THE EXSHEETS BUNDLE

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the packages ${\tt ExSheets}$, ${\tt ExSheets}$ -listings, tasks and ${\tt cntformats}$

or

Yet another package for the creation of exercise sheets and exams.

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EXSHEETS provides means to create exercises or questions and their corresponding solutions. The questions can be divided into classes and can be printed selectively. Meta-data to questions can be added and recovered.

The solutions may be printed where they are, can be collected and printed at a later point in the document alltogether or section-wise or selectively by ID.

EXSHEETS provides a comprehensive interface for styling the headings of questions and solutions.

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Part I.

Preliminaries

1. Licence and Requirements

Permission is granted to copy, distribute and/or modify this software under the terms of the LATEX Project Public License (LPPL), version 1.3 or later (http://www.latex-project.org/lppl.txt). The software has the status "maintained."

EXSHEETS loads and needs the following packages: l3kernel¹ [Tea13b], xparse, xtemplate, l3keys2e² [Tea13c], l3sort³ [Tea13a], xcolor⁴ [Kero7], ulem⁵ [Ars11], etoolbox⁶ [Leh11], environ⁷ [Rob13], and pgfcore⁸ [Tan10]. **EXSHEETS** calls \normalem (from the ulem package).

2. Motivation

There are already quite a number of packages that allow the creation of exercise sheets or written exams. Just to name the most common ones: eqexam [Sto11], exam [Hir11], examdesign [Aleo1], exercise [Pic12], probsoln [Tal12], answers [Pif10], esami [MV13], exsol [Dae13] (and many more ...).

^{1.} on CTAN as l3kernel: http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/l3kernel/

^{2.} all three on CTAN as l3packages: http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/l3packages/

^{3.} on CTAN as l3experimental: http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/l3experimental/

^{4.} on CTAN as xcolor: http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/xcolor/

^{5.} on CTAN as ulem: http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/ulem/

^{6.} on CTAN as etoolbox: http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/etoolbox/

^{7.} on CTAN as environ: http://mirrors.ctan.org/macros/latex/contrib/environ/

^{8.} on CTAN as pgf: http://mirrors.ctan.org/graphics/pgf/

One thing I missed in all packages that I've tried out was a high flexibility in choosing which questions and solutions should be printed, where which solutions should be printed and so on, combined with the possibility to assign questions to different classes so one could for example create two versions of an exam out of the box. And – I can't get enough – I also want to be able to use/design different layouts for questions additional to a standard section-like format. All these points are realized in Exsheets.

Additionally one should be able to assign some sort of meta-data to questions that of course should be easily reusable. How this can be done is explained in section 13.

Then there is – at least in Germany – the habit of having lists of exercises aligned in columns but counting from the left to the right instead from up to down. **EXSHEETS** provides a possibility for that (see the **TASKS** package). I am not quite content with it as it works now, though.¹⁰

On the other hand **EXSHEETS** doesn't – and probably won't – offer a real possibility for creating multiple choice questions. As a fact it doesn't provide many (if any) means to specify the *type* of question or the structure. If these are your needs take a look at examdesign [Aleo1], for example. Or exploit the possibilities enumitem [Bez11] gives you.

I had the idea for this package in 2008. Back then my TEX skills were by far not good enough to write it. Actually, even today I wouldn't have been able to realize it without all the l3 packages like l3kernel and l3packages. I actively began to develop Exsheets in spring 2011 but it wasn't until now (September 2012) that I consider it stable enough for wider usage. At the time of writing (December 8, 2013) there still are probably lots of rough edges let alone bugs so I am very interested in all kinds of feedback.

3. Additional Packages

EXSHEETS actually bundles four packages: EXSHEETS, EXSHEETS-LISTINGS TASKS and CNTFORMATS. EXSHEETS-LISTINGS is an add-on to EXSHEETS that offers some functionality to use listings with EXSHEETS. It is presented in part III.

The TASKS package and the CNTFORMATS package have their own documentation. These packages provide functionality that is used by EXSHEETS. They can, however, be used independently from EXSHEETS.

The package **CNTFORMATS** is probably not really useful on a user-level but maybe for package writers.

EXSHEETS used to bundle the translations package, too, but doesn't any more. You can find the translations package as a package of it's own on the Comprehensive TEX Archive Network (CTAN).

4. Installation and Documentation

If you install **ExSHEETS** manually beware to put the files

Changed in version 0.9i

^{9.} Well, probably I didn't try hard enough...

^{10.} There are still other possibilities, for example take a look here: http://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/67966/enumerate-in-multicols or at the multienum package [Kleo5].

exsheets_headings.def exsheets_headings.cfg

in the same directory as the exsheets.sty file.¹¹ You *can* install the other packages, TASKS and CNTFORMATS, in different locations but since they belong to EXSHEETS they probably should be placed in the same directory.

You should put the file tasks.cfg in the same directory as the tasks.sty file.

As with every manual package installation you need to make sure to put the files in a directory where TeX can find them and afterwards update the database.

4.1. The TASKS Package

Introduced in version 0.9a

The TASKS package has got its own documentation – tasks_en.pdf. Please read that file for details on the package.

4.2. The CNTFORMATS Package

Introduced in version 0.5

The **CNTFORMATS** package has got its own documentation – cntformats_en.pdf. Please read that file for details on the package.

4.3. The translations Package

Changed in version 0.9i

The translations package [Nie13] used to be part of the **Exsheets** bundle but is a package of its own now and released independently. You can find it as every other package on CTAN and in a full TEX Live or MiKTEX installation.

5. News

5.1. Version 0.7

With version 0.7 there has been a potentially breaking change: the tasks environment previously provided by <code>ExSheets</code> has been extracted into a package of its own. This does not change any syntax per se. However, if you used custom settings then you'll probably run into some problems. The options for the environment are no longer set with <code>\SetupExSheets</code> but with <code>\settasks</code>. Also the object that is used for the list template and its instances has been renamed from <code>exsheets-tasks</code> into <code>tasks</code>.

What's probably even more of a breaking change is a syntax difference of the tasks environment: the optional argument for the number of columns is *no longer set in braces but parentheses*. This is deliberate as it reflects the optional nature of the argument better and is consistent with the syntax of \NewTasks, too.

Additionally the labels of the list got an additional offset of 1ex from the items which will lead to slightly different output. In some cases this might actually lead to the most annoying changes. In this case say \settasks{label-offset=0pt} which should cure things again.

^{11.} That is, a directory like texmf-local/tex/latex/exsheets, probably

I am very sorry for any inconvenience! I am trying to keep such changes as minimal and rare as possibly. However, it is not always avoidable when a package is new and still a child. It will grow up eventually.

Exsheets' other packages – tasks and cntformats – have gotten their own documentation which are essentially extracted from this very document you're reading now. This manual contains links to the respective manuals.

5.2. Version vo.9i

The translations package [Nie13] is no longer part of the **ExSheets** bundle. From now on (July 17. 2013) it is provided as a package of its own.

5.3. Version 0.10

The Exsheets family has got a new member: Exsheets-listings. This package proposes a solution for the problem of using verbatim material in Exsheets' question and solution environments. It is presented in part III.

Question now can get subtitles that are printed if the heading instance supports it, see section 9.3.

5.4. Version 0.11

The commands \GetQuestionClass and \PrintQuestionClassTF have been added. They're explained in section 12.4.

5.5. Version 0.12

The auto-label is now more flexible to allow the use together with packages cleveref.

Question properties can now be retrieved before the question is printed (by writing the properties to the aux file).

6. Thanks

I need to thank the many users who gave me feedback so far! For one thing this shows me that <code>Exsheets</code> is useful to people. It also led to many improvements like new features and countless bug fixes.

Part II.

The ExSHEETS package

7. Setup

The **Exshers** package has three different types of options, kind of. The first type are the classic package options which are used when you load **Exshers**:

```
1 \usepackage[<options>]{exsheets}
```

These options are described in section 8.

The second type are options that belong to a specific environment or command. These options are either used directly with the environment/command

```
1 \begin{env}[<options>]
2 ...
3 \end{env}
```

or can be set with the setup command:

```
\SetupExSheets[\langle module \rangle] \{\langle options \rangle\}
```

The options of the second type all belong to modules. Let's say you want to specify some options of the question environment. You can then say the following:

```
    \SetupExSheets[question]{option1,option2=value2}
    % or:
    \SetupExSheets{question/option1,question/option2=value2}
```

The module an option belongs to is written in the left margin next to the when the option is described.

The third type aren't options at all, actually. However, thanks to the great xtemplate package you are able to define your own instances of some of the objects used by **Exsheets**. This is explained in a little more detail in part 20 on page 37 ff. This third type, however, brings in a possible instability: the xtemplate package is in an experimental and developping state. This means that the sytax of the package may and possibly will change sometime in the future. I cannot foresee what any consequences of that will be for **Exsheets**.

