro2*, which can be purchased for \$79 (academic sale price) at www.pctex.com.

\usepackage[mtpscr]{mtpro2}

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