

# The L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 Sources

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## Abstract

This is the reference documentation for the `expl3` programming environment. The `expl3` modules set up an experimental naming scheme for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X commands, which allow the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X programmer to systematically name functions and variables, and specify the argument types of functions.

The T<sub>E</sub>X and  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X primitives are all given a new name according to these conventions. However, in the main direct use of the primitives is not required or encouraged: the `expl3` modules define an independent low-level L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 programming language.

At present, the `expl3` modules are designed to be loaded on top of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2 $\varepsilon$ . In time, a L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 format will be produced based on this code. This allows the code to be used in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2 $\varepsilon$  packages *now* while a stand-alone L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 is developed.

**While `expl3` is still experimental, the bundle is now regarded as broadly stable. The syntax conventions and functions provided are now ready for wider use. There may still be changes to some functions, but these will be minor when compared to the scope of `expl3`.**

New modules will be added to the distributed version of `expl3` as they reach maturity.

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## Part I

# Introduction to expl3 and this document

This document is intended to act as a comprehensive reference manual for the `expl3` language. A general guide to the `LATEX3` programming language is found in [expl3.pdf](#).

## 1 Naming functions and variables

`LATEX3` does not use `@` as a “letter” for defining internal macros. Instead, the symbols `_` and `:` are used in internal macro names to provide structure. The name of each *function* is divided into logical units using `_`, while `:` separates the *name* of the function from the *argument specifier* (“arg-spec”). This describes the arguments expected by the function. In most cases, each argument is represented by a single letter. The complete list of arg-spec letters for a function is referred to as the *signature* of the function.

Each function name starts with the *module* to which it belongs. Thus apart from a small number of very basic functions, all `expl3` function names contain at least one underscore to divide the module name from the descriptive name of the function. For example, all functions concerned with comma lists are in module `clist` and begin `\clist_`.

Every function must include an argument specifier. For functions which take no arguments, this will be blank and the function name will end `:`. Most functions take one or more arguments, and use the following argument specifiers:

- D** The **D** specifier means *do not use*. All of the `TEX` primitives are initially `\let` to a **D** name, and some are then given a second name. Only the kernel team should use anything with a **D** specifier!
- N and n** These mean *no manipulation*, of a single token for **N** and of a set of tokens given in braces for **n**. Both pass the argument through exactly as given. Usually, if you use a single token for an **n** argument, all will be well.
- c** This means *csname*, and indicates that the argument will be turned into a *csname* before being used. So `\foo:c {ArgumentOne}` will act in the same way as `\foo:N \ArgumentOne`.
- V and v** These mean *value of variable*. The **V** and **v** specifiers are used to get the content of a variable without needing to worry about the underlying `TEX` structure containing the data. A **V** argument will be a single token (similar to **N**), for example `\foo:V \MyVariable`; on the other hand, using **v** a *csname* is constructed first, and then the value is recovered, for example `\foo:v {MyVariable}`.
- o** This means *expansion once*. In general, the **V** and **v** specifiers are favoured over **o** for recovering stored information. However, **o** is useful for correctly processing information with delimited arguments.

- x** The **x** specifier stands for *exhaustive expansion*: every token in the argument is fully expanded until only unexpandable ones remain. The `\edef` primitive carries out this type of expansion. Functions which feature an **x**-type argument are in general *not* expandable, unless specifically noted.
- f** The **f** specifier stands for *full expansion*, and in contrast to **x** stops at the first non-expandable item (reading the argument from left to right) without trying to expand it. For example, when setting a token list variable (a macro used for storage), the sequence

```
\tl_set:Nn \l_my_a_tl { A }
\tl_set:Nn \l_my_b_tl { B }
\tl_set:Nf \l_my_a_tl { \l_my_b_tl }
```

will leave `\l_my_a_tl` with the content `A\l_my_b_tl`, as `A` cannot be expanded and so terminates expansion before `\l_my_b_tl` is considered.

- T and F** For logic tests, there are the branch specifiers **T** (*true*) and **F** (*false*). Both specifiers treat the input in the same way as **n** (no change), but make the logic much easier to see.
- p** The letter **p** indicates `\TeX` *parameters*. Normally this will be used for delimited functions as `expl3` provides better methods for creating simple sequential arguments.
- w** Finally, there is the **w** specifier for *weird* arguments. This covers everything else, but mainly applies to delimited values (where the argument must be terminated by some arbitrary string).

Notice that the argument specifier describes how the argument is processed prior to being passed to the underlying function. For example, `\foo:c` will take its argument, convert it to a control sequence and pass it to `\foo:N`.

Variables are named in a similar manner to functions, but begin with a single letter to define the type of variable:

- c** Constant: global parameters whose value should not be changed.
- g** Parameters whose value should only be set globally.
- l** Parameters whose value should only be set locally.