8. Package Options

The package **ExSHEETS** has some options, namely the following ones:

 $counter-format = \{\langle counter-format \rangle\}$

Default: qu.

Formatting of the counter of the questions. This option takes a special kind of string that is described in section 9.6.

counter-within = $\{\langle counter \rangle\}$

(initially empty)

Resets the question counter with every step of $\langle counter \rangle$.

auto-label = true|false

Default: false

If set to true Exsheets will automatically place a \label{qu: $\langle id \rangle$ } for each question. See section 17 for ways to customize this. It will also create the question properties ref and pageref, see section 13 for more on this.

 $headings = \{\langle instance \rangle\}$

Default: block

Choose the style of the questions' and solutions' headings. There are two predefined styles: block and runin.

headings-format = $\{\langle code \rangle\}$

Default: \normalsize\bfseries

This code is placed immediately before the headings of the questions and solutions.

subtitle-format = $\{\langle code \rangle\}$

Default: \normalsize\itshape

This code is placed immediately before the subtitle of the questions and solutions. It only has an effect with a title instance that uses the subtitle coffin, see section 20.2.

load-headings = true|false

Default: false

Loads additional styles for the headings. More on this is described in section 20.2.

load-tasks = true|false

Default: false

Loads additional styles for the tasks environment. See the documentation of the TASKS package.

totoc = true|false

Default: false

This option adds the questions and solutions with their names and numbers to the table of contents.

 $questions-totoc = \underline{true}|false$

Default: false

This option adds the questions with their names and numbers to the table of contents.

solutions-totoc = true|false

Default: false

This option adds the solutions with their names and numbers to the table of contents.

 $toc-level = \{\langle toc \ level \rangle\}$

 $Default: \verb"subsection"$

This option sets the level in which questions and solutions should appear in the table of contents.

questions-toc-level = $\{\langle toc \ level \rangle\}$

Default: subsection

This option sets the level in which questions should appear in the table of contents.

```
solutions-toc-level = \{\langle toc \ level \rangle\}
```

Default: subsection

This option sets the level in which solutions should appear in the table of contents.

```
use-ref = true|false
```

Default: false

enable referencing to sections and chapters in a way that the references can be used with \printsolutions, see section 11.2 for details.

The toc options are demonstrated with section A and the solutions printed there being listed in the table of contents.

9. Create Questions/Exercises and their Solutions

Now, let's start with the most important part: the questions and (possibly) their respective solutions.

9.1. The question Environment

Questions are written inside the question environment:

```
\begin{question} [\langle options \rangle] {\langle points \rangle}
```

The main environment: creates a new exercise/question. Both arguments are optionial!

- 1 \begin{question}
- This is our very first very difficult to solve question!
- 3 \end{question}

Exercise 1.

This is our very first very difficult to solve question!

As you can see a heading is automatically created and the question is numbered. You can of course change both the numbering and the naming, but more on that later.

The question environment takes an optional argument $\{\langle points \rangle\}$ that can be used to assign points to the question (as is common in written exams):

- 1 \begin{question}{3}
- This is our first difficult question that is worth 3 points!
- 3 \end{question}

Exercise 2.

3 P.

This is our first difficult question that is worth 3 points!

These points are saved internally (see section 10 for reasons why) and are written to the right margin next to the question heading in the default setting.

You can also assign bonus points by inserting $\langle point \rangle + \langle bonus \ points \rangle$ as argument.

```
1 \begin{question}{1+1}
2 This question is worth 1 point and 1 bonus point.
3 \end{question}
4 \begin{question}{+3}
5 This question is a bonus question. It is worth 3 bonus points.
6 \end{question}

Exercise 3.
This question is worth 1 point and 1 bonus point.

Exercise 4.
This question is a bonus question. It is worth 3 bonus points.

(+3 P.)
```

Introduced in version 0.12

version 0.3

The points are counted and added to the total sum of points, see section 10 for details on this. Should you want that the points of a specific question *should not be added* to the total sum then precede it with a bang!:

```
1 \begin{question}{!3}
2 This question's points won't be added to the total sum.
3 \end{question}

Exercise 5.
This question's points won't be added to the total sum.
3 P.
```

Introduced in

Beware that this also prevents bonus points. The points simply will be written where the heading instance puts them.

On additional thing: you might want to define custom commands that should behave differently if they're inside or outside of the question environment. In this case you can use these commands:

* \IfInsideQuestionTF{\langle true code\rangle} \{\langle false code\rangle\}

Check if inside of a question and either leave $\langle true\ code \rangle$ or $\langle false\ code \rangle$ in the input stream.

* \IfInsideQuestionT{\langle true code \rangle}

Check if inside of a question and either leave \(\text{true code} \) in the input stream if true.

* \IfInsideQuestionF{ $\langle false\ code \rangle$ }

Check if inside of a question and either leave $\langle false\ code \rangle$ in the input stream if not.

9.2. Options to the question Environment

The question environment takes one or more of the following options:

question » type = exam|exercise

Default: exercise

Determines the type of question and changes the default name of a question from "Exercise" to "Question". These default names are language dependent.

If you use $\usepackage[\langle ngerman \rangle] \{\langle babel \rangle\}$, for example, then the names are "Übung and "Aufgabe".

question \gg name = { $\langle name \rangle$ }

(initially empty)

Sets a custom name. All predefined names are discarded.

question \gg subtitle = { $\langle subtitle \rangle$ }

(initially empty)

Adds a subtitle $\langle subtitle \rangle$ for the question that is used by headings instances that make use of the subtitle coffin, see section 20.2.

question » print = true|false

Default: true

Prints or hides the question.

question » ID = $\{\langle id \rangle\}$

(initially empty)

Assigns a custom ID to the question. See section 11.3 for further information.

question \gg label = $\{\langle label \rangle\}$

(initially empty)

Places a $\label{\it label} \{\langle label \rangle\}$ for the question. This will overwrite any label that is placed by the auto-label option.

question \gg class = { $\langle class \rangle$ }

(initially empty)

Assigns a class $\langle class \rangle$ to the question. See section 12.1 for further information.

question \Rightarrow topic = $\{\langle topic \rangle\}$

(initially empty)

Assigns a topic $\langle topic \rangle$ to the question. See section 12.2 for further information.

question » use = true|false

Default: true

Discards the question. Or not.

```
begin{question}[type=exam]
This question has the type \keyis{type}{exam}. The default name has changed
from ''Exercise'' to ''Question''.

| \end{question}
| \begin{question}[name=Fancy name]
| This question has a custom name.
| \end{question}
| \begin{question}[print=false]
| This question is not printed.
| \end{question}
```

Question 6.

This question has the type type = {exam}. The default name has changed from "Exercise" to "Question".

Fancy name 7.

This question has a custom name.

The difference between print and use lies behind the scenes: with print = {false} the question is not printed, but it still gets an individual ID, is numbered, and a possible solution is saved. This is for example useful when you want to print a sample solution for an exam. With use = {false} it is fully discarded which means it is not accessible through an ID and a possible solution will not be saved.

9.3. Subtitles to Questions

The subtitle option mentioned in section 9.2 can be used to add a subtitle to a question. However, unless you choose a suitable heading (see section 20.2) it won't be printed. Currently there is *one* heading instance that uses the subtitles but it should be easy to create a custom heading using one of the existing ones as a starter example. When creating such a heading you may want to distinguish between the cases when a subtitle has been given and when no subtitle is present. This can be done with the following commands:

* \IfQuestionSubtitleTF{\langle true code\rangle} \{\langle false code\rangle}

Tests if the current question has a subtitle. Leaves either $\langle true\ code \rangle$ or $\langle false\ code \rangle$ in the input stream.

* \IfQuestionSubtitleT{\langle true code \rangle}

Tests if the current question has a subtitle. Leaves $\langle true \ code \rangle$ in the input stream if it has.

* \IfQuestionSubtitleF{\langle false code \rangle}

Tests if the current question has a subtitle. Leaves $\langle false\ code \rangle$ in the input stream if it hasn't.

A subtitle is also a property of a question in the sense of section 13. That means if a subtitle is given it can be retrieved with \GetQuestionProperty.

As an example you could define your own heading instance that prints the ID of a question and (if given) the subtitle:

```
number-post-code = {\IfQuestionSubtitleF{ID: \CurrentQuestionID}}

12 }
```

Please see section 20.2 for more details on heading instances.

