

# Package ‘formatdown’

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**Description** Provides a small set of tools for formatting numbers in R-markdown documents. Convert a numerical vector to character strings in power-of-ten form, decimal form, or measurement-units form; all are math-delimited for rendering as inline equations. Can also convert text into math-delimited text to match the font face and size of math-delimited numbers. Useful for rendering single numbers in inline R code chunks and for rendering columns in tables.

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| air_meas | <i>Air density measurements</i> |
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## Description

Table of air properties at room temperature and pressure, simulating multiple measurements at approximately steady state,

## Usage

```
data(air_meas, package = "formatdown")
```

## Format

Classes data.table and data.frame: 5 observations of 7 variables:

**date** "Date" class format "YYYY-MM-DD".

**trial** Character, label "a" through "e".

**humid** Factor, humidity, "low", "med", or "high."

**temp** Numeric, measured temperature (K).

**pres** Numeric, measured atmospheric pressure (Pa).

**sp\_gas** Numeric, specific gas constant in mass form  $R_{sp}$ , ideal gas reference value, ( $\text{J kg}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ ).

**dens** Numeric, calculated air density  $\rho = pR_{sp}^{-1}T^{-1}$  ( $\text{kg m}^{-3}$ ).

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| atmos | <i>Properties of standard atmosphere</i> |
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**Description**

Table of atmospheric properties as a function of altitude, sea level to 1000 km.

**Usage**

```
data(atmos, package = "formatdown")
```

**Format**

Classes data.table and data.frame: 9 observations of 5 variables:

**alt** Numeric, altitude (km)  
**temp** Numeric, air temperature (K)  
**pres** Numeric, atmospheric pressure (Pa)  
**dens** Numeric, air density (kg m<sup>-3</sup>)  
**sound** Numeric, speed of sound (m/s)

**Source**

*Marks' Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers 9/e* (1987) E.A. Avallone and T. Baumeister (ed.), "Table 4.2.2 International Standard Atmosphere", pp. 4-38, McGraw-Hill, NY.

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| formatdown_options | <i>Get and set function arguments via options</i> |
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**Description**

Changes the default values of function arguments which affect the markup and appearance of formatdown results.

**Usage**

```
formatdown_options(..., reset = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

... One or more name = value pairs to set values; or one or more quoted option names to get values.  
 reset Logical vector of length 1; if TRUE, reset all options to their default values.

## Details

Global options are provided for arguments that users would likely prefer to set once in a document instead of repeating in every function call. For example, some users prefer a comma decimal marker (",") throughout a document.

Globally-set arguments can be overridden locally by assigning them in a function call.

The arguments that can be set with this function are as follows:

- `delim`: Character, length 1 or 2, to define the left and right math markup delimiters. The default setting, `delim = "$"`, produces left and right delimiters  $$. . . $$ . The alternate built-in setting, `delim = "\("`, produces left and right delimiters  $\left( . . . \right)$ . Custom delimiters can be assigned in a vector of length 2 with left and right delimiter symbols, e.g., `c("\[" , "\]")`. Special characters typically must be escaped.
- `size`: Character, length 1, to assign a font size. If not empty, adds a font size macro to the markup inside the math delimiters. Possible values are "scriptsize", "small", "normalsize", "large", and "huge". One may also assign the equivalent LaTeX-style markup itself, e.g., `"\scriptsize"`, `"\small"`, etc. Default is NULL.
- `decimal_mark`: Character, length 1, to assign the decimal marker. Possible values are a period "." (default) or a comma ",". Passed to `formatC(decimal.mark)`.
- `big_mark`: Character, length 1, used as the mark between every `big_interval` number of digits to the left of the decimal marker to improve readability. Possible values are empty "" (default) or "thin" to produce a LaTeX-style thin, horizontal space. One may also assign the thin-space markup itself `"\ "`. Passed to `formatC(big.mark)`.
- `big_interval`: Integer, length 1, that defines the number of digits (default 3) in groups separated by `big_mark`. Passed to `formatC(big.interval)`.
- `small_mark`: Character, length 1, used as the mark between every `small_interval` number of digits to the right of the decimal marker to improve readability. Possible values are empty "" (default) or "thin" to produce a LaTeX-style thin, horizontal space. One may also assign the thin-space markup itself `"\ "`. Passed to `formatC(small.mark)`.
- `small_interval`: Integer, length 1, that defines the number of digits (default 5) in groups separated by `small_mark`. Passed to `formatC(small.interval)`.
- `whitespace`: Character, length 1, to define the LaTeX-style math-mode macro to preserve a horizontal space between words of text or between physical-unit abbreviations when formatting numbers of class "units". Default is `"\>"`. Alternatives include `"\>:"` or `"\> "`.

## Value

Nothing; used for its side-effect.

## Examples