Each variable name is then build up in a similar way to that of a function, typically starting with the module<sup>1</sup> name and then a descriptive part. Variables end with a short identifier to show the variable type:

**bool** Either true or false.

**box** Box register.

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<sup>1</sup>The module names are not used in case of generic scratch registers defined in the data type modules, e.g., the `int` module contains some scratch variables called `\l_tmpa_int`, `\l_tmpb_int`, and so on. In such a case adding the module name up front to denote the module and in the back to indicate the type, as in `\l_int_tmpa_int` would be very unreadable.

**clist** Comma separated list.

**coffin** a “box with handles” — a higher-level data type for carrying out **box** alignment operations.

**dim** “Rigid” lengths.

**fp** floating-point values;

**int** Integer-valued count register.

**prop** Property list.

**seq** “Sequence”: a data-type used to implement lists (with access at both ends) and stacks.

**skip** “Rubber” lengths.

**stream** An input or output stream (for reading from or writing to, respectively).

**tl** Token list variables: placeholder for a token list.

## 1.1 Terminological inexactitude

A word of warning. In this document, and others referring to the **expl3** programming modules, we often refer to “variables” and “functions” as if they were actual constructs from a real programming language. In truth, **T<sub>E</sub>X** is a macro processor, and functions are simply macros that may or may not take arguments and expand to their replacement text. Many of the common variables are *also* macros, and if placed into the input stream will simply expand to their definition as well — a “function” with no arguments and a “token list variable” are in truth one and the same. On the other hand, some “variables” are actually registers that must be initialised and their values set and retrieved with specific functions.

The conventions of the **expl3** code are designed to clearly separate the ideas of “macros that contain data” and “macros that contain code”, and a consistent wrapper is applied to all forms of “data” whether they be macros or actually registers. This means that sometimes we will use phrases like “the function returns a value”, when actually we just mean “the macro expands to something”. Similarly, the term “execute” might be used in place of “expand” or it might refer to the more specific case of “processing in **T<sub>E</sub>X**’s stomach” (if you are familiar with the **T<sub>E</sub>X**book parlance).

If in doubt, please ask; chances are we’ve been hasty in writing certain definitions and need to be told to tighten up our terminology.

## 2 Documentation conventions

This document is typeset with the experimental **l3doc** class; several conventions are used to help describe the features of the code. A number of conventions are used here to make the documentation clearer.



Each group of related functions is given in a box. For a function with a “user” name, this might read:

---

`\ExplSyntaxOn`  
`\ExplSyntaxOff`

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`\ExplSyntaxOn ... \ExplSyntaxOff`

The textual description of how the function works would appear here. The syntax of the function is shown in mono-spaced text to the right of the box. In this example, the function takes no arguments and so the name of the function is simply reprinted.

For programming functions, which use `_` and `:` in their name there are a few additional conventions: If two related functions are given with identical names but different argument specifiers, these are termed *variants* of each other, and the latter functions are printed in grey to show this more clearly. They will carry out the same function but will take different types of argument:

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`\seq_new:N`  
`\seq_new:c`

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`\seq_new:N`  $\langle sequence \rangle$

When a number of variants are described, the arguments are usually illustrated only for the base function. Here,  $\langle sequence \rangle$  indicates that `\seq_new:N` expects the name of a sequence. From the argument specifier, `\seq_new:c` also expects a sequence name, but as a name rather than as a control sequence. Each argument given in the illustration should be described in the following text.

**Fully expandable functions** Some functions are fully expandable, which allows it to be used within an `x`-type argument (in plain T<sub>E</sub>X terms, inside an `\edef`), as well as within an `f`-type argument. These fully expandable functions are indicated in the documentation by a star:

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`\cs_to_str:N` ☆

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`\cs_to_str:N`  $\langle cs \rangle$

As with other functions, some text should follow which explains how the function works. Usually, only the star will indicate that the function is expandable. In this case, the function expects a  $\langle cs \rangle$ , shorthand for a  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$ .

**Restricted expandable functions** A few functions are fully expandable but cannot be fully expanded within an `f`-type argument. In this case a hollow star is used to indicate this:

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`\seq_map_function:NN` ☆

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`\seq_map_function:NN`  $\langle seq \rangle$   $\langle function \rangle$

**Conditional functions** Conditional (`if`) functions are normally defined in three variants, with `T`, `F` and `TF` argument specifiers. This allows them to be used for different “true”/“false” branches, depending on which outcome the conditional is being used to test. To indicate this without repetition, this information is given in a shortened form:

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<code>\xetex_if_engine:<i><u>TF</u></i> ★</code>	<code>\xetex_if_engine:TF {\langle true code \rangle} {\langle false code \rangle}</code>
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The underlining and italic of `TF` indicates that `\xetex_if_engine:T`, `\xetex_if_engine:F` and `\xetex_if_engine:TF` are all available. Usually, the illustration will use the `TF` variant, and so both `\langle true code \rangle` and `\langle false code \rangle` will be shown. The two variant forms `T` and `F` take only `\langle true code \rangle` and `\langle false code \rangle`, respectively. Here, the star also shows that this function is expandable. With some minor exceptions, *all* conditional functions in the `expl3` modules should be defined in this way.