9.4. The solution Environment

If you want to save/print (more on the exact usage in section 11) a solution you have to use the solution environment *after* the question it belongs to and *before* the next question.

```
\begin{solution}[\langle options \rangle]
```

The main environment for adding solutions to exercises/questions.

```
   \begin{question}[ID=first]\label{qu:question_with_solution}
   This is our first question that gets a solution!
   \end{question}
   \begin{solution}
   This is the solution to exercise~\ref{qu:question_with_solution}!
   \end{solution}

Exercise 9.
This is our first question that gets a solution!
```

You can see that in the default settings the solution is *not* written to the document. It has been saved, though, for possible later usage. We will see the solution later!

9.5. Options to the solution Environment

The solutions environment also has options, namely these:

```
solution ** name = \{\langle name \rangle\}  (initially empty) Sets a custom name. solution ** print = \underline{true} | false  Default: false Prints or hides the solution.
```

Their meaning is the same as those for the question environment.

```
1 \begin{question}{5}
2 The solution to this questions gets printed where it is.
3 \end{question}
4 \begin{solution}[print]
5 See? This solution gets printed where you have put it in the code of
6 your document.
7 \end{solution}
```

```
% \begin{question}{2.5}
9 The solution to this questions gets printed where it is \emph{and}
10 has a fancy name. Have you noticed that you can assign partial
11 points?
12 \end{question}
13 \begin{solution}[print,name=Fancy name]
14 See? This solution gets printed where you have put it and has a fancy
15 name!
16 \end{solution}
```

Exercise 10.

5 P.

The solution to this questions gets printed where it is.

Solution 10.

See? This solution gets printed where you have put it in the code of your document.

Exercise 11.

2.5 P.

The solution to this questions gets printed where it is *and* has a fancy name. Have you noticed that you can assign partial points?

Fancy name 11.

See? This solution gets printed where you have put it and has a fancy name!

9.6. Setting the Counter

The package option counter-format allows you to specify how the question counter (a counter unsurprisingly name question) is formatted.

The input is an arbitrary string which means you can have anything as counter number. However, the letter combinations ch, se, qu and tsk are replaced with the counters for the chapter, section, question or tasks (see the TASKS package), respectively. While the last one is not really useful in this case the others allow for a combined numbering. Each of these letter combinations can have an optional argument that specifies the format of the respective counter. 1: \arabic, a: \alph, A: \Alph, r: \roman and R: \Roman.

```
\SetupExSheets{counter-format=Nr~se~(qu[a])}
\square\text{begin}{question}
\alpha \text{ question with a differently formatted number.}
\alpha \text{lend}{question}

Exercise Nr 9 (l)
A question with a differently formatted number.
```

Since the strings associated with the counters are replaced one has to hide them if they are

actually wanted in the counter format. The easiest way would to hide them in braces.

```
\SetupExSheets{counter-format={section}\,se~{question}\,(qu[a])}
\begin{question}
A question with a yet differently formatted number.
\end{question}

Exercise section 9 question (m)
```

9.7. Language Settings

A question with a yet differently formatted number.

The names of the questions and solutions are language dependent. If you use babel or polyglossia **Exsheets** will adapt to the document language. **Exsheets** has a number of translations but surely not all! If you miss a language please drop me a line in an email¹² containing the babel language name and the correct translations for questions (possibly distinguishing between exercises and exam questions) and solutions.

Until I implement it you can add something like this to your preamble (example for Danish) and try if it works:

```
   \DeclareTranslation{Danish}{exsheets-exercise-name}{\0{}velse}
   \DeclareTranslation{Danish}{exsheets-question-name}{0pgave}
   \DeclareTranslation{Danish}{exsheets-solution-name}{0pl\o{}sning}
```

If this isn't working it means that the language you're using is unknown to the translations package. In this case please notify me, too. You then can still use the name options.

10. Counting Points

10.1. The Commands

You have seen in section 9.1 that you can assign points to a question. If you do so these points are printed into the margin 13 and are counted internally. But there are additional commands to assign points or bonus points and a number of commands to retrieve the sum of points and/or bonus points.

```
\addpoints*{\langle num \rangle}
```

This command can be used to add points assigned to subquestions. \addpoints will print the points (with "unit") and add them to the sum of all points, \addpoints* will only add them but print nothing.

^{12.} contact@mychemistry.eu

^{13.} Well, not necessarily. It depends on the heading style you have chosen.

$\operatorname{points} \{\langle num \rangle\}$

This command will only print the points (with "unit") but won't add them to the sum of points.

$\addbonus*{\langle num \rangle}$

This command can be used to add bonus points assigned to subquestions. \addbonus will print the points (with "unit") *and* add them to the sum of all bonus points, \addbonus* will only add them but print nothing.

\bonus* $\{\langle num \rangle\}$

This command will only print the bonus points (with "unit") but won't add them to the sum of bonus points.

\pointssum*

Prints the sum of all points with or without (starred version) "unit": 64.75 P.

\currentpointssum*

Prints the current sum of points with or without (starred version) "unit": 11.5 P.

\bonussum*

Prints the sum of all bonus points with or without (starred version) "unit": 4 P.

\currentbonussum*

Prints the current sum of bonus points with or without (starred version) "unit": 4 P.

\totalpoints*

prints the sum of the points and the sum of the bonus points with "unit": 64.75 (+4) P. The starred version prints the sum of the points without "unit": 64.75 (+4).

The commands \pointssum , \pointssum and \totalpoints need at least two $\protect\operatorname{ETEX}$ runs to get the sum right.

Suppose you have an exercise worth 4 P. which consists of four questions listed with an enumerate environment that are all worth 1 P. each. You have two possibilities to display and count them:

```
1 % uses package 'enumitem'
2 \begin{question}{4}
3  \begin{enumerate}[label=\alph*)]
4  \item blah (\points{1})
5  \item blah (\points{1})
6  \item blah (\points{1})
7  \item blah (\points{1})
8  \end{enumerate}
9 \end{question}
10 \begin{question}
11  \begin{enumerate}[label=\alph*)]
12  \item blah (\addpoints{1})
13  \item blah (\addpoints{1})
14  \item blah (\addpoints{1})
```

10.2. Options

points \gg name = { $\langle name \rangle$ }

Default: P.

Choose the "unit" for the points. If you like to differentiate between a single point and more than one point you can give a plural ending separated with a slash: name = {point/s}. This sets also the name of the bonus points.

```
points > name-plural = {\langle plural form \ of \ name \rangle}
```

(initially empty)

Instead of forming the plural form with an ending to the singular form this option allows to set an extra word for it. This sets also the plural form for the bonus points.

```
points \gg bonus - name = \{\langle name \rangle\}
```

Default: P

Choose the "unit" for the bonus points. If you like to differentiate between a single point and more than one point you can give a plural ending separated with a slash: bonus-name = $\{\langle point/s \rangle\}$.

```
points > bonus-plural = {\langle plural form \ of \ name \rangle}
```

(initially empty)

Instead of forming the plural form with an ending to the singular form this option allows to set an extra word for it.

```
points » use-name = true | false
```

Default: true

Don't display the name at all. Or do.

```
points \gg format = \{\langle code \rangle\}
                                                                                         Default: \@firtsofone
                Format number plus name as a whole. Ideally \langle code \rangle would end with a command that takes an
Introduced in
version o.9d
                argument. Else number plus name will be braced.
    points \Rightarrow number-format = {\langle any \ code \rangle}
                                                                                                 (initially empty)
                This option allows formatting of the number, e.g., italics: number-format = {\textit}.
    points \gg bonus-format = \{\langle any code \rangle\}
                This option allows formatting of the number of the bonus points, e.g., italics: bonus-format =
                {\textit}.
    points » parse = true|false
                                                                                                   Default: true
                If set to false the points are not counted and the \totalpoints, \pointssum and \bonussum
                commands won't know their value.
    points » separate-bonus = true|false
                                                                                                  Default: false
                This option determines whether points and bonus points each get their own unit when they
                 appear together (in the margin or with \totalpoints).
    points \gg pre-bonus = {\langle tokens \rangle}
                                                                                              Default: \space(+
                Code to be inserted before the bonus points when they follow normal points.
    points \gg post-bonus = {\langle tokens \rangle}
                                                                                                       Default: )
                Code to be inserted after the bonus points when they follow normal points.
                   \SetupExSheets[points]{name=point/s,number-format=\color{red}}
                   2 \begin{question}{1}
                       This one's easy so only 1 point can be earned.
                   4 \end{question}
                   5 \begin{question}{7.5}
                       But this one's hard! 7.5 points are in there for you!
                   7 \end{question}
                   Exercise 16.
                                                                                                                  1 point
                   This one's easy so only 1 point can be earned.
                   Exercise 17.
                                                                                                                  7.5 points
```

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But this one's hard! 7.5 points are in there for you!

You have already seen that you can print solutions where they are using the print option. But **EXSHEETS** offers you quite more possibilities.

In the next subsections the usage of the following command is discussed.