```
# Show all options
formatdown_options()

# Store existing settings, including any changes made by the user
old_settings <- formatdown_options()
```

```
# View one option
formatdown_options()$delim

# View multiple options
formatdown_options("size", "delim")

# Change options
formatdown_options(size = "small", delim = "\\(")
formatdown_options("size", "delim")

# Reset to default values
formatdown_options(reset = TRUE)
formatdown_options("size", "delim")

# Reset options to those before this example was run
do.call(formatdown_options, old_settings)

# Option effects

# delim
x <- 101300
format_dcml(x)
format_dcml(x, delim = "\\(")

# size
format_dcml(x, size = "small")
format_dcml(x, size = "\\small")

# decimal_mark
y <- 6.02214076E+10
format_sci(y, 5, decimal_mark = ".")
format_sci(y, 5, decimal_mark = ",")

# big_mark
format_dcml(y, 9)
format_dcml(y, 9, big_mark = "thin")
format_dcml(y, 9, big_mark = "\\,")

# big_interval
format_dcml(y, 9, big_mark = "thin", big_interval = 3)
format_dcml(y, 9, big_mark = "thin", big_interval = 5)

# small_mark
z <- 1.602176634e-8
format_sci(z, 10)
format_sci(z, 10, small_mark = "thin")
format_sci(z, 10, small_mark = "\\,")
format_engr(z, 10, small_mark = "thin")

# small_interval
format_sci(z, 10, small_mark = "thin", small_interval = 3)
format_sci(z, 10, small_mark = "thin", small_interval = 5)
format_engr(z, 10, small_mark = "thin", small_interval = 5)
```

```
# whitespace in text
p <- "Hello world!"
format_text(p, whitespace = "\\\\:")

# whitespace in physical units expression
x <- pi
units(x) <- "m/s"
format_dcml(x, whitespace = "\\\\:")
```

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format\_dcml

*Format decimal notation*


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### Description

Convert a numeric vector to a character vector in which the numbers are formatted in decimal form and delimited for rendering as inline equations in an R markdown document.

### Usage

