

LESSON 2

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LESSON PREVIEW

The punctuation indicator is introduced as we take a closer look at punctuation inside the switches. Summaries are given regarding the use/nonuse of the punctuation indicator. Nemeth grouping symbols are introduced. Code switching within numbered/lettered formats is discussed. Nemeth rules regarding hyphenated expressions are given. An alternate layout option for itemized material is considered.

Instructions: Consider carefully where to place the code switch indicators and what kind of punctuation to use in these three sentences. Apply 3-1 Nemeth paragraphing.

PRACTICE 2A

72813654, when written as 72 81 36 54, is obviously divisible by 9.

Write these numbers: 3.29, 500, -123, 2,000.88, -250,794. Now add them together.

Is the answer 4.0‰, or is it 4.0%?

PUNCTUATION IN NEMETH CODE

2.4 Background

So far we have looked at punctuation that is unambiguous in mathematical context: the mathematical comma and the short dash. These symbols are not the same as their UEB counterparts.

⦿ ⦿ Mathematical comma

⦿ ⦿ ⦿ Short dash

When other punctuation marks are transcribed inside the Nemeth switches, the punctuation symbols from UEB are used: the apostrophe, colon, exclamation point, period, question mark, quotation marks,* and semicolon. When a punctuation mark is not preceded by a space, clarification is required because the symbols are formed with the same braille dots as Nemeth numerals and symbols, as demonstrated in this list.

A semicolon ⦿⦿ could be misread in Nemeth as the numeral 2.

A colon ⦿⦿ could be misread in Nemeth as the numeral 3.

A period ⦿⦿ could be misread in Nemeth as the numeral 4.

An exclamation point ⦿⦿ could be misread in Nemeth as the numeral 6.

A question mark ⦿⦿ could be misread in Nemeth as the numeral 8.

A closing “double” quotation mark ⦿⦿ could be misread in Nemeth as the numeral 0.

A closing “single” quotation mark ⦿⦿⦿ could be misread in Nemeth as a comma and the numeral 0.

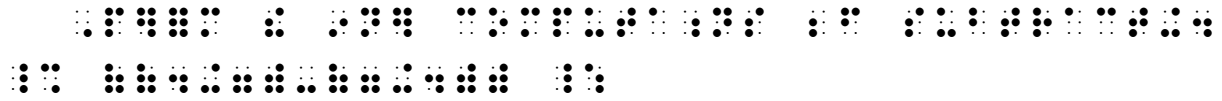
An apostrophe ⦿⦿ could be misread in Nemeth as a prime sign.

Clarification is achieved by use of the *punctuation indicator*.

* Only the one-cell “double” quotation marks ⦿⦿ ⦿⦿ and the two-cell “single” quotation marks ⦿⦿⦿ ⦿⦿⦿ are used inside the Nemeth switches.

Example 2-19

Perform the inner computations before subtracting. $((4 + 7) - (7 + 4))$



In print, the first and last parentheses are taller than the others.

Code-Switching Considerations

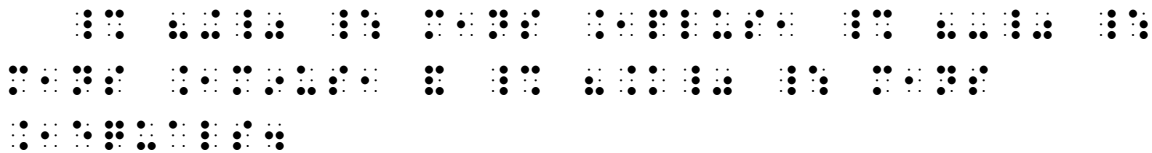
2.13 Enclosed Technical Material

When parentheses, brackets, braces, or quotation marks enclose isolated technical material, transcribe the paired punctuation inside the code switches.



Example 2-20

"+" means *plus*, "-" means *minus*, and "=" means *equals*.

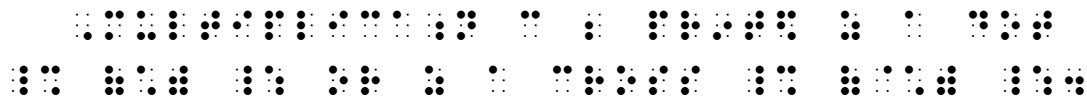


- a. Recall that many UEB punctuation symbols can be used inside of the Nemeth code switches. UEB parentheses and brackets do not fall into this category. Inside the switches, Nemeth grouping symbols are transcribed, even when a grouping sign functions as a punctuation mark.



Example 2-21

Multiplication can be printed as a dot (·) or as a cross (×).

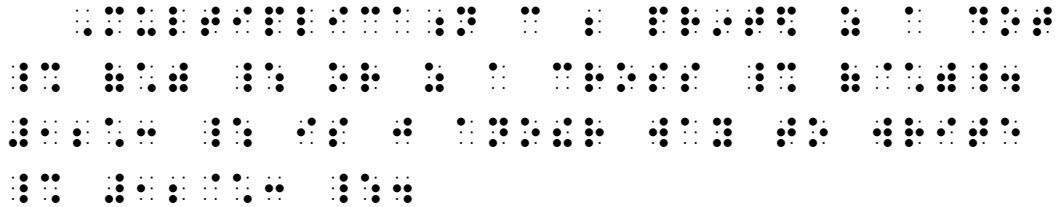


- 2.13.1 **Punctuation Following a Sign of Grouping.** Grouping signs of the Nemeth Code are punctuated mathematically. This rule is illustrated by expanding the previous example, continuing in Nemeth following the period.



