

# Modal Logic Symbols

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This is a brief guide to typing symbols from modal logic. If you've written a paper on modal logic, you've probably used `\Box` and `\Diamond` as your go-to modal operators. But stacked next to each other, they don't look that great:

$\Box\Diamond\Box\phi$

The issue (in my opinion) is that  $\Box$  and  $\Diamond$  are very different in size and so look squished together. To solve this, I've created my own versions where the box and diamond:

$\Box \Diamond \phi$

This guide also presents a greater variety of modal operators:

$\Box, \Diamond, \bigcirc, \Delta, \nabla, \triangleleft, \triangleright, \star$

As well as additional fillings for  $\Box$ ,  $\Diamond$ , and  $\bigcirc$ . For example, here are some options for  $\Box$ :

$\blacksquare, \square, \boxplus, \boxminus, \boxtimes, \boxdot$

I've also included some commonly used operators, like the counterfactual arrow  $\Box\rightarrow$ . Furthermore, I've made several counterfactual "biconditional" arrows, which I couldn't find defined in any other package:

$\leftarrow\Box\rightarrow, \leftarrow\Box\Rightarrow, \leftarrow\Box\rightarrow, \leftarrow\Box\Rightarrow$   
 $\leftarrow\Diamond\rightarrow, \leftarrow\Diamond\Rightarrow, \leftarrow\Diamond\rightarrow, \leftarrow\Diamond\Rightarrow$

I've collected the commands for all of these symbols into a package file called `modalops.sty`. You can download it [here](#).