```
format_dcml(
  x,
  digits = 4,
  ...,
  delim = formatdown_options("delim"),
  size = formatdown_options("size"),
  decimal_mark = formatdown_options("decimal_mark"),
  big_mark = formatdown_options("big_mark"),
  big_interval = formatdown_options("big_interval"),
  small_mark = formatdown_options("small_mark"),
  small_interval = formatdown_options("small_interval"),
  whitespace = formatdown_options("whitespace")
)
```

### Arguments

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <code>x</code>      | Number or numbers to be formatted. Can be a single number, a vector, or a column of a data frame.  |
| <code>digits</code> | Integer from 1 through 20 that controls the number of significant digits in printed numeric values. Passed to <code>signif()</code> . Default is 4.  |
| <code>...</code>    | Not used for values; forces subsequent arguments to be referable only by name.   |
| <code>delim</code>  | Character, length 1 or 2, to define the left and right math markup delimiters. The default setting, <code>delim = "\$"</code> , produces left and right delimiters $$. . $. The alternate built-in setting, delim = "\(", produces left and right delimiters \langle \dots \rangle. Custom delimiters can be assigned in a vector of length 2 with left and right delimiter symbols, e.g., c("\[", "\]"). Special characters typically must be escaped.$ |

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| size           | Character, length 1, to assign a font size. If not empty, adds a font size macro to the markup inside the math delimiters. Possible values are "scriptsize", "small", "normalsize", "large", and "huge". One may also assign the equivalent LaTeX-style markup itself, e.g., "\\scriptsize", "\\small", etc. Default is NULL.                |
| decimal_mark   | Character, length 1, to assign the decimal marker. Possible values are a period "." (default) or a comma ",". Passed to formatC(decimal.mark).   |
| big_mark       | Character, length 1, used as the mark between every big_interval number of digits to the left of the decimal marker to improve readability. Possible values are empty "" (default) or "thin" to produce a LaTeX-style thin, horizontal space. One may also assign the thin-space markup itself "\\ \\", ". Passed to formatC(big.mark).      |
| big_interval   | Integer, length 1, that defines the number of digits (default 3) in groups separated by big_mark. Passed to formatC(big.interval).   |
| small_mark     | Character, length 1, used as the mark between every small_interval number of digits to the right of the decimal marker to improve readability. Possible values are empty "" (default) or "thin" to produce a LaTeX-style thin, horizontal space. One may also assign the thin-space markup itself "\\ \\", ". Passed to formatC(small.mark). |
| small_interval | Integer, length 1, that defines the number of digits (default 5) in groups separated by small_mark. Passed to formatC(small.interval).   |
| whitespace     | Character, length 1, to define the LaTeX-style math-mode macro to preserve a horizontal space between words of text or between physical-unit abbreviations when formatting numbers of class "units". Default is "\\ \\>". Alternatives include "\\ \\:" or "\\ \\ ".   |

### Details

format\_dcml() is a wrapper for the more general function format\_numbers(). Where defaults are defined by formatdown\_options(), users may reassign the arguments locally in the function call or globally using formatdown\_options().

Arguments after the dots (...) must be referred to by name.

### Value

A character vector in which numbers are formatted in decimal form and delimited for rendering as inline equations in an R markdown document.

### See Also

Other format\_\*: [format\\_engr\(\)](#), [format\\_numbers\(\)](#), [format\\_sci\(\)](#), [format\\_text\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
# input: single number
x <- 6.0221E+23
format_numbers(x)
```

```
# input: units class
x <- 103400
units(x) <- "N m2 C-2"
format_numbers(x)

# input: vector
data("metals", package = "formatdown")
x <- metals$dens
format_numbers(x)

# significant digits
x <- 9.75358e+5
format_numbers(x, 2)
format_numbers(x, 3)
format_numbers(x, 4)

# format & wrappers: format_engr(), format_sci(), format_dcml()
x <- 6.0221E+23
format_numbers(x, format = "engr")
format_engr(x)

format_numbers(x, format = "sci")
format_sci(x)

x <- 103400
format_numbers(x, format = "dcml")
format_dcml(x)

# input: data frame
x <- metals[, c("thrm_exp", "thrm_cond")]
as.data.frame(apply(x, 2, format_sci, digits = 3))

# omit_power
x <- 103400
format_sci(x, omit_power = c(-1, 2)) # default
format_sci(x, omit_power = c(-1, 5))
format_sci(x, omit_power = 5) # equivalent to omit_power = c(5, 5)
x <- 1.2
format_sci(x, omit_power = NULL)

# set_power
format_sci(x, set_power = NULL) # default
format_sci(x, set_power = 3)

# set_power overrides format
x <- 6.0221E+23
format_engr(x)
format_engr(x, set_power = 24L)
format_sci(x)
format_sci(x, set_power = 24L)

# set_power overrides omit_power
x <- 101300
```



```

format_sci(x, omit_power = 5)
format_sci(x, omit_power = 5, set_power = 2)
format_sci(x, omit_power = 2)
format_sci(x, omit_power = 2, set_power = 2)

# decimal format ignores set_power
x <- 103400
format_numbers(x, format = "dcml")
format_numbers(x, format = "dcml", set_power = 3)

```

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format\_engr

*Format engineering notation*


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## Description

Convert a numeric vector to a character vector in which the numbers are formatted in power-of-ten notation in engineering form and delimited for rendering as inline equations in an R markdown document.

## Usage

```

format_engr(
  x,
  digits = 4,
  ...,
  omit_power = c(-1, 2),
  set_power = NULL,
  delim = formatdown_options("delim"),
  size = formatdown_options("size"),
  decimal_mark = formatdown_options("decimal_mark"),
  small_mark = formatdown_options("small_mark"),
  small_interval = formatdown_options("small_interval"),
  whitespace = formatdown_options("whitespace")
)

```

## Arguments

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| x          | Number or numbers to be formatted. Can be a single number, a vector, or a column of a data frame.   |
| digits     | Integer from 1 through 20 that controls the number of significant digits in printed numeric values. Passed to signif(). Default is 4.   |
| ...        | Not used for values; forces subsequent arguments to be referable only by name.  |
| omit_power | Numeric vector c(p, q) with p <= q, specifying the range of exponents over which power-of-ten notation is omitted in either scientific or engineering format. Default is c(-1, 2). If a single value is assigned, i.e., omit_power = p, the argument is interpreted as c(p, p). If NULL or NA, all elements are formatted |

