

Formatting References for the *Monthly*

In general:

- a. Journal and book titles are italicized; widely known journal names are abbreviated using MathSciNet abbreviations (<http://www.ams.org/msnhtml/serials.pdf>), e.g., *Canad. J. Math.* vs. the less well-known *Journal of Astronomical History and Heritage*. We do not replicate MathSciNet's format for references, so please don't cut and paste from that site.
- b. References must be in alphabetical order.
- c. If you use more than one article/book by an author (or multiple authors), please use the 3-em dash (see #22 below).
- d. Use only initials for first and middle names; there should be a single space between initials, e.g., E. C. not E.C. The initials for a hyphenated first name, e.g., Jean-Paul, should also be hyphenated: J.-P.
- e. If the city where the publisher is located is obscure, please include the two-letter abbreviation for the state, e.g., Mineola, NY. Do not use periods in DC (District of Columbia). If there is more than one location listed for a publisher, include only the first city.
- f. The first letters of words in book titles are capitalized; with the exception of proper names and/or the first word after a colon, only the first word in the title of an article from a journal is capitalized.
- g. For publishers of books, do not use "Co.", "Inc.", "& Sons", etc. "Press" is fine. Watch out for Macmillan (not MacMillan); Birkhäuser; and A K Peters (no periods after the "A" and "K").
- h. Journal volume numbers are in bold; we don't use issue numbers except for journals such as *Math. Intelligencer* (see #2 below).
- i. We don't include page numbers for books; if you want to refer to specific page numbers, include that information in the body of the text, e.g., [1, pp. 67-71]. However, for articles that are published in the proceedings of a conference or in an edited collection of papers, you should give page numbers (see #8 and #12 below).
- j. References to personal communications should be included in the body of the paper, e.g., "... reformulation is due to John Doe (personal communication, 2008)...."
- k. The Chicago Manual of Style's latest edition warns against using just a web site address and recommends more complete information on URLs, i.e., the author's name, title of the page, a brief description, and the year of "publication" to the web (see #14 below). The rationale is that a URL may become obsolete and/or inactive, so it is important to have basic information included. MathWorld (example 16 below) is a different case.

NB: if you don't find an example below of how to format one of your references or if you have a question, please email us at mathmonthly@amherst.edu.

Examples

1. Journal article:
S. Leader, What is a differential? A new answer from the generalized Riemann integral, *Amer. Math. Monthly* **93** (1986) 348-356.

2. Article in Math. Intelligencer (or any journal in which page numbers begin with 1 in each issue):
R. Hartshorne and R. Van Luijk, Non-Euclidean Pythagorean triples, a problem of Euler, and rational points on K3 surfaces, *Math. Intelligencer* **30**, no. 4 (2008) 4-10.
3. Journal article also available at a web site:
J. M. Bonnet-Bidaud, F. Colas, and J. Lecacheux, Search for companions around Sirius, *Astron. Astrophys.* **360** (2000) 991-996; also available at <http://fr.arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0010032>.
4. Book (edited):
J. Ewing, ed., *A Century of Mathematics: Through the Eyes of the Monthly*, Mathematical Association of America, Washington, DC, 1994.
5. Book (translated):
I. Newton, *The Principia* (trans. A. Motte), Prometheus Books, Amherst, NY, 1995.
6. Book in a series:
J. G. Ratcliffe, *Foundations of Hyperbolic Manifolds*, Graduate Texts in Mathematics, vol. 149, Springer-Verlag, New York, 1994.
7. Book in a multivolume work:
M. Reed and B. Simon, *Methods of Mathematical Physics*, vol. I, *Functional Analysis*, Academic Press, New York, 1980.
8. Symposium Proceedings:
W. Fulton and R. Pandharipande, Notes on stable maps and quantum cohomology, in *Algebraic Geometry—Santa Cruz 1995*, Proc. Sympos. Pure Math., vol. 62, American Mathematical Society, Providence, RI, 1997, 45-96.
9. Second edition:
E. C. Titchmarsh, *The Theory of the Riemann Zeta-Function*, 2nd ed., Oxford University Press, New York, 1986.
10. Reprint:
S. Saks, *Theory of the Integral*, Dover, New York, 1964; reprint of the 2nd revised ed., G. E. Stechert, Warsaw, 1937.
11. Corrected reprint of earlier edition:
S. D. Fisher, *Complex Variables*, Dover, Mineola, NY, 1999; corrected reprint of 2nd ed. (1990).
12. Chapter in an edited book:
K. H. Parshall, Toward a history of nineteenth-century invariant theory, in *The History of Modern Mathematics*, vol. 1, D. E. Rowe and J. McCleary, eds., Academic Press, Boston, 1989, 157-206.

