

The cancel package*

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1 Commands:

<code>\cancel</code>	draws a diagonal line (slash) through its argument.
<code>\bcancel</code>	uses the negative slope (a backslash).
<code>\xcancel</code>	draws an X (actually <code>\cancel</code> plus <code>\bcancel</code>).
<code>\cancelto{<value>}{<expression>}</code>	draws a diagonal arrow through the <code><expression></code> , pointing to the <code><value></code> .

The first three work in math and text mode, but `\cancelto` is only for math mode. The slope of the line or arrow depends on what is being cancelled.

2 Options:

By default, none of these commands affects the horizontal spacing, so they might overprint neighboring parts of the formula (or text). They do add their height to the expression, so there should never be unintended vertical overlap. There is a package option `[makeroom]` to increase the horizontal spacing to make room for the cancellation value.

If you use the color package, then you can declare

```
\renewcommand{\CancelColor}{<color_command>}
```

and the cancellation marks will be printed in that color (e. g., `\blue`). However, if you are using color, I recommend lightly shaded blocks rather than diagonal arrows for cancelling.

The option `[thicklines]` asks for heavier lines and arrows. This may be useful when the lines are colored a light shade.

*This manual corresponds to `cancel` v2.2, dated 12-Apr-2013.

The size (math style) of the `\cancelto` value depends on package options according to this table:

Current style	[samesize]	[smaller]	[Smaller]
<code>\displaystyle</code>	<code>\displaystyle</code>	<code>\textstyle</code>	<code>\scriptstyle</code>
<code>\textstyle</code>	<code>\textstyle</code>	<code>\scriptstyle</code>	<code>\scriptstyle</code>
<code>\scriptstyle</code>	<code>\scriptstyle</code>	<code>\scriptscriptstyle</code>	<code>\scriptscriptstyle</code>
<code>\scriptscriptstyle</code>	<code>\scriptscriptstyle</code>	<code>\scriptscriptstyle</code>	<code>\scriptscriptstyle</code>

(“smaller” is the default behavior. It gives `\textstyle` limits in `\displaystyle`, whereas “Smaller” gives `\scriptstyle` limits.)

This package is provided without guarantees or support. Drawing slashes through math to indicate “cancellation” is poor design. I don’t recommend that you use this package at all.