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|                             | in power-of-ten notation. Argument is overridden by specifying <code>set_power</code> or decimal notation.  |
| <code>set_power</code>      | Integer, length 1. Formats all values in <code>x</code> with the same power-of-ten exponent. Default NULL. Overrides <code>format</code> and <code>omit_power</code> arguments.   |
| <code>delim</code>          | Character, length 1 or 2, to define the left and right math markup delimiters. The default setting, <code>delim = "\$"</code> , produces left and right delimiters $\$ \dots \$$ . The alternate built-in setting, <code>delim = "\("</code> , produces left and right delimiters $\backslash( \dots \backslash)$ . Custom delimiters can be assigned in a vector of length 2 with left and right delimiter symbols, e.g., <code>c("\["</code> , <code>"\]"</code> ). Special characters typically must be escaped. |
| <code>size</code>           | Character, length 1, to assign a font size. If not empty, adds a font size macro to the markup inside the math delimiters. Possible values are <code>"scriptsize"</code> , <code>"small"</code> , <code>"normalsize"</code> , <code>"large"</code> , and <code>"huge"</code> . One may also assign the equivalent LaTeX-style markup itself, e.g., <code>"\scriptsize"</code> , <code>"\small"</code> , etc. Default is NULL.   |
| <code>decimal_mark</code>   | Character, length 1, to assign the decimal marker. Possible values are a period <code>."</code> (default) or a comma <code>","</code> . Passed to <code>formatC(decimal.mark)</code> .  |
| <code>small_mark</code>     | Character, length 1, used as the mark between every <code>small_interval</code> number of digits to the right of the decimal marker to improve readability. Possible values are empty <code>""</code> (default) or <code>"thin"</code> to produce a LaTeX-style thin, horizontal space. One may also assign the thin-space markup itself <code>"\quad"</code> . Passed to <code>formatC(small.mark)</code> .  |
| <code>small_interval</code> | Integer, length 1, that defines the number of digits (default 5) in groups separated by <code>small_mark</code> . Passed to <code>formatC(small.interval)</code> .  |
| <code>whitespace</code>     | Character, length 1, to define the LaTeX-style math-mode macro to preserve a horizontal space between words of text or between physical-unit abbreviations when formatting numbers of class <code>"units"</code> . Default is <code>"\quad&gt;"</code> . Alternatives include <code>"\quad:"</code> or <code>"\quad "</code> .  |

### Details

In engineering notation, all exponents are multiples of three. `format_engr()` is a wrapper for the more general function `format_numbers()`. Where defaults are defined by `formatdown_options()`, users may reassign the arguments locally in the function call or globally using `formatdown_options()`.

Arguments after the dots (`...`) must be referred to by name.

### Value

A character vector in which numbers are formatted in power-of-ten notation in engineering form and delimited for rendering as inline equations in an R markdown document.

### See Also

Other `format_*`: [format\\_dcml\(\)](#), [format\\_numbers\(\)](#), [format\\_sci\(\)](#), [format\\_text\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# input: single number
x <- 6.0221E+23
format_numbers(x)

# input: units class
x <- 103400
units(x) <- "N m2 C-2"
format_numbers(x)

# input: vector
data("metals", package = "formatdown")
x <- metals$dens
format_numbers(x)

# significant digits
x <- 9.75358e+5
format_numbers(x, 2)
format_numbers(x, 3)
format_numbers(x, 4)

# format & wrappers: format_ engr(), format_ sci(), format_ dcml()
x <- 6.0221E+23
format_numbers(x, format = " engr")
format_ engr(x)

format_numbers(x, format = " sci")
format_ sci(x)

x <- 103400
format_numbers(x, format = " dcml")
format_ dcml(x)

# input: data frame
x <- metals[, c("thrm_ exp", "thrm_ cond")]
as.data.frame(apply(x, 2, format_ sci, digits = 3))

# omit_ power
x <- 103400
format_ sci(x, omit_ power = c(-1, 2)) # default
format_ sci(x, omit_ power = c(-1, 5))
format_ sci(x, omit_ power = 5) # equivalent to omit_ power = c(5, 5)
x <- 1.2
format_ sci(x, omit_ power = NULL)

