

## Common Notation

Symbol	Meaning	Reference
$\mathbb{R}$	the set of real numbers	1
$\in$	is an element of	1.1
$\mathbb{Q}$	the set of rational numbers	1.1
$\mathbb{Z}$	the set of integers	1.1
$\mathbb{N}$	the set of natural numbers	1.1
$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$	the set of integers modulo $n$	1.1
$\mathbb{F}_p$	the finite field of order $p$	1.1
$\mathbb{C}$	the set of complex numbers	1.2
$\bar{z}$	complex conjugation	1.2
$ z $	complex modulus or absolute value	1.2
$\overrightarrow{AB}$	vector from $A$ to $B$	2.1
$O$	Origin	2.1
$\mathbb{R}^2$	The Cartesian plane	2.1
$\mathbb{R}^3$	Euclidean Threespace	2.1
$\mathbb{R}^n$	Real $n$ -dimensional space	2.2
$\mathbb{F}^n$	The space of $n$ -dimensional vectors over $\mathbb{F}$	2.2
$V$	a vector space	2.3
$\mathbf{0}$	The zero vector	2.3
$\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$	vectors	2.3

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