

Appendix D

The Greek Alphabet

Below is a table of the Greek letters most used by mathematicians. The recommended pronunciation of these letters as symbols in an academic context, listed in the third column, is that of classical, not modern, Greek.

Letter	Name	Greeks say...
α	Alpha	<i>Ahl-fah</i>
β	Beta	<i>Beh-tah</i>
γ, Γ	Gamma	<i>Gahm-mah</i>
δ, Δ	Delta	<i>Del-tah</i>
ε, ϵ	Epsilon	<i>Ep-sih-lohn</i>
ζ	Zeta	<i>Zeh-tah</i>
η	Eta	<i>Eh-tah</i>
θ, Θ	Theta	<i>Theh-tah</i>
ι	Iota	<i>Yoh-tah</i> (as in 'York')
κ	Kappa	<i>Kahp-pah</i>
λ, Λ	Lambda	<i>Lahmb-dah</i>
μ	Mu	Mu
ν	Nu	Nu
ξ, Ξ	Xi	Xih
π, Π	Pi	Pih
ρ	Rho	Roh
σ, Σ	Sigma	<i>Sig-mah</i>
τ	Tau	Tau (as in 'how')
υ, Υ	Upsilon	<i>Ewe-psih-lohn</i>
ϕ, φ, Φ	Phi	Fih
χ	Chi	Khieh
ψ, Ψ	Psi	Psih
ω, Ω	Omega	<i>Oh-meh-gah</i>

One allowed exception: π (and its upper case version Π) can be mispronounced 'pie', to avoid the objectionable connotation of the original sound.