# set_ power
format_ sci(x, set_ power = NULL) # default
format_ sci(x, set_ power = 3)

# set_ power overrides format
x <- 6.0221E+23
format_ engr(x)
```

```
format_engr(x, set_power = 24L)
format_sci(x)
format_sci(x, set_power = 24L)

# set_power overrides omit_power
x <- 101300
format_sci(x, omit_power = 5)
format_sci(x, omit_power = 5, set_power = 2)
format_sci(x, omit_power = 2)
format_sci(x, omit_power = 2, set_power = 2)

# decimal format ignores set_power
x <- 103400
format_numbers(x, format = "dcml")
format_numbers(x, format = "dcml", set_power = 3)
```

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format\_numbers

*Format numbers*

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## Description

Convert a numeric vector to a character vector in which the numbers are formatted in power-of-ten notation in scientific or engineering form and delimited for rendering as inline equations in an R markdown document. Decimal numbers can be similarly formatted, without the power-of-ten notation.

## Usage

```
format_numbers(
  x,
  digits = 4,
  format = "engr",
  ...,
  omit_power = c(-1, 2),
  set_power = NULL,
  delim = formatdown_options("delim"),
  size = formatdown_options("size"),
  decimal_mark = formatdown_options("decimal_mark"),
  big_mark = formatdown_options("big_mark"),
  big_interval = formatdown_options("big_interval"),
  small_mark = formatdown_options("small_mark"),
  small_interval = formatdown_options("small_interval"),
  whitespace = formatdown_options("whitespace")
)
```

**Arguments**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| x              | Number or numbers to be formatted. Can be a single number, a vector, or a column of a data frame.   |
| digits         | Integer from 1 through 20 that controls the number of significant digits in printed numeric values. Passed to signif(). Default is 4.   |
| format         | Character, length 1, defines the type of notation. Possible values are "engr" (default) for engineering power-of-ten notation, "sci" for scientific power-of-ten notation, and "dcm1" for decimal notation.   |
| ...            | Not used for values; forces subsequent arguments to be referable only by name.  |
| omit_power     | Numeric vector c(p, q) with p <= q, specifying the range of exponents over which power-of-ten notation is omitted in either scientific or engineering format. Default is c(-1, 2). If a single value is assigned, i.e., omit_power = p, the argument is interpreted as c(p, p). If NULL or NA, all elements are formatted in power-of-ten notation. Argument is overridden by specifying set_power or decimal notation.         |
| set_power      | Integer, length 1. Formats all values in x with the same power-of-ten exponent. Default NULL. Overrides format and omit_power arguments.  |
| delim          | Character, length 1 or 2, to define the left and right math markup delimiters. The default setting, delim = "\$", produces left and right delimiters \$. . \$. The alternate built-in setting, delim = "\(", produces left and right delimiters \(\ . . \). Custom delimiters can be assigned in a vector of length 2 with left and right delimiter symbols, e.g., c("\[", "\]"). Special characters typically must be escaped. |
| size           | Character, length 1, to assign a font size. If not empty, adds a font size macro to the markup inside the math delimiters. Possible values are "scriptsize", "small", "normalsize", "large", and "huge". One may also assign the equivalent LaTeX-style markup itself, e.g., "\scriptsize", "\small", etc. Default is NULL.   |
| decimal_mark   | Character, length 1, to assign the decimal marker. Possible values are a period "." (default) or a comma ",". Passed to formatC(decimal.mark).  |
| big_mark       | Character, length 1, used as the mark between every big_interval number of digits to the left of the decimal marker to improve readability. Possible values are empty "" (default) or "thin" to produce a LaTeX-style thin, horizontal space. One may also assign the thin-space markup itself "\\\", ". Passed to formatC(big.mark).   |
| big_interval   | Integer, length 1, that defines the number of digits (default 3) in groups separated by big_mark. Passed to formatC(big.interval).  |