## 1 Modal Operator Commands

Below is a list of modal operator commands. The commands for binary operators are all defined to have the form `\mathbin{...}`. This ensures that spacing around the symbol works as expected. Similarly, the commands for unary operators are all defined to have the form:

```
\mathop{...}\nolimits
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The `\nolimits` ensures that subscripts and superscripts are placed next to the operator, rather than above or below it (as illustrated below). If you want this effect, you can simply delete the `\nolimits` from the relevant commands in the provided `.sty` file.

`\nec_1\phi` defined with `\nolimits`  $\Rightarrow$   $\Box_1 \phi$   
`\nec_1\phi` defined without `\nolimits`  $\Rightarrow$   $\Box_1 \phi$

### Standard Modal Operators

$\square$	<code>\nec</code>	$\diamond$	<code>\pos</code>	$\circ$	<code>\deo</code>	$\triangle$	<code>\tri</code>	$\star$	<code>\star</code>
$\blacksquare$	<code>\necf</code>	$\blacklozenge$	<code>\posf</code>	$\bullet$	<code>\deof</code>	$\blacktriangle$	<code>\trif</code>	$\star$	<code>\starf</code>
$\square\cdot$	<code>\necd</code>	$\diamond\cdot$	<code>\posd</code>	$\odot$	<code>\deod</code>	$\nabla$	<code>\trid</code>	$\star$	<code>\starv</code>
$\square-$	<code>\necm</code>	$\diamond-$	<code>\posm</code>	$\ominus$	<code>\deom</code>	$\blacktriangledown$	<code>\tridf</code>	$\star$	<code>\starp</code>
$\square\updownarrow$	<code>\necv</code>	$\diamond\updownarrow$	<code>\posv</code>	$\oplus$	<code>\deov</code>	$\triangleleft$	<code>\tril</code>	$\star$	<code>\stard</code>
$\square+$	<code>\necp</code>	$\diamond+$	<code>\posp</code>	$\oplus$	<code>\deop</code>	$\blacktriangleleft$	<code>\trilf</code>		
$\square\times$	<code>\necx</code>	$\diamond\times$	<code>\posx</code>	$\otimes$	<code>\deox</code>	$\triangleright$	<code>\trir</code>		
						$\blacktriangleright$	<code>\trirf</code>		

### Counterfactuals and Strict Conditionals

$\square\rightarrow$	<code>\necif</code>	$\leftarrow\square$	<code>\necfi</code>	$\leftarrow\square\rightarrow$	<code>\neciff</code>
$\square\Rightarrow$	<code>\necdif</code>	$\leftarrow\square\cdot$	<code>\necdfi</code>	$\leftarrow\square\cdot\rightarrow$	<code>\necdiff</code>
$\square\Rightarrow$	<code>\necIf</code>	$\Leftarrow\square$	<code>\necFi</code>	$\Leftarrow\square\Rightarrow$	<code>\necIff</code>
$\square\Rightarrow$	<code>\necdIf</code>	$\Leftarrow\square\cdot$	<code>\necdFi</code>	$\Leftarrow\square\cdot\Rightarrow$	<code>\necdIff</code>
$\diamond\rightarrow$	<code>\posif</code>	$\leftarrow\diamond$	<code>\posfi</code>	$\leftarrow\diamond\rightarrow$	<code>\posiff</code>
$\diamond\Rightarrow$	<code>\posdif</code>	$\leftarrow\diamond\cdot$	<code>\posdfi</code>	$\leftarrow\diamond\cdot\rightarrow$	<code>\posdiff</code>
$\diamond\Rightarrow$	<code>\posIf</code>	$\Leftarrow\diamond$	<code>\posFi</code>	$\Leftarrow\diamond\Rightarrow$	<code>\posIff</code>
$\diamond\Rightarrow$	<code>\posdIf</code>	$\Leftarrow\diamond\cdot$	<code>\posdFi</code>	$\Leftarrow\diamond\cdot\Rightarrow$	<code>\posdIff</code>
$\circ\rightarrow$	<code>\deoif</code>	$\leftarrow\circ$	<code>\deofi</code>	$\leftarrow\circ\rightarrow$	<code>\deoiff</code>
$\odot\rightarrow$	<code>\deodif</code>	$\leftarrow\odot$	<code>\deodfi</code>	$\leftarrow\odot\rightarrow$	<code>\deodiff</code>
$\neg\rightarrow$	<code>\strictif</code>	$\Leftarrow$	<code>\strictfi</code>	$\Leftarrow\rightarrow$	<code>\strictiff</code>

## 2 List of Primitive Symbols

If you just want the command for a symbol, without being enclosed in a modal operator environment (e.g., `\modaIop`), here is a complete table of all the primitive symbols and their commands.

$\square$	<code>\medsquare</code>	$\diamond$	<code>\meddiamond</code>
$\blacksquare$	<code>\medsquarefilled</code>	$\blacklozenge$	<code>\meddiamondfilled</code>
$\square\cdot$	<code>\medsquaredot</code>	$\diamond\cdot$	<code>\meddiamonddot</code>
$\square-$	<code>\medsquareminus</code>	$\diamond-$	<code>\meddiamondminus</code>
$\square\updownarrow$	<code>\medsquarevert</code>	$\diamond\updownarrow$	<code>\meddiamondvert</code>
$\square+$	<code>\medsquareplus</code>	$\diamond+$	<code>\meddiamondplus</code>
$\square\times$	<code>\medsquaretimes</code>	$\diamond\times$	<code>\meddiamondtimes</code>
$\circ$	<code>\medcircle</code>	$\triangleright$	<code>\medtriangleright</code>
$\bullet$	<code>\medcirclefilled</code>	$\blacktriangleright$	<code>\medtrianglerightfilled</code>
$\odot$	<code>\medcircledot</code>	$\triangleleft$	<code>\medtriangleleft</code>
$\ominus$	<code>\medcircleminus</code>	$\blacktriangleleft$	<code>\medtriangleleftfilled</code>
$\oplus$	<code>\medcirclevert</code>	$\triangle$	<code>\medtriangleup</code>
$\oplus$	<code>\medcircleplus</code>	$\blacktriangle$	<code>\medtriangleupfilled</code>
$\otimes$	<code>\medcircletimes</code>	$\nabla$	<code>\medtriangledown</code>
		$\blacktriangledown$	<code>\medtriangledownfilled</code>

☆	<code>\medstar</code>	★	<code>\medpentagram</code>
★	<code>\medstarfilled</code>	☆	<code>\medstarofdavid</code>
★	<code>\medstarvar</code>		
□→	<code>\boxrightarrow</code>	◇→	<code>\diamondrightarrow</code>
◻→	<code>\boxdotrightarrow</code>	◊→	<code>\diamonddotrightarrow</code>
□⇒	<code>\boxRightarrow</code>	◊⇒	<code>\diamondRightarrow</code>
◻⇒	<code>\boxdotRightarrow</code>	◊⇒	<code>\diamonddotRightarrow</code>
←□	<code>\boxleftarrow</code>	←◇	<code>\diamondleftarrow</code>
←◻	<code>\boxdotleftarrow</code>	←◊	<code>\diamonddotleftarrow</code>
←□	<code>\boxLeftarrow</code>	←◊	<code>\diamondLeftarrow</code>
←◻	<code>\boxdotLeftarrow</code>	←◊	<code>\diamonddotLeftarrow</code>
←□→	<code>\boxleftrightarrow</code>	←◊→	<code>\diamondleftrightarrow</code>
←◻→	<code>\boxLefttrightarrow</code>	←◊→	<code>\diamondLefttrightarrow</code>
←◻→	<code>\boxdotleftrightarrow</code>	←◊→	<code>\diamonddotleftrightarrow</code>
←◻⇒	<code>\boxdotLefttrightarrow</code>	←◊⇒	<code>\diamonddotLefttrightarrow</code>
○→	<code>\circlearrowright</code>	↪	<code>\rightfishhook</code>
⊙→	<code>\circledotrightarrow</code>	↩	<code>\leftfishhook</code>
←○	<code>\circleleftarrow</code>	↩↪	<code>\leftrightfishhook</code>
←⊙	<code>\circledotleftarrow</code>		
←○→	<code>\circleleftrightarrow</code>		
←⊙→	<code>\circledotleftrightarrow</code>		