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\printsolutions[\langle setting \rangle]

Print solutions of questions(exercises.

Before we do that a hint: remember that you can set the option print = $\{\langle g \rangle\}$ lobally:

```
1 % in the preamble
2 \SetupExSheets{solution/print=true}
```

Now if you want to typeset some text depending on the option being true or not you can use the following commands:

* \PrintSolutionsTF $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$

Checks if inside of a solution environment and either leaves the $\langle true\ code \rangle$ or the $\langle false\ code \rangle$ in the input stream.

*\PrintSolutionsT{\langle true code\rangle}

Checks if inside of a solution environment and either leaves the $\langle true\ code \rangle$ in the input stream if yes.

* \PrintSolutionsF{\langle false code \rangle}

Checks if inside of a solution environment and either leaves the $\langle false\ code \rangle$ in the input stream if not.

They might come in handy if you want two versions of an exercise sheet, one with the exercises and one with the solutions, and you want to add different titles to these versions, for instance.

11.1. Print all

The first and easiest usage of \printsolutions is the following:

```
1 \printsolutions
```

There is nothing more to say, really. It prints all solutions you have specified except those belonging to a question with option use = {false}. Yes, there's one more point: \printsolutions only knows the solutions that have been set *before* its usage! This is also true for every usage explained in the next sections.

1 \printsolutions

Solution 9.

This is the solution to exercise 9!

Solution 10.

See? This solution gets printed where you have put it in the code of your document.

Fancy name 11.

See? This solution gets printed where you have put it and has a fancy name!

11.2. Print per chapter/section

Current chapter/section

If you are not creating an exercise sheet or an exam but are writing a textbook you maybe want a section at the end of each chapter showing the solution to the exercises presented in that chapter. In this case use the command as follows:

```
1 \printsolutions[section]
2 % or
3 \printsolutions[chapter]
```

Again, this is pretty much self-explaining. The solutions to the questions of the current chapter¹⁴ or section are printed.

```
begin{question}
This is the first and only question in this section.
| \end{question}
| \begin{solution}
| This will be one of a few solutions printed by the following call of \cs{printsolutions}.
| \end{solution}
| And now:
| \printsolutions[section]
```

Exercise 18.

This is the first and only question in this section.

And now:

Solution 18.

This will be one of a few solutions printed by the following call of \printsolutions.

Specific chapter/section

You can also print only the solutions from chapters or sections other than the current ones. The syntax is fairly easy:

^{14.} Only if the document class you're using has chapters, of course!

```
1 \printsolutions[section={1-7,10}]
2 % the same for chapters:
3 % \printsolutions[chapter={1-7,10}]
```

Don't forget that \printsolutions cannot know the solutions from section 10 yet. It is just used to demonstrate the syntax. You can also use an open range, *e. g.*, something like

```
printsolutions[section={-4,10-}]
```

This would print the solutions from sections 1-4 and from all sections with number 10^{15} and greater.

There is an obvious disadvantage: you have to know the section numbers! But there is a solution: use the package option use-ref = {true}. Then you can do something like

```
1 % in the preamble:
2 \usepackage[use-ref]{exsheets}
3 % somewhere in your code after \section{A really cool section title}:
4 \label{sec:ReallyCool}
5 % somewhere later in your code:
6 \printsolutions[section={-\S{sec:ReallyCool}}]
7 % which will print all solutions from questions up to and
8 % including the really cool section
```

With the package option use-ref = {true} each usage of \label will create additional labels (one preceded with exse: and another one with exch:) which store the section number and the chapter number, respectively. These are used internally by two commands \S and \C which refer to the section number and the chapter number the label was created in. *These commands are only available as arguments of* \printsolutions.

Since some packages like the well known hyperref for example redefine \label use-ref won't work in together with it. In this case don't use use-ref and set \extbox{exlabel} $\{\langle label \rangle\}$ instead to remember the section/the chapter number. Its usage is just like \label. So the safest way is as follows:

```
1 % in the preamble:
2 \usepackage{exsheets}
3 % somewhere in your code after \section{A really cool section title}:
4 \exlabel{sec:ReallyCool}
5 % somewhere later in your code:
```

^{15.} Or rather where \value{section} is 10 or greater - the actual counter formatting is irrelevant.

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```
6 \printsolutions[section={-\S{sec:ReallyCool}}]
7 % which will print all solutions from questions up to and
8 % including the really cool section
```

Please be aware that the labels must be processed in a previous LaTeX run before \S and \C can pass them on to \printsolutions.

11.3. Print by ID

Now comes the best part: you can also print selected solutions! Every question has an ID. To see which ID a question has you can call the following command:

\DebugExSheets{true|false}

Enable or disable visual ExSHEETS' debugging.

*\CurrentQuestionID

Introduced in version 0.4a

Expands to the current question ID.

Let's create some more questions and take a look what this command does:

```
1 \DebugExSheets{true}
2 \begin{question}[ID=nice!]
    A question with a nice \acs{id}!
4 \end{question}
5 \begin{solution}
    The solution to the question with the nice \acs{id}.
7 \end{solution}
8 \begin{question}{3.75}
    Yet another question. But this time with quarter points!
10 \end{question}
11 \begin{solution}
   Yet another solution.
13 \end{solution}
 ID: nice!
Exercise 19.
A question with a nice ID!
 ID: 20
Exercise 20.
                                                                                        3.75 P.
Yet another question. But this time with quarter points!
```

So now we can call some specific solutions:

```
printsolutions[byID={first,nice!,10,14}]
```

Solution 9.

This is the solution to exercise 9!

Solution 10.

See? This solution gets printed where you have put it in the code of your document.

Solution 19.

The solution to the question with the nice ID.

This makes use of the l₃sort package which at the time of writing is still considered experimental. In case you wonder where solution 14 is: question 14 has no solution given.

If you don't want that the solutions are sorted automatically but appear in the order given you can use the option

```
solution » sorted = true|false
```

Sort solutions given by ID or don't.

12. Dividing Questions into Classes

12.1. Using Classes

For creating different variants of a written exam or different difficulty levels of an exercise sheet it comes in handy if one can assign certain classes to questions and then tell **ExSHEETS** only to use one ore more specific classes.

```
use-classes = \{\langle list \ of \ classes \rangle\}
```

(initially empty)

Default: true

When this option is used only the questions belonging to the specified classes are printed and have their solutions saved.

```
1 \SetupExSheets{use-classes={A,C}}
2 \begin{question}[class=A]
3 Belonging to class A.
4 \end{question}
5 \begin{question}[class=B]
6 Belonging to class B.
7 \end{question}
8 \begin{question}[class=C]
9 Belonging to class C!
10 \end{question}
```

Exercise 21.

Belonging to class A.

Exercise 22.

Belonging to class C!

Questions of classes that are not used are fully discarded. This also means that questions that don't have a class assigned are discarded.

12.2. Using Topics

Similarly to classes one can assign topics to questions. The usage is practically identical, the semantic meaning is different.

```
use-topics = \{\langle list \ of \ topics \rangle\}
```

(initially empty)

When this option is used only the questions belonging to the specified topics are printed and have their solutions saved.

```
1 \SetupExSheets{use-topics={trigonometry}}
2 \begin{question}[topic=trigonometry]
3 A trigonometry question.
4 \end{question}
5 \begin{question}[topic=arithmetics]
6 A arithmetics question
7 \end{question}
```

Exercise 23.

A trigonometry question.

Questions of topics that are not used are fully discarded. This also means that questions that don't have a topic assigned are discarded.

If you set both use-classes and use-topics then only questions will be used that *match both categories*.

Ideally one could assign more than one topic to a question but this is *not* supported yet.

12.3. Own Dividing Concepts

Introduced in version o.8

Actually both classes and topics are introduced into **ExSheets** internally this way:

```
1 \DeclareQuestionClass{class}{classes}
2 \DeclareQuestionClass{topic}{topics}
```

which means you can do the same introducing your own dividing concepts.

```
\DeclareQuestionClass{\langle singular name \rangle} {\langle plural name \rangle}
```

Introduces a new dividing concept and defines both new options for the question environment and new global options.

For example you could decide you want to group your questions according to their difficulty. You could place the following line in your preamble:

```
1 \DeclareQuestionClass{difficulty}{difficulties}
```

This would define an option use-difficulties analogous to use-classes and use-topics. It would also define an option difficulty for the question environment. This means you could now do something like the following:

```
\SetupExSheets{use-difficulties={easy,hard}}
\begin{question}[difficulty=easy]
an easy question.
\end{question}
\begin{question}[difficulty=medium]

This one's a bit harder.
\end{question}
\begin{question}[difficulty=hard]

Now let's see if you can solve this one.
\end{question}
```

Exercise 24.

An easy question.

Exercise 25.

Now let's see if you can solve this one.

12.4. Retrieving the Class Value in a Question

Sometimes it may be desirable to retrieve the value of a class defined by \DeclareQuestionClass that a question has in order to be able to print, say. This is possible with the following commands:

*\GetQuestionClass{\langle class\rangle}

Prints the value of $\langle class \rangle$ a question has. The command is expandable. If the class does not exist or the value is empty the command expands to nothing.