| small_mark     | Character, length 1, used as the mark between every small_interval number of digits to the right of the decimal marker to improve readability. Possible values are empty "" (default) or "thin" to produce a LaTeX-style thin, horizontal space. One may also assign the thin-space markup itself "\\\", ". Passed to formatC(small.mark).  |
| small_interval | Integer, length 1, that defines the number of digits (default 5) in groups separated by small_mark. Passed to formatC(small.interval).  |

`whitespace` Character, length 1, to define the LaTeX-style math-mode macro to preserve a horizontal space between words of text or between physical-unit abbreviations when formatting numbers of class "units". Default is "`\\>`". Alternatives include "`\\>:`" or "`\\>` ".

### Details

Given a number, a numerical vector, or a numerical column from a data frame, `format_numbers()` converts the numbers to character strings of the form, "`$a \\times 10^{n}$`", where `a` is the coefficient to a specified number of significant digits and `n` is the exponent. When used for decimal notation, `format_numbers()` converts numbers to character strings of the form "`$a$`".

Powers-of-ten notation is omitted over a range of exponents via `omit_power` such that numbers so specified are converted to decimal notation. For example, the default `omit_power = c(-1, 2)` formats numbers such as 0.123, 1.23, 12.3, and 123 in decimal form. To cancel these exceptions and convert all numbers to powers-of-ten notation, set the `omit_power` argument to `NULL` or `NA`.

Delimiters for inline math markup can be edited if necessary. If the default argument fails, try using "`\\(`" as an alternative. If using a custom delimiter to suit the markup environment, be sure to escape all special symbols.

When inputs are of class "units" (created with the `units` package), a math-text macro of the form `\\mathrm{<units_string>}` is appended to the formatted numerical value inside the math delimiters.

Arguments after the dots (`...`) must be referred to by name.

### Value

A character vector in which numbers are formatted in power-of-ten or decimal notation and delimited for rendering as inline equations in an R markdown document.

### See Also

Other `format_*`: [format\\_dcm1\(\)](#), [format\\_engr\(\)](#), [format\\_sci\(\)](#), [format\\_text\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
# input: single number
x <- 6.0221E+23
format_numbers(x)

# input: units class
x <- 103400
units(x) <- "N m2 C-2"
format_numbers(x)

# input: vector
data("metals", package = "formatdown")
x <- metals$dens
format_numbers(x)

# significant digits
```

```
x <- 9.75358e+5
format_numbers(x, 2)
format_numbers(x, 3)
format_numbers(x, 4)

# format & wrappers: format_engr(), format_sci(), format_dcml()
x <- 6.0221E+23
format_numbers(x, format = "engr")
format_engr(x)

format_numbers(x, format = "sci")
format_sci(x)

x <- 103400
format_numbers(x, format = "dcml")
format_dcml(x)

# input: data frame
x <- metals[, c("thrm_exp", "thrm_cond")]
as.data.frame(apply(x, 2, format_sci, digits = 3))

# omit_power
x <- 103400
format_sci(x, omit_power = c(-1, 2)) # default
format_sci(x, omit_power = c(-1, 5))
format_sci(x, omit_power = 5) # equivalent to omit_power = c(5, 5)
x <- 1.2
format_sci(x, omit_power = NULL)

# set_power
format_sci(x, set_power = NULL) # default
format_sci(x, set_power = 3)

# set_power overrides format
x <- 6.0221E+23
format_engr(x)
format_engr(x, set_power = 24L)
format_sci(x)
format_sci(x, set_power = 24L)

# set_power overrides omit_power
x <- 101300
format_sci(x, omit_power = 5)
format_sci(x, omit_power = 5, set_power = 2)
format_sci(x, omit_power = 2)
format_sci(x, omit_power = 2, set_power = 2)

# decimal format ignores set_power
x <- 103400
format_numbers(x, format = "dcml")
format_numbers(x, format = "dcml", set_power = 3)
```

format\_sci

*Format scientific notation***Description**

Convert a numeric vector to a character vector in which the numbers are formatted in power-of-ten notation in scientific form and delimited for rendering as inline equations in an R markdown document.