Variables, constants and so on are described in a similar manner:

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<code>\l_tmpa_tl</code>	A short piece of text will describe the variable: there is no syntax illustration in this case.
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In some cases, the function is similar to one in  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_\epsilon$  or plain  $\text{\TeX}$ . In these cases, the text will include an extra “ **$\text{\TeX}$ hackers note**” section:

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<code>\token_to_str:N ★</code>	<code>\token_to_str:N \langle token \rangle</code>
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The normal description text.

**$\text{\TeX}$ hackers note:** Detail for the experienced  $\text{\TeX}$  or  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_\epsilon$  programmer. In this case, it would point out that this function is the  $\text{\TeX}$  primitive `\string`.

**Changes to behaviour** When new functions are added to `expl3`, the date of first inclusion is given in the documentation. Where the documented behaviour of a function changes after it is first introduced, the date of the update will also be given. This means that the programmer can be sure that any release of `expl3` after the date given will contain the function of interest with expected behaviour as described. Note that changes to code internals, including bug fixes, are not recorded in this way *unless* they impact on the expected behaviour.

### 3 Formal language conventions which apply generally

As this is a formal reference guide for  $\text{\LaTeX} 3$  programming, the descriptions of functions are intended to be reasonably “complete”. However, there is also a need to avoid repetition. Formal ideas which apply to general classes of function are therefore summarised here.

For tests which have a `TF` argument specification, the test is evaluated to give a logically `TRUE` or `FALSE` result. Depending on this result, either the `\langle true code \rangle` or the `\langle false code \rangle` will be left in the input stream. In the case where the test is expandable, and a predicate (`_p`) variant is available, the logical value determined by the test is left in the input stream: this will typically be part of a larger logical construct.

## 4 $\text{\TeX}$ concepts not supported by $\text{\LaTeX}3$

The  $\text{\TeX}$  concept of an “`\outer`” macro is *not supported* at all by  $\text{\LaTeX}3$ . As such, the functions provided here may break when used on top of  $\text{\LaTeX}2_{\epsilon}$  if `\outer` tokens are used in the arguments.

# Part II

## The l3bootstrap package

### Bootstrap code

#### 1 Using the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 modules

The modules documented in `source3` are designed to be used on top of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> and are loaded all as one with the usual `\usepackage{expl3}` or `\RequirePackage{expl3}` instructions. These modules will also form the basis of the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 format, but work in this area is incomplete and not included in this documentation at present.

As the modules use a coding syntax different from standard L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> it provides a few functions for setting it up.

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`\ExplSyntaxOn`  
`\ExplSyntaxOff`  
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`\ExplSyntaxOn` *<code>* `\ExplSyntaxOff`

The `\ExplSyntaxOn` function switches to a category code régime in which spaces are ignored and in which the colon (:) and underscore (\_) are treated as “letters”, thus allowing access to the names of code functions and variables. Within this environment, ~ is used to input a space. The `\ExplSyntaxOff` reverts to the document category code régime.

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`\ProvidesExplPackage`  
`\ProvidesExplClass`  
`\ProvidesExplFile`

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`\RequirePackage{expl3}`  
`\ProvidesExplPackage` *{<package>}* *{<date>}* *{<version>}* *{<description>}*

These functions act broadly in the same way as the corresponding L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> kernel functions `\ProvidesPackage`, `\ProvidesClass` and `\ProvidesFile`. However, they also implicitly switch `\ExplSyntaxOn` for the remainder of the code with the file. At the end of the file, `\ExplSyntaxOff` will be called to reverse this. (This is the same concept as L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> provides in turning on `\makeatletter` within package and class code.) The *<date>* should be given in the format *<year>/<month>/<day>*.

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`\GetIdInfo`  
 Updated: 2012-06-04

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`\RequirePackage{l3bootstrap}`  
`\GetIdInfo $Id:` *<SVN info field>* `$` *{<description>}*

Extracts all information from a SVN field. Spaces are not ignored in these fields. The information pieces are stored in separate control sequences with `\ExplFileName` for the part of the file name leading up to the period, `\ExplFileDate` for date, `\ExplFileVersion` for version and `\ExplFileDescription` for the description.

To summarize: Every single package using this syntax should identify itself using one of the above methods. Special care is taken so that every package or class file loaded with `\RequirePackage` or alike are loaded with usual L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> category codes and the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 category code scheme is reloaded when needed afterwards. See implementation for details. If you use the `\GetIdInfo` command you can use the information when loading a package with

```
\ProvidesExplPackage{\ExplFileName}
  {\ExplFileDate}{\ExplFileVersion}{\ExplFileDescription}
```

## 1.1 Internal functions and variables

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<code>\l__kernel_expl_bool</code>	A boolean which records the current code syntax status: <code>true</code> if currently inside a code environment. This variable should only be set by <code>\ExplSyntaxOn/\ExplSyntaxOff</code> .
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## Part III

# The l3names package

## Namespace for primitives

### 1 Setting up the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 programming language

This module is at the core of the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 programming language. It performs the following tasks:

- defines new names for all T<sub>E</sub>X primitives;
- switches to the category code régime for programming;
- provides support settings for building the code as a T<sub>E</sub>X format.

