# The knowledge package $[v_1.27-2022/01/12]$

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#### Abstract

The knowledge package offers commands and notations for handling semantical notions in a document. This allows to easily link the use of a notion to its definition, to add it to the index automatically, etc.

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# 1 History

- 2016-06-07 \knowledgemacro is now renamed to \knowledgedirective.
- 2017-01-13 \AP has been recoded, and is now more properly aligned in the margin. The visible anchor points option has also been made usable without the xcolor package.
- 2017-01-13 The package scope option can now be omitted. This in particular avoid clashes with the over-restriction on the structure of the document it entails. It should be improved to stop overloading the \begin command.
- 2017-01-14 The overloading of \begin and \end was done as protected commands, which should not be the case to be consistent with the behaviour of LaTeX (for instance, this was giving an extra line in the title in the conference mode of the class IEEEtran). Corrected: these commands are not protected anymore.
- 2017-01-15 A workaround for an incompatibility between the hyperref and the twocolumn mode as been added in the macro \knowledgeFixHyperrefTwocolumn-(thanks to Daniela Petrişan).
- 2017-01-15 Added the directive synonym.
- 2017-01-15 Added the noknowledge package for minimizing the effects of not having knowledge activated.
- 2017-01-17 Changed the way options are handled, decoupling the package options (options of \usepackage) from the configuration options (see \knowledgeconfigure).
- 2017-01-17 Proper treatment of 'final' option and composition options.
- 2017-01-17 Added \IfKnowledgeFinalMode[TF] commands for the user.
- 2017-01-17 Added the option fix hyperref twocolumn as a shorthand for calling \knowledgeFixHyperrefTwocolumn (thanks to Daniela Petrişan and Luca Reggio).
- 2017-01-18 Added the configuration option notion that offers a basic configuration compatible with xcolor or not, and final and composition modes.
- 2017-01-19 Added \phantomintro and an explanation on how to deal with align\*.
- 2017-02-20 Removed the warnings of latex for unknown labels in autoref.
- 2017-02-20 Removed nasty error making \AP not operative when anchor points were not visible.
- 2017-02-21 Added the protect link directive.
- 2017-02-21 Added the hyperlinks= configuration.
- 2017-02-27 visible anchor points is active by default now.
- 2017-02-27 A simple example is now included.
- 2017-02-28 Minor changes on the documentation.
- 2017-02-28 Added the scope environment.
- 2017-02-28 Added the protect link and unprotect link configuration directives.
- 2017-02-28 Added the \knowledgeconfigureenvironment command.
- 2017-03-03 Added the breaklinks faq (thanks to Luca Reggio for the request).
- 2017-03-10 Added the "···" and ""···" notations and the quotation mode (requested by Gabriele Puppis and Andreas Krebs).
- **2017-03-11** Added the " $\cdots$  @ $\cdots$ " and "" $\cdots$  @ $\cdots$ "" notations.
- 2017-03-13 Corrected for being compatible with version of expl3 posterior to Mars 2015 (\c\_sys\_jobname\_str does not exist anymore). (Thanks to Jean-Éric Pin).
- 2017-03-14 Corrected that the @ letter was left a letter after \knowledgeFixHyperre-fTwocolumn.
- 2017-04-09 Internal change of code, for scope handling and for the quotation notation: slowly going toward an extended quotation notation that can make the scope of search explicit.

- 2017-04-09 Added the protect quotation configure option, that is given a list of environments, and deactivates automatically the quotation notation when in there environments. This is a simple code for the moment. Typically, one can use \knowledgeconfigure{protect quotation=tikzcd}. For the moment, it is not explained in the document.
- 2017-04-19 Changed the display code such that nested knowledges behave properly: before, the introduction would be performed for the object and the subobjects.
- 2017-04-20 The electronic mode has been added, and the 'final mode' is now renamed into paper mode. The \knowledgepackagemode configuration variable is also available for easier scripting.
- 2017-06-06 FAQ on deactivating the quote in Emacs (thanks to Sylvain Perifel).
- 2017-06-08 Removed the noknowledge package and all references to it.
- 2017-06-08 Removed the knowledgeutils.sty and scopearticle.sty which are now integrated in the main file.
- 2017-06-08 The file knowledge-example.tex has been improved.
- 2017-06-09 First release of version 1.0 on CTAN.
- 2017-06-10 Corrected the quotation notation to make it expandable for avoiding problems in table of contents (the @ was not working).
- 2017-06-11 Corrected a bug linked to changes of expl3 on recent distributions (pointed by Murray Eisenberg). Release of v1.01 on CTAN.
- 2017-06-27 Overloaded labels now perform an expansion of the argument (this was causing problems with biblatex).
- 2017-06-28 Options log-declarations of xparse package removed (causing clash with other packages, as pointed by Juliusz Chroboczek). Release of v1.02 on CTAN.
- 2017-06-30 added the field labelizable\_bool to areas. Coded missing features of scoping. Now the scope= directive works with as parameter an enclosing area, or a label.
- 2017-06-30 Added in the source a Regression subdirectory containing files to be tested (so far only one: regression-scope.tex)
- 2017-07-01 Corrected a conflict between the scope and makeidx option.
- 2017-07-03 Scoping becomes operational.
- 2017-07-04 The documentation for notion and intro notion are added (thanks to Fabian Reiter).
- 2017-07-09 Added boolean environment\_bool field to areas, in order to resolve an incompatibility with the package standalone noticed by Fabian Reiter.
- 2017-07-20 Scoping becomes fully operational, with the parenthesis notation of \kl and \intro. The use of scope has been recoded. Now scope links reuse implicitly the key as a link. Documentation updated.
- 2017-07-26 File and line numbers added in the kaux file. Added the option diagnose line= to deactivate it.
- 2017-07-26 Corrections to the documentation. Version 1.03 on CTAN.
- 2017-07-28 Corrected a bug of scoping in the context of synonyms. Added ctan for producing the ctan zip file.
- 2017-08-06 Now passes the compliance test check-declarations of expl3 (thanks to Marc Zeitoun)
- 2017-09-12 The hidelinks option of hyperref is now always activated.
- 2017-09-25 Ancient version of xparse does not have \NewExpandableDocumentCommand. Corrected. Version 1.05 on CTAN.
- 2017-10-10 Bug in the implementation of \knowledgenewvariant (that was invisible for

- older versions of expl3). Found and corrected (thanks to Marc Zeitoun). Version 1.06 on CTAN.
- 2017-10-15 Diagnose extended (suggested by Fabian Reiter). Minor corrections. Version 1.07 on CTAN.
- 2017-10-17 Added cyclic color and cyclic colors=. Reorganization of the structure of the code for producing a better CTAN archive. Version 1.08 on CTAN.
- 2018-01-31 Added the strict configuration option.
- 2018-02-05 Added the smallcaps formatting directive.
- 2018-02-17 Corrected incompatibility with latest version of expl3. Version 1.10 on CTAN.
- 2018 02 21 Bug correction concerning the activation of scopes.
- 2018-02-21 Documentation improvement for Emacs (thanks to Michaël Cadilhac).
- 2018-02-24 Documentation improvement for the environment thebibliography.
- 2018-05-17 Correction to be compatible with the latest version of expl3 (thanks to Leo Stefanesco).
- 2018-07-26 Compatibility with utf8 symbols in labels (thanks to Yves Guiraud).
- 2018-11-22 Corrected bug for makeidx (thanks to Sylvain Schmitz). V1.14 on CTAN.
- 2019-01-27 Minor improvement of the doc, and hiding links in it. V1.15.
- 2019-02-15 Correction of a placement problem with \AP. V1.16.
- 2019-05-23 Adding of the '|'-notation for the \knowledge command. Explicit scopes are introduced. Updating of the documentation. up directive in math mode now silently does nothing, and \knowledgedirective now forbids redefinitions by default (thanks to Léo Stefanesco).
- 2019-07-02 Removing the 'kl' and 'intro' styles that prevented a proper configuration of intro notion (thanks to Léo Stefanesco).
- 2019-10-03 Update of the documentation, and V1.17.
- 2019-10-27 Bug correction and added the 'patch label' configuration directive (thanks to Rebecca Turner). V1.18.
- 2019-11-19 Now the labels are evaluated before being written to the kaux file in a \KAuxNewLinkScopetagInstance command (bug fix). V1.19.
- 2019-11-29 Help added in the diagnose file. bar suggestion (still working) renamed to diagnose bar, and activated by default. patch label is renamed into label scope.
- 2019-12-02 The kaux file is now checked for completeness before being used. This should avoid errors when the previous compilation failed.
- 2019-12-03 Corrected bug in the scope access. V1.20.
- 2020-01-25 Corrected bug when knowledge is used without hyperref (thanks to Rémi Nollet).
- 2020-01-25 Corrected bug that made the kaux file not stabilize (thanks to Rémi Nollet).
  V1.21 on CTAN.
- 2020-03-05 Now hidelinks and breaklinks are automatically activated unless the new option no patch is activated. Doc update. V1.22 on CTAN.
- 2020-04-25 Made the package compatible with 2016 versions of LaTeX. Useful when knowledge.sty is included with and compile in arXiv. V1.23 on CTAN.
- 2020-05-02 Doc update (acmart colors, thanks to Daniela Petrişan).
- 2020-09-22 Adding the silent option as suggested by Patrick Lambein-Monette.
- 2021-03-31 Correcting a bug caused by a change of semantics in expl3. V1.25.
- 2021-05-25 Added the \kref, \kpageref, \kcref, and \kCref commands a suggested by Ziv Scully.

 ${\bf 2021\text{-}05\text{-}26} \ \ {\bf Corrected \ wrongly \ used \ default \ parameter \ in \ } \\ {\bf knowledgedirective}.$ 

 $\textbf{2021-05-27} \ \ \text{The explicit text given in a $$\lambda$-command now overrides the $\tt text=$ directive.}$ 

2021-07-18 Adding the no index directive.

2021-12-20 Adding options anchor point shape, anchor point color, anchor point shift (request of Rémi Morvan).

2021-12-27 Bug correction for corner shape, and doc update (thanks to Rémi Morvan).

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# 2 Quick start

The knowledge package offers several capabilities for handling colors, changing the display style, defining internal and external hyperlinks, producing an index, etc... All these possibilities arise from defining explicitly or implicitly knowledges associated to terms in plain english (or other languages).

We start by describing a certain number of problems/scenarii that a user may be confronted to, and show how to solve them. In the subsequent sections, a more detailed account of how the package works and can be parameterized is given.

There is also a file knowledge-example.tex that can be used as a starting point.

## 2.1 Linking to outer documents/urls, and to labels

The problem 1 I have a lot of external url's that I would like to [[very] often] have a link to, but I do not want to always type the full url. I do not want to remember weird labels/internal references/macro names either.

A solution is as follows. One first loads the **knowledge** package with option hyperref using either:

```
\usepackage[hyperref,quotation] {knowledge}
or equivalently:
\usepackage{hyperref}
\usepackage[quotation^a] {knowledge}
```

<sup>a</sup>If you want to use the "···" notation.

Then, in the preamble (or in an external file), one uses commands of the form either:

```
\knowledge{url={https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LaTeX}} | latex
```

This configures the text 'latex' to be associated with the sole directive url=, which means an hyperreference to this address.

Finally in the body of the paper, the sole extra command \kl (or the "-symbol if the quotation option is activated) is used, with as parameter a text. This text is searched for, and the directives attached to it (here url=), are used for formatting its printing<sup>1</sup>. Hence:

```
This package has been written for use in \kl{latex}. or, if the quotation option is activated,
```

**Hint.** You may use other options like xcolor for allowing debugging with colors (for undefined knowledges).

Hint. If the knowledge is not defined, this does not make the compilation fail. In fact, it is good practice to use many \kl commands or "..." notations while writing a text, and only resolve these questions at the end (see also the diagnose file).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This resembles a lot a macro so far. It nevertheless differs in that: (a) if not defined, it does not make the compilation fail as a macro would, and thus does not interfere with the writing process, (b) any text can be used and not only alphabetic letters as in default TeX, (c) you do not have to care about the space after, and (d) in fact the machinery for resolving the meaning of a knowledge is much more powerful than simple macro expansion.

This package has been written for use in "latex". yields

This package has been written for use in latex.