**Usage**

```
format_sci(
  x,
  digits = 4,
  ...,
  omit_power = c(-1, 2),
  set_power = NULL,
  delim = formatdown_options("delim"),
  size = formatdown_options("size"),
  decimal_mark = formatdown_options("decimal_mark"),
  small_mark = formatdown_options("small_mark"),
  small_interval = formatdown_options("small_interval"),
  whitespace = formatdown_options("whitespace")
)
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| x          | Number or numbers to be formatted. Can be a single number, a vector, or a column of a data frame.   |
| digits     | Integer from 1 through 20 that controls the number of significant digits in printed numeric values. Passed to <code>signif()</code> . Default is 4.   |
| ...        | Not used for values; forces subsequent arguments to be referable only by name.  |
| omit_power | Numeric vector <code>c(p, q)</code> with $p \leq q$ , specifying the range of exponents over which power-of-ten notation is omitted in either scientific or engineering format. Default is <code>c(-1, 2)</code> . If a single value is assigned, i.e., <code>omit_power = p</code> , the argument is interpreted as <code>c(p, p)</code> . If <code>NULL</code> or <code>NA</code> , all elements are formatted in power-of-ten notation. Argument is overridden by specifying <code>set_power</code> or decimal notation. |
| set_power  | Integer, length 1. Formats all values in <code>x</code> with the same power-of-ten exponent. Default <code>NULL</code> . Overrides <code>format</code> and <code>omit_power</code> arguments.   |
| delim      | Character, length 1 or 2, to define the left and right math markup delimiters. The default setting, <code>delim = "\$"</code> , produces left and right delimiters <code>\$. . \$.</code> . The alternate built-in setting, <code>delim = "\("</code> , produces left and right delimiters <code>\( . . \)</code> . Custom delimiters can be assigned in a vector of length 2 with left and right delimiter symbols, e.g., <code>c("\\[", "\\]")</code> . Special characters typically must be escaped.                     |



|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| size           | Character, length 1, to assign a font size. If not empty, adds a font size macro to the markup inside the math delimiters. Possible values are "scriptsize", "small", "normalsize", "large", and "huge". One may also assign the equivalent LaTeX-style markup itself, e.g., "\\scriptsize", "\\small", etc. Default is NULL.                |
| decimal_mark   | Character, length 1, to assign the decimal marker. Possible values are a period "." (default) or a comma ",". Passed to formatC(decimal.mark).   |
| small_mark     | Character, length 1, used as the mark between every small_interval number of digits to the right of the decimal marker to improve readability. Possible values are empty "" (default) or "thin" to produce a LaTeX-style thin, horizontal space. One may also assign the thin-space markup itself "\\ \\", ". Passed to formatC(small.mark). |
| small_interval | Integer, length 1, that defines the number of digits (default 5) in groups separated by small_mark. Passed to formatC(small.interval).   |
| whitespace     | Character, length 1, to define the LaTeX-style math-mode macro to preserve a horizontal space between words of text or between physical-unit abbreviations when formatting numbers of class "units". Default is "\\ \\>". Alternatives include "\\ \\:" or "\\ \\ ".   |

### Details

format\_sci() is a wrapper for the more general function format\_numbers(). Where defaults are defined by formatdown\_options(), users may reassign the arguments locally in the function call or globally using formatdown\_options().

Arguments after the dots (...) must be referred to by name.

### Value

A character vector in which numbers are formatted in power-of-ten notation in scientific form and delimited for rendering as inline equations in an R markdown document.

### See Also

Other format\_\*: [format\\_dcml\(\)](#), [format\\_engr\(\)](#), [format\\_numbers\(\)](#), [format\\_text\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
# input: single number
x <- 6.0221E+23
format_numbers(x)

# input: units class
x <- 103400
units(x) <- "N m2 C-2"
format_numbers(x)

# input: vector
data("metals", package = "formatdown")
x <- metals$dens
```

```
format_numbers(x)

# significant digits
x <- 9.75358e+5
format_numbers(x, 2)
format_numbers(x, 3)
format_numbers(x, 4)

# format & wrappers: format_engr(), format_sci(), format_dcml()
x <- 6.0221E+23
format_numbers(x, format = "engr")
format_engr(x)

format_numbers(x, format = "sci")
format_sci(x)

x <- 103400
format_numbers(x, format = "dcml")
format_dcml(x)

# input: data frame
x <- metals[, c("thrm_exp", "thrm_cond")]
as.data.frame(apply(x, 2, format_sci, digits = 3))

# omit_power
x <- 103400
format_sci(x, omit_power = c(-1, 2)) # default
format_sci(x, omit_power = c(-1, 5))
format_sci(x, omit_power = 5) # equivalent to omit_power = c(5, 5)
x <- 1.2
format_sci(x, omit_power = NULL)

# set_power
format_sci(x, set_power = NULL) # default
format_sci(x, set_power = 3)

# set_power overrides format
x <- 6.0221E+23
format_engr(x)
format_engr(x, set_power = 24L)
format_sci(x)
format_sci(x, set_power = 24L)

# set_power overrides omit_power
x <- 101300
format_sci(x, omit_power = 5)
format_sci(x, omit_power = 5, set_power = 2)
format_sci(x, omit_power = 2)
format_sci(x, omit_power = 2, set_power = 2)

# decimal format ignores set_power
x <- 103400
format_numbers(x, format = "dcml")
```

```
format_numbers(x, format = "dcm1", set_power = 3)
```

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format\_text

*Format text*


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## Description

Convert a character vector to "math text" delimited for rendering as inline equations in an R markdown document. Particularly useful for matching the font face of character columns to that of numerical columns in a table.