This module is entirely dedicated to primitives, which should not be used directly within L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 code (outside of “kernel-level” code). As such, the primitives are not documented here: *The T<sub>E</sub>Xbook*, *T<sub>E</sub>X by Topic* and the manuals for pdfT<sub>E</sub>X, X<sub>Y</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X and LuaT<sub>E</sub>X should be consulted for details of the primitives. These are named based on the engine which first introduced them:

`\tex_...` Introduced by T<sub>E</sub>X itself;

`\etex_...` Introduced by the  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X extensions;

`\pdftex_...` Introduced by pdfT<sub>E</sub>X;

`\xetex_...` Introduced by X<sub>Y</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X;

`\luatex_...` Introduced by LuaT<sub>E</sub>X.

## Part IV

# The l3basics package

## Basic definitions

As the name suggest this package holds some basic definitions which are needed by most or all other packages in this set.

Here we describe those functions that are used all over the place. With that we mean functions dealing with the construction and testing of control sequences. Furthermore the basic parts of conditional processing are covered; conditional processing dealing with specific data types is described in the modules specific for the respective data types.

### 1 No operation functions

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**`\prg_do_nothing:`** ★**`\prg_do_nothing:`**

An expandable function which does nothing at all: leaves nothing in the input stream after a single expansion.

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**`\scan_stop:`****`\scan_stop:`**

A non-expandable function which does nothing. Does not vanish on expansion but produces no typeset output.

### 2 Grouping material

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**`\group_begin:`****`\group_begin:`**

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**`\group_end:`****`\group_end:`**

These functions begin and end a group for definition purposes. Assignments are local to groups unless carried out in a global manner. (A small number of exceptions to this rule will be noted as necessary elsewhere in this document.) Each **`\group_begin:`** must be matched by a **`\group_end:`**, although this does not have to occur within the same function. Indeed, it is often necessary to start a group within one function and finish it within another, for example when seeking to use non-standard category codes.

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**`\group_insert_after:N`****`\group_insert_after:N`** *<token>*

Adds *<token>* to the list of *<tokens>* to be inserted when the current group level ends. The list of *<tokens>* to be inserted will be empty at the beginning of a group: multiple applications of **`\group_insert_after:N`** may be used to build the inserted list one *<token>* at a time. The current group level may be closed by a **`\group_end:`** function or by a token with category code 2 (close-group). The later will be a **`}`** if standard category codes apply.

### 3 Control sequences and functions

As  $\text{\TeX}$  is a macro language, creating new functions means creating macros. At point of use, a function is replaced by the replacement text (“code”) in which each parameter in the code (**#1**, **#2**, *etc.*) is replaced the appropriate arguments absorbed by the function. In the following, *code* is therefore used as a shorthand for “replacement text”.

Functions which are not “protected” will be fully expanded inside an **x** expansion. In contrast, “protected” functions are not expanded within **x** expansions.

#### 3.1 Defining functions

Functions can be created with no requirement that they are declared first (in contrast to variables, which must always be declared). Declaring a function before setting up the code means that the name chosen will be checked and an error raised if it is already in use. The name of a function can be checked at the point of definition using the `\cs_new...` functions: this is recommended for all functions which are defined for the first time.

There are three ways to define new functions. All classes define a function to expand to the substitution text. Within the substitution text the actual parameters are substituted for the formal parameters (**#1**, **#2**, ...).

**new** Create a new function with the **new** scope, such as `\cs_new:Npn`. The definition is global and will result in an error if it is already defined.

**set** Create a new function with the **set** scope, such as `\cs_set:Npn`. The definition is restricted to the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group and will not result in an error if the function is already defined.

**gset** Create a new function with the **gset** scope, such as `\cs_gset:Npn`. The definition is global and will not result in an error if the function is already defined.

Within each set of scope there are different ways to define a function. The differences depend on restrictions on the actual parameters and the expandability of the resulting function.

**nopar** Create a new function with the **nopar** restriction, such as `\cs_set_nopar:Npn`. The parameter may not contain `\par` tokens.

**protected** Create a new function with the **protected** restriction, such as `\cs_set_protected:Npn`. The parameter may contain `\par` tokens but the function will not expand within an **x**-type expansion.

Finally, the functions in Subsections 3.2 and 3.3 are primarily meant to define *base functions* only. Base functions can only have the following argument specifiers:

**N and n** No manipulation.

**T and F** Functionally equivalent to **n** (you are actually encouraged to use the family of `\prg_new_conditional:` functions described in Section 1).

