

# Package `innerscript` v. 1.4a User Guide

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For easy, off-the-shelf use, type the following in your document preamble and compile using Lua $\text{\TeX}$ :

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\usepackage{innerscript}
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## Overview

The `innerscript` package optionally modifies four aspects of  $\text{\TeX}$ 's automatic math formatting to improve typesetting: (1) it adds extra space around relation and operation symbols in superscripts and subscripts; (2) it removes extra space around `\left-\right` delimiter pairs; (3) it adds extra space after right delimiters in certain situations; and (4) it forces `\left` and `\right` delimiters to completely cover their contents. Using Lua $\text{\TeX}$  is required.

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For several years before the first release of `innerscript`, I wondered whether it was possible to adjust two features of  $\text{\TeX}$ 's automatic mathematics spacing, namely adding more space in superscripts and subscripts and removing the extra space around `\left-\right` delimiter pairs. Lua $\text{\TeX}$ 's extra math-mode primitives make these changes possible, and `innerscript` grew out of my desire to implement them in my documents. For example, compare the next two lines:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{1+a} \quad f(x) = g\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \quad x(t)y(t) \quad \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{1+a} \quad f(x) = g\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \quad x(t)y(t) \quad \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \quad (2)$$

Equation (1) uses traditional  $\text{\TeX}$  formatting, and equation (2) incorporates the small tweaks characteristic of `innerscript`. If you like equation (2) more than equation (1), then `innerscript` is the package for you! This file explains how to load `innerscript` and enable whichever adjustments you want to use. For version history and documentation of the code, see `innerscript-code.pdf`, which is included with the package installation and is available on CTAN.

Table 1 explains which parts of equation (2) show different aspects of `innerscript`'s behavior. At far left, the subscript under the summation symbol and the superscript of  $x_i$  have small amounts of extra space around the = and + signs respectively, and at center-left, the  $g$  is directly next to the parenthesis. At center-right, the closing parenthesis is offset from the following  $y$ , and on the right, the parentheses cover the entire fraction instead of covering

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**Table 1: Package Behavior Shown in Equation (2)**

Part of equation (2)	Summation	Functions	Product	Fraction
Option shown	<code>script</code>	<code>inner</code>	<code>close</code>	<code>cover</code>

**Table 2: Package Options for `innerscript`**

Package Option	Meaning
<code>script</code>	Change <code>\scriptstyle</code> (and cramped style) spacing
<code>scriptscript</code>	Change <code>\scriptscriptstyle</code> (and cramped style) spacing
<code>inner</code>	Use <code>\mathord</code> spacing for <code>\mathinner</code> subformulas
<code>close</code>	Extra space between <code>\mathclose\mathord</code> pairs
<code>cover</code>	Resizable delimiters (i.e. <code>\left</code> and <code>\right</code> ) fully cover contents
<code>no-script</code>	No changes to <code>\scriptstyle</code> spacing
<code>no-scriptscript</code>	No changes to <code>\scriptscriptstyle</code> spacing
<code>no-inner</code>	No changes to treatment of <code>\mathinner</code> subformulas
<code>no-close</code>	No changes to <code>\mathclose</code> atoms
<code>no-cover</code>	No changes to resizable delimiters

**Table 3: Usual Space Inserted by  $\TeX$  between Atoms**

Consecutive Atom Types	Space Added	Consecutive Atom Types	Space Added
<code>\mathord\mathop</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>	<code>\mathclose\mathop</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>
<code>\mathord\mathbin</code>	<code>\medmuskip</code>	<code>\mathclose\mathbin</code>	<code>\medmuskip</code>
<code>\mathord\mathrel</code>	<code>\thickmuskip</code>	<code>\mathclose\mathrel</code>	<code>\thickmuskip</code>
<code>\mathord\mathinner</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>	<code>\mathclose\mathinner</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>
<code>\mathop\mathord</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>	<code>\mathpunct\mathord</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>
<code>\mathop\mathop</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>	<code>\mathpunct\mathop</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>
<code>\mathop\mathrel</code>	<code>\thickmuskip</code>	<code>\mathpunct\mathrel</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>
<code>\mathop\mathinner</code>	<code>\thickmuskip</code>	<code>\mathpunct\mathopen</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>
<code>\mathbin\mathord</code>	<code>\medmuskip</code>	<code>\mathpunct\mathclose</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>
<code>\mathbin\mathop</code>	<code>\medmuskip</code>	<code>\mathpunct\mathpunct</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>
<code>\mathbin\mathopen</code>	<code>\medmuskip</code>	<code>\mathpunct\mathinner</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>
<code>\mathbin\mathinner</code>	<code>\medmuskip</code>	<code>\mathinner\mathord</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>
<code>\mathrel\mathord</code>	<code>\thickmuskip</code>	<code>\mathinner\mathop</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>
<code>\mathrel\mathop</code>	<code>\thickmuskip</code>	<code>\mathinner\mathbin</code>	<code>\medmuskip</code>
<code>\mathrel\mathopen</code>	<code>\thickmuskip</code>	<code>\mathinner\mathrel</code>	<code>\thickmuskip</code>
<code>\mathrel\mathinner</code>	<code>\thickmuskip</code>	<code>\mathinner\mathopen</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>
		<code>\mathinner\mathpunct</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>
		<code>\mathinner\mathinner</code>	<code>\thinmuskip</code>