Variation. But in fact, I would like 'latex' to also be properly typeset IATEX, and in gray. This requires to load the package with the xcolor option (for being able to use colors, obviously), or by loading the package xcolor before, and then modify the \knowledge command using extra directives:

yields with the same text

This package has been written for use in IATEX.

The directives text= and color= have quite obvious meaning. Directives can also control the style using emphasize, boldface, italic, typewriter and so on. See Section 5.3 for a complete list of directives.

Variation (synonyms). It happens very often that there are several ways to name a notion, because of capitalized letters, conjugacy, grammar, or simply because it is not explicitly named in the text. There are two ways to resolve this issue. The first is to use the syntax

```
\kl[knowledge]{text} or "text@knowledge"
```

the result is that the text 'text' is displayed, but urls, colors, etc from 'knowledge' are used.

Another more systematic way to do it is to declare synonyms. This obtained by adding the corresponding lines:

```
\knowledge{url=...}
| Donald Ervin Knuth
| Donald Knuth
| D. Knuth
| Knuth
```

would allow

```
\kl{Knuth} as well as \kl{Donald Knuth} ,
or simply "Knuth" as well as "Donald Knuth" and so on
```

to all point to the same web address. It is even more convenient to use it for nouns that are sometimes in plural form or at the beginning of a sentence. There is also a scoping feature that helps distinguishing the same names in a different context. For instance:

makes it possible to use the notions in many contexts:

```
"Groups" form a category when equipped with "group morphisms". Consider now some "morphism@@GROUP" $\alpha$ ...
```

In the above code all quoted parts send the reader to the same wikipedia page about groups. Note in particular that "morphism@@GROUP" simply displays 'morphism' at compilation. The GROUP part is a scope. In another part of the document, "morphism@@RING" can be safely used whereas using an generic "morphism" would become quickly unmanageable.

#### 2.2 Linking inside a document

The problem 2 I am writing a scientific document with many different definitions, typically a journal article, a PhD thesis<sup>2</sup>, or a book.

I would like all the notions to be linked inside the document for being able in one click, whenever something is used, to jump to its definition. I also want to easily write an index. However, I do not want it to be a hassle when writing.

A solution is as follows. First load the **knowledge** package in the preamble:

```
\usepackage[xcolor, hyperref, notion, quotation] {knowledge}
```

with suitable options: hyperref for links, xcolor for colors (if required, but always advised), quotation for using the quotation notation and notion for automatic configuration of the notion directive.

Then write the document using  $\intro$  (or ""···" if quotation is activated) when a notion is defined/introduced, and  $\kl$  (or "···" if quotation is activated) when it is used. For instance:

```
\AP A \intro{semigroup} is an ordered pair $(S,\cdot)$ in which $S$ is a set and $\cdot$ is an associative binary operator over $S$. A \intro{semigroup morphism} is [...]
[...]
Consider a \kl{semigroup morphism} between \kl{semigroups} $S$ and $T$. [...]
```

Hint. Using an \AP command is strongly advised, and allows to control more precisely where the target of hyperreferences is: at the beginning of a paragraph is better than the beginning of the section several pages before...

 $<sup>^2\</sup>mathrm{Reviewers}$  should appreciate...

or when the quotation notation is activated:

```
\AP A ""semigroup"" is an ordered pair $(S,\cdot)$ in which $S$ is a set and $\cdot$ is an associative binary operator over $S$. \AP A ""semigroup morphism"" is [...]
[...]
Consider a "semigroup morphism" between "semigroups" $S$ and $T$.
[...]
```

This yields

```
A semigroup is an ordered pair (S,\cdot) in which S is a set and \cdot is an associative binary operator over S. A semigroup morphism is [...] [...] Consider a semigroup morphism between semigroups S and T. [...]
```

Undefined knowledges are displayed in orange the first time, and in brown the subsequent ones (it is an important feature that the compilation does not fail: undefined knowledges should not interfere with the main activity of the writer which is writing). One can now see the list of such problems in the file 'filename.diagnose', in particular in the 'Undefined knowledges' section:

which means that the strings 'semigroup', 'semigroups' and 'semigroup morphism' are used but unknown knowledges.

To solve this, let us copy these four lines in the preamble<sup>3</sup>, replacing ignore by the **notion** directive and separating it into two blocks. We obtain:

This informally means that 'semigroup' and 'semigroups' are two strings that represent the same notion, and that 'semigroup morphism' is a different one.

The result is then (after two compilations):

```
A semigroup is an ordered pair (S,\cdot) in which S is a set and \cdot is an associative binary operator over S. A semigroup morphism is [...] [...] Consider a semigroup morphism between semigroups S and T. [...]
```

Note that the \AP command is made visible thanks to a red corner. This red corner is shifted left in order to fall in the margin.

Undefined knowledges also yield warnings during the compilation. These can be avoided using the silent option.

Note that the \AP command is made visible thanks to a red corner.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>It is good practice to use a separate file, something like 'paper-knowledge.tex'.

Clicking on 'semigroups' now jumps to the place where it was introduced, and very precisely at the location of the red corner depicting the presence of the \-AP-command before. The same goes for 'semigroup morphism'. If now one adds the option electronic while loading the package, then the red corners disappear as well as the undefined knowledges which become black. When using the option paper, the links are still there, but all texts are in black.

A more complete example would look as follows:

The most interesting part consists of the two last lines. These define 'morphism' and 'morphisms' to represent the same notion as 'semigroup morphism' when in the scope 'SG' (a convenient abbreviation chosen by the writer for meaning 'semigroup'). This is particularly useful for separating morphisms of semigroups from, say, ring morphisms. Now, using Take a \kl{morphism} ... would yield an unknown knowledge. However, Take a \kl(SG){morphism} ... or Take a "morphism@@SG" ... would yield

```
Take a morphism ...
```

which is properly linked to a semigroup morphism. One can in particular imagine that "morphism@@RG" would instead represent ring morphisms.

Sometimes, one does not want to expand the knowledge base because the word is not specific. For instance These \kl[semigroup]{algebraic objects} [...], or These "algebraic objects@semigroup"} [...], yields

```
These algebraic objects /.../
```

The term is properly linked to the definition of semigroups.

Another possibility is to refer to the location of the definition, using commands \kref, \kpageref, and even better their improvements \kcref, \kCref, etc (when using the cleveref package). For instance,

```
"Semigroups" are introduced in \kCref{semigroup},
Page \kpageref{semigroup}.
yields:
```

```
Semigroups are introduced in Section 2.2, Page 11.
```

Finally, in particular for large documents, it is good to have an index. For this, one should load the package makeidx before knowledge. Then use it normally: putting \makeindex in the preamble and \printindex at the end of the document. Finally, the knowledge commands are adapted in a straightforward manner:

Now, the index (after running makeindex) contains all entries and references to the use of semigroups and semigroup morphisms.

See Section 3.8.3 for more details on making an index.

#### 2.3 Mathematics

The examples above show various techniques for using knowledges for enhancing the information associated to terms. In fact, these techniques are not incompatible with mathematics. Some special syntax is even offered:

```
\knowledgenewrobustcmd\closure[1]{\cmdkl{\langle}#1\cmdkl{\rangle}}}
[...]
The closure of $X$ under product is denoted $\intro*\closure{X}$.
[...]
Consider now $\closure{\{a,b,c\}}$.
would yield:
```

```
The closure of X under product is denoted \langle X \rangle. |\dots| Consider now \langle \{a,b,c\} \rangle.
```

The problem 3 But I want more. I want to be able to introduce variables. Even better, I would like to be able to have variables hyperlinking to the place of their introduction, knowing that the same variable name may mean different things depending on the lemma or proof we are in. Hence, I want to properly control the scope of knowledges.

To be done, this requires to use scoping. The principle of scoping is that a knowledge can be attached to a particular context. This is particularly true when typesetting mathematics: a variable is meaningful inside a statement, and inside the proof of the statement. Furthermore, the same variable name may reappear elsewhere with a different meaning.

The following code gives an idea of what is possible using scoping:

More on scoping can be found in Section 3.5.

The use of variants of \kl is also useful for typesetting mathematics. It allows for instance, to implicitly execute the \knowledge command at the same time of the introduction. See 3.4.4 for more detail.

# 3 Usage of the knowledge package

#### 3.1 Options and configuration

Options are used to activate some capabilities. Some options have to be used when loading the knowledge package, while some others can also be used inside the document thanks to the use of \knowledgeconfigure. In this section, we review these package options.

#### 3.1.1 Options at package loading

The options that can be used in the optional parameter of \usepackage when loading the knowledge package belong to the following classes:

Writing mode The paper, electronic or composition modes are possible (composition is by default) (see Section 3.1.2 for more details). These modes change several rendering settings.

Other packages some of the options concern the loading and the use of other packages (hyperref, xcolor, makeidx, ...). Note that these package can also be loaded before knowledge. This is explained in Section 3.1.3.

Configuration options as used by the command \knowledgeconfigure can be used when loading the package.

Scoping The scope option makes the package aware at a fine level of the structure of the document (see Section 3.5 for explanations). This provides, for instance, the possibility to define pieces of knowledge that are attached to a sections of the document.

Other The no patch option prevents the knowledge to apply some patches that are convenient by default.

#### 3.1.2 Writing mode

There are three *writing modes* usable when loading the package knowledge:

- In paper mode, the paper is rendered as for printing: in particular, no informative colors are visible. Hyperlinks are nevertheless present.
- In electronic mode, the document has some colors witnessing the existence of the links for the reader to know that clicking is available.
- In composition mode (the default), the document has colors helping the writing: undefined knowledges appear explicitly, anchor points are displayed, and so on.

Activating the modes is obtained either at load time using one of:

\usepackage[paper]{knowledge}

- or \usepackage[electronic]{knowledge}
- or \usepackage[composition]{knowledge}

or by setting before loading the variable \knowledgepackagemode as in:

#### \def\knowledgepackagemode{paper}

The idea is that this can be used in automatic compilation scripts. For instance, using in a terminal:

```
pdflatex "\def\knowledgepackagemode{electronic}\input{file.tex}"
```

would result in compiling 'file.tex' using knowledge in electronic mode.

The following primitives are available to the user for writing mode-sensitive configuration:

```
\IfKnowledgePaperModeTF{true code}{false code}
\ifKnowledgePaperMode true code [\else false code] \fi
\IfKnowledgeElectronicModeTF{true code}{false code}
\ifKnowledgeElectronicMode true code [\else false code] \fi
\IfKnowledgeCompositionModeTF{true code}{false code}
\ifKnowledgeCompositionMode true code [\else false code] \fi
```

#### 3.1.3 Automatic loading of other packages

A certain number of package options coincide with the loading of other packages. For the moment, the packages that are concerned are hyperref, xcolor, and makeidx.