**p and w** These are special cases.



The `\cs_new:` functions below (and friends) do not stop you from using other argument specifiers in your function names, but they do not handle expansion for you. You should define the base function and then use `\cs_generate_variant:Nn` to generate custom variants as described in Section 2.

### 3.2 Defining new functions using parameter text

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<code>\cs_new:Npn</code>	<code>\cs_new:Npn &lt;function&gt; &lt;parameters&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
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<code>\cs_new:cpn</code>
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<code>\cs_new:Npx</code>
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<code>\cs_new:cpx</code>
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Creates `<function>` to expand to `<code>` as replacement text. Within the `<code>`, the `<parameters>` (`#1`, `#2`, etc.) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The definition is global and an error will result if the `<function>` is already defined.

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<code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn</code>
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<code>\cs_new_nopar:cpn</code>
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<code>\cs_new_nopar:Npx</code>
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<code>\cs_new_nopar:cpx</code>
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<code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn &lt;function&gt; &lt;parameters&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
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Creates `<function>` to expand to `<code>` as replacement text. Within the `<code>`, the `<parameters>` (`#1`, `#2`, etc.) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the `<function>` is used the `<parameters>` absorbed cannot contain `\par` tokens. The definition is global and an error will result if the `<function>` is already defined.

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<code>\cs_new_protected:Npn</code>
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<code>\cs_new_protected:cpn</code>
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<code>\cs_new_protected:Npx</code>
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<code>\cs_new_protected:cpx</code>
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<code>\cs_new_protected:Npn &lt;function&gt; &lt;parameters&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
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Creates `<function>` to expand to `<code>` as replacement text. Within the `<code>`, the `<parameters>` (`#1`, `#2`, etc.) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The `<function>` will not expand within an x-type argument. The definition is global and an error will result if the `<function>` is already defined.

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<code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn</code>
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<code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:cpn</code>
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<code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx</code>
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<code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:cpx</code>
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<code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn &lt;function&gt; &lt;parameters&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
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Creates `<function>` to expand to `<code>` as replacement text. Within the `<code>`, the `<parameters>` (`#1`, `#2`, etc.) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the `<function>` is used the `<parameters>` absorbed cannot contain `\par` tokens. The `<function>` will not expand within an x-type argument. The definition is global and an error will result if the `<function>` is already defined.

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<code>\cs_set:Npn</code>
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<code>\cs_set:cpn</code>
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<code>\cs_set:Npx</code>
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<code>\cs_set:cpx</code>
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<code>\cs_set:Npn &lt;function&gt; &lt;parameters&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
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Sets `<function>` to expand to `<code>` as replacement text. Within the `<code>`, the `<parameters>` (`#1`, `#2`, etc.) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The assignment of a meaning to the `<function>` is restricted to the current TeX group level.

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<code>\cs_set_nopar:Npn</code>	<code>\cs_set_nopar:Npn &lt;function&gt; &lt;parameters&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_set_nopar:cpn</code>	
<code>\cs_set_nopar:Npx</code>	Sets $\langle function \rangle$ to expand to $\langle code \rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle code \rangle$ , the $\langle parameters \rangle$ ( $\#1$ , $\#2$ , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the $\langle function \rangle$ is used the $\langle parameters \rangle$ absorbed cannot contain <code>\par</code> tokens. The assignment
<code>\cs_set_nopar:cpx</code>	of a meaning to the $\langle function \rangle$ is restricted to the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level.
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<code>\cs_set_protected:Npn</code>	<code>\cs_set_protected:Npn &lt;function&gt; &lt;parameters&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_set_protected:cpn</code>	
<code>\cs_set_protected:Npx</code>	Sets $\langle function \rangle$ to expand to $\langle code \rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle code \rangle$ , the $\langle parameters \rangle$ ( $\#1$ , $\#2$ , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The
<code>\cs_set_protected:cpx</code>	assignment of a meaning to the $\langle function \rangle$ is restricted to the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level. The $\langle function \rangle$ will not expand within an $\text{x}$ -type argument.
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<code>\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn</code>	<code>\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn &lt;function&gt; &lt;parameters&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_set_protected_nopar:cpn</code>	
<code>\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx</code>	
<code>\cs_set_protected_nopar:cpx</code>	Sets $\langle function \rangle$ to expand to $\langle code \rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle code \rangle$ , the $\langle parameters \rangle$ ( $\#1$ , $\#2$ , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the $\langle function \rangle$ is used the $\langle parameters \rangle$ absorbed cannot contain <code>\par</code> tokens. The assignment of a meaning to the $\langle function \rangle$ is restricted to the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level. The $\langle function \rangle$ will not expand within an $\text{x}$ -type argument.
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<code>\cs_gset:Npn</code>	<code>\cs_gset:Npn &lt;function&gt; &lt;parameters&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_gset:cpn</code>	
<code>\cs_gset:Npx</code>	Globally sets $\langle function \rangle$ to expand to $\langle code \rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle code \rangle$ , the $\langle parameters \rangle$ ( $\#1$ , $\#2$ , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The
<code>\cs_gset:cpx</code>	assignment of a meaning to the $\langle function \rangle$ is <i>not</i> restricted to the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level: the assignment is global.
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<code>\cs_gset_nopar:Npn</code>	<code>\cs_gset_nopar:Npn &lt;function&gt; &lt;parameters&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_gset_nopar:cpn</code>	
<code>\cs_gset_nopar:Npx</code>	Globally sets $\langle function \rangle$ to expand to $\langle code \rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle code \rangle$ , the $\langle parameters \rangle$ ( $\#1$ , $\#2$ , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function.
<code>\cs_gset_nopar:cpx</code>	When the $\langle function \rangle$ is used the $\langle parameters \rangle$ absorbed cannot contain <code>\par</code> tokens. The assignment of a meaning to the $\langle function \rangle$ is <i>not</i> restricted to the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level: the assignment is global.
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<code>\cs_gset_protected:Npn</code>	<code>\cs_gset_protected:Npn &lt;function&gt; &lt;parameters&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_gset_protected:cpn</code>	
<code>\cs_gset_protected:Npx</code>	Globally sets $\langle function \rangle$ to expand to $\langle code \rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle code \rangle$ , the $\langle parameters \rangle$ ( $\#1$ , $\#2$ , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The
<code>\cs_gset_protected:cpx</code>	assignment of a meaning to the $\langle function \rangle$ is <i>not</i> restricted to the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level: the assignment is global. The $\langle function \rangle$ will not expand within an $\text{x}$ -type argument.