```
\P
```

Test if a question has a non-empty value for class $\langle class \rangle$ and either leaves $\langle true \rangle$ or $\langle false \rangle$ in the input stream. In the $\langle true \rangle$ argument you can refer to the value with #1 where you want it printed.

```
\P \operatorname{Class} {\langle class \rangle} {\langle true \rangle}
```

Like \PrintQuestionClassTF but only has the $\langle true \rangle$ branch.

```
\P
```

Like \PrintQuestionClassTF but only has the $\langle false \rangle$ branch.

```
1 \begin{question}[difficulty=hard]
2 This question has the difficulty level
3 ''\PrintQuestionClassTF{difficulty}{#1}{??}''.
4 \end{question}
```

Exercise 26.

This question has the difficulty level "hard".

13. Adding and Using Additional Information to Questions

For managing lots of questions and corresponding solutions it can be very useful to be able to save and recover additional information to the questions. This is possible with the following commands. First the ones for saving:

```
\DeclareQuestionProperty{\langle name \rangle}
```

This command defines a question property $\langle name \rangle$. It can only be used in the document preamble.

```
\SetQuestionProperties\{\langle name \rangle = \langle value \rangle, \ldots\}
```

Set the properties for a specific question. this command can only be used inside the question environment.

Now the commands for recovering the properties:

```
\QuestionNumber{\langle id \rangle}
```

Recover the number of the question with the ID $\langle id \rangle$. The number is displayed according to the format set with counter-format.

* \GetQuestionProperty{ $\langle name \rangle$ }{ $\langle id \rangle$ }

Recover the property $\langle name \rangle$ of the question with the ID $\langle id \rangle$. Of course the property must have been declared before. The command is expandable. Since the properties of a question are written to the aux file it is possible to retrieve them before the corresponding question environment has been used.

Let's say we have declared the properties notes, reference and topic. By default the property points is available and gets the value of the optional argument of the question environment.

We can now do the following:

Introduced in version 0.12

```
1 % uses 'biblatex'
2 \begin{question}[ID=center,topic=LaTeX]{3}
   Explain how you could center text in a \LaTeX\ document.
   \SetQuestionProperties{
       topic
                = \TeX/\LaTeX ,
                 = {How to center text.},
       notes
       reference = {\textcite{companion}}}
8 \end{question}
9 \begin{solution}
   To center a short part of the text body one can use the \env*{center}
  environment (\points{1}). Inside an environment like \env*{table} one
should use \cs*{centering} (\points{1}). For single lines there is also
   the \cs*{centerline} command (\points{1}).
14 \end{solution}
15 \begin{question}[ID=knuthbooks,topic=LaTeX]{2}
   Name two books by D.\,E.\,Knuth.
   \SetQuestionProperties{
       topic = \TeX/\LaTeX ,
                = {Books by Knuth.},
19
       reference = {\textcite{knuth:ct:a,knuth:ct:b,knuth:ct:c,knuth:ct:d,knuth:
   ct:e}}}
21 \end{question}
22 \begin{solution}
23 For example two volumes from \citetitle{knuth:ct}:
   \citetitle{knuth:ct:a,knuth:ct:b,knuth:ct:c,knuth:ct:d,knuth:ct:e}. Each
   valid answer is worth \points{1}
26 \end{solution}
Exercise 27.
                                                                                     3 P.
Explain how you could center text in a LATEX document.
Exercise 28.
                                                                                     2 P.
Name two books by D. E. Knuth.
```

It is now possible to recover these values later:

```
1 % uses 'booktabs'
2 \begin{center}
3 \begin{tabular}{lll}
4 \toprule
5 Question & Property & \\
6 \midrule
7 \QuestionNumber{center}
8 & Points & \GetQuestionProperty{points}{center} \\
9 & Topic & \GetQuestionProperty{topic}{center} \\
```

```
& References & \GetQuestionProperty{reference}{center} \\
                     & \GetQuestionProperty{notes}{center} \\
11
      \midrule
12
      \QuestionNumber{knuthbooks}
                     & \GetQuestionProperty{points}{knuthbooks} \\
        & Points
14
        & Topic
                     & \GetQuestionProperty{topic}{knuthbooks} \\
15
        & References & \GetQuestionProperty{reference}{knuthbooks} \\
16
                     & \GetQuestionProperty{notes}{knuthbooks} \\
        & Note
17
      \bottomrule
    \end{tabular}
20 \end{center}
```

Question	Property	
27.	Points Topic References Note	3 TEX/IATEX Goossens, Mittelbach, and Samarin [GMS94] How to center text.
28.	Points Topic References Note	2 TEX/EATEX Knuth [Knu84b; Knu86a; Knu86b; Knu86c; Knu86d] Books by Knuth.

Introduced in version 0.7a

If you use the package option auto-label the properties ref and pageref are predefined which will call the corresponding \ref or \pageref, respectively. Also see section 17.

Please note that these properties *are not the same* as the dividing concepts explained in section 12 although they may seem similar in meaning or even have the same name.

There are additional commands that might prove useful:

Introduced in version 0.3

\ForEachQuestion{ $\langle code\ to\ be\ executed\ for\ each\ used\ question \rangle$ }

Inside the argument one can refer to the ID of a question with #1. Beware that this command only knows of questions used before it is issued.

* \numberofquestions

Returns the current number of used questions. Beware that this command only knows of questions used before it is issued.

* \iflastquestion{\langle true code \rangle \} {\langle false code \rangle \}

Although this command is available in the whole document it is only useful inside \ForEachQuestion. It tells you if the end of the loop is reached or not.

For example one could use these commands to create a grading table:

```
begin{tabular}{|l|*{\numberofquestions}{c|}c|}c|}\hline
Question &
    \ForEachQuestion{\QuestionNumber{#1}\iflastquestion{}{&}} &
    Total \\ \hline
Points &
    \ForEachQuestion{\GetQuestionProperty{points}{#1}\iflastquestion{}{&}} &
    \pointssum* \\ \hline
Reached &
    \ForEachQuestion{\iflastquestion{}{&}} & \\ ForEachQuestion{\iflastquestion{}{&}} & \\ end{tabular}
```

For four questions the table now would look similar to figure 1.

Question	1.	2.	3.	4.	Total
Points	3	5	10	8	26
Reached					

FIGURE 1: An example for a grading table. (Actually this is a fake. See the grading-table.tex file shipped with exsheets for the real use case.)

14. Variations of an Exam

Introduced in version o.6

It is a quite common task to design an exam in two different variants. This is of course possible with **Exsheets**' classes (see section 12.1). However, often not the whole question is to be different but only small details, the numbers in a maths exam, say. For this purpose **Exsheets** provides the following commands:

```
\SetVariations\{\langle num \rangle\}\
```

Set the number of different variants. This will determine how many arguments the command $\$ wary will get. $\langle num \rangle$ must at least be 2 and is initially set to 2.

```
\operatorname{variant}\{\langle num\rangle\}
```

Choose the active variant. The argument must be a number between 1 and the number set with **\SetVariations**. Initially set to 1.

```
\operatorname{vary}\{\langle variant 1 \rangle\}\{\langle variant 2 \rangle\}
```

This command is the one actually used in the document. It has a number of required arguments equal to the number set with \SetVariations. All of its arguments are discarded except the one specified with \variant.

\lastvariant

Introduced in version 0.7b

Each time \vary is called it stores the value it chose in \lastversion. This might be convenient to use if one otherwise would have to repeatedly write the same \vary.