For activating these functionalities, it is sufficient, either to load the package before the knowledge package, or to name it explicitly as an option for knowledge. Loading separately the package is convenient for setting options for it. For instance, a typical preamble may look like:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage[svgnames]{xcolor}
\usepackage[draft]{hyperref}
\usepackage[makeidx]{knowledge}
```

Such a sequence will activate the knowledge package using the features related to xcolor configured with svgnames option, to hyperref configured with draft option, and to makeidx with its standard configuration.

In fact, the syntax when a package is loaded as an option of knowledge is of the form 'package=choice' in which choice can take the following values:

active The package will be loaded, and all the capabilities that it triggers are activated. This is the implicit meaning when nothing more is specified.

inactive The package is not loaded, and no capabilities are activated (even if it had been loaded previously by another \usepackage command).

compatibility The package is not loaded. The directives it uses do not cause any error, but have no effect.

auto If the package was loaded before, then the associated capabilities are activated. This is the default behavior when the package is not named while loading.

Currently, the packages that can be loaded are:

hyperref which activates all the (auto)referencing capabilities.

xcolor which activates coloring commands.

makeidx for handling the index automatically.

#### 3.1.4 Configuring and \knowledgeconfigure

Some part of the configuration can be done outside of the \usepackage command that loads the knowledge package. This is done using the \knowledgeconfigure command:

#### \knowledgeconfigure{configuration directives}

Note that by default, the configuration directives used by \knowledgeconfigure can be used in the optional parameter of \usepackage when loading the knowledge package, but the converse is not true. *Configuration directives* consists of a comma separated list of elements that can take the following values:

- diagnose bar= (de)activates the '|'-notation in the diagnose file. True by default.
- diagnose help= can be set to true or false. It activates or deactivates the help in the diagnose file. True by default.
- diagnose line= can be set to true or false. It activates or deactivates the line numbering in the diagnose file. False by default.
- fix hyperref twocolumn triggers a hack that solves a known problem that may occur when hyperref is used in two-columns mode.
- label scope enables or disables the redefined \label command, which helps automatically define scopes (default is true).
- notion configures the notion directive which is a refined version of autoref.
- protect quotation= is followed by a comma separated list of environments in which the quotation notation will be automatically deactivated (surrounded by braces if more than one item in the list).
- protect link and unprotect link starts and ends respectively a zone in which the knowledge package do not create hyperlinks. These can be nested. This is typically useful around, e.g. the table of contents.
- quotation activates the quotation notation, which allows to use " $\cdots$ ", " $\cdots$ @ $\cdots$ " and " $\cdots$ @ $\cdots$ " instead of \kl commands and "" $\cdots$ ", "" $\cdots$ @ $\cdots$ " and "" $\cdots$ @ $\cdots$ " instead of the \intro command.
- silent is a Boolean option which, when activated, switches off all warnings during the compilation, but the recap ones at the end.

strict is a Boolean option which, when activated, turns some warnings (for instance when a knowledge is redefined) into errors.

visible anchor points is an option that makes visible or invisible the anchor points of the \AP and \itemAP commands. Usually, this is automatically set to true when the composition mode is used (the default), and to false when the paper mode or the electronic mode are used.

#### 3.1.5 Other configuration option

no patch deactivates some patches which otherwise are applied automatically. Currently, the option hidelinks and breaklinks of the package hyperref are automatically applied, unless no patch is used while loading the package. Without hidelinks the links in the document are surrounded by red or light blue boxes (it depends also on the pdf viewer): while this may be acceptable when links are seldom used, this becomes problematic in combination with the knowledge package. Without breaklinks, links are not broken as normal text: this may corrupt the appearance of paragraphs, in particular in a multi column context.

#### 3.2 What is a knowledge?

A *knowledge* is often informally used in this document. Essentially, it captures what is an elementary concept in the document. Internally, a knowledge is identified by three components:

The *knowledge name* is a T<sub>E</sub>X string that has almost no limitation (but being well balanced, and containing no \$\pm\$). It is the text entered by the user for defining and using the knowledge.

The *scope* which is a simple string identifying where the knowledge is usable. Scopes can be created by the user, or automatically generated by the system. For instance, internally, each section will be uniquely named 'section-1', 'section-2', and so on (this is invisible for the user). Each knowledge is primarily valid in exactly one such scope. Knowledges defined in the preamble are given the scope 'document'.

The namespace is a simple string that is used for avoiding clashes. It is most of the time simply 'default'. It is 'style' for styles (that are internally as knowledges). It is a possibility available to a developer to, when creating a new set of functionalities, use a different namespace for avoiding clashes of names (for instance if one wants a french and an english set of knowledges that should not conflict, and would use separate sets of macros). Usually, a normal user does not see namespaces.

### 3.3 The \knowledge command and variations

In this section, we describe the main commands that create knowledges. The main one is \knowledge. It can also be used in combination with \knowledgedirective, \knowledgestyle and \knowledgedefault.

#### 3.3.1 General description of the \knowledge command

The key command for introducing knowledges is \knowledge. There are two syntaxes. The standard one is:

```
\knowledge{knowledge name}[synonym 1|synonym 2|...]{directives}
```

The second one is the '/'-notation<sup>4</sup>:

```
\knowledge{directives}
| knowledge name@optional scope
| synonym 1@optional scope
| synonym 2@optional scope
...
```

The *knowledge name* as well as the *synonyms* are plain text strings describing the knowledge. It may contain any combination of symbols, including accents or special characters as long as it well bracketted. This string will be used to fetch the knowledge. Note (and this is a standard TEX behavior) that several consecutive spaces is the same as one or a line feed. In the normal syntax, *synonyms* are given in a '|' separated list, while in the '|'-notation each of them has to be in a distinct line. In the '|'-notation, an *optional scope* can be given after each knowledge name/synonym.

The *directives* consists of 'key=value' statements in a comma separated list. There are many directives. A list of them can be found in Section 5.3. New ones can be defined using the \knowledgedirective command.

The principle of the \knowledge command is to introduce a new knowledge, ready for being used. However, what it does exactly depends a lot on the situations. First, the directives (a comma separated list of 'key=value' commands) are parsed, and from it, the namespace and scope of the knowledge are determined, and it is decided if it will be defined immediately or postponed to the next compilation phase (using the kaux file).

#### 3.3.2 Targeting and the corresponding directives

The \knowledge has to decide what to do when defining something. The basic behaviour is as follows.

• If the \knowledge command is used in the preamble, then the knowledge given as argument is defined immediately (the same effect can be obtained using the now directive), and is accessible in the first compilation phase everywhere in the document (one extra phase is nevertheless required if autoref or ref= directives are used, for the hyperref to do its job, or if scope= is used). This is the simplest way to use \knowledge.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>This is a non-standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X syntax. The rule is that each knowledge appears in a distinguished line that starts with some spaces and a '|', and ends at the end of the line. Detecting the end of the line requires to change the catcode of the end of line character; this is not robust for being used in an argument or a macro.

- Otherwise, the knowledge is written in an external file (the jobname.kaux file), and the knowledge will be really usable in the next compilation phase. This is particularly useful in conjunction with the scope option: the knowledge will have a scope depending on where it is introduced (for instance the document, or a theorem, or a lemma). The same knowledge name can then point to different knowledges depending on where it is used.
- Exporting (not implemented) furthermore writes a document containing a list of \knowledge commands giving access to its content. This is to be imported by another document.

The targeting directives refine the above defined behaviour:

scope= or '@' in the '|'-notation When using a directive 'scope=name' or '@name' in the '|'-notation, the scope of the definition can be modified. \knowledge will first check if there is an outer area of this name (theorem, section, ...), that accepts knowledge (only scope environments are subject to this unless \knowledgeconfigureenvironment is used, or the scope package option is used when loading the package). If this is the case, the knowledge will be associated to the corresponding instance. For instance, inside a theorem, by default, the scope is the theorem, but adding the directive 'scope=section', the knowledge becomes available in the whole section.

If no scope is found using the above search, an explicit scope of the given name is used.

- export= (not implemented) When using this directive, the knowledge will be (furthermore) written to another file, ready for being used in another document. In particular, the knowledge (in the other document) will point to the present one. The details on how this is supposed to work is to be specified.
- namespace= Allows to change the namespace. In itself, this is useless. It has to be used in conjunction with new forms of \kl-like commands.
- now requires the knowledge to be defined immediately. This may save one compilation phase. The drawback is that the knowledge cannot be accessed before the \knowledge command that has been introduced. It may help for modularity considerations. (for instance a knowledge is used inside a proof, it makes no sense to make it available elsewhere, and it is better style to locally define it). This is implicit if the \knowledge command happens in the preamble.
- also now requires the knowledge to be defined immediately as well as delayed to the next compilation phase. This is in particular how auto references should be handled. See the use of \knowledgenewvariant for more examples.

#### 3.3.3 General directives

We give here the list of *display directives* that are available without loading any sub packages. A certain number of Boolean directives are available without any options. These most of the time are used for typesetting the output. Each of these can be used as 'bool=true' (or shortly just 'bool'), 'bool=false' or 'bool=default' (that leaves it in the default state, or the one determined by surrounding knowledges). The general boolean directives are the following:

```
autoref activates the ability to introduce once, use several times an instance. This is often used for defining links inside a document (see the hyperref in Section 3.8.2). This can also be used for constructing the index (see the makeidx in Section 3.8.3). It can simply be used for referencing the number of the environment or the proper page of introduction (see \kref and \kp-ageref commands and their more powerful cleveref in Section 3.8.4).
```

autorefhere puts immediately a label at the location of the definition, and makes all \kl occurrences of this knowledge hyperlink to this location.

```
emphasize forces the text to be emphasized using '\emph',
italic/up forces/unforces italic (up does nothing in math mode),
boldface/md forces/unforces boldface (be it in math or text mode),
smallcaps forces small capitals,
underline forces the text to be emphasized using '\underline',
fbox puts a box around the text,
typewriter puts in typewriter font (be it in math or text mode),
ensuretext guarantees that text mode is used (using the '\text' macro, thus in
     a way consistent with the surrounding style),
ensuremath guarantees that math mode is used,
mathord, mathop, mathbin, mathrel, mathopen, mathclose, mathpunct yield the
     corresponding standard TEX spacing features in math mode,
     mathord for an ordinary mathematical object,
     mathop for a large operator (such as \sum, \prod, ...),
     mathbin for a binary operation (such as +, -, or \otimes, ...),
     mathrel for a binary relation (such as =, <, \leq, ...),
     mathopen for an opening bracket, parenthesis, ...
     mathclose for an closing bracket, parenthesis, ...
     mathpunct for a punctuation symbol.
```

lowercase puts the content in lowercase,

uppercase puts the content in uppercase,

detokenize detokenizes the content, i.e., instead of executing it provides a string that displays it (this is useful for commands),

remove space removes the spaces from the text

invisible prevents the rendering of the knowledge.

The non-boolean general directives are the following:

- text={text} will execute the LaTeX code 'text' instead of the key used for calling \kl. For instance, \knowledge{latex}{text=\LaTeX} will typeset 'LaTeX' properly when used. Surrounding braces can be omitted if there are no commas. Be careful when linking to such knowledges, since the substitution of meaning will happen for all the knowledges linking to it, and this may not be the expected behaviour.
- link={knowledge} will continue searching the for linked knowledge. Surrounding
  braces can be omitted if there are no commas. This directive is often bypassed by the use of the optional argument of \knowledge defining synonyms
  or the synonym directive.
- link scope={label} will continue searching in the scope identified by the label.
  Surrounding braces can be omitted if there are no commas. If no directive
  link= is given, then the same key is searched for.
  - This directive is often bypassed by the use of the optional argument of \k-nowledge defining synonyms or the synonym directive.
- synonym defines the knowledge as a link to the previously defined knowledge (in fact, the most recently defined that was not using synonym). For instance

results in the two subsequent knowledge names to point to the first one.

- style={knowledge style} will adopt the styling option of the knowledge style.

  Surrounding braces can be omitted if there are no commas.
- wrap=\token will execute the macro '\token ' with as argument the knowledge
  text before displaying it. For instance, wrap=\robustdisplay, (where \robustdisplay is a variant of \tl\_to\_str:n removing the trailing space) is
  used in this document for typesetting the commands.

#### 3.3.4 Knowledge styles and the \knowledgestyle command

Styles are formatting pieces of information, as for knowledges, but that can be used by other knowledges. In some respect, this is very similar to macro directives (see below), but the difference lies in that styles are dynamically resolved, while macro directives are statically resolved. Styles in particular offer the access to

some configuration features of the system. For instance, changing the intro style changes the way the \intro command is displayed. See below for some instances.

The central command is \knowledgestyle, that has the following syntax:

```
\knowledgestyle*{style name}{directives}
```

The optional star \* permits to overload an existing style (otherwise, this results in an error). The directives follow the same structure as for a normal \knowledge command. When defined, a style can be used in a \knowledge command using the directives 'style=style name' (it will be used when a \kl command calls for the knowledge) or 'intro style=style name' (that will be used by \intro commands).

A certain number of *default styles* are also offered, that in particular includes *warning styles*. The list is as follows:

kl is the default style for macros using \kl. It can be modified dynamically using the 'style=' directive.

kl unknown and kl unknown cont are the default styles used when an undefined knowledge is met.

intro and is the default style for macros using \intro. It can be modified dynamically using the 'intro style=' directive.

intro unknown and intro unknown cont are the default styles used when an undefined knowledge is met.

#### 3.3.5 New directives: the \knowledgedirective command

When defining knowledges, it is often the case that the same sequence of directives are used. *Macro directives* are here for simplifying this situation (see also \knowledgedefault and \knowledgestyle). This is achieved using the \knowledgedirective macro:

```
\knowledgedirective*{name}[optional parameter]{directives}
```

After execution of the command, 'name' becomes a directive usable in \knowledge commands, that amounts to execute the comma separated list 'directives'. The newly created directive may receive a value, that is accessible as #1 in 'directives'. By default, it does not allow the redefinition of a directive. This can be forced using the optional \*. The 'optional parameter' gives a default value. For instance:

```
\knowledgedirective{highlight}[brown]{color={#1},emphasize,md}
[...]
\knowledge{notion A}{highlight}
\knowledge{notion B}{highlight}
\knowledge{notion C}{highlight}
\knowledge{important notion D}{highlight=red}
[...]
We shall now see \kl{notion A}, \kl{notion B}, \kl{notion C}, as well as the \kl{important notion D}.
vields
```

**Hint.** This should not be confused with styles which offer another way to control the display.

We shall now see notion A, notion B, notion C, as well as the important notion D.

#### 3.3.6 \knowledgestyle versus \knowledgedirective

The two commands \knowledgestyle and \knowledgedirective offer ways to systematize the writing of knowledges. These can seem redundant. This is not the case, and for understanding it, it is necessary to understand a bit the way the \knowledge command works.

In general when a \knowledge (or \knowledgestyle) command is found, the directives are parsed and a new internal form of the \knowledge command is written in the kaux file, that will be executed during the next compilation of the document. In this phase, some first operations are performed. For instance, in an autoref directive, an internal label name is constructed.

The postponed command is then executed during the next compilation phase (or immediately if we are in the preamble, or if the now directive is used). The execution effectively stores the knowledge in the system. This is only at that moment that the knowledge becomes available to be used by \kl and similar commands.

When a \kl command (or similar) is met, it is 'executed', and display informations are considered, and in particular styles are called.

Somes consequences of this kind of this are as follows:

- autoref directives should not be used in the definition of a style, since this would mean that there would be one anchor point for all the knowledges that use this style. This is usually not the kind of behavior that we expect.
- configuring the default displays of the system (such as the intro style= in particular) has to be done through the style mechanism.
- styles use less memory than macros.

#### 3.3.7 Default directives: the \knowledgedefault command

It may happen that a sequence of consecutive \knowledge commands have to share the same list of directives. The macro directives can help solving this issue. The default directives also go in this direction, using the \knowledgedefault-command:

#### \knowledgedefault\*{directives}

When such a command is applied, then from that point, all \knowledge commands will use the given directives as default. This will stop when another \knowledgedefault command is met or the current group is closed. The optional star does not reset the default directives but simply add new ones.

#### 3.4 The \kl command and variants

The \kl command is used for displaying a knowledge in the text, while using the data associated to it (introducing a target link, linking to its definition, linking to an outer document, changing color, putting an entry in the index, etc).

#### 3.4.1 The standard syntax

**Hint.** Note that the \kl-command can often be re-

placed by the " $\cdots$ " notation,

activated by the quotation

option.

The \kl command has one of the following syntaxes:

```
\kl(optional scope)[optional knowledge name]{text}
or \kl[optional knowledge name](optional scope){text} .
```

Its meaning is to search for the 'optional knowledge name' if present, or for 'text' otherwise. How this is exactly performed depends on the presence of the optional scope. The search process is as follows:

- ullet if an *optional scope* is given, the knowledge is searched in the corresponding scope.
- otherwise, the stack of visible scope instances is processed through (starting from the inner most) until a knowledge of name 'knowledge name' (or 'text' if not optional knowledge name has been given), of namespace 'default', and this scope is found.

If the 'knowledge name/text' has not been found, the style 'kl unknown' (or similar styles, as defined by the unknown style= or unknown style cont=) is used, and the text displayed.

- Otherwise, the knowledge is executed. If it is a link= or synonym defined knowledge, the link is followed, and the process continues.
- Finally, all the definitions involved in the knowledge are processed, following a style= if defined, the knowledge is updated (essentially incrementing the counter of use), and the knowledge is displayed.

This general mechanism is used also by other commands that are variants of \kl such as \intro, \reintro, \kref, \kpageref, and so on.

#### 3.4.2 The quotation notation

When activated, the quotation mode activates shorthand notations for the \kl and \intro macros. Possible syntaxes are as follows:

"text" uses the knowledge pointed to by 'text'. Equivalent to \kl{text}.

"text@knowledge" uses the knowledge pointed to by 'knowledge to display 'text'. Equivalent to \kl[knowledge]{text}.

"text@cope" uses the knowledge pointed to by 'text' in scope 'scope' to display 'text'. Equivalent to \kl(scope){text}.

"text@knowledge@scope" uses the knowledge pointed to by 'knowledge in scope 'scope' to display 'text'. Equivalent to \kl[knowledge](scope){text}.

```
""text"" introduces the knowledge pointed to by 'text'. Equivalent to \introduces text.
```

```
""text@knowledge"" introduces the knowledge pointed to by 'knowledge while displaying 'text'. Equivalent to \intro[knowledge]{text}.
```

```
""text@@scope"" introduces the knowledge pointed by 'text' in scope 'scope'.

Equivalent to \intro(scope){text}.
```

```
""text@knowledge@scope"" introduces the knowledge pointed to by 'knowledge in scope 'scope' while displaying 'text'.
```

Equivalent to \intro[knowledge](scope){text}.

Activating the quotation notation is obtained using:

```
\knowledgeconfigure{quotation},
```

and deactivating it is obtained using:

```
\knowledgeconfigure{quotation=false}.
```

It can also be activated while loading the package.

It is sometimes the case that some packages do use the quote symbol, usually in some environment (this is the case of the tikzcd environment). The knowledge package can be configured to deactivate always the quotation notation when entering the environment. This is obtained using the configuration option protect quotation= followed by a list of environments to be protected:

```
\knowledgeconfigure{protect quotation={env1,env2,...}}
```

Note that the braces surrounding the list of environments can be omitted if the list contains only one item.

There are nevertheless some situations in which one would prefer to use the original \kl notation:

- When nesting of knowledges is involved, or the knowledge includes the symbol ".
- when quotation is deactivated (or not activated) because of a conflict
- in particular, this should be avoided in macros, in particular for the math mode, since these may be used one day or another in a tikzcd or similar environment for instance.

#### 3.4.3 Variants of \kl

Several variants of the \kl-command are defined by default. The syntax for their use is the same (including scopes, ...). The following variants are linked to the autoref directive:

• \intro is used to introduce a knowledge.

- \reintro displays like for introducing the knowledge, but does not do it.
- \rekl behaves like \kl acts as a modifier and transforms \intro into \reintro.
- \phantomintro performs the introduction, but does display anything.
- \kref displays the number of the environment in which the introduction took place.
- \kpageref displays the number of the page in which the knowledge introduction took place.
- \kcref, \kCrageref, \kcrageref, \knameCref, \knameCref, \knameCrefs, and \knameCrefs, display informations about the place of introduction of a knowledge, following the semantics of the corresponding functions in the cleveref package (see Section 3.8.4).

#### 3.4.4 Defining your own variants of \kl

It may happen for several reasons that we may want to define new variants of the \kl macros, that essentially perform the same task, but are configured differently. Typical examples may be:

- several sets of knowledges may intersect but should use different namespace,
- some knowledges involve macros and for this reason should be non-expanded even if the \knowledge command is not met,
- the \knowledge command should be called implicitly,
- activate or deactivate the warnings or messages in the diagnose file.

In fact, several macros in this document are instantiation of this mechanism. This is the case for for instance for \intro, \phantomintro, \reintro or \mathkl etc...

The macro for introducing a new *variant of* \kl is:

#### \knowledgenewvariant\variant{variant directives}

and is similar to the one for modifying the behavior of a variant of \kl:

```
\knowledgesetvariant\variant{variant directives} .
```

These command define/modify a/the macro \variant that uses the same syntax as \kl. The *variant directives* consist of a comma separated list of directives as follows:

namespace=namespace declares in which namespace (a string) the knowledges are to be searched. This means in particular that the \knowledge concerned should be defined using the the proper namespace= directive.

- default style=, unknown style=, unknown style cont={list of style names} declares the style name to be used (1) by default when the knowledge is found, (2) when it is not found for the first time, and (3) the subsequent times
- style directive={directive names list} defines a list (comma separated) of
   directives that can be used in a \knowledge command to modify the aspect
   (for instance, the \intro behavior is modified by the intro style= directive, while the \kl command is configured using the style= directive). If
   the directives do not exist, these are created.
- auto knowledge={directives} declares that the use of \variant should automatically execute a \knowledge command, and what should be the directives it uses. See examples below.
- unknown warning=true/false activates or deactivates the warnings when a knowledge is not found (for instance, these are deactivated in paper mode). True by default.
- unknown diagnose=true/false activates or deactivates the corresponding messages in the diagnose file. True by default.
- suggestion={directives} configures the directives to be suggested in the diagnose file when the knowledge is unknown.
- PDF string={code} gives a substitute text for hyperref to use for producing the bookmarks. This code has to be expandable. The code may use three parameters; #1 is the main text of the command, #2 is the optional parameter, and #3 is the scope. The macro \IfNoValueTF of the package xparse can be used to test if the second and third arguments are present. By default, the code is {#1}. Note that the star syntax cannot be used in this context. It the expected result cannot be achieved using this directive, the less convenient macro \text{\text{texorpdfstring}} of the hyperref package should be used.
- display code= can be used to shortcut the standard code for display. See the code for more details. Typical examples are the variants \kref, \kpageref and so on, which do not display the knowledge itself, but instead treat the underlying label associated.

The second feature is to use modifiers. These correspond to the stared version of the command. For instance, one expects '\intro\*\kl' to reduce to '\intro'. For this, one has to declare explicitly the reduction using:

#### \knowledgevariantmodifier{stared sequence}\variant ,

in which the *stared sequence* is of the form 'variant1\*variant2\*...\*variantk'. This sequence is declared to reduce to \variant. For instance, \knowledgevariantmodifier{\intro\*\kl}\intro declares '\intro\*\kl' to reduce to '\intro'.

#### 3.4.5 Examples of variants of \kl

The best way for introducing new variants is to look at examples. We provide two of them now. the first one is the configuration of the \kl and \intro commands

as defined in the package. The second one is the code used in this documentation for displaying macros, defining the macros \cs and \csintro.

The configuration of \kl and \intro It is also interesting to see this code since it gives more ideas on how to modify the standard behaviour of these commands correctly.

```
\knowledgestyle{autoref link}{autoref link}
\knowledgestyle{autoref target}{autoref target}
\knowledgestyle{invisible}{invisible}
\knowledgenewvariant\kl{
   namespace=default,
    default style={kl,autoref link},
   unknown style= kl unknown,
    unknown style cont= kl unknown cont,
    style directive= style
\knowledgenewvariant\intro{
   namespace= default,
   default style= {intro,autoref target},
   unknown style= intro unknown,
   unknown style cont= intro unknown cont,
    style directive= intro style
\knowledgevariantmodifier{\intro*\kl}\intro
```

Note that \reintro and \phantomintro are defined using similar code.

**Displaying control sequences** The second code example is used in this document (the documentation of the package) and consists of two macros \cs and \csintro which have the following semantics:

- these correspond, and have the same syntax as, \kl and \intro respectively,
- these are used to display control sequences without executing them,
- if \csintro{\command} is used, then it displays \command in color blue, and every occurrences of \cs{\command} yields \command being displayed in dark blue and linking to the introduction point,
- if \csintro{\command} is never used, then \cs{\command} simply displays \command in black,
- no \knowledge command is necessary, and no warning is issued if a command is unknown.