13. Book review:
S. Walter, review of *Beyond the Einstein Addition Law and its Gyroscopic Thomas Precessions: The Theory of Gyrogroups and Gyrovector Spaces* by A. A. Ungar, *Found. Phys.* **32** (2002) 327-330.
14. Web site:
D. Velleman, American Mathematical Monthly, submission guidelines and information for the Monthly (2007), available at <http://www.cs.amherst.edu/~djv/monthly/>.
Author, Page Title and/or brief description, ("publication" year if applicable), available at URL address.
15. Collection of papers on a web site:
P. S. Bullen, Nonabsolute integrals in the twentieth century, in AMS Special Session on Nonabsolute Integration, P. Muldowney and E. Talvila, eds., University of Toronto, Toronto (2000), available at <http://www.emis.de/proceedings/index.html>.
16. Citing MathWorld:
E. Weisstein, Fibonacci Numbers—From MathWorld, A Wolfram Web Resource, <http://mathworld.wolfram.com/FibonacciNumber.html>.
17. Citing ArXiv:
B. Stigler and A. Veliz-Cuba, Network topology as a driver of bistability in the lac operon (2008), available at <http://arxiv.org/abs/0807.3995>.
18. Citing Wikipedia:
Wikipedia contributors, Zeckendorf's theorem, *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*, available at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zeckendorf's_theorem.
19. Citing an on-line news source:
CNN.com, "California ballot official, ready to print," August 14, 2003, available at <http://www.cnn.com/2003/ALLPOLITICS/08/13/calif.recall/index.html>.
20. Citing a newspaper with author byline:
D. Dilby, Syndicate strikes again to win €275,000 Dublin home, *The Sunday Times (London)*, May 8, 2005.
21. Citing a newspaper w/o author byline:
The Washington Post, Va. Lotto payoff approved, March 11, 1992.
22. Three-em dash for repeated author's name (\textemdash or ---):
J. A. Nelder, The analysis of randomized experiments with orthogonal block structure. II. Treatment structure and the general analysis of variance, *Proc. Roy. Soc. London* **283** (1965) 163-178.
_____, The combination of information in generally balanced designs, *J. Roy Statistic. Soc.* **30** (1968) 303-311.

NB: A three-em dash may also be used for multiple authors provided that they are exactly the same as the first citation. **Also**, multiple listings by the same author(s) should be listed chronologically, oldest publication first.

23. To appear (or preprint):

G. Davidoff, A generalization of Littlewood's theorem (to appear).

24. Ph.D.dissertation (or Master's thesis):

N. Ng, *Limiting Distributions and Zeros of Artin L-Functions*, Ph.D. dissertation, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, 2000.

25. DVD:

T. Schulman, *Dead Poets Society* (dir. Peter Weir), Walt Disney Studios Home Entertainment, Burbank, CA, 1989.

NB: References to DVDs are formatted as books:

Writer, *Title of Movie* (dir. director's name), Production Company, Production Company's location, year of release. Information about where on the DVD to find a particular scene should be in the body of the paper, not the references. Use the "scene selection" menu on the DVD to provide the "page numbers," e.g., [1, "name of scene"] or [1, Chap. (number)]. If there is no scene section menu, use the DVD counter and indicate the minutes where the scene may be found, e.g., [1, 55:07-57:57].

26. A little bit of everything:

L. Euler, De fractionibus continuis dissertatio, *Comm. Acad. Sci. Petropol.* **9** (1744) 98-137; also in *Opera Omnia*, ser. I, vol. 14, Teubner, Leipzig, 1925; English translation by M. Wyman and B. Wyman, An essay on continued fractions, *Math. Systems Theory* **18** (1985) 295-328.

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