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<code>\cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npn</code>	<code>\cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npn &lt;function&gt; &lt;parameters&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_gset_protected_nopar:cpn</code>	
<code>\cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npx</code>	
<code>\cs_gset_protected_nopar:cpx</code>	

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Globally sets  $\langle function \rangle$  to expand to  $\langle code \rangle$  as replacement text. Within the  $\langle code \rangle$ , the  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *etc.*) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the  $\langle function \rangle$  is used the  $\langle parameters \rangle$  absorbed cannot contain `\par` tokens. The assignment of a meaning to the  $\langle function \rangle$  is *not* restricted to the current  $\TeX$  group level: the assignment is global. The  $\langle function \rangle$  will not expand within an  $x$ -type argument.

### 3.3 Defining new functions using the signature

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<code>\cs_new:Nn</code>	<code>\cs_new:Nn &lt;function&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_new:(cn Nx cx)</code>	

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Creates  $\langle function \rangle$  to expand to  $\langle code \rangle$  as replacement text. Within the  $\langle code \rangle$ , the number of  $\langle parameters \rangle$  is detected automatically from the function signature. These  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *etc.*) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The definition is global and an error will result if the  $\langle function \rangle$  is already defined.

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<code>\cs_new_nopar:Nn</code>	<code>\cs_new_nopar:Nn &lt;function&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_new_nopar:(cn Nx cx)</code>	

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Creates  $\langle function \rangle$  to expand to  $\langle code \rangle$  as replacement text. Within the  $\langle code \rangle$ , the number of  $\langle parameters \rangle$  is detected automatically from the function signature. These  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *etc.*) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the  $\langle function \rangle$  is used the  $\langle parameters \rangle$  absorbed cannot contain `\par` tokens. The definition is global and an error will result if the  $\langle function \rangle$  is already defined.

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<code>\cs_new_protected:Nn</code>	<code>\cs_new_protected:Nn &lt;function&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_new_protected:(cn Nx cx)</code>	

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Creates  $\langle function \rangle$  to expand to  $\langle code \rangle$  as replacement text. Within the  $\langle code \rangle$ , the number of  $\langle parameters \rangle$  is detected automatically from the function signature. These  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *etc.*) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The  $\langle function \rangle$  will not expand within an  $x$ -type argument. The definition is global and an error will result if the  $\langle function \rangle$  is already defined.

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<code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Nn</code>	<code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Nn &lt;function&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:(cn Nx cx)</code>	

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Creates  $\langle function \rangle$  to expand to  $\langle code \rangle$  as replacement text. Within the  $\langle code \rangle$ , the number of  $\langle parameters \rangle$  is detected automatically from the function signature. These  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *etc.*) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the  $\langle function \rangle$  is used the  $\langle parameters \rangle$  absorbed cannot contain `\par` tokens. The  $\langle function \rangle$  will not expand within an  $x$ -type argument. The definition is global and an error will result if the  $\langle function \rangle$  is already defined.