```
   \SetVariations{6}%
   \variant{6}\vary{A}{B}{C}{D}{E}{F}
   \( \text{last variant: \lastvariant} \)
   \( \variant{1}\vary{A}{B}{C}{D}{E}{F} \)
   \( \text{last variant: \lastvariant} \)
   \( \variant{5}\vary{A}{B}{C}{D}{E}{F} \)
   \( \text{last variant: \lastvariant} \)
   \( \variant{2}\vary{A}{B}{C}{D}{E}{F} \)
   \( \text{last variant: \lastvariant} \)
   \( \variant{2}\vary{A}{B}{C}{D}{E}{F} \)
   \( \text{last variant: \lastvariant} \)
   \( \variant{4}\vary{A}{B}{C}{D}{E}{F} \)
   \( \text{last variant: \lastvariant} \)
   \( \variant{3}\vary{A}{B}{C}{D}{E}{F} \)
   \( \text{last variant: \lastvariant} \)
   \( \variant{3}\vary{A}{B}{C}{D}{E}{F} \)
   \( \text{last variant: \lastvariant} \)
   \( \text{last variant: \lastvariant} \)
   \( \text{last variant: F) A (\text{last variant: A) E (\text{last variant: E) B (\text{last variant: B) D (\text{last variant: D) C (\text{last variant: C)}}
}
```

15. A Grade Distribution

Probably this is a rather esoteric feature but it could proof useful in some cases. Suppose you are a German math teacher and want to grade exactly corresponding to the number of points relative to the sum of total points, regardless of how big that might be. You could do something like this to present your grading decisions for the exam:

```
1 % preamble:
2 % \DeclareRelGrades{
    1 = 1,
     \{1,5\} = .9167,
     2 = .8333 ,
     \{2,5\} = .75,
     3 = .6667
    {3,5} = .5833,
        = .5
10 % }
\small\setlength\tabcolsep{2pt}
12 \begin{tabular}{r|*8c}
   Punkte
                     & $\le\grade*{1}$ & $\le\grade*{1,5}$ & $\le\grade*{2}$
   & $\grade*{1}$
   & $\le\grade*{2,5}$ & $\le\grade*{3}$ & $\le\grade*{3,5}$ & $<\grade*{4}$ \\
    & 1 & 1--2 & 2 & 2--3 & 3 & 3--4 & 4 & 5
18 \end{tabular}
```

```
Punkte \begin{vmatrix} 64.75 \le 64.75 \le 59 \le 54 \le 49 \le 43 \le 38 < 32 \\ \text{Note} \end{vmatrix} 1 1-2 2 2-3 3 3-4 4 5
```

These are the available commands and options:

```
\DeclareRelGrades \{\langle grade \rangle = \langle num \rangle, \ldots \}
```

This command is used to define grades and assign the percentage of total points to them.

```
\grade*{\langle grade \rangle}
```

Gives the number of points corresponding to a grade depending on the value of \pointssum with or without (starred version) "unit".

```
grades \gg round = \{\langle num \rangle\}
```

Default: 0

The number of decimals the points of a grade are rounded to. This doesn't apply to the maximum number of points if the rounded number would be bigger than the actual sum.

grades » half = true|false

Default: false

If set to true points are rounded either to full or to half points.

16. Selectively Include Questions from External Files

16.1. Caveat

I need to say some words of caution: the \includequestions that will be presented shortly is probably Exsheets' most experimental one at the time of writing (December 8, 2013). Thanks to feedback of users it is constantly improved and bugs are fixed. It is not a very efficient way to insert question regarding performance and you shouldn't wonder if compilation slows down when you use it. It probably needs to be re-written all over but on the one hand that would introduce new bugs and on the other hand for the time being I don't have the capacities, anyway, so you'll have to live it, I'm afraid.

16.2. How it works

Suppose you have one or more files with questions prepared to use them as a kind of database. One for class A, say, one for class B, one for class C and so one, something like this:

```
1 % this is file classA.tex
2 \begin{question}[class=A,ID=A1,topic=X]
3 First question of class A, topic X.
4 \end{question}
5 \begin{solution}
6 First solution of class A.
7 \end{solution}
8 \begin{question}[class=A,ID=A2,topic=Y]
9 Second question of class A, topic Y.
10 \end{question}
11 \begin{solution}
```

```
12 Second solution of class A.
13 \end{solution}
14 ...
15 % end of file classA.tex
16 \endinput
```

You can of course just \input or \include it but that would of course include the whole file into your document. But would't it be nice to just include selected questions? Or maybe a five random questions from the file? That is possible with the following command:

```
\includequestions [\langle options \rangle] {\langle list\ of\ filenames \rangle}
Include questions from external files.
```

If you use it without options it will have the same effect as \input. There are however the following options:

```
include » all = \underline{\text{true}}|\text{false}

include » IDs = \{\langle \textit{list of } \textit{IDs} \rangle\} (initially empty)

Includes only the specified questions.

include » \text{random} = \{\langle \textit{num} \rangle\} (initially empty)

Includes \langle \textit{num} \rangle randomly selected questions. This option uses the pgfcore package to create the pseudo-random numbers.

include » \text{exclude} = \{\langle \textit{list of } \textit{IDs} \rangle\} (initially empty)
```

Questions who's IDs are specified here are not included. This option can be combined with the random option.

The usage should be self-explainable:

```
1 % include questions A1, A3 and A4:
2 \includequestions[IDs={A1,A3,A4}]{classA.tex}
3 % or include 3 random questions:
4 \includequestions[random=3]{classA}
```

In order to be able to select the questions **ExSHEETs** needs to \input the file twice. The first time the available questions are determined, the second time the selected questions are used. This unfortunately means that anything that is *not* part of a question or solution is also input twice. Either don't put anything else into the file or use one of the following commands for control:

```
\P \operatorname{IntIfIncludeActiveTF} \{ \langle true \ code \rangle \} \{ \langle false \ code \rangle \}
```

Checks if the questions are actively included or not and puts $\langle true\ code \rangle$ or $\langle false\ code \rangle$ in the input stream depending on the answer.

\PrintIfIncludeActiveT{\langle true code \rangle}

Checks if the questions are actively included or not and puts $\langle true\ code \rangle$ in the input stream if the answer is yes.

\PrintIfIncludeActiveF{\langle false code \rangle}

Checks if the questions are actively included or not and puts $\langle false\ code \rangle$ in the input stream if the answer is no.

The selection can be refined further by selecting questions belonging to a specific class of questions (see section 12) before using \includequestions.

Introduced in version o.8

After you've used \includequestions the IDs of the included questions is available as an unordered comma separated list in the following macro:

\questionsincludedlast

Unordered comma separated list of question IDs included with the last usage of \includequestions.

17. The auto-label Option

Introduced in version 0.12

The package option auto-label sets a $\label{qu:} \langle id \rangle$ } every time the question environment is used. Both the used command and the automated label can be customized using the following options:

```
label-format = \{\langle code \rangle\}
```

Default: qu:#1

The pattern for generating the automatic label. #1 gets replaced by the ID of the corresponding question.

```
label-cmd = \{\langle macro \rangle\}
```

Default: \label

The command used for generating the label. A command that should take one mandatory argument.

```
ref-cmd = \{\langle macro \rangle\}
```

Default: \ref

The command used in the ref property created by the auto-label option, also see section 13. The command should take one mandatory argument.

```
pageref-cmd = \{\langle macro \rangle\}
```

Default: \pageref

The command used in the pageref property created by the auto-label option, also see section 13. The command should take one mandatory argument.

18. Own Question/Solution Pairs

Changed in version 0.9

EXSHEETS provides he possibility to create new environments that behave like the question and solution environments. This would allow, for example, to define a question*/solution* environment pair for bonus questions. The following commands may be used in the document preamble:

18. Own Question/Solution Pairs

 $\NewQuSolPair{\langle question \rangle}[\langle question options \rangle][\langle general options \rangle]\{\langle solution \rangle\}[\langle solution options \rangle][\langle general options \rangle]$

Define a new pair of question and solution environments.

 $\ensuremath{\mbox{\sf RenewQuSolPair}\{\langle question \rangle\}[\langle question \ options \rangle][\langle general \ options \rangle]\{\langle solution \ options \rangle\}[\langle general \ options \rangle]}$

Redefine an existing pair of question and solution environments.

The standard environments are defined as follows:

```
1 \NewQuSolPair{question}{solution}
```

Let's say we want the possibility to add bonus questions. A simple way would be to define starred variants that add a star in the margin left to the title:

```
1 % preamble:
2 % - \texorpdfstring is provided by 'hyperref'
3 % - \bigstar is provided by 'amssymb'
4 % \DeclareRobustCommand*\questionstar{\texorpdfstring{\bonusquestionsign}{* }}
5 % \DeclareRobustCommand*\bonusquestionsign{\llap{$\bigstar$\space}}
6 %
7 % \NewQuSolPair
8 % {question*}[name=\questionstar Bonus Question]
9 % {solution*}[name=\questionstar Solution]
10 \begin{question*}
11 This is a bonus question.
12 \end{question*}
13 \begin{solution*}[print]
14 This is what the solution looks like.
15 \end{solution*}
```

★ Bonus Question 29.

This is a bonus question.

★ Solution 29.

This is what the solution looks like.

As you can see the environments take the same options as are described for the standard question and solution environments.

19. Filling in the Blanks

19.1. Cloze

Changed in version 0.4

Both in exercise sheets and in exams it is sometimes desirable to be able to create				
to be filled in. Or maybe some more lines:				

```
\blue{blank*}[\langle options \rangle] \{\langle text \ to \ be \ filled \ in \rangle\}
```

creates a blank in normal text or in a question but fills the text of its argument if inside a solution. If used at the *begin of a paragraph* \blank will do two things: it will set the linespread according to an option explained below and will insert \par after the lines. If you don't want that use the starred version.

The options are these:

blank » style = line|wave|dline|dotted|dashed

Default: line

The style of the line. This uses the corresponding command from the ulem package and is the whole reason why **Exshers** loads it in the first place.

blank » scale = $\{\langle num \rangle\}$

Default: 1

Scales the width of the blank by factor $\langle num \rangle$ unless the width is explicitly set.

blank \gg width = $\{\langle dim \rangle\}$

(initially empty)

The width of the line. If it is not used the width of the filled in text is used.

blank » linespread = $\{\langle num \rangle\}$

Default: 1

Set the linespread for the blank lines. This only has an effect if \blank is used at the begin of a paragraph.