Example 2-22

Multiplication can be printed as a dot (·) or as a cross (×). 12 · 3 is just another way to write 12 × 3.



2.14 Paired Symbols

If parentheses apply to a larger phrase which begins or ends in UEB, transcribe the paired punctuation marks in UEB. Similarly, paired quotation marks should both be inside or both be outside of the switches.

Example 2-23

(\$1.01 is the correct answer.)



To transcribe both opening and closing parentheses in UEB, the opening Nemeth Code indicator is placed just inside the opening parenthesis.

Example 2-24

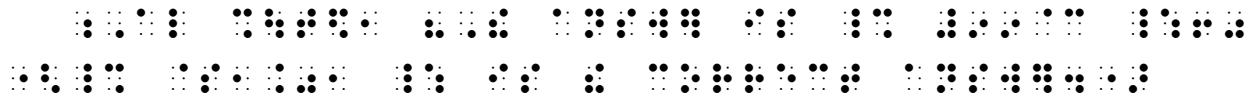
Al shouted, "The answer is 99¢!"



The opening quotation mark is in UEB. To match, the closing quotation mark is placed outside of the Nemeth Code terminator.

Example 2-25

Al shouted, "The answer is 99¢!" (\$1.01 is the correct answer.)



It would be incorrect to stay in Nemeth Code to transcribe the punctuation that occurs between these two monetary items because the quotation mark and the parenthesis are paired with UEB symbols outside of the switches.

Example 2-28

Perform the multiplication before the addition. $(4 \times 30) + (4 \times 2) = 128$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4 \times 30 + 4 \times 2 = 128 \\
 120 + 8 = 128
 \end{array}$$

Operation signs are unspaced; comparison signs are spaced.

Example 2-29

Complete the missing values in the range (0.1) ... (0.9)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9 \\
 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9
 \end{array}$$

The ellipsis is spaced.

- No space is left between an enclosed expression and a numeral when these items are part of the same expression unless other spacing rules apply. These items often appear to be spaced in print.

Example 2-30

Does $5(9 + 7) = (5 \cdot 9) + 7$?

$$5(9 + 7) = (5 \cdot 9) + 7$$

- No space is left between an enclosed expression and another sign of grouping when these items are part of the same expression unless other spacing rules apply. These items often appear to be spaced in print.

Example 2-31

Multiply, then add. $[(3)(-1)] + [(1)(-3)]$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 (3)(-1) + (1)(-3) \\
 -3 + -3 = -6
 \end{array}$$

Instructions: Format each line or sentence in print as a 3-1 paragraph in braille.

PRACTICE 2C

Is $3(-2.5) + (-4)$ the same as $3(-2.5 + (-4))$?

Use a number line to illustrate this addition problem: $[-4 - (-1)] + [-1 - (-3)]$.

$$7 + (-3) + (-4) = ?$$

$$8 + |(-2) + (-3)| = ?$$

$$|2(-7.5)| + 3.2(2) = ?$$

The **multiplicative identify** [*sic*] property is illustrated: $(83)(1) = 83$.

A **unit set** is a set containing only one element. For example, $\{9\}$ is a unit set containing the element "9".

What is the meaning of the symbol "||" in "The answer is ||3.1||"?

A finite decimal (such as 0.152) is one that stops, whereas an infinite decimal (such as 0.9999...) repeats indefinitely.

IDENTIFIERS, cont.

2.17 Identifiers and Braille Page Turns

As stated earlier, itemized problems may begin at the bottom of a braille page and run over to the top of the next braille page. However, if no part of the problem will fit on line 25, place the identifier at the top of the new braille page. Do not leave an identifier standing alone at the bottom of a braille page.

2.17.1 Print Page Number Interference. A math expression may begin in the runover cell of the line following the identifier (line 2) if the space taken up by the print page number on line 1 will not allow it to fit there. Keeping the math expression together on one braille line takes precedence.

2.18 Code Switching and Identifiers

2.18.1 A Numbered List of Nemeth Items. You have learned one format for itemized material: 1-3. In this layout, each identifier begins in cell 1. When a numbered list of Nemeth items follows UEB text, place the opening Nemeth Code indicator at the end of the line of text that precedes the list. (See Example 2-32.) If the opening Nemeth Code indicator does not fit at the end of the line that precedes the identified Nemeth material, place it on the next line in the runover position. Note that the code switch indicator does not take the place of the blank line that must precede the list. (See Example 2-33.) Embedded identifiers follow the same guidelines. (See Example 2-34.)

Example 2-32

Ken listed three ways to write "twelve" in a math sentence.

1. 5+7
2. 144 ÷ 12
3. (10 × 6) – (8 × 6)

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1   . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .  .
2   . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .
3
4   . . . . .  . . . . .
5   . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .
6   . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .  . . . . .

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Line 2: The opening Nemeth Code indicator is placed at the end of the line of text when the following listed items are all in Nemeth.

Format

2.19 Keep Together—Hyphenated Expressions

A hyphenated expression containing one or more mathematical components must not be divided between braille lines. Because Nemeth format rules are applied throughout a technical transcription, this rule also applies in UEB text when a numeral and a word are connected by a hyphen.

Example 2-40

The next problem uses a (1.5-to-1; 2.5-to-1; 3.5-to-1) high torque right-angle gearbox.

The hyphenated expressions are not divided.

Example 2-41

Estimate how many seconds there are in a 24-hour day.

Do not divide "24-hour".