only most of it. Using this package will automate some or all of these changes.

Users can load `innerscript` with the standard `\usepackage` syntax, and to do so, you must typeset with Lua $\TeX$ . If it detects a different engine, `innerscript` will raise an error and stop loading, so you will not see any changes to the math in your document. The package provides no user-level commands—rather, you control its functionality through the ten options in Table 2. Options `script`, and `no-script` determine how `innerscript` treats superscripts and subscripts, and options `scriptscript`, and `no-scriptscript` are the same except that they deal with second-order superscripts and subscripts.<sup>1</sup> The `inner` option tells  $\TeX$  to avoid placing some extra spaces around `\mathinner` subformulas. Specifically, with this option,  $\TeX$  treats the left side of a `\mathinner` subformula like a left parenthesis and treats the right side like a right parenthesis for spacing purposes. The `close` option adds a small amount of space after a closing grouping symbol, such as a right parenthesis, when it comes before a regular variable or number, and `cover` tells  $\TeX$  to make sure that resizable delimiters fully cover their contents. The `no-` variants disable formatting adjustments, and by default, `innerscript` enables all space adjustments described here.

The `inner`, `close`, and `cover` options are straightforward, but the options `script` and `scriptscript` warrant more explanation. With its usual math formatting,  $\TeX$  adds small amounts of space between different math-mode characters depending on what types of symbols they represent, and  $\TeX$ 's fine-tuned math spacing is part of what makes it a great program for typesetting equations.<sup>2</sup> However, some spacing additions from inline and display math don't appear inside superscripts and subscripts. The `script` and `scriptscript` options address this situation by setting the interatom space in superscripts and subscripts to scaled-down versions of the standard spacing rules. Table 3 lists the space that  $\TeX$  inserts between atoms of different types in display or inline math. With option `script`, `innerscript` sets the interatom spacing in superscripts and subscripts to be 60% of the amounts in Table 3, and with option `scriptscript`, `innerscript` sets the interatom space to be 40% of the amounts in Table 3.<sup>3</sup> Atom pairs that do not appear in Table 3 do not by default receive extra space from  $\TeX$  or `innerscript`.

Finally, you are of course welcome to change the size of `\thinmuskip`, `\medmuskip`, or `\thickmuskip`, but I encourage you to do so before you load `innerscript`. If you do so after loading the package, some of your changes will not show up in  $\TeX$ 's automatic interatom spacing.

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<sup>1</sup>Version 1.2 of `innerscript` provided `legacy-` options for superscripts and subscripts with slightly different spacing. As of version 1.4, those options are officially deprecated. For backwards compatibility, `innerscript` still accepts `legacy-script` and `legacy-scriptscript` options, but they now produce the same space adjustments as `script` and `scriptscript`.

<sup>2</sup> $\TeX$  classifies math symbols into eight categories: `\mathord` (ordinary), `\mathop` (big operator), `\mathbin` (binary operation), `\mathrel` (relation), `\mathopen` (opening delimiter), `\mathclose` (closing delimiter), `\mathpunct` (punctuation), and `\mathinner` (“inner” subformula). As part of its definition, every math-mode character is assigned a math class. See Donald Knuth, *The  $\TeX$ book* (Addison Wesley, 1986), 170; David Salomon, *The Advanced  $\TeX$ book* (Springer, 1995), 256–258.

<sup>3</sup>Technically, `innerscript` scales down the standard spacing twice because the exact length of a `\muskip` register varies proportionally with the surrounding font size. For example, a `\thinmuskip` inside a superscript or subscript will be about two-thirds the size of a `\thinmuskip` in regular inline math. If `innerscript` inserted the same `\muskip` amounts from Table 3 in superscripts and subscripts, the spacing would be exactly proportional to inline and display spacing. However, doing so produces math where the symbols appear too far apart visually, so before using them, `innerscript` scales down the `\muskip` amounts in Table 3.