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<code>\cs_set:Nn</code>	<code>\cs_set:Nn &lt;function&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_set:(cn Nx cx)</code>	Sets $\langle function \rangle$ to expand to $\langle code \rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle code \rangle$ , the number of $\langle parameters \rangle$ is detected automatically from the function signature. These $\langle parameters \rangle$ ( $\#1$ , $\#2$ , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The assignment of a meaning to the $\langle function \rangle$ is restricted to the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level.
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<code>\cs_set_nopar:Nn</code>	<code>\cs_set_nopar:Nn &lt;function&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_set_nopar:(cn Nx cx)</code>	Sets $\langle function \rangle$ to expand to $\langle code \rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle code \rangle$ , the number of $\langle parameters \rangle$ is detected automatically from the function signature. These $\langle parameters \rangle$ ( $\#1$ , $\#2$ , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the $\langle function \rangle$ is used the $\langle parameters \rangle$ absorbed cannot contain <code>\par</code> tokens. The assignment of a meaning to the $\langle function \rangle$ is restricted to the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level.
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<code>\cs_set_protected:Nn</code>	<code>\cs_set_protected:Nn &lt;function&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_set_protected:(cn Nx cx)</code>	Sets $\langle function \rangle$ to expand to $\langle code \rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle code \rangle$ , the number of $\langle parameters \rangle$ is detected automatically from the function signature. These $\langle parameters \rangle$ ( $\#1$ , $\#2$ , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The $\langle function \rangle$ will not expand within an x-type argument. The assignment of a meaning to the $\langle function \rangle$ is restricted to the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level.
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<code>\cs_set_protected_nopar:Nn</code>	<code>\cs_set_protected_nopar:Nn &lt;function&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_set_protected_nopar:(cn Nx cx)</code>	Sets $\langle function \rangle$ to expand to $\langle code \rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle code \rangle$ , the number of $\langle parameters \rangle$ is detected automatically from the function signature. These $\langle parameters \rangle$ ( $\#1$ , $\#2$ , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the $\langle function \rangle$ is used the $\langle parameters \rangle$ absorbed cannot contain <code>\par</code> tokens. The $\langle function \rangle$ will not expand within an x-type argument. The assignment of a meaning to the $\langle function \rangle$ is restricted to the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level.
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<code>\cs_gset:Nn</code>	<code>\cs_gset:Nn &lt;function&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_gset:(cn Nx cx)</code>	Sets $\langle function \rangle$ to expand to $\langle code \rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle code \rangle$ , the number of $\langle parameters \rangle$ is detected automatically from the function signature. These $\langle parameters \rangle$ ( $\#1$ , $\#2$ , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The assignment of a meaning to the $\langle function \rangle$ is global.
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<code>\cs_gset_nopar:Nn</code>	<code>\cs_gset_nopar:Nn &lt;function&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_gset_nopar:(cn Nx cx)</code>	Sets $\langle function \rangle$ to expand to $\langle code \rangle$ as replacement text. Within the $\langle code \rangle$ , the number of $\langle parameters \rangle$ is detected automatically from the function signature. These $\langle parameters \rangle$ ( $\#1$ , $\#2$ , <i>etc.</i> ) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the $\langle function \rangle$ is used the $\langle parameters \rangle$ absorbed cannot contain <code>\par</code> tokens. The assignment of a meaning to the $\langle function \rangle$ is global.

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<code>\cs_gset_protected:Nn</code>	<code>\cs_gset_protected:Nn &lt;function&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_gset_protected:(cn Nx cx)</code>	

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Sets  $\langle function \rangle$  to expand to  $\langle code \rangle$  as replacement text. Within the  $\langle code \rangle$ , the number of  $\langle parameters \rangle$  is detected automatically from the function signature. These  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *etc.*) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The  $\langle function \rangle$  will not expand within an x-type argument. The assignment of a meaning to the  $\langle function \rangle$  is global.

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<code>\cs_gset_protected_nopar:Nn</code>	<code>\cs_gset_protected_nopar:Nn &lt;function&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_gset_protected_nopar:(cn Nx cx)</code>	

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Sets  $\langle function \rangle$  to expand to  $\langle code \rangle$  as replacement text. Within the  $\langle code \rangle$ , the number of  $\langle parameters \rangle$  is detected automatically from the function signature. These  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *etc.*) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. When the  $\langle function \rangle$  is used the  $\langle parameters \rangle$  absorbed cannot contain `\par` tokens. The  $\langle function \rangle$  will not expand within an x-type argument. The assignment of a meaning to the  $\langle function \rangle$  is global.

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<code>\cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn</code>	<code>\cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn &lt;function&gt; &lt;creator&gt; &lt;number&gt;</code>
<code>\cs_generate_from_arg_count:(cNnn Ncnn)</code>	<code>&lt;code&gt;</code>

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Uses the  $\langle creator \rangle$  function (which should have signature  $Npn$ , for example `\cs_new:Npn`) to define a  $\langle function \rangle$  which takes  $\langle number \rangle$  arguments and has  $\langle code \rangle$  as replacement text. The  $\langle number \rangle$  of arguments is an integer expression, evaluated as detailed for `\int_eval:n`.