```
\knowledgestyle{cs}
    {detokenize,remove space,typewriter,up,md,color=NavyBlue}
\knowledgestyle{cs unknown}
    {detokenize,remove space,typewriter,up,md,color=black}
\knowledgenewvariant\cs{
   namespace=cs,
    default style={autoref link,cs},
   unknown style=cs unknown,
    unknown style cont=cs unknown,
   unknown warning=false,
    unknown diagnose=false,
    suggestion=cs
\knowledgestyle{csintro}
    {detokenize, remove space, typewriter, up, md, color=blue}
\knowledgestyle{csintro unknown}
    {detokenize,remove space,typewriter,up,md,color=black}
\knowledgenewvariant\csintro{
   namespace=cs,
    auto knowledge={autoref,scope=document,also now},
   default style={autoref target,csintro},
    unknown style=csintro unknown,
    unknown style cont=csintro unknown,
\knowledgevariantmodifier{\intro*\cs}\csintro
\knowledgevariantmodifier{\csintro*\cs}\csintro
```

Several things can be noted about this code:

- the directives detokenize and remove space prevent the execution of the argument, and instead display its name, this is important since the argument is a control sequence,
- the directives typewriter, up and md give a uniform aspect (no italic, no boldface) to the result in all contexts,
- the namespace is set to be different from the default one, avoiding possible clashes with \kl.
- when a \csintro command is met, the corresponding \knowledge command is automatically issued, in particular with 'scope=document' for guaranteeing the visibility of each command everywhere in the document,
- the also now directive is necessary for the compilation to (possibly) stabilize in two iterations, since it uses the proper \label already at the first iteration (without also now, it would be performed on the second one only, and with just now, it would be visible only by the uses after the introduction).
  - warnings and diagnose pieces of information are explicitly eliminated.

#### 3.5 Scoping

#### 3.5.1 Principles of scoping

When writing long documents, one often wants knowledges to be isolated in some subparts. For instance, one may want a temporary definition in a proof to not leak elsewhere in the document where the same term could be used with a different meaning. Some definitions may be only meaningful in, say, the current section/part.

Two separate things have to be understood: how to define knowledge in a given scope (and create scopes), and how to access knowledge from a given scope.

Accessing knowledge attached to a given scope This can be done directly either using the parenthesis notations of \kl and the second @ of the quotation notation:

```
\kl(scope name){knowledge} or \kl(scope name)[knowledge]{text}

"knowledge@@scope" or "text@knowledge@scope"
```

It works also for \intro and with double quotes.

Another option is to import the scope locally, using:

```
\knowledgeimport{scope name 1, scope name 2, ...}
```

After this command, the knowledges will be searched automatically in the imported scopes. The import stops at the end of the current scoping environment.

Attaching knowledge to a given scope This can be done directly using the scope= directive, for instance in:

The other possibility is to define a knowledge inside a scope environment:

```
\begin{scope}\label{label}
    \knowledge{knowledge 1}{directives}
    :
    :
    \end{scope}
```

In such a code, the knowledge defined is automatically visible in the environment, and from outside, using the scope name label. Indeed, the \label is overloaded for doing automatically a \knowledgescope command.

In fact, it is possible to do even more: other environments can be defined to behave like scope.

#### 3.5.2 Scoping by examples

*Explicit scoping* consists in attaching a precise scope name to a knowledge using the scope= directive:

```
\knowledge{thing}{scope=s1,color=red}
\knowledge{thing}{scope=s2,color=green}

Here, "thing" and \kl{thing} are unknown.
But "thing@@s1" and \kl(s1){thing} are in red,
and "thing@@s2" and \kl(s2){thing} are in green.
```

The '|'-notation can also be used for explicit scoping. This is convenient, in particular for having synonyms in different scopes:

Scopes can also be attached to areas in the code. It is convenient to use the usual \label command to name them (though, in practive, two different naming spaces are used).

```
% We declare first in the preamble the environments that can have
% knowledges attached to them.
\knowledgeconfigureenvironment{theorem,lemma,proof}{}

% and now in the main body of the document.
\begin{theorem}\label{theorem:main}
    \knowledge{rabbit}[rabbits]{notion}
    In every hat, there is a \kl{rabbit},
    \AP in which a \intro{rabbit} is a small animal with long ears.
\end{theorem}

Here a "rabbit" is an unknown knowledge.

But "rabbits@@theorem:main" point to Theorem \ref{theorem:main}.
\begin{proof}\knowledgeimport{theorem:main}
    Now, "rabbit" is hyperlinked to Theorem \ref{theorem:main}.
\end{proof}
```

#### 3.5.3 What is the structure of scopes in a document

To start with, one needs to understand what are the possible scopes. Scopes are aggregation of zones in the document.

• By default, all the body of the document belongs to a scope called 'document'. The user can open new scopes using the scope environment:

```
\begin{scope}
  \knowledge{local notion}{color=green}
  Here is a \kl{local notion} that appears in green.
\end{scope}
But here the \kl{local notion} is undefined.
```

Note that scoping is independent from the grouping mechanism of LATEX.

The user can also declare environments such as lemma, theorem, remark or proof to behave like scope. This is achieved using using \knowledgeconfigureenvironment command.

• The use of the scope configuration option goes one step further, and attaches scopes to sections, subsections, itemize, items, and so on. But be cautious, this feature, though working, may cause some compiling document to not compile anymore if some weird (and unnatural) nesting of scopes are used (this is the case for instance when using \bibitem and \thebibliography, and this has to be corrected by hand).

#### 3.5.4 How is chosen the scope of a knowledge?

In general, when a \knowledge command is used, the system tries to figure out what should be its scope:

- If the command occurs in the preamble, then the default scope will be 'document'.
- Otherwise, the information is searched for in the *stack of visible scope in-stances* which means that the knowledge will be defined at the level of the innermost surrounding scope that 'attracts knowledges'. If the scope option is not activated (and the user did not perform its own configuration), this is the inner most scope environment (or similar environment if \knowledgeconfigureenvironment has been used), or 'document' if the declaration is not in the scope. If the scope option is used, this will be the innermost lemma, proof, or theorem in the context.
- This default behavior can be modified using the scope= directive. The scope= directive can be followed with a scope level, such as 'section', 'subsection', 'chapter' or 'itemize' (in particular in combination with the scope option), that will be looked for in the current context and will receive the knowledge. The directive can also be followed by a label name, and the active scope at the moment of this label will be used.

The following code (that requires the scope option for being functional) should be self explanatory:

```
\section{First section}
\label{section:first}
\knowledge{one}{scope=section,color=green}
\knowledge{two}{scope=some label,color=green}
\begin{scope}\label{some label}
   Here \kl{one} and \kl{two} are defined.
\end{scope}
Here \kl{one} is defined but \kl{two} isn't.

\section{Second section}
Here neither \kl{one} nor \kl{two} is defined. However, I
can still use them using \kl(section:first){one} and \kl(some
label){two} (or "one@@section:first" and "two@@some label", or
using the \knowledgeimport{section:first}).
```

# 3.5.5 Naming scopes: the \knowledgeimport, \knowledgescope and label commands

It is often the case in a text, that one has to locally break the nesting structure of a document, and refer to a object local in an environment. For instance, a comment may refer to a variables/concept that has been locally used in the proof. The knowledge provides suitable mechanisms for complex referencing of scopes. Let us explain this through an example:

```
% We declare first in the preamble the environments that use
knowledge.
\knowledgeconfigureenvironment{definition}{knowledge=attracts}
[...]
\begin{definition}\label{somewhere}
  \knowledge{something}{notion}
  Here, \intro{something} is a notion internal to the definition.
\end{definition}
```

Note here that what is important is the location of the \knowledge command, irrespective of the location of the \intro command.

The \label command is used to name the scope. In fact, the real command is

```
\knowledgescope{scope name}
```

which associates a scope name to the surrounding environment (providing it has been declared possible to do it using \knowledgeconfigureenvironment). The standard IATEX command \label is overloaded and performs implicitly a call to \knowledgescope (this behavior can be deactivated/reactivated using the label scope={true,false} directive). The result is that the same string of characters

can be used in order to name the scope, and at the same time is used as a standard  $\LaTeX$  label.

Something important is missing so far: one rapidly wants to access to knowledges that do not exist in the current scope. For instance, a notion is used in a section of a document, and one would like to refer to it in the introduction. Another case is that of a notion or a mathematic variable that is introduced in the statement of a theorem, and should be accessible inside the proof. There are essentially two ways to access such distant knowledges: either use the \kl(label){text} command (or the equivalent "...@..." notation), or use the \knowledge-import command. We describe the second possibility now. The syntax is:

#### \knowledgeimport{label}

The result is that the knowledges in the scope identified by the label are now accessible until the closure of the current scope.

For instance:

```
\knowledgeconfigureenvironment{theorem,proof}{}
[...]
\begin{theorem}\label{theorem:1}
    \knowledge\alpha{autoref,color=red}
    Let $\intro\alpha$ be an integer [...]
\end{theorem}
[...]
Here $\kl\alpha$ is unknown.
[...]
\begin{proof}
    \knowledgeimport{theorem:1}
    But now $\kl\alpha$ points to its definition.
\end{proof}
```

#### 3.5.6 Managing scoping environments

The user can also declare an environment to behave like scope using the command \knowledgeconfigureenvironment, as well as adapt some of its characteristics using scope directives.

\knowledgeconfigureenvironment{environments}{scope directives}

For instance:

```
\knowledgeconfigureenvironment{lemma,theorem,fact,proof} {knowledge=attracts}
```

will induce the corresponding environments to have internal knowledges.

Most of the time, it is not necessary to use scope directives.

Remark 1 Note that (in the current implementation) it is necessary to use the commands \begin and \end. Hence \proof...\endproof would not trigger a scoping environment while \begin{proof}...\end{proof} would.

The *scope directives* are low level and advanced features. These should not be used in general. The list is the following:

- scope=true/false tells whether an environment should induce a scope. For the moment, this is not used (as soon as configured, it always behaves like a scope).
- label=none/accepts tells whether a \label command can refer to an instance of this area.
- environment=true/false should be set to true if the scope has to be opened whenever an environment of same name is opened using the \begin and \end commands of LATEX.
- autoclose=true/false means that the closure is triggered by another event (closure of another enclosing instance, or pushing of an area that requires its closure). It should be true for LATEX environments, and false when configuring, e.g, \section opens a scope and its closure should be automatic when another section begins.
- parents={area1,area2,...} takes a comma separated list of areas that are allowed as parent. For opening the area, some enclosing instances may be automatically closed for reaching such a parent (if their autoclose= directive is set to true). For instance, the parent of a subsection should be a section: Hence when a subsection begins, the currently opened subsection and subsubsection are closed.
- push code={code} defines some code to be executed when the area is pushed
   (each time, these are added).
- pop code={code} defines some code to be executed when the area is popped (added too).
- occurrences=once/multiple/recursive can be one of 'once' if the area can only have one instance in the document, 'multiple' if there can be several instances, but not nested, and 'recursive', if there is no restriction.
- forces=area requires a specific area as an ancestor of this area. This ancestor is implicitly pushed if necessary.

#### 3.6 Error handling

By default, the knowledge package tries to not stop the compilation unless a serious problem has been found. In particular, it is possible to write an entire document using \intro and \kl commands or the quotation notation without ever introducing a knowledge, and only in the end provide this information. This is a feature: as opposed to normal macros, not defining a knowledge should not stop the real work, which is the writing of the document.

Very often there is some undefined knowledge. Such knowledges are displayed using the kl unknown and kl unknown cont) styles when issued by \kl; using intro unknown and intro unknown cont when issued by \intro. The detail of the problems are then gathered in the diagnose file.

## 3.7 The diagnose file

The diagnose file is a file that is created when the knowledge package is used (note that another file, jobname.kaux is also created by the knowledge package, for internal use). It enormously eases the use of the package, and it is important to look into it when finalizing a document. It gathers a certain number of informations, that can be warning, code to be used, or simply information. This file has the name of the tex document with the extension .diagnose. Its content is divided into clearly identified parts. Depending on the used options, some of these parts may appear or disappear.

*Undefined knowledges* in this section are listed all the knowledges that have been unsuccessfully searched for. These are given in lines either of the form