```
1 \begin{question}
2  Try to fill in \blank[width=4cm]{these} blanks. All of them
3  \blank[style=dotted]{are created} by using the \cs{blank}
4  \blank[style=dashed]{command}.
5 \end{question}
6 \begin{solution}[print]
7  Try to fill in \blank[width=4cm]{these} blanks. All of them
8  \blank[style=dotted]{are created} by using the \cs{blank}
9  \blank[style=dashed]{command}.
10 \end{solution}
```

Exercise 30.						
Try to fill in	blanks. All of them	by using the \blank				
·						
Solution 30.						
Try to fill in these blanks. All of	blank command.					
A number of empty lines are easily	created by setting the width o	ption:				
\blank[width=4.8\linewidth,linespread=1.5]{}						
-						

19.2. Vertical Space for answers

Introduced in version 0.3

When you're creating an exam you might want to add some vertical space where the students can write down their answers. While you can always use \vspace this is not always handy when the space left on the page is less than you want. In this case it would be nice if a) there would be no warning and b) the rest of the space would be added at the top of the next page. This is what the following command is for:

$\ensuremath{\ens$

Add space as specified in $\langle dim \rangle$. If the space available on the current page is not enough the rest of the space will be added at the top of the next page. The starred version will silently drop any leftover space instead of adding it to the next page.

Exercise 31. What do you think of this feature? What do you think of this feature? Nexamspace{3cm} Nend{question} This line comes after the space.

20. Styling your Exercise/Exam Sheets

20.1. Background

The Exsheets package makes extensive use of LaTeX3's coffins 16 as well as its templates concept. 17 The latter allows a rather easy extension and customization of some of Exsheets' environments. To be more precise: you can define your own instances for the headings used for questions and solutions and for the tasks environment.

What this package doesn't provide is changing the background of questions or framing them. But this is easily possible using the mdframed package and its \surroundwithmdframed command.

20.2. The exsheets-headings Object

ExSheets defines the object exsheets-headings and one template for it, the 'default' template. The package also defines two instances of this template, the 'block' instance and the 'runin' instance.

```
1 \SetupExSheets{headings=block}
2 \begin{question}{1}
3     a 'block' heading
4 \end{question}
5 \SetupExSheets{headings=runin}
6 \begin{question}{1}
7     a 'runin' heading
8 \end{question}

Exercise 32.
a 'block' heading

Exercise 33. a 'runin' heading

1 P.
```

20.2.1. Available Options

This section only lists the options that can be used when defining an instance of the 'default' template. The following subsections will give loads of examples of their usage. The options are listed in the definition for the template interface:

```
1 \DeclareTemplateInterface{exsheets-heading}{default}{3}{
2 % option : type = default
3 inline : boolean = false ,
```

^{16.} See the documentation to the xcoffins package for more information on that.

^{17.} Have a look into the documentation to the xtemplate package.

```
runin
                     : boolean
                                = false ,
   indent-first
toc-reversed
                    : boolean = false ,
                    : boolean = false ,
   vscale
                    : real
                                = 1
                                = 2pt
                    : length
   above
   below
                    : length
                                = 2pt
                    : tokenlist =
   main
   pre-code
                   : tokenlist =
   post-code
                   : tokenlist =
   title-format : tokenlist =
13
   title-pre-code : tokenlist =
14
   title-post-code : tokenlist =
15
   number-format
                    : tokenlist =
   number-pre-code
                    : tokenlist =
17
   number-post-code : tokenlist =
18
   subtitle-format : tokenlist =
   subtitle-pre-code : tokenlist =
   subtitle-post-code : tokenlist =
21
   points-format : tokenlist =
22
   points-pre-code : tokenlist =
   points-post-code : tokenlist =
24
            : tokenlist =
   join
                    : tokenlist =
   attach
26
27 }
```

Each heading is built with at most five coffins available with the names 'main', 'title', 'subtitle', 'number' and 'points'. Those coffins place possibly the whole heading, the title, the subtitle, the question number and the assigned points. The only coffin that's always typeset is the 'main' coffin, which is empty per default.

Coffins can be joined (two become one, the first extends its bounding box to contain the second) using the following syntax:

```
i join = coffin1[handle11,handle12]coffin2[handle21,handle22](x-offset,y-offset)
```

The syntax for attaching (two become one, the first does *not* extend its bounding box around the second) is the same.

More on coffin handles is described in the documentation for the xcoffins. Figure 2 briefly demonstrates the available handle pairs.

The following subsections will show all definitions of the instances available with the package option load-headings and how they look. This will hopefully give you enough ideas to create your own instance if you want to have another heading style than the ones available.

Of you use the option load-headings each of the following instances is available through the option headings = $\{\langle instance \rangle\}$.

The following examples use a sample text defined as follows:

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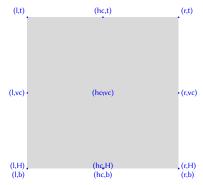


FIGURE 2: Available handles for a horizontal coffin.

```
1 \def\s{This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat
2 longer text spanning a few lines.}
3 \def\sample{\s\ \s\par\s}
```

All of the following examples use the same question call:

```
   \SetupExSheets{headings=<name>}
   \begin{question}[subtitle=The subtitle of the question]{1}
   A '<name>' heading. \sample
   \end{question}
```

20.2.2. The 'block' Instance

Exercise 34.

A 'block' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.3. The 'runin' Instance

Exercise 35. A 'runin' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.4. The 'simple' Instance

36. Exercise

(1 P.)

A 'simple' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.5. The 'empty' Instance

Introduced in version 0.9a

```
1 \DeclareInstance{exsheets-heading}{empty}{default}{
2    runin = true ,
3    above = \parskip ,
4    below = \parskip ,
5    attach = { main[l,vc]points[l,vc](\linewidth+\marginparsep,0pt) }
6 }
```

An 'empty' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.6. The 'block-rev' Instance

```
^ \DeclareInstance{exsheets-heading}{block-rev}{default}{
^ toc-reversed = true ,
    join = { number[r,B]title[l,B](.333em,0pt) } ,
    attach =
    {
        main[l,vc]number[l,vc](0pt,0pt) ;
        main[r,vc]points[l,vc](\marginparsep,0pt)
        }
    }
}
```

38. Exercise

A 'block-rev' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.7. The 'block-subtitle' Instance

Introduced in version 0.10

```
1 \DeclareInstance{exsheets-heading}{block-subtitle}{default}{
2    join = {
3        title[r,B]number[l,B](.333em,0pt) ;
4        title[r,B]subtitle[l,B](1em,0pt)
5    },
6    attach = {
7        main[l,vc]title[l,vc](0pt,0pt) ;
8        main[r,vc]points[l,vc](\marginparsep,0pt)
9    }
```

```
10 }
```

Exercise 39. The subtitle of the question

1 P. longer ger text

A 'block-subtitle' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.8. The 'block-wp' Instance

```
1 \DeclareInstance{exsheets-heading}{block-wp}{default}{
2    points-pre-code = ( ,
3    points-post-code = ) ,
4    join =
5    {
6        title[r,B]number[l,B](.333em,0pt) ;
7        title[r,B]points[l,B](.333em,0pt)
8    } ,
9    attach = { main[l,vc]title[l,vc](0pt,0pt) }
10 }
```

Exercise 40. (1 P.)

A 'block-wp' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.9. The 'block-wp-rev' Instance

```
1 \DeclareInstance{exsheets-heading}{block-wp-rev}{default}{
2    toc-reversed = true ,
3    points-pre-code = ( ,
4    points-post-code = ) ,
5    join =
6    {
7         number[r,B]title[l,B](.333em,0pt) ;
8         number[r,B]points[l,B](.333em,0pt)
9    } ,
10    attach = { main[l,vc]number[l,vc](0pt,0pt) }
11 }
```

41. Exercise (1 P.)

A 'block-wp-rev' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.10. The 'block-nr' Instance

1 P.

A 'block-nr' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.11. The 'block-nr-wp' Instance