### 3.4 Copying control sequences

Control sequences (not just functions as defined above) can be set to have the same meaning using the functions described here. Making two control sequences equivalent means that the second control sequence is a *copy* of the first (rather than a pointer to it). Thus the old and new control sequence are not tied together: changes to one are not reflected in the other.

In the following text “cs” is used as an abbreviation for “control sequence”.

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<code>\cs_new_eq:NN</code>	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN &lt;cs<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;cs<sub>2</sub>&gt;</code>
<code>\cs_new_eq:(Nc cN cc)</code>	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN &lt;cs<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;token&gt;</code>

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Globally creates  $\langle control\ sequence_1 \rangle$  and sets it to have the same meaning as  $\langle control\ sequence_2 \rangle$  or  $\langle token \rangle$ . The second control sequence may subsequently be altered without affecting the copy.

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```
\cs_set_eq:NN
\cs_set_eq:(Nc|cN|cc)
```

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```
\cs_set_eq:NN <cs1> <cs2>
\cs_set_eq:NN <cs1> <token>
```

Sets  $\langle control\ sequence_1 \rangle$  to have the same meaning as  $\langle control\ sequence_2 \rangle$  (or  $\langle token \rangle$ ). The second control sequence may subsequently be altered without affecting the copy. The assignment of a meaning to the  $\langle control\ sequence_1 \rangle$  is restricted to the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group level.

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```
\cs_gset_eq:NN
\cs_gset_eq:(Nc|cN|cc)
```

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```
\cs_gset_eq:NN <cs1> <cs2>
\cs_gset_eq:NN <cs1> <token>
```

Globally sets  $\langle control\ sequence_1 \rangle$  to have the same meaning as  $\langle control\ sequence_2 \rangle$  (or  $\langle token \rangle$ ). The second control sequence may subsequently be altered without affecting the copy. The assignment of a meaning to the  $\langle control\ sequence_1 \rangle$  is *not* restricted to the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group level: the assignment is global.

### 3.5 Deleting control sequences

There are occasions where control sequences need to be deleted. This is handled in a very simple manner.

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```
\cs_undefine:N
\cs_undefine:c
```

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```
\cs_undefine:N <control sequence>
```

Sets  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$  to be globally undefined.

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### 3.6 Showing control sequences

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```
\cs_meaning:N ★
\cs_meaning:c ★
```

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```
\cs_meaning:N <control sequence>
```

This function expands to the *meaning* of the  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$  control sequence. This will show the  $\langle replacement\ text \rangle$  for a macro.

**$\text{\TeX}$ hackers note:** This is  $\text{\TeX}$ 's `\meaning` primitive. The `c` variant correctly reports undefined arguments.

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```
\cs_show:N
\cs_show:c
```

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```
\cs_show:N <control sequence>
```

Displays the definition of the  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$  on the terminal.

**$\text{\TeX}$ hackers note:** This is similar to the  $\text{\TeX}$  primitive `\show`, wrapped to a fixed number of characters per line.

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### 3.7 Converting to and from control sequences

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`\use:c` ★ `\use:c {⟨control sequence name⟩}`

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Converts the given *⟨control sequence name⟩* into a single control sequence token. This process requires two expansions. The content for *⟨control sequence name⟩* may be literal material or from other expandable functions. The *⟨control sequence name⟩* must, when fully expanded, consist of character tokens which are not active: typically, they will be of category code 10 (space), 11 (letter) or 12 (other), or a mixture of these.

As an example of the `\use:c` function, both

`\use:c { a b c }`

and

`\tl_new:N \l_my_tl`  
`\tl_set:Nn \l_my_tl { a b c }`  
`\use:c { \tl_use:N \l_my_tl }`

would be equivalent to

`\abc`

after two expansions of `\use:c`.

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`\cs_if_exist_use:N` ★ `\cs_if_exist_use:N ⟨control sequence⟩`

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`\cs_if_exist_use:c` ★

New: 2012-11-10

Tests whether the *⟨control sequence⟩* is currently defined (whether as a function or another control sequence type), and if it does inserts the *⟨control sequence⟩* into the input stream.

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`\cs_if_exist_use:NTF` ★

`\cs_if_exist_use:cTF` ★

New: 2012-11-10

`\cs_if_exist_use:NTF ⟨control sequence⟩ {⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}`

Tests whether the *⟨control sequence⟩* is currently defined (whether as a function or another control sequence type), and if it does inserts the *⟨control sequence⟩* into the input stream followed by the *⟨true code⟩*.

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`\cs:w` ★

`\cs_end:` ★

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`\cs:w ⟨control sequence name⟩ \cs_end:`

Converts the given *⟨control sequence name⟩* into a single control sequence token. This process requires one expansion. The content for *⟨control sequence name⟩* may be literal material or from other expandable functions. The *⟨control sequence name⟩* must, when fully expanded, consist of character tokens which are not