```
\knowledge{suggested directives}
| undefined knowledge/@scope/
:
```

\knowledge{undefined knowledge}{suggested directives}

Switching from one mode to another is obtained using the configuration directive diagnose bar={true,false} (default is true). The intent is that copying the content of this section to the document itself will solve all problems of undefined knowledges. It is an efficient way, when one has written a document without caring so much about knowledges to copy the content of this section, and then modify it/reorganize it, in order to suit ones purposes. By default, no suggestion is offered, or notion is suggested if the notion directive has been used. Suggestion can be automatically configured using the suggestion= directive of the macros \knowledgenewvariant and \knowledgesetvariant.

For instance, using:

or of the form

## \knowledgesetvariant\kl{notion}

the directive notion is suggested for more directly copying the content.

Autoref not introduced This section lists all knowledges that were declared using the autoref directive (this can be the case indirectly using, e.g. notion), but have not been introduced in the document. When a document reaches its final states, this section should be empty. Usually, one should add the corresponding \intro or \phantomintro command somewhere in the text.

Autoref introduced twice In this section, all knowledges that were declared using the autoref directive and introduced using \intro or \nointro more than once are listed. When a document reaches its final states, this section should be empty. Consider using \kl or \reintro for solving the problem.

Note that this may be caused by an \intro used in some title (and repeated in the table of contents).

By default, the diagnose file does not give the file and the line of the messages. This can be activated using the diagnose line boolean option:

```
\knowledgeconfigure{diagnose line=true}
```

By default, the diagnose file gives suggestions to be used with the normal \know-ledge syntax. A '|'-notation suggestion can be activated using:

```
\knowledgeconfigure{diagnose bar=true}
```

## 3.8 Other packages

### 3.8.1 The xcolor option

The xcolor option is used if one wants to change colors. It is good to always load it since it also triggers coloring for debugging. It triggers colors in the warning styles that can be useful in debugging. It also offers two new directives:

color= where in 'color=name', name is a color description following the syntax
 of the xcolor package.

cyclic color similar to 'color=', but selects the color automatically in a a cyclic list of colors. This can be convenient for debugging. The cyclic list of colors can be chosen using the configuration directive cyclic colors=:

```
\knowledgeconfigure{cyclic colors={color1,color2,...}}
```

Note that no spaces are allowed between colors, and that at least two colors are required.

The default cyclic color list is:

Loading the package before is necessary for changing the options of the xcolor package (for instance for using svgnames).

### 3.8.2 The hyperref option

Activating the hyperref option The hyperref option loads the hyperref and triggers a certain number of link-related features. This is done either by the command:

Hint. The hyperref surrounds by default links by boxes that are graphically heavy (this are visible in some viewers, and not in some others): this is automatically deactivated when loading the knowledge package. Such automatic behavior can be avoided using the

## \usepackage[hyperref]{knowledge}

or by loading the hyperref before the knowledge package.

The directives activated by the package are:

url= for hyperlinking to an external document

ref= for hyperlinking inside document

protect link it a boolean for protecting from the creation of nested hyperlinks, autoref for relating objects with their definition

autorefhere similar, and used implicitely for math

The package comes also with the configuration directive hyperlinks= which is a boolean deactivates or reactivates the links.

## Functionnalities triggered by the hyperref option

ref= {label} puts an hyperlink pointing toward a label inside the document (the braces can be omitted when there is no comma).

protect link disables the inside hyperlinks,

url= {url address} puts an hyperlink to an (external) url (the braces can be
 omitted when there is no comma).

The autoref directive The autoref directive is among the most useful offered by the knowledge package. It is very often used indirectly through directives like notion. When set, the knowledge should be used with both \intro (exactly once) - or the ""..." and ""...@..." notations (and variants) if quotation is active - and \kl (possibly several times) - or the "..." notation if quotation is active. The use of \kl will hyperlink to the location of the \intro. The syntax of \intro is the same as for \kl:

### \intro[optional knowledge name] {knowledge name}

See \AP below for improving the result.

A typical use looks as follows:

```
Hint. Though the \intro-command can be used in the title of, e.g. sections, without any errors, this may cause a warning when a table of contents is used: the command is executed twice, once in the table of contents, and once in the document itself.
```

**Hint.** You may have to use \^ instead of ~ in url's ad-

to use the 'notion' directive

than simply the autoref di-

rective. Its use it already

It is usually easier

dresses.

Hint.

configured.

```
\knowledge{house}[Houses|houses]{autoref}
[...]
\begin{document}
[...]
In this document, we will see the very important notion of
"houses".
[...]
\AP
Let us define a ""house"" to be a building that functions as a
home.
[...]
\end{document}
yields
```

```
[...]
In this document, we will see the very important notion of houses.
[...]
Let us define a house to be a building that functions as a home.
[...]
```

The variant \intro\* makes the next \kl command behave like \intro. This is useful in particular in math mode:

```
\newcommand\monoid{\kl[\monoid]{\mathcalM}}
\knowledge\monoid{autoref}
[...]
\AP
Let now $\intro*\monoid$ be a monoid.
[...]
Remember now who is $\monoid$.
```

**Hint.** This does not work in align\* and similar environments. Section 4.5 gives some solutions.

```
Let now \mathcal{M} be a monoid.

[...]

Remember now who is \mathcal{M}.
```

The \phantomintro version:

## \phantomintro(optional label){knowledge}

takes a knowledge, and introduces it at the current location, without displaying anything. This is behaves like an invisible intro, i.e., essentially an abbreviation for \intro[knowledge]{}. This can be used as a workaround in environment like align\* that do not allow the use of labels (see Section 4.5).

The \nointro command:

```
\nointro{knowledge}
```

does not display anything and silently prevents the knowledge from issuing warnings because it is not introduced.

The \reintro command:

### \reintro[optional knowledge]{knowledge}

is displayed as for \intro, but without being an anchor for hyperlinks, and without counting as a real \intro. It is used if there are for some reason several places that should look like an introduction (typically in the same paragraph), but count as a single target. There is a variant \reintro\* that makes the next \kl command behave like a \reintro (similar to \intro\* with respect to \intro).

Knowledges that use this directive can be parameterized by modifying the style intro.

For modifying the display of knowledges introduced by \intro, there are new directives:

intro style= that takes the name of a style as argument. This style will be used when the knowledge is used in a \intro or \reintro command.

autoref target declares the knowledge to be the target of the autoref (this is implicit when using \intro).

autoref link requires a link to the target of the autoref to be produced (this is implicit when using \kl).

See the use of \knowledgesetvariant for examples of configuration.

The autorefhere directive The autorefhere directive silently introduces an anchor point at the location of the \knowledge command invoking it. Uses of \kl commands will be hyperlinked to this location.

In some sense, an autorefhere directive can be understood as the sequence of a autoref directive that would be immediately followed by the corresponding \intro command. This is a bit better since using autoref in the body of the document requires three phases of compilation (two only if in the preamble). However, the autorefhere directive does only require two (as for normal labels).

In fact, this autorefhere directive is what is used underneath when introducing mathematical variables, and should be used for implementing similar behaviors.

Using anchor points The directives autoref and autorefhere use underneath the hyperref package. This means that it puts à label at the place of the \intro command, and then points to it. However, the semantics in this case, is to jump to the beginning of the surrounding 'region'. If the \intro happens in a 'section' (but not inside a theorem-like envionment) then the \kl command will point at the beginning of the section, possibly 10 pages above the definition itself.

The standard solution in the hyperref package is to use the \phantomsection. This means defining *anchor points* in the document that will be the target of hyperlinks.

We offer here new commands for helping using this feature:

\AP declares an anchor point at the left of the current column, at the height of the current line. If the configuration option visible anchor points is set (and this is the case by default), a mark will show the precise location of the target. Be careful: it does not work in some situations, like for instance inside the optional argument of an \item command (but this is ok elsewhere in an itemize environment), or inside a some macros in mathmode (e.g. fractions). In the particular case of \item, one should use instead:

\itemAP Similar to \AP, but to be used instead of an \item.

Usually putting an \AP (a standard command of the hyperref) at the beginning of every paragraph, and replacing \item by \itemAP in itemize-like environments is most of the time good and safe option.

For instance:

```
\AP
In order to describe what is a \kl{monoid}, let us us first define a \intro{product} to be an associative binary operator, and a \intro{unit} to be [...]
\begin{description}
\itemAP[A \intro{semigroup}] is a set equipped with a \kl{product}.
\itemAP[A \intro{monoid}] is a \kl{semigroup} that has a \kl{unit}.
\end{description}
```

yields

- In order to describe what is a monoid, let us us first define a product to be an associative binary operator, and a unit to be /.../
- A semigroup is a set equipped with a product.
- **A monoid** is a semigroup that has a unit.

One can check that the different knowledges are properly hyperlinked, and that precise targets are the one described by \AP and \itemAP. For helping debugging the anchor points, these are by default made visible as (red) corners on output. When the knowledge package is loaded with the paper option this graphical help disappears. This can also be deactivated using:

```
\knowledgeconfigure{visible anchor points=false}.
```

The color of anchor points can be changed using (in which colors are defined as in the package xcolor):

```
\knowledgeconfigure{anchor point color=color}, or \knowledgeconfigure{AP color=color}.
```

The shape of anchor points can be changed using (in which shape can be one of tiny corner, small corner, corner, large corner, tiny cross, small cross, cross, large cross, or some code to be used in the picture environment):

```
\knowledgeconfigure{anchor point shape=shape}, or \knowledgeconfigure{AP shape=shape}.
```

Finally, the anchor points reference point can be shifted, using:

```
\knowledgeconfigure{anchor point shift=\{x,y\}, or \knowledgeconfigure{AP shift=\{x,y\}\},
```

in which x and y are by default in unit em (note the use of curly braces and of no parenthesis, which is mandatory).

### 3.8.3 The makeidx option

Activating the makeidx option The makeidx option loads the makeidx package and triggers a certain number of link-related features. This is done either by the command:

```
\usepackage[makeidx]{knowledge}
```

or by loading the makeidx before the knowledge package.

**Features** When activated, it becomes possible to trigger the \index command when a \kl command is used. The following directives are to be used:

- index= is the text typeset in the index. It uses the standard syntax of the \index
  command. By default, it is the knowledge name itself. You can use the full
  syntax of \index in it, i.e. using '!' and '@'.
- index key= takes as argument the index key: a text that is used for identifying the index entry (usually an accent free version of it). You can use '!' in it, as long as it does not clash with index= in order to avoid clashes.
- index parent key= makes the index entry be a subentry of the given main index entry (a replacement of '!'). Once more, it should not clash with index= and index key=.
- index style= is followed by a token (without the scape character) that will be
   used for displaying the number (e.g. index style=textbf). Usually, this
   is to be used in order to typeset in a particular manner the knowledges in
   the index when introduced. Thus, by default, the \intro, \reintro and
   \phantomintro command use the command \knowledgeIntroIndexStyle.
   Hence, you can use for instance:

```
\def\knowledgeIntroIndexStyle#1{\fbox{#1}}
```

The directive no index, deactivates the index feature for a knowledge. This is meant to be used in a style. For instance

result in that the introductions of 'test' will be gathered in the index, but not the other uses.

## 3.8.4 The cleveref option

The cleveref option loads the cleveref package and gives access to new commands: \kcref, \kCref, \kcpageref, \kcpageref, \knameCref, \knameCref, \knameCref, \knameCref, \cpageref, \cpageref, \cpageref, \nameCref and \nameCref of the cleveref package, but applied to the label corresponding to the knowledge (see the documentation of cleveref for more details). These commands are variants of \kl and hence are subject to the same syntax.

For instance,

"Anchor points" have been described in \kCref{anchor point}, Page \kpageref{anchor point}.

would typeset as

Anchor points have been introduced in Section 3.8.2, Page 41.

## 3.9 Dealing with math

There are essentially two ways in which one would like to use knowledge with mathematics:

Single introduction Some mathematical objects are introduced once and for all in the paper. In this case, all the use of the object should point to the same introduction location. This way of doing is covered intensively in the

Variables The more advanced case is when one wants to track variables. For instance, a macro variable \x could have a different meaning in two distinct theorems. This case is more similar to variables in a programming language, that have a scope. Here the situation is slightly more complicated since a variable could be introduced in a theorem, and then used many pages later in a proof section for instance. This is doable with the package, using scoping, but is not described yet in the documentation.

### 3.9.1 Defining knowledge-aware macros

It is possible to use the \kl command inside, and in math mode (however, the quotation notation should really be avoided). Nevertheless, this may cause problematic results in various situations. For this reason, specialized tools are offered.

In this first section, we describe the simplest way to define macros that are linked to knowledge. This covers almost all situations, as long as one is not interested in having the knowledge dependant of the parameters of the macro. In the subsequent sections, some more explanations are given covering the case of parameters.

The use through an example Let us define the  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  command representing the floor rounding of x, and use it in  $\lfloor 1.5 \rfloor$ . This is achieved by first defining a macro \floor (for instance in the preamble):

\AP Let us define the  $\pi^* \$  command representing the floor rounding of \$x\$, and use it in  $\frac{1.5}{s}$ .

There, we used a special command, \knowledgenewrobustcmd, which is similar to the \newrobustcmd<sup>5</sup> and at the same time introduces a knowledge for the macro name (defined using the directive automatic in command). It sets the contexts such that \cmdkl implements the code for using this knowledge. It is somehow similar to:

but is shorter to write and also corrects some bugs of this direct implementation<sup>6</sup>. As explained above, the \knowledge command is implicit when defining such macros. The knowledge name is the macro name itself, and the directive used is automatic in command. Hence, you can modify the behavior by redefining the directive:

```
\knowledgedirective*{automatic in command}{...}
```

Defining new commands We have used \knowledgenewrobustcmd in the above example. In fact, several commands are available for defining such knowledge-enhanced macros. Each of them corresponds to a normal command (from IATEX, or xparse, or mathcommand), prefixed with 'knowledge' or 'Knowledge'. The behavior of these commands is identical to the original ones, and furthemore activates the ability to use \cmdkl. (Note that it is forbidden for your macro to absorb anything more than the parameters described during its definition.) The commands

```
\knowledgerenewcommand,
\knowledgenewrobustcmd, and
\knowledgenewcommand<sup>7</sup>,
```

correspond to  $\mbox{newcommand}$ ,  $\mbox{newrobustcmd}$  (from etoolbox) respectively. The commands

```
\KnowledgeNewDocumentCommand, \KnowledgeRenewDocumentCommand,
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>It has the same syntax as **\newcommand** and should always be used instead as far as a good reason for not to do it is given.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>For instance, with this wrong implementation, \intro\*\floor x would display in \intro aspect the '\lfloor' symbol but not the '\rfloor' one.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>You should always prefer \knowledgenewrobustcmd instead. It is just here for completeness.

```
\KnowledgeProvideDocumentCommand, and \KnowledgeDeclareDocumentCommand
```

extend the corresponding commands from the xparse package (it offers more complete possibilities to define the signature of macros, and do it in a cleaner and more systematic way).

Finally, the commands of the mathcommand package (see Section 3.9.3) are also extended (provided it has been loaded before the package knowledge), yielding:

```
\knowledgedeclarecommand,
\knowledgenewmathcommand,
\knowledgenewtextcommand,
\knowledgerenewmathcommand,
\knowledgerenewtextcommand,
\knowledgedeclaremathcommand,
\knowledgedeclaretextcommand,
\KnowledgeNewDocumentMathCommand,
\KnowledgeNewDocumentTextCommand,
\KnowledgeRenewDocumentMathCommand,
\KnowledgeRenewDocumentTextCommand,
\KnowledgeProvideDocumentMathCommand,
\KnowledgeProvideDocumentTextCommand,
\KnowledgeDeclareDocumentMathCommand,
\KnowledgeDeclareDocumentTextCommand,
\knowledgenewcommandPIE,
\knowledgerenewcommandPIE,
\knowledgedeclarecommandPIE,
\knowledgenewmathcommandPIE,
\knowledgerenewmathcommandPIE,
\knowledgedeclaremathcommandPIE,
\KnowledgeNewDocumentCommandPIE,
\KnowledgeRenewDocumentCommandPIE,
\KnowledgeDeclareDocumentCommandPIE,
\KnowledgeProvideDocumentCommandPIE,
\KnowledgeNewDocumentMathCommandPIE,
\KnowledgeRenewDocumentMathCommandPIE,
\KnowledgeDeclareDocumentMathCommandPIE, and
\KnowledgeProvideDocumentMathCommandPIE.
```

## 3.9.2 The combination \withkl/\cmdkl

In fact, inside commands like \knowledgenewrobustcmd, the command \withkl is used. It has to be used in combination with \cmdkl:

```
\withkl{\kl-like command}{...\cmdkl{A}...\cmdkl{B}...}
```

Inside the right argument of \withkl, \cmdkl stands for a shorthand for the \kl-like command, with the following specificities: the modifiers used before

the \withkl are absorbed and reinjected for each use of \cmdkl. Furthermore, all the uses of \cmdkl, but the first one, get to be preceded of the \r-ekl\* modifier, which transformes in particular \intro into \reintro. Hence, \intro\*\withkl{\kl[example]}{...\cmdkl{A}...\cmdkl{B}...} gets to be evaluated as ...\intro[example]{A}...\reintro[example]{B}...

An example of use of this technique is if we want knowledges aware of the parameters of a macro. Imagine that you use the norms 1 and 2 of a function:

Now, the norm 1 and the norm 2 can be defined in different places since knowledge is specific to each case.

```
\AP The norm $1$ of a function $f$ is denoted $\intro*\norm1f$.

[...]
\AP The norm $2$ of a function $f$ is denoted $\intro*\norm2f$.

[...]

Here, $\norm1g$ and $\norm2h$ link to the proper place, while
$\norm3g$ is an undefined knowledge.
```

### 3.9.3 Defining macros for math: the mathcommand package

Defining macros is standard in TeX, and it should be used systematically when writing scientific documents. This is particularly true when using the knowledge package. The standard way in LATeX for defining macros is to use \newcommand. However, the resulting macro, if it has no optional parameters, is then expandable, and it is better to avoid it using instead \newrobustcmd from the etoolbox package (it has the same syntax). Generally speaking, the xparse package, which gives easier syntax for describing commands, possibly with more complex parameter templates, should be preferred.

Another package, mathcommand, has been designed to be used in conjunction with knowledge<sup>8</sup>. We shall use it in the advanced examples below. It allows:

- to define/redefine commands to be used in math mode only. This allows for instance to use the macro \c for producing as usual a cedilla in text mode, and at the same time some variable c in math mode. This is achieved using for instance: \renewmathcommand\c{\mathbf{c}}.
- When redefining a command, it automatically stores the original command  $\mbox{\sc harmonic}$  as  $\mbox{\sc harmonic}$  as  $\mbox{\sc harmonic}$  and have it linked, one can use:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Note that all the commands for defining macros also exist in a knowledge-compatible form (see Section 3.9.1)

```
\renewmathcommand\pi{\kl[\pi]{\LaTeXpi}}
\knowledge\pi{notion}
[...]
\AP Let $\intro*\pi=3.1415$.
[...]
Now $\pi$ points to the above sentence.
```

This code works because a different name \LaTeXpi stores the original macro. Using \pi instead would yield an infinite loop. Even better is to use the knowledge-aware version:

## \knowledgerenewmathcommand\pi{\cmdkl{\LaTeXpi}}

- The package also gives access to the exponents and indices as well as primes that follow a command (see the documentation).
- It also has some facilities for disabling LATEX commands and provide suggestions of replacement (useful for remembering the macros and working with colleagues).
- Finally, it offers some commodity for redefining many variables in one command. E.g. for defining \calA, \calB,...to be shortcuts for \cal{A}, \cal{B},...:

```
\LoopCommands{ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ}[cal#1] {\newmathcommand#2{\cal{#1}}}
```

## 3.9.4 Mathematical objects that are singly introduced

In this case, this is essentially as in text mode. Five points have to be kept in mind:

- Do not use the quotation notation in math mode and in macros. Indeed, some packages, like tikzcd use the double-quote symbol in their (math) syntax. In this context, quotes have to be deactivated, and hence macros that would use the quotation notation would suddenly not have the expected result.
- Do not mix the knowledge concerning math commands and normal text. It is in practice difficult to maintain.
- Use the control sequence of the macro itself as the knowledge name. This does not cause problems and is easier to maintain. This is automatically done when commands such as \knowledgenewrobustcmd are used.
- Use the \intro\* notation for introducing macros.

• The surrounding typography may be broken when using the command \- kl, or \cmdkl (if someone knows how to solve that, please contact me). Commands such as \mathrel should be used to recover it.

These five points are illustrated in the following code:

```
\knowledgenewrobustcmd\comp{\mathrel{\cmdkl{\circ}}}
[...]
\AP Composition is denoted $\intro*\comp$.
[...]
Now, each use of $\comp$ points to its introduction.
```

Two variation may be comfortable to use.

**Disabling commands** When writing a paper, in particular with coauthors, one may be tempted to not always use the macros designed for each case. For helping to remember the macro, one can use instead (using the mathcommand package):

```
\disablecommand\circ
\suggestcommand\circ{Use instead \comp for function composition.}
\knowledgenewrobustcmd\comp{\cmdkl{\LaTeXcirc}}
```

The result is that if one uses \circ in the code, an error will be issued, and \comp will be suggested as a replacement. Note that more than one suggestions can be attached to the macro (if several macros use the symbol \comp with different meanings). Note also that in the definition of \comp, \LaTeXcirc is used instead of \circ. Indeed, \circ has been deactivated, but \LaTeXcirc gives access to its original meaning.

Redefining the original TeX macro Another situation is that one would like to use the \circ control sequence for accessing our function instead of \comp-(simply because this is more convenient and easy to remember, and we know in advance that no confusion may arise). In this case, the mathcommand package can also be of some help:

```
\knowledgerenewmathcommand\circ{\mathrel{\cmdkl{\LaTeXcirc}}}
[...]
\AP Let $g\intro*\circ f$ denote the composition of functions.
[...]
Now, each use of $\circ$ points to its introduction.
```

The effect of \knowledgerenewmathcommand is that it sets \LaTeXcirc to have the same effect as the original \circ command, and then redefines \circ.

### 3.9.5 Context dependent variables

This section is not yet written.

## 3.10 Predefined configuration

### 3.10.1 The notion directive

The configuration option notion is activated using:

```
\knowledgeconfigure{notion}
```

It automatically configures a directive **notion** which is an **autoref** configured to be displayed in a configurable way:

- In paper mode, the \intro commands (not in math mode) are emphasized, while the \kl commands are displayed as normal. It has the aspect of a normal paper.
- In electronic mode and composition mode (with the xcolor package), notions are furthermore typeset in blue when introduced, and in dark blue when used. Without the xcolor package, underlining draw the attention to the knowledges (not in math mode).

The behavior of the notion directive is to activate autoref, and to configure the following two styles:

- the style notion is used for normal use,
- the style intro notion is used for introduction.

A typical document using notion could start by the following commands:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{xcolor}
\usepackage{hyperref}
\usepackage[electronic]{knowledge}
\knowledgeconfigure{notion}
[...]
\knowledge{some text}{notion}
```

Then the paper is displayed in a colorful way.

### 3.11 Fixes

In this section, we present some fixes that have been added to help the user solve problems.

**Hyperref and twocolumn** It happens that the hyperref and two-column mode together may yield a fatal error. This happens when a link spans across the boundary between two pages. This is an issue which is not related to the knowledge package, but becomes severely more annoying when more links have to be used. A workaround can be tried by using using

```
\knowledgeconfigure{fix hyperref twocolumn}.
```

I do not know to which extend it is compatible with various classes...

## 4 Some questions and some answers

## 4.1 How to compile?

As usual with IATEX, a certain number of compilation phases are necessary for reaching a document in final form. The problematic point is of course the use of labels, and in particular the \intro command. When it is used, and all the \knowledge commands are in the preamble, then two phases are necessary. When \knowledge commands are used in the body of the documents, then one extra phase is required, meaning three with autoref definitions. This is also the case when scoping is used.

## 4.2 Problem with \item parameters

The use of \AP inside the optional parameter of \item does not work. Do not use \AP inside the optional argument of \item, and rather use the command \itemAP.

Argument of \kl has an extra '}'. This is a problem of using optional parameters inside optional parameters such as in \item[\kl[test]{Test}]]. You can surround the content of the optional parameter by two level of curly braces as in \item[{{\kl[test]{Test}}}]]. The notation "···" does not have this issue.

# 4.3 Knowledges and moving arguments (table of contents, ...).

The use of \kl does not work in (e.g.) the table of content. When the knowledge name contains expandable macros, or accentuated letters, then these are not copied in the table of content as the exact same text, but are expanded/translated. Thus, when the table of content is displayed, the \kl command complains of not knowing the knowledge. For instance<sup>9</sup>:

will result in that both knowledges are considered unknown in the table of contents. For the first one, this is due to the expansion of \Ltwo. For the second, this is due to an implicit translation of the accentuated letter into an internal sequence of commands (for instance 'é' is translated into the internal sequence '\leC {\'e}'). Some solutions are as follows:

• Make the macros non-expandable, for instance using \newrobustcmd (of the etoolbox package) or \NewDocumentCommand (of the xparse package, with a different handling of arguments) instead of \newcommand. Hence:

• Using an equivalent text that does not have the problem:

```
\knowledge{\'etale topology}{link=étale topology}
[...]
\section{On the \kl{\'etale topology}}
```

• Both problems can be solved using synonyms/links that have no problem. For instance:

```
\knowledge{Ltwo-space} { link=\Ltwo-space} 
  \knowledge{etale topology} { link=étale topology} 
  [...] 
  \section{On \kl[Ltwo-space] {\Ltwo-spaces}} 
  \section{On the \kl[etale topology] { étale topology}}
```

• Other solutions? None so far. I am trying to systematize the treatment of these problems.

Using \intro in a section title causes introducing the knowledge twice. Do not use \intro in titles, but rather \reintro. If you want the section to be the target of the knowledge, then put after the section a \pantomintro command.

## 4.4 Problems with tikzcd and other issues with the quotation notation

The package tikzcd uses (heavily) the quotes. Thus, it conflicts with the quotation notation. Some other packages may do the same. For solving this issue, the only things to do are:

- be sure to load these packages before knowledge, or at least be sure that the quotation notation is not active when you do so, and
- to temporarily deactivate the quotation notation when in a context where the package may use the quotes.

This can be done either explicitly using before each figure:

```
\knowledgeconfigure{quotation=false}
```

and after the figure:

## \knowledgeconfigure{quotation}

Another possibility is to force some environment to deactivate systematically the quotation notation when used. For instance

```
\knowledgeconfigure{protect quotation={tikzcd}}
```

will deactivate the quotation notation in all the tikzcd environments.

## 4.5 Problems with amsmath

The \intro command does not work in align\* or similar environments. It happens that in stared environment (i.e., unnumbered), the package amsmath deactivates the labels. As a consequence the command \intro, which internally uses \label (at least so far), does not work. For the moment, there is no real solution, but a workaround which consists in introducing the knowledge before the incriminated environment using \phantomsection, and then use \reintro inside the environment. Imagine for instance a command \SomeCommand, that inside uses \kl[\Somecommand], then:

does not work works

\begin{align\*} \phantomintro\SomeCommand \begin{align\*} \reintro\*\SomeCommand \reintro\*\SomeCommand \reintro\*\SomeCommand \reintro\*\SomeCommand \reintfalign\*}

## 4.6 Hyperref complains

A fatal error occurs in twocolumn mode. A workaround is to use \knowledgeconfigure{fix hyperref twocolumn}.

## 4.7 Name clash (eg with the complexity package)

It may happen that an already defined command is redefined by the knowledge package. This happens in particular wen used in combination with the complexity package: both packages try to define the command \AP. For complexity, this denotes a complexity class, and for knowledge, it is an anchor point. The problem has to be resolved by hand. The two following solutions are quick hacks:

```
\usepackage{complexity} \usepackage[...]{knowledge} \let\compAP\AP \let\kAP\AP \let\AP \undefined \usepackage[...]{knowledge} \usepackage{complexity} \text{for using \AP from knowledge, and \compAP for complexity, and \kAP for knowledge.} \usepackage{complexity, and \kAP for knowledge.}
```

## 4.8 Incorrect display

## 4.8.1 Incorrect breaking at the end of lines (in arXiv for instance)

It may happen that some hyperlinks generated by knowledge are not broken properly at the end of lines. This is an issue with the hyperref package. This happens in particular for files compiled by the arXiv system while the file on the local computer was not having any problem. A workaround is to use the breaklinks option of hyperref. If you need this for arXiv, then you also have to force the use of \pdflatex (because the breaklinks option does not work if compiled via the ancestral sequence TEX $\rightarrow$ DVI $\rightarrow$ PS $\rightarrow$ PDF). This can be obtained by adding \pdfoutput=1 within the five first lines of the preamble.

The preamble thus looks like:

```
\documentclass{[...]}
\pdfoutput=1
[...]
\usepackage[breaklinks]{hyperref}
[...]
\usepackage{knowledge}
[...]
```

## 4.9 Display errors in pdf output, in particular arXiv

Again, try in the preamble:

```
\pdfoutput=1
```

### 4.9.1 Red boxes around links

This is an annoying feature of the hyperref package to surround all links by red boxes (that may appear or not depending on the viewer). This is very heavy in document with many links. By default, this is deactivated when using the knowledge, unless the no patch option is used when loading the package. When the no patch option is used, the same effect can nevertheless be obtain, eg using \hypersetup{hidelinks}.

### 4.9.2 Incorrect color for links in paper mode (e.g. red in with acmart)

Some classes, like acmart, change the default color of the hyperlinks of hyperref. Since knowledge does not apply any color to the links in paper mode, this unexpected color appears. The black color of the paper mode can be forced by using:

```
\IfKnowledgePaperMode
\knowledgestyle{kl}{color=black}
\knowledgestyle{notion}{color=black}
\fi
```

### 4.9.3 Unexepected color in margin paragraph

This is a problem of the combination of the package xcolor with \marginpar: when a colored text gets to be broken into separated lines and the \marginpar be inserted at this place, the colors leaks in to the margin text. It is independent of knowledge, but is more likely to occur when colors are often used. A correction is to force going the use of color black whenever inside a \marginpar. For instance:

```
\let\LaTeXmarginpar\marginpar
\def\marginpar#1{\LaTeXmarginpar{\textcolor{black}{#1}}}
```

## 4.10 Problems with scope

## 4.10.1 Problems in combination with \bibitem and thebibliography

The scope option of the package triggers some analysis of the code, and restrains the structure of the code (in particular, this is because scopes have to be nested, and thus some not so well nested parts of LATEX yield errors). In particular, the scope option does not allow to have a \section command inside a list. However, this is what does the environment thebibliography, yielding a scoping error.

A simple hack to treat this situation:

```
\let\section\SUPERsection
\begin{thebibliography}
\bibitem...
[...]
\end{thebibliography}
\let\section\NEWsection
```

The result is to revert to the original version of the macro \section, which does not make any structural test, and then reactivate the modified version of the command.

Another solution is to reconfigure the environment thebibliography using in the preamble:

```
\ScopeConfigure{thebibliography}
{push code=\let\section\SUPERsection,
pop code=\let\section\NEWsection}
```

## 4.11 Editors

### 4.11.1 Emacs editor and quotes

The AucTex mode in Emacs binds the quote symbol to other characters, cycling through '', ", and "". This is not convenient when using the knowledge package. This behavior can be deactivated temporarily using:

```
M-x local-unset-key RET " RET
or definitively using:
    (defun my-hook () (local-unset-key "\""))
     (add-hook 'LaTeX-mode-hook 'my-hook)
```

Alternatively, this can be changed so as to cycle through ", '', and "", which is slightly more convenient than the default. This is achieved by customizing TeX-quote-after-quote:

M-x customize-set-variable RET TeX-quote-after-quote RET y

## 4.12 Others

If other kind of problems occur, report them to thomas.colcombet@irif.fr.

## 5 Resources

## 5.1 List of commands

```
\AP introduces an anchor point.
```

\intro searches for a knowledge and put an anchor to it (to be used with the autoref directive).

\kcref, \kCpageref, \kCpageref, \knameCref, \knameCref
and \knameCref display some information concerning the place of introduction of a knowledge as the \cref, \Cref, \cpageref, \Cpageref, \namecref, \nameCref, \nameCref and \nameCref commands of the cleveref
package.

\kl searches for a knowledge and displays it accordingly.

\knowledge defines new knowledges.

\knowledgeconfigure configures the package.

\knowledgedirective defines a new directive.

\knowledgedefault declares the default directives to be automatically used in \knowledge commands.

\knowledgeimport gives access to knowledges existing in other scopes.

\knowledgenewvariant defines a new variant of \kl.

\knowledgesetvariant configures a variant of \kl.

\knowledgestyle defines a new style.

\knowledgevariantmodifier declares a meaning of \* in variants of \kl.

\kpageref displays the page number of a reference,

\kref displays the number associated to a reference introduction.

\nointro declares that the knowledge will never be introduced (does not work properly yet).

\phantomintro performs an invisible \intro.

\reintro uses the display style of \intro without introducing an anchor.

## 5.2 List of environments

```
export (not implemented) requires exportation of the content.
import (not implemented) declares external resources.
scope Defines a scope in which knowledges are internal.
```

## 5.3 List of directives (to use with \knowledge)

```
autoref Activates the \intro feature.
autoref link activates an hyperlink to the target.
autoref target puts a target for a hyperlink.
autorefhere creates an anchor point that points to the \knowledge command
(Requires the hyperref option).
boldface Displays the knowledge in boldface.
color= Displays the knowledge is the given color (resquires xcolor).
colorbox= Displays the knowledge in a box of the given color (requires xcolor).
```

```
cyclic color Displays in a color among a cyclic list (requires xcolor).
detokenize Avoids evaluation of the text.
emphasize Emphasizes the displayed output.
ensuretext Guarantees that the output will be displayed in text mode.
ensuremath Guarantees that the output will be displayed in math mode.
export= (not implemented)
invisible= no display
italic= displays in italic
fbox Surround the text with a box.
md Removes boldface typesetting.
notion
index= Chooses the text to be displayed in the index=.
index key= the key used to choose the place in the index.
index style= the style to be used to display in the index.
index parent key = the parent key in the index.
intro style= Chooses the typesetting in case of an intro.
italic Typesets the output in italic.
link= Follow with the search the linked knowledge.
link scope= Follow the search in the corresponding scope, using the same key,
     or the one provided by link= if present.
lowercase Put all letters of the output in lowercase.
mathord, mathop, mathbin, mathrel, mathopen, mathclose, mathpunct Selects a
     spacing behaviour in math mode.
no index avoids the indexing of the term.
protect link Disables the hyperlinks inside the link.
ref= Links to a label inside the document.
scope = Choose the scope of the definition.
smallcaps Forces the use of small capitals.
style= Links to a style.
synonym Is a synonym of the lastly defined knowledge.
text= Changes the output text.
remove space removes the spaces from the input
typewriter Typeset in as with \texttt.
underline Underlines the text.
up Removes italic typesetting.
uppercase Put all letters of the output in uppercase.
url= An url to point to (uses the hyperref).
wrap= A macro used to process the displayed text.
```

## 5.4 List of configuration directives

The following directives can be used as options when loading the package, or later using \knowledgeconfigure.

```
anchor point color=color changes the color of anchor point,
anchor point shape=shape changes the shape of anchor points, in which shape
can be tiny corner, small corner, corner, large corner, tiny cross,
```

small cross, cross, large cross, or some code to be execute in the picture environment,

anchor point shift= $\{x,y\}$  shifts the anchor point (in em unit),

diagnose bar={true,false} activates the '|'-notation in the diagnose file (default is false)

composition switches to composition mode,

cyclic colors= fixes the cyclic list of colors used by the directive cyclic color. diagnose line={true,false} activates or deactivates the line numbering in the diagnose file.

electronic switches to electronic mode.

fix hyperref twocolumn fixes a known problem between hyperref and the two column mode.

hyperlinks={true,false} activates or deactivates the hyperlinks.

no patch deactivates the default patches made to other packages.

notion activates the notion directive.

paper switches to paper mode.

label scope={true,false} enables or disables the redefined \label command, which helps automatically define scopes (default is true).

protect link and unprotect link starts and ends respectively a zone in which the knowledge package does not create hyperlinks.

protect quotation={environment list} declares a list of environment in which the quotation notation should be deactivated.

quotation={true,false} activates or deactivates the quotation notation.

silent is a Boolean option which, when activated, switches off all warnings during the compilation, but the recap ones at the end.

strict is a Boolean which, when true, makes the compilation more restrictive by turning some of the warnings into errors (in particular in case of redefinition of knowledges).

visible anchor points={true,false} makes the anchor points either visible or invisible.

## List of default styles

intro

kl unknown, kl unknown cont intro unknown, intro unknown cont notion (if notion is activated) intro notion (if notion is activated)