

Package ‘katex’

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Title Rendering Math to HTML, 'MathML', or R-Documentation Format

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Description Convert latex math expressions to HTML and 'MathML' for use in markdown documents or package manual pages. The rendering is done in R using the V8 engine (i.e. server-side), which eliminates the need for embedding the 'MathJax' library into your web pages. In addition a 'math-to-rd' wrapper is provided to automatically render beautiful math in R documentation files.

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URL <https://docs.ropensci.org/katex/>,
<https://github.com/ropensci/katex>
<https://katex.org/docs/options.html> (upstream)

BugReports <https://github.com/ropensci/katex/issues>

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Description

Converts tex-style math expressions to html and mathml for use in manual pages or markdown documents. The conversion is done in R using V8 ("server-side"), hence the resulting fragment can be inserted into an HTML document without the need for a JavaScript library like MathJax. Only the [katex.css](#) style file is required in the final html document. Use [math_to_rd](#) for embedding math into R documentation (.rd) pages.

Usage

```
katex_html(
  tex,
  displayMode = TRUE,
  ...,
  include_css = FALSE,
  preview = interactive()
)

katex_mathml(tex, displayMode = TRUE, ...)

example_math()
```

Arguments

tex	input string with tex math expression.
displayMode	render math in centered 2D layout, similar to $$$$ in tex. Set to FALSE to render (non-centered) inline layout for use in text. For pdf output, this corresponds to the <code>\deqn{}</code> and <code>\eqn{}</code> macros, see WRE 2.6: Mathematics
...	additional html rendering options passed to katex.render
include_css	adds the katex css file to the output. This is only required once per html web-page. Set to FALSE if you include css files into the your html head some other way.
preview	open an HTML preview page showing the snippet in the browser

Details

Refer to the upstream [katex support table](#) for the full list of supported tex functions that can be rendered to html using katex.

By default, [katex_html](#) returns a mix of HTML for visual rendering and includes MathML for accessibility. To only get html, pass `output="html"` in the extra options, see also the [katex documentation](#).

Value

a string with a html/mathml fragment

See Also

Other katex: [math_to_rd\(\)](#), [pandoc](#)

Examples

```
# Basic examples
html <- katex_html(example_math())
mathml <- katex_mathml(example_math())

# Example from katex.org homepage:
macros <- list("\\f" = "#1f(#2)")
math <- "\\f\\relax{x} = \\int_{-\\infty}^{\\infty} \\f\\hat{\\xi} \\, e^{2 \\pi i \\xi x} \\, d\\xi"
html <- katex_html(math, macros = macros)
mathml <- katex_mathml(math, macros = macros)
```

math_to_rd

Display math in R documentation

Description

Helper function to insert tex math expressions into R documentation (.rd) files. Uses Katex rendering for documentation in html format, and the appropriate latex macros for documentation rendered in pdf or plain-text.

Usage

```
math_to_rd(tex, ascii = tex, displayMode = TRUE, ..., include_css = TRUE)
```

Arguments

tex	input string with tex math expression.
ascii	alternate text-only representation of the input math to show in documentation rendered to plain text format.
displayMode	render math in centered 2D layout, similar to $$$$ in tex. Set to FALSE to render (non-centered) inline layout for use in text. For pdf output, this corresponds to the <code>\deqn{}</code> and <code>\eqn{}</code> macros, see WRE 2.6: Mathematics
...	additional html rendering options passed to katex.render
include_css	adds the katex css file to the output. This is only required once per html web-page. Set to FALSE if you include css files into the your html head some other way.

Details

Use `math_to_rd()` inside `\Sexpr` to embed math in your R package documentation pages. For example the code below can be inserted in your `rd` (or `roxygen`) source code:

```
\Sexpr[results=rd, stage=build]{
  katex::math_to_rd(katex::example_math())
}
```

Which results in the following output:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

Optionally you can specify an alternate `ascii` representation that will be shown in the plain-text format rendering of the documentation:

```
\Sexpr[results=rd, stage=build]{
  katex::math_to_rd('E=MC^2', 'E=mc²')
}
```

$$E = MC^2$$

If no `ascii` representation is given, the input `tex` is displayed verbatim into the plain-text documentation.

Value

a string with an `rd` fragment to be included in R documentation

Note for Windows

On Windows, R versions before 4.1.2 had a **bug** which could lead to incorrect HTML encoding for `\Sexpr{}` output. As a workaround, we automatically escape non-ascii html characters on these versions of R. Linux and MacOS are unaffected.

See Also

Other `katex`: [katex](#), [pandoc](#)

pandoc

Renders math in HTML document

Description

Reads an html file and substitutes elements of class "math display" and "math inline" with rendered html math. This is mainly intended as a post-processing step for pandoc, which generates such html for equations. As a result the math can be displayed without the need for including the mathjax library in the html document.

Usage

```
render_math_in_html(  
  input,  
  output = NULL,  
  ...,  
  throwOnError = FALSE,  
  include_css = TRUE  
)
```

Arguments

input	path to the html input file
output	path to the output html file, or NULL to return as string
...	additional html rendering options passed to katex.render
throwOnError	should invalid math raise an error in R? See katex options
include_css	automatically inject the required katex css in the html head

See Also

Other katex: [katex](#), [math_to_rd\(\)](#)

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