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1.2h (2016/11/20)

Improvements and new features

- new macro `\xintNewFunction` in **xintexpr** which allows to extend the parser syntax with functions in situations where `\xintdeffunc` is not usable (typically, because dummy variables are used over a not yet determined range of values because it depends on the variables).
- after three years of strict obedience to `xint` prefix, now `\thexintexpr`, `\thexintiexpr`, `\thexintfloatexpr`, and `\thexintiexpr` are provided as synonyms to `\xinttheexpr`, etc...

Bug fixes

- the `(cond)?{foo}{bar}` operator from **xintexpr** mis-behaved in certain circumstances (such as an empty `foo`).
- the **xintexpr** 1.2f binomial function (which uses `\xintiiBinomial` from **xint.sty** or `\xintFloatBinomial` from **xintfrac.sty**) deliberately raised an error for `binomial(x,y)` with $y < 0$ or $x < y$. This was unfortunate, and it now simply evaluates to zero in such cases.
- similarly the `pfactorial` function was very strict and `pfactorial(x,y)` deliberately raised an out-of-range error if not used with non-negative integers with x less than y . It now avoids doing that and allows negative arguments.
- the `add` and `mul` from **xintexpr**, which work with dummy variables since 1.1, raised an error since 1.2c 2015/11/16 when the dummy variable was given an empty range (or list) of values, rather than producing respectively 0 and 1 as formerly.

1.2g (2016/03/19)

Incompatible changes

- inside expressions, list item selector `[L][n]` counts starting at zero, not at one. This is more coherent with `[L][a:b]` which was already exactly like in Python since its introduction. A function `len(L)` replaces earlier `[L][0]`.
- former `iter` keyword now called `iterr`. Indeed it matched with `rrseq`, the new `iter` (which was somehow missing from 1.1) is the one matching `rseq`. Allows to iterate more easily with a “list” variable.

Improvements and new features

- in **xintexpr.sty**: list selectors `[L][n]` and `[L][a:b]` are more efficient: the earlier 1.1 routines did back and forth conversions from comma separated values to braced tokens, the 1.2g routines use macros from **xinttools.sty** handling directly the encountered lists of comma separated values.
- in **xinttools.sty**: slight improvements in the efficiency of the `\xintNthElt`, `\xintKeep`, `\xintTrim` routines and new routines handling directly comma separated values. The latter are not included in the user manual (they are not `\long`, they don't make efforts to preserve some braces, do not worry about spaces, all those worries being irrelevant to the use in expressions for list selectors).
- a slight speed improvement to `\xintFloatSqrt` in its quest of correct rounding.
- float multiplication and division handle more swiftly operands (non-fractional) with few digits, when the float precision is large.
- the syntax of expressions is described in a devoted chapter of the documentation; an example shows how to implement (expandably) the Brent-Salamin algorithm for computation of Pi using `iter` in a float expression.

1.2f (2016/03/12)

Incompatible changes

- no more `\xintFac` macro but `\xintiFac`/`\xintiiFac`/`\xintFloatFac`.

Bug fixes

- squaring macro `\xintSqr` from **xintfrac.sty** was broken due to a misspelled sub-macro name. Dates back to 1.1 release of 2014/10/28 :-((.
- 1.2c's fix to the subtraction bug from 1.2 introduced another bug, which in some cases could create leading zeroes in the output, or even worse. This could invalidate other routines using subtractions, like `\xintiisquareRoot`.
- the comparison operators were not recognized by `\xintNewIIExpr` and `\xintdefiifunc` constructs.

Improvements and new features

- functions `binomial`, `pfactorial` and `factorial` in both integer and float versions.
- macros `\xintiiBinomial`, `\xintiiPFactorial` (**xint.sty**) and `\xintFloatBinomial`, `\xintFloatPFactorial` (**xintfrac.sty**). Improvements to `\xintFloatFac`.
- faster implementation and increased accuracy of float power macros. Half-integer exponents are now accepted inside float expressions.
- faster implementation of both integral and float square root macros.
- the float square root achieves *correct* (aka *exact*) rounding in arbitrary precision.
- modified behaviour for the `\xintPFloat` macro, used by `\xintthefloatexpr` to prettify its output. It now opts for decimal notation if and only if scientific notation would use an exponent between -5 and 5 inclusive. The zero value is printed 0. with a dot.
- the float macros for addition, subtraction, multiplication, division now first round their two operands to P, not P+2, significant places before doing the actual computation (P being the target precision). The same applies to the power macros and to the square root macro.
- the documentation offers a more precise (and accurate) discussion of floating point issues.
- various under-the-hood code improvements; the floatexpr operations are chained in a faster way, from skipping some unneeded parsing on results of earlier computations. The absence of a real inner data structure for floats (incorporating their precisions, for one) is however still a bit hair raising: currently the lengths of the mantissas of the operands are computed again by each float macro or expression operation.
- (TeXperts only) the macros defined (internally) from `\xintdeffunc` et al. constructs do not incorporate an initial `\romannumeral` anymore.
- renewed desperate efforts at improving the documentation by random shuffling of sections and well thought additions; cuts were considered and even performed.