## Usage

```
format_text(
  x,
  face = "plain",
  ...,
  size = formatdown_options("size"),
  delim = formatdown_options("delim"),
  whitespace = formatdown_options("whitespace")
)
```

## Arguments

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| x                       | Vector to be formatted.   |
| face                    | Font face. Determines the font face macro inside the math delimiters. Possible values are "plain" (default), "italic", "bold", "sans", or "mono". One may assign instead the corresponding LaTeX-style markup itself, e.g., <code>\mathrm</code> , <code>\mathit</code> , <code>\mathbf</code> , <code>\mathsf</code> , or <code>\mathtt</code> . |
| ...                     | Not used, force later arguments to be used by name.   |
| size, delim, whitespace | Used to format the math-delimited character strings. For details, see the help page for <code>formatdown_options()</code> .   |

## Details

Given a scalar, vector, or data frame column, `format_text()` converts its argument to a character string of the form `" $\mathxx{a}$ "` where `a` is the element to be formatted and `\mathxx` determines the font face: plain type is set by `\mathrm`; italic by `\mathit`; bold by `\mathbf`; sans serif by `\mathsf`; and monospace (typewriter text) by `\mathtt`. All strings include markup delimiters `$. . .$` for rendering (in an R markdown or Quarto markdown document) as an inline equation.

## Value

A character vector with elements delimited as inline math markup in plain, italic, sans serif, bold, or monospace font face.

**See Also**

Other `format_*`: [format\\_dcm1\(\)](#), [format\\_engr\(\)](#), [format\\_numbers\(\)](#), [format\\_sci\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# Text vector

# default face = "plain"
x <- air_meas$humid
format_text(x)

# equivalently
format_text(x, face = "plain")

# input vector
x <- c("Hello world!", "Goodbye blues!")
format_text(x)

# argument coerced to character string if possible
format_text(c(1.2, 2.3, 3.4))
format_text(x = NA)
format_text(x = c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE))

# numbers as strings are rendered as-is
format_text(x = c("1.2E-3", "3.4E+0", "5.6E+3"))

# other font faces
format_text(x, face = "italic")
format_text(x, face = "bold")
format_text(x, face = "sans")
format_text(x, face = "mono")
```

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metals

*Properties of metals*


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**Description**

Table of mechanical and thermal properties of selected metals.

**Usage**

```
data(metals, package = "formatdown")
```

**Format**

Classes `data.table` and `data.frame`: 6 observations of 5 variables:

**metal** Character, name of material

**dens** Numeric, density ( $\text{kg m}^{-3}$ )

**thrm\_exp** Numeric, coefficient of thermal expansion ( $\text{m m}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ )

**thrm\_cond** Numeric, thermal conductivity ( $\text{W m}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ )

**elast\_mod** Numeric, modulus of elasticity (Pa)

### Source

*Marks' Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers 9/e* (1987) E.A. Avallone and T. Baumeister (ed.), "Basic Properties of Several Metals", pp. 6-11, McGraw-Hill, NY.

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water

*Properties of water*

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### Description

Table of water properties at atmospheric pressure as a function of temperature.

### Usage

```
data(water, package = "formatdown")
```

### Format

Classes data.table and data.frame: 11 observations of 5 variables:

**temp** Numeric, temperature (K)

**dens** Numeric, density ( $\text{kg m}^{-3}$ )

**sp\_wt** Numeric, specific weight ( $\text{N m}^{-3}$ )

**visc** Numeric, dynamic viscosity (Pa s)

**bulk\_mod** Numeric, bulk modulus (Pa)

### Source

E. Maurer E and I. Embry (2022) *hydraulics: Basic Pipe and Open Channel Hydraulics*, R package ver. 0.6.0, <https://edm44.github.io/hydraulics/>.

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