```
1 \DeclareInstance{exsheets-heading}{block-nr-wp}{default}{
2  points-pre-code = ( ,
3  points-post-code = ) ,
4  join = { number[r,vc]points[l,vc](.333em,0pt) } ,
5  attach = { main[l,vc]number[l,vc](0pt,0pt) }
6 }
```

43. (1 P.)

A 'block-nr-wp' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.12. The 'runin-rev' Instance

```
    \DeclareInstance{exsheets-heading}{runin-rev}{default}{
    toc-reversed = true ,
    runin = true ,
```

44. Exercise A 'runin-rev' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.13. The 'runin-wp' Instance

Exercise 45. (1 P.) A 'runin-wp' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.14. The 'runin-wp-rev' Instance

```
1 \DeclareInstance{exsheets-heading}{runin-wp-rev}{default}{
2  toc-reversed = true ,
3  runin = true ,
4  points-pre-code = ( ,
5  points-post-code = )\space ,
6  join =
7  {
8  main[r,vc]number[r,vc](0pt,0pt) ;
```

```
9     main[r,vc]title[l,vc](.333em,0pt);
10     main[r,vc]points[l,vc](.333em,0pt)
11     }
12 }
```

46. Exercise (1 P.) A 'runin-wp-rev' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.15. The 'runin-nr' Instance

47. A 'runin-nr' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.16. The 'runin-fixed-nr' Instance

48. A 'runin-fixed-nr' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.17. The 'runin-nr-wp' Instance

49. (1 P.) A 'runin-nr-wp' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.18. The 'inline' Instance

Introduced in version 0.5

Text before **Exercise 50.** An 'inline' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. Text after

20.2.19. The 'inline-wp' Instance

Introduced in version 0.5

Text before **Exercise 51.** (1 P.) An 'inline-wp' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. Text after

20.2.20. The 'inline-nr' Instance

Introduced in version 0.5

Text before **52.** An 'inline-nr' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. Text after

20.2.21. The 'centered' Instance

Exercise 53.

A 'centered' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.22. The 'centered-wp' Instance

```
1 \DeclareInstance{exsheets-heading}{centered-wp}{default}{
2  points-pre-code = ( ,
3  points-post-code = ) ,
4  join =
5  {
6    title[r,B]number[l,B](.333em,0pt) ;
7    title[r,B]points[l,B](.333em,0pt)
8  } ,
9  attach = { main[hc,vc]title[hc,vc](0pt,0pt) }
10 }
```

Exercise 54. (1 P.)

A 'centered-wp' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.23. The 'margin' Instance

Exercise 55. A 'margin' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text (1 P.) spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.24. The 'margin-nr' Instance

```
1 \DeclareInstance{exsheets-heading}{margin-nr}{default}{
2    runin = true ,
3    attach =
4    {
5       main[l,vc]number[r,vc](-.333em,0pt) ;
6       main[r,vc]points[l,vc](\linewidth+\marginparsep,0pt)
7    }
8 }
```

56. A 'margin-nr' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.25. The 'raggedleft' Instance

Exercise 57. 1 P.

A 'raggedleft' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.26. The 'fancy' Instance

1 P.

58. Exercise

A 'fancy' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.2.27. The 'fancy-wp' Instance

```
1 \DeclareInstance{exsheets-heading}{fancy-wp}{default}{
    toc-reversed
                    = true ,
                    = true ,
    indent-first
                    = 2 ,
    vscale
   pre-code
                    = \rule{\linewidth}{1pt} ,
   post-code
                    = \rule{\linewidth}{1pt} ,
   title-format = \large\scshape\color{exsheetsred} ,
   number-format = \large\bfseries\color{exsheetsblue} ,
   points-format = \itshape ,
   points-pre-code = ( ,
    points-post-code = ) ,
    join
12
13
        number[r,B]title[l,B](.333em,0pt) ;
14
        number[r,B]points[l,B](.333em,0pt)
15
      } ,
16
                    = { main[hc,vc]number[hc,vc](0pt,0pt) }
    attach
17
18 }
```

59. Exercise (1 P.)

A 'fancy-wp' heading. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines. This is some sample text we will use to create a somewhat longer text spanning a few lines.

20.3. Load Custom Configurations

If you have custom configurations you want to be loaded automatically then save them in a file exsheets_configurations.cfg. If this file is present it will be loaded \AtBeginDocument.

Part III.

The ExSHEETS-LISTINGS Package vo.2

21. The Problem

I knew the day would come when people would ask how to include verbatim material in the question and solution environments. Since they're defined with the environ package they're reading their environment bodies like macros read their arguments. This makes it impossible to use verbatim material inside them.¹⁸ Now the day has come [Bra13]. Soon after the first question appeared I wrote the first draft for Exshets-listings for a question on Tex.sx [Ass13].

22. The Proposed Solution

The Exshetts-listings package defines listings environments that place their contents inside question and solution environments. They do this by writing the listing to a unique auxiliary file – questions to \jobname-ex $\langle num \rangle$. Lst and solutions to \jobname-sol $\langle num \rangle$. Lst where $\langle num \rangle$ is an increasing integer that ensures that each listing gets a unique file name. Those files are then included with \lstinutlisting if and when the question or solution is printed.

```
\begin{lstquestion} [\langle options \rangle]
```

A listings environment placed in a question.

```
\begin{lstsolution}[\langle options \rangle]
```

A listings environment placed in a solution.

All you have to do to use the package is loading it the usual way:

```
1 \usepackage{exsheets-listings}
```

This will also load the packages **EXSHEETS** and listings if they're not loaded already.

```
1 % this uses my listings style used in this documentation for all pieces of
2 % code:
3 \begin{lstquestion}[%
```

^{18.} See the TFX FAQ http://www.tex.ac.uk/cgi-bin/texfaq2html?label=verbwithin for reasons why.

```
pre=Explain what this piece of \LaTeX\ code does:,
listings={style=cnltx}]
begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
expandafter\ifx\csname foo\endcsname\relax
...
explain what this piece of LATeX code does:
begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
expandafter\ifx\csname foo\endcsname\relax

Exercise 6o.
Explain what this piece of LATeX code does:
begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
expandafter\ifx\csname foo\endcsname\relax
...
explain what this piece of LATeX code does:
filese
```

The example already shows two options of these environments. Here is the complete list:

```
\begin{aligned} &\text{pre} = \{\langle \textit{text} \rangle\} \\ &\langle \textit{text} \rangle \text{ is placed before the code in the question or solution environment.} \end{aligned} \begin{aligned} &\text{post} = \{\langle \textit{text} \rangle\} \\ &\langle \textit{text} \rangle \text{ is placed after the code in the question or solution environment.} \end{aligned} \begin{aligned} &\text{options} = \{\langle \textit{options} \rangle\} \\ &\text{Options passed to underlying the question or solution environment.} \end{aligned} \begin{aligned} &\text{points} = \{\langle \textit{points} \rangle\} \\ &\text{The points assigned to the underlying question environment.} \end{aligned} \begin{aligned} &\text{listings} = \{\langle \textit{options} \rangle\} \\ &\text{Options passed to the underlying listings environment.} \end{aligned}
```

There are also two new options for **ExSHEETs** that can be set with \SetupExSheets:

```
question » listings = {\langle options\rangle}

Options passed to the underlying listings environment of lstquestion.

solution » listings = {\langle options\rangle}

Options passed to the underlying listings environment of lstsolution.
```

23. Own Environments

 $\begin{tabular}{l} $$ \end{tabular} $$$ \e$

The existing environments have been defined like this:

NewLstQuSolPair{lstquestion}{question}{lstsolution}{solution}

Part IV.

Appendix

A. A List of all Solutions used in this Manual

Solution 9.

This is the solution to exercise 9!

Solution 10.

See? This solution gets printed where you have put it in the code of your document.

Fancy name 11.

See? This solution gets printed where you have put it and has a fancy name!

Solution 18.

This will be one of a few solutions printed by the following call of \printsolutions.

Solution 19.

The solution to the question with the nice ID.

Solution 20.

Yet another solution.

Solution 27.

To center a short part of the text body one can use the center environment (1 P.). Inside an environment like table one should use \centering (1 P.). For single lines there is also the \centerline command (1 P.).

Solution 28.

For example two volumes from *Computers & Typesetting*: *TEXbook*; *TEX*; *METAFONTbook*; *METAFONT*; *Computer Modern Typefaces*. Each valid answer is worth 1 P.

★ Solution 29.

This is what the solution looks like.

Solution 30.

Try to fill in these blanks. All of them are created by using the \blank command.

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