1.2e (2015/11/22)

Bug fixes

- in **xintfrac**: the `\xintFloatFac` from release 1.2 parsed its argument only through `\numexpr` but it should have used `\xintNum`.
- in **xintexpr**: release 1.2d had broken the recognition of sub-expressions immediately after variable names (with tacit multiplication).
- in **xintexpr**: contrarily to what 1.2d documentation said, tacit multiplication was not yet always done with enhanced precedence. Now yes.

Improvements and new features

- macro `\xintunassignvar`.
- slight modifications of the logged messages in case of `\xintverbosettrue`.
- a space in `\xintdeffunc f(x)<space>:= expression ;` is now accepted.
- documentation enhancements: the *Quick Sort* section with its included code samples has been entirely re-written; the *Commands of the xintexpr package* section has been extended and reviewed entirely.

1.2d (2015/11/18)

Bug fixes

- in **xintcore**: release 1.2c had inadvertently broken the `\xintiDivRound` macro.

Improvements and new features

- the function definitions done by `\xintdeffunc` et al., as well as the macro declarations by `\xintNewExpr` et al. now have only local scope.
- tacit multiplication applies to more cases, for example $(x+y)z$, and always ties more than standard `*` infix operator, e.g. $x/2y$ is like $x/(2*y)$.
- some documentation enhancements, particularly in the chapter on `xintexpr.sty`, and also in the code source comments.

1.2c (2015/11/16)

Bug fixes

- in **xintcore**: recent release 1.2 introduced a bug in the subtraction (happened when 00000001 was found under certain circumstances at certain mod 8 locations).

Improvements and new features

- macros `\xintdeffunc`, `\xintdefiifunc`, `\xintdeffloatfunc` and boolean `\ifxintverbose`.
- on-going code improvements and documentation enhancements, but stopped in order to issue this bugfix release.

1.2b (2015/10/29)

Bug fixes

- in **xintcore**: recent release 1.2 introduced a bug in the division macros, causing a crash when the divisor started with 99999999 (it was attempted to use with $1+99999999$ a subroutine expecting only 8-digits numbers).

1.2a (2015/10/19)

Bug fixes

- in **xintexpr**: recent release 1.2 introduced a bad bug in the parsing of decimal numbers and as a result `\xinttheexpr 0.01\relax` expanded to 0 ! (sigh...)

Improvements and new features

- added `\xintKeepUnbraced`, `\xintTrimUnbraced` (**xinttools**) and fixed documentation of `\xintKeep` and `\xintTrim` regarding brace stripping.
- added `\xintiiMaxof/\xintiiMinof` (**xint**).
- TeX hackers only: replaced all code uses of `\romannumeral-`0` by the quicker `\romannumeral`&&@` (^ being used as letter, had to find another character usable with catcode 7).

1.2 (2015/10/10)

Improvements and new features

- the basic arithmetic implemented in **xintcore** has been entirely rewritten. The mathematics remains the elementary school one, but the TeX implementation achieves higher speed (except, regarding addition/subtraction, for numbers up to about thirty digits), the gains becoming quite significant for numbers with hundreds of digits.
- the inputs must have less than 19959 digits. But computations with thousands of digits take time.
- a previously standing limitation of `\xintexpr`, `\xintiiexpr`, and of `\xintfloatexpr` to numbers of less than 5000 digits has been lifted.
- a *qint* function is provided to help the parser gather huge integers in one-go, as an exception to its normal mode of operation which expands token by token.
- `\xintFloatFac` macro for computing the factorials of integers as floating point numbers to a given precision. The ! postfix operator inside `\xintfloatexpr` maps to this new macro rather than to the exact factorial as used by `\xintexpr` and `\xintiiexpr`.
- the macros `\xintAdd`, `\xintSub`, ..., now require package **xintfrac**. With only **xintcore** or **xint** loaded, one *must* use `\xintiiAdd`, `\xintiiSub`, ..., or `\xintiAdd`, `\xintiSub`, etc...
- there is more flexibility in the parsing done by the macros from **xintfrac** on fractional input: the decimal parts of both the numerator and the denominator may arise from a separate expansion via `\romannumeral-`0`. Also the strict A/B[N] format is a bit relaxed: N may be anything understood by `\numexpr` (it could even be empty but that possibility has been removed by later 1.2f release.)
- on the other hand an isolated dot . is not legal syntax anymore inside the expression parsers: there must be digits either before or after. It remains legal input for the macros of **xintfrac**.
- added `\ht`, `\dp`, `\wd`, `\fontcharht`, etc... to the tokens recognized by the parsers and expanded by `\number`.
- an obscure bug in package **xintkernel** has been fixed, regarding the sanitization of catcodes: under certain circumstances (which could not occur in a normal LaTeX context), unusual catcodes could end up being propagated to the external world.
- an effort at randomly shuffling around various pieces of the documentation has been done.

1.1c (2015/09/12)

- bugfix regarding macro `\xintAssign` from **xinttools** which did not behave correctly in some circumstances (if there was a space before `\to`, in particular).
- very minor code improvements, and correction of some issues regarding the source code formatting in `sourcexint.pdf`, and minor issues in `Makefile.mk`.

1.1b (2015/08/31)

- bugfix: some macros needed by the integer division routine from **xintcore** had been left in **xint.sty** since release 1.1. This for example broke the `\xintGCD` from **xintgcd** if package **xint** was not loaded.
- Slight enhancements to the documentation, particularly in the `Read this first` section.

1.1a (2014/11/07)

- fixed a bug which prevented `\xintNewExpr` from producing correctly working macros from a comma separated replacement text.
- `\xintiiSqrtR` for rounded integer square root; former `\xintiiSqrt` already produced truncated integer square root; corresponding function `sqrtr` added to `\xintiexpr..relax` syntax.
- use of straight quotes in the documentation for better legibility.
- added `\xintiiIsOne`, `\xintiiifOne`, `\xintiiifCmp`, `\xintiiifEq`, `\xintiiifGt`, `\xintiiifLt`, `\xintiiifOdd`, `\xintiiCmp`, `\xintiiEq`, `\xintiiGt`, `\xintiiLt`, `\xintiiLtorEq`, `\xintiiGtorEq`, `\xintiiNeq`, mainly for efficiency of `\xintiexpr`.
- for the same reason, added `\xintiiGCD` and `\xintiiLCM`.
- added the previously mentioned `ii` macros, and some others from 1.1, to the user manual. But their main usage is internal to `\xintiexpr`, to skip unnecessary overheads.
- various typographical fixes throughout the documentation, and a bit of clean up of the code comments. Improved `\Factors` example of nested `subs`, `rseq`, `iter` in `\xintiexpr`.

1.1 (2014/10/28)

- bug fixes**
- `\xintZapFirstSpaces` hence also `\xintZapSpaces` from package **xinttools** were buggy when used with an argument either empty or containing only space tokens.
 - `\xintiexpr` did not strip leading zeroes, hence `\xinttheiiexpr 001+1\relax` did not obtain the expected result ...
 - `\xinttheexpr \xintiexpr 1.23\relax\relax` should have produced 1, but it produced 1.23
 - the catcode of `;` was not set at package launching time.
 - the `\XINTinFloatPrd:csv` macro name had a typo, hence `prd` was non-functional in `\xintfloatexpr`.

- breaking changes**
- in `\xintiexpr`, `/` does *rounded* division, rather than the Euclidean division (for positive arguments, this is truncated division). The `//` operator does truncated division,
 - the `:` operator for three-way branching is gone, replaced with `??`,

- $1e(3+5)$ is now illegal. The number parser identifies e and E in the same way it does for the decimal mark, earlier versions treated e as E rather as infix operators of highest precedence,
- the `add` and `mul` have a new syntax, old syntax is with ``+`` and ``*`` (left quotes mandatory), `sum` and `prd` are gone,
- no more special treatment for encountered brace pairs `{. .}` by the number scanner, `a/b[N]` notation can be used without use of braces (the `N` will end up as is in a `\numexpr`, it is not parsed by the `\xintexpr`-ession scanner),
- although `&` and `|` are still available as Boolean operators the use of `&&` and `||` is strongly recommended. The single letter operators might be assigned some other meaning in later releases (bitwise operations, perhaps). Do not use them.
- in earlier releases, place holders for `\xintNewExpr` could either be denoted `#1`, `#2`, ... or also `$1`, `$2`, ... Only the usual `#` form is now accepted and the special cases previously treated via the second form are now managed via a `protect(...)` function.

novelties :

- new package **xintcore** has been split off **xint**. It contains the core arithmetic macros. It is loaded by package **bnumexpr**,
- neither **xint** nor **xintfrac** load **xinttools**. Only **xintexpr** does,
- whenever some portion of code has been revised, often use has been made of the `\xint_dothis` and `\xint_orthat` pair of macros for expandably branching,
- these tiny helpful macros, and a few others are in package **xintkernel** which contains also the catcode and loading order management code, initially inspired by code found in Heiko Oberdiek's packages,
- the source code, which was suppressed from `xint.pdf` in release 1.09n, is now compiled into a separate file `sourcexint.pdf`,
- faster handling by `\xintAdd`, `\xintSub`, `\xintMul`, ... of the case where one of the arguments is zero,
- the `\xintAdd` and `\xintSub` macros from package **xintfrac** check if one of the denominators is a multiple of the other, and only if this is not the case do they multiply the denominators. But systematic reduction would be too costly,
- this naturally will be also the case for the `+` and `-` operations in `\xintexpr`,
- macros `\xintiDivRound`, `\xintiDivTrunc` and `\xintiMod` for rounded and truncated division of big integers (now in **xintcore**), alongside the earlier `\xintiQuo` and `\xintiRem`,
- with **xintfrac** loaded, the `\xintNum` macro does `\xintTTrunc` (which is truncation to an integer, same as `\xintiTrunc {0}`),
- macro `\xintMod` in **xintfrac** for modulo operation with fractional numbers,
- `\xintiexpr`, `\xinttheiexpr` admit an optional argument within brackets `[d]`, they round the computation result (or results, if comma separated) to `d` digits after decimal mark, (the whole computation is done exactly, as in `\xintexpr`),
- `\xintfloatexpr`, `\xintthefloatexpr` similarly admit an optional argument which serves to keep only `d` digits of precision, getting rid of cumulated uncertainties in the last digits (the whole computation is done according to the precision set via `\xintDigits`),
- `\xinttheexpr` and `\xintthefloatexpr` *pretty-print* if possible, the former removing unit denominator or `[0]` brackets, the latter avoiding scientific notation if decimal notation is practical,

- the `//` does truncated division and `/:` is the associated modulo,
- multi-character operators `&&`, `||`, `==`, `<=`, `>=`, `!=`, `**`,
- multi-letter infix binary words `'and'`, `'or'`, `'xor'`, `'mod'` (straight quotes mandatory),
- functions `even`, `odd`,
- `\xintdefvar A3:=3.1415;` for variable definitions (non expandable, naturally), usable in subsequent expressions; variable names may contain letters, digits, underscores. They should not start with a digit, the `@` is reserved, and single lowercase and uppercase Latin letters are predefined to work as dummy variables (see next),
- generation of comma separated lists `a..b`, `a..[d]..b`,
- Python syntax-like list extractors `[list][n:]`, `[list][:n]`, `[list][a:b]` allowing negative indices, but no optional step argument, and `[list][n]` ($n=0$ for the number of items in the list),
- functions `first`, `last`, `reversed`,
- itemwise operations on comma separated lists `a*[list]`, etc., possible on both sides `a*[list]^b`, and obeying the same precedence rules as with numbers,
- `add` and `mul` must use a dummy variable: `add(x(x+1)(x-1), x=-10..10)`,
- variable substitutions with `subs`: `subs(subs(add(x^2+y^2,x=1..y),y=t),t=20)`,
- sequence generation using `seq` with a dummy variable: `seq(x^3, x=-10..10)`,
- simple recursive lists with `rseq`, with `@` given the last value, `rseq(1;2@+1,i=1..10)`,
- higher recursion with `rrseq`, `@1`, `@2`, `@3`, `@4`, and `@@n` for earlier values, up to $n=K$ where K is the number of terms of the initial stretch `rrseq(0,1;@1+@2,i=2..100)`,
- iteration with `iter` which is like `rrseq` but outputs only the last K terms, where K was the number of initial terms,
- inside `seq`, `rseq`, `rrseq`, `iter`, possibility to use `omit`, `abort` and `break` to control termination,
- `n++` potentially infinite index generation for `seq`, `rseq`, `rrseq`, and `iter`, it is advised to use `abort` or `break(..)` at some point,
- the `add`, `mul`, `seq`, ... are nestable,
- `\xintthecoords` converts a comma separated list of an even number of items to the format expected by the TikZ coordinates syntax,
- completely new version `\xintNewExpr`, protect function to handle external macros. The dollar sign `$` for place holders is not accepted anymore, only the standard macro parameter `#`. Not all constructs are compatible with `\xintNewExpr`.

1.09n (2014/04/01)

- the user manual does not include by default the source code anymore: the `\NoSourceCode` toggle in file `xint.tex` has to be set to 0 before compilation to get source code inclusion (later release 1.1 made source code available as `sourcexint.pdf`).
- bug fix (`xinttools`) in `\XINT_nthelt_finish` (this bug was introduced in 1.09i of 2013/12/18 and showed up when the index N was larger than the number of elements of the list).

1.09m (2014/02/26)

- new in **xinttools**: `\xintKeep` keeps the first N or last N elements of a list (sequence of braced items); `\xintTrim` cuts out either the first N or the last N elements from a list.
- new in **xintfrac**: `\xintFGtoC` finds the initial partial quotients common to two numbers or fractions f and g; `\xintGGCFrac` is a clone of `\xintGCFrac` which however does not assume that the coefficients of the generalized continued fraction are numeric quantities. Some other minor changes.

1.09kb (2014/02/13)

- bug fix (**xintexpr**): an aloof modification done by 1.09i to `\xintNewExpr` had resulted in a spurious trailing space present in the outputs of all macros created by `\xintNewExpr`, making nesting of such macros impossible.
- bug fix (**xinttools**): `\xintBreakFor` and `\xintBreakForAndDo` were buggy when used in the last iteration of an `\xintFor` loop.
- bug fix (**xinttools**): `\xintSeq` from 1.09k needed a `\chardef` which was missing from `xinttools.sty`, it was in `xint.sty`.

1.09k (2014/01/21)

- inside `\xintexpr...\relax` (and its variants) tacit multiplication is implied when a number or operand is followed directly with an opening parenthesis,
- the " for denoting (arbitrarily big) hexadecimal numbers is recognized by `\xintexpr` and its variants (package **xintbinhex** is required); a fractional hexadecimal part introduced by a dot . is allowed.
- re-organization of the first sections of the user manual.
- bug fix (**xinttools**, **xint**, ...): forgotten catcode check of " at loading time has been added.

1.09j (2014/01/09)

- (**xint**) the core division routines have been re-written for some (limited) efficiency gain, more pronounced for small divisors. As a result the *computation of one thousand digits of π* is close to three times faster than with earlier releases.
- some various other small improvements, particularly in the power routines.
- (**xintfrac**) a macro `\xintXTrunc` is designed to produce thousands or even tens of thousands of digits of the decimal expansion of a fraction. Although completely expandable it has its use limited to inside an `\edef`, `\write`, `\message`, It can thus not be nested as argument to another package macro.
- (**xintexpr**) the tacit multiplication done in `\xintexpr...\relax` on encountering a count register or variable, or a `\numexpr`, while scanning a (decimal) number, is extended to the case of a sub `\xintexpr`-ession.
- `\xintexpr` can now be used in an `\edef` with no `\xintthe` prefix; it will execute completely the computation, and the error message about a missing `\xintthe` will be inhibited. Previously, in the absence of `\xintthe`, expansion could only be a full one (with `\romannumeral-`0`), not a complete one (with `\edef`). Note that this differs from the behavior of the non-expandable

`\numexpr`: `\the` or `\number` (or `\romannumeral`) are needed not only to print but also to trigger the computation, whereas `\xintthe` is mandatory only for the printing step.

- the default behavior of `\xintAssign` is changed, it now does not do any further expansion beyond the initial full-expansion which provided the list of items to be assigned to macros.
- bug fix (**xintfrac**): 1.09i did an unexplainable change to `\XINT_infloat_zero` which broke the floating point routines for vanishing operands `=:(((`
- bug fix: the 1.09i `xint.ins` file produced a buggy `xint.tex` file.

1.09i (2013/12/18)

- (**xintexpr**) `\xintiexpr` is a variant of `\xintexpr` which is optimized to deal only with (long) integers, `/` does a euclidean quotient.
- `\xintnumexpr`, `\xintthenumexpr`, `\xintNewNumExpr` are renamed, respectively, `\xintiexpr`, `\xinttheiexpr`, `\xintNewIExpr`. The earlier denominations are kept but to be removed at some point.
- it is now possible within `\xintexpr... \relax` and its variants to use `count`, `dimen`, and `skip` registers or variables without explicit `\the/\number`: the parser inserts automatically `\number` and a tacit multiplication is implied when a register or variable immediately follows a number or fraction. Regarding dimensions and `\number`, see the further discussion in *Dimensions*.
- (**xintfrac**) conditional `\xintifOne`; `\xintifTrueFalse` renamed to `\xintifTrueAelseB`; macros `\xintTFrac` (fractional part, mapped to function `frac` in `\xintexpr-essions`), `\xintFloatE`.
- (**xinttools**) `\xintAssign` admits an optional argument to specify the expansion type to be used: `[]` (none, default), `[o]` (once), `[oo]` (twice), `[f]` (full), `[e]` (`\edef`),... to define the macros
- **xinttools** defines `\odef`, `\oodef`, `\fdef` (if the names have already been assigned, it uses `\xintoodef` etc...). These tools are provided for the case one uses the package macros in a non-expandable context. `\oodef` expands twice the macro replacement text, and `\fdef` applies full expansion. They are useful in situations where one does not want a full `\edef`. `\fdef` appears to be faster than `\oodef` in almost all cases (with less than thousand digits in the result), and even faster than `\edef` for expanding the package macros when the result has a few dozens of digits. `\oodef` needs that expansion ends up in thousands of digits to become competitive with the other two.
- some across the board slight efficiency improvement as a result of modifications of various types to *fork macros* and *branching conditionals* which are used internally.
- bug fix (**xint**): `\xintAND` and `\xintOR` inserted a space token in some cases and did not expand as promised in two steps `:-((` (bug dating back to 1.09a I think; this bug was without consequences when using `&` and `|` in `\xintexpr-essions`, it affected only the macro form).
- bug fix (**xintcfrac**): `\xintFtoCCv` still ended fractions with the `[0]`'s which were supposed to have been removed since release 1.09b.

1.09h (2013/11/28)

- parts of the documentation have been re-written or re-organized, particularly the discussion of expansion issues and of input and output formats.
- the expansion types of macro arguments are documented in the margin of the macro descriptions, with conventions mainly taken over from those in the LaTeX3 documentation.

- a dependency of **xinttools** on **xint** (inside `\xintSeq`) has been removed.
- (**xintgcd**) `\xintTypesetEuclideanAlgorithm` and `\xintTypesetBezoutAlgorithm` have been slightly modified (regarding indentation).
- (**xint**) macros `xintiSum` and `xintiPrd` are renamed to `\xintiiSum` and `\xintiiPrd`.
- (**xinttools**) a count register used in 1.09g in the `\xintFor` loops for parsing purposes has been removed and replaced by use of a `\numexpr`.
- the few uses of `\loop` have been replaced by `\xintloop`/`\xintilloop`.
- all macros of **xinttools** for which it makes sense are now declared `\long`.

1.09g (2013/11/22)

- a package **xinttools** is detached from **xint**, to make tools such as `\xintFor`, `\xintApplyUnbraced`, and `\xintilloop` available without the **xint** overhead.
- expandable nestable loops `\xintloop` and `\xintilloop`.
- bugfix: `\xintFor` and `\xintFor*` do not modify anymore the value of `\count 255`.

1.09f (2013/11/04)

- (**xint**) `\xintZapFirstSpaces`, `\xintZapLastSpaces`, `\xintZapSpaces`, `\xintZapSpacesB`, for expandably stripping away leading and/or ending spaces.
- `\xintCSVtoList` by default uses `\xintZapSpacesB` to strip away spaces around commas (or at the start and end of the comma separated list).
- also the `\xintFor` loop will strip out all spaces around commas and at the start and the end of its list argument; and similarly for `\xintForpair`, `\xintForthree`, `\xintForfour`.
- `\xintFor` *et al.* accept all macro parameters from #1 to #9.
- for reasons of inner coherence some macros previously with one extra *i* in their names (e.g. `\xintiMON`) now have a doubled *ii* (`\xintiiMON`) to indicate that they skip the overhead of parsing their inputs via `\xintNum`. Macros with a *single i* such as `\xintiAdd` are those which maintain the non-**xintfrac** output format for big integers, but do parse their inputs via `\xintNum` (since release 1.09a). They too may have doubled-*i* variants for matters of programming optimization when working only with (big) integers and not fractions or decimal numbers.

1.09e (2013/10/29)

- (**xint**) `\xintintegers`, `\xintdimensions`, `\xintrationals` for infinite `\xintFor` loops, interrupted with `\xintBreakFor` and `\xintBreakForAndDo`.
- `\xintifForFirst`, `\xintifForLast` for the `\xintFor` and `\xintFor*` loops,
- the `\xintFor` and `\xintFor*` loops are now `\long`, the replacement text and the items may contain explicit `\par`'s.
- conditionals `\xintifCmp`, `\xintifInt`, `\xintifOdd`.
- bug fix (**xint**): the `\xintFor` loop (not `\xintFor*`) did not correctly detect an empty list.
- bug fix (**xint**): `\xintiSqrt {0}` crashed. `:-((`

- the documentation has been enriched with various additional examples, such as the *the quick sort algorithm illustrated* or the various ways of *computing prime numbers*.
- the documentation explains with more details various expansion related issues, particularly in relation to conditionals.

1.09d (2013/10/22)

- bug fix (**xint**): `\xintFor*` is modified to gracefully handle a space token (or more than one) located at the very end of its list argument (as the space before `\do` in `\xintFor* #1 in {{a}{b}{c}<space>} \do {stuff}`; spaces at other locations were already harmless). Furthermore this new version *f-expands* the un-braced list items. After `\def\x{{1}{2}}` and `\def\y{{a}\x {b}{c}\x }`, `\y` will appear to `\xintFor*` exactly as if it had been defined as `\def\y{{a}{1}{2}{b}{c}{1}{2}}`.
- same bug fix for `\xintApplyInline`.

1.09c (2013/10/09)

- (**xintexpr**) added `bool` and `togl` to the `\xintexpr` syntax; also added `\xintboolexpr` and `\xintifboolexpr`.
- added `\xintNewNumExpr` (now `\xintNewIExpr` and `\xintNewBoolExpr`),
- the factorial `!` and branching `?`, `:`, operators (in `\xintexpr...\relax`) have now less precedence than a function name located just before,
- (**xint**) `\xintFor` is a new type of loop, whose replacement text inserts the comma separated values or list items via macro parameters, rather than encapsulated in macros; the loops are nestable up to four levels (nine levels since 1.09f) and their replacement texts are allowed to close groups as happens with the tabulation in alignments,
- `\xintForpair`, `\xintForthree`, `\xintForfour` are experimental variants of `\xintFor`,
- `\xintApplyInline` has been enhanced in order to be usable for generating rows (partially or completely) in an alignment,
- command `\xintSeq` to generate (expandably) arithmetic sequences of (short) integers,
- again various improvements and changes in the documentation.

1.09b (2013/10/03)

- various improvements in the documentation,
- more economical catcode management and re-loading handling,
- removal of all those `[0]`'s previously forcefully added at the end of fractions by various macros of **xintcf**rac,
- `\xintNthElt` with a negative index returns from the tail of the list,
- macro `\xintPraw` to have something like what `\xintFrac` does in math mode; i.e. a `\xintRaw` which does not print the denominator if it is one.

1.09a (2013/09/24)

- (**xintexpr**) `\xintexpr..\relax` and `\xintfloatexpr..\relax` admit functions in their syntax, with comma separated values as arguments, among them `reduce`, `sqr`, `sqrt`, `abs`, `sgn`, `floor`, `ceil`, `quo`, `rem`, `round`, `trunc`, `float`, `gcd`, `lcm`, `max`, `min`, `sum`, `prd`, `add`, `mul`, `not`, `all`, `any`, `xor`.
- comparison (`<`, `>`, `=`) and logical (`|`, `&`) operators.
- the command `\xintthe` which converts `\xintexpressions` into printable format (like `\the` with `\numexpr`) is more efficient, for example one can do `\xintthe\x` if `\x` was defined to be an `\xintexpr..\relax`:

```
\def\x{\xintexpr 3^57\relax}
\def\y{\xintexpr \x^(-2)\relax}
\def\z{\xintexpr \y-3^(-114)\relax}
\xintthe\z
```
- `\xintnumexpr .. \relax` (now renamed `\xintiexpr`) is `\xintexpr round(..) \relax`.
- `\xintNewExpr` now works with the standard macro parameter character `#`.
- both regular `\xintexpr`-essions and commands defined by `\xintNewExpr` will work with comma separated lists of expressions,
- commands `\xintFloor`, `\xintCeil`, `\xintMaxof`, `\xintMinof` (package **xintfrac**), `\xintGCDof`, `\xintLCM`, `\xintLCMof` (package **xintgcd**), `\xintifLt`, `\xintifGt`, `\xintifSgn`, `\xintANDof`, ...
- The arithmetic macros from package **xint** now filter their operands via `\xintNum` which means that they may use directly count registers and `\numexpr`-essions without having to prefix them by `\the`. This is thus similar to the situation holding previously already when **xintfrac** was loaded.
- a bug (**xintfrac**) introduced in 1.08b made `\xintCmp` crash when one of its arguments was zero.
:-((

1.08b (2013/06/14)

- (**xintexpr**) Correction of a problem with spaces inside `\xintexpr`-essions.
- (**xintfrac**) Additional improvements to the handling of floating point numbers.
- section *Use of count registers* documenting how count registers may be directly used in arguments to the macros of **xintfrac**.

1.08a (2013/06/11)

- (**xintfrac**) Improved efficiency of the basic conversion from exact fractions to floating point numbers, with ensuing speed gains especially for the power function macros `\xintFloatPow` and `\xintFloatPower`,
- Better management by `\xintCmp`, `\xintMax`, `\xintMin` and `\xintGeq` of inputs having big powers of ten in them.
- Macros for floating point numbers added to the **xintseries** package.

1.08 (2013/06/07)

- (**xint** and **xintfrac**) Macros for extraction of square roots, for floating point numbers (`\xintFloatSqrt`), and integers (`\xintiSqrt`).
- new package **xintbinhex** providing *conversion routines* to and from binary and hexadecimal bases.

1.07 (2013/05/25)

- The **xintexpr** package is a new core constituent (which loads automatically **xintfrac** and **xint**) and implements the expandable expanding parser

`\xintexpr . . . \relax,`

and its variant

`\xintfloatexpr . . . \relax`

allowing on input formulas using the infix operators `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`, and `^`, and arbitrary levels of parenthesizing. Within a float expression the operations are executed according to the current value set by `\xintDigits`. Within an `\xintexpr`-ession the binary operators are computed exactly.

To write the `\xintexpr` parser I benefited from the commented source of the `l3fp` parser; the `\xintexpr` parser has its own features and peculiarities. *See its documentation.*

- The floating point precision `D` is set (this is a local assignment to a `\mathchar` variable) with `\xintDigits := D`; and queried with `\xinttheDigits`. It may be set to anything up to 32767.¹ The macro incarnations of the binary operations admit an optional argument which will replace pointwise `D`; this argument may exceed the 32767 bound.
- The **xintfrac** macros now accept numbers written in scientific notation, the `\xintFloat` command serves to output its argument with a given number `D` of significant figures. The value of `D` is either given as optional argument to `\xintFloat` or set with `\xintDigits := D`; . The default value is 16.

1.06b (2013/05/14)

- Minor code and documentation improvements. Everywhere in the source code, a more modern underscore has replaced the `@` sign.

1.06 (2013/05/07)

- Some code improvements, particularly for macros of **xint** doing loops.
- New utilities in **xint** for expandable manipulations of lists:

`\xintNthElt`, `\xintCSVtoList`, `\xintRevWithBraces`

- The macros did only a double expansion of their arguments. They now fully expand them (using `\romannumeral-`0`). Furthermore, in the case of arguments constrained to obey the TeX bounds they will be inserted inside a `\numexpr . . \relax`, hence completely expanded, one may use count registers, even infix arithmetic operations, etc. . .

¹but values higher than 100 or 200 will presumably give too slow evaluations.

1.05 (2013/05/01)

Minor changes and additions to **xintfrac** and **xintcffrac**.

1.04 (2013/04/25)

- New component **xintcffrac** devoted to continued fractions.
- bug fix (**xintfrac**): `\xintIrr {0}` crashed.
- faster division routine in **xint**, new macros to deal expandably with token lists.
- `\xintRound` added.
- **xintseries** has a new implementation of `\xintPowerSeries` based on a Horner scheme, and new macro `\xintRationalSeries`. Both to help deal with the *denominator buildup* plague.
- `tex xint.dtx` extracts style files (no need for a `xint.ins`).

1.03 (2013/04/14)

- new modules **xintfrac** (expandable operations on fractions) and **xintseries** (expandable partial sums with xint package).
- slightly improved division and faster multiplication (the best ordering of the arguments is chosen automatically).
- added illustration of Machin algorithm to the documentation.

1.0 (2013/03/28)

Initial announcement:

The **xint** package implements with expandable TeX macros the basic arithmetic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, as applied to arbitrarily long numbers represented as chains of digits with an optional minus sign.

The **xintgcd** package provides implementations of the Euclidean algorithm and of its type-setting.

The packages may be used with Plain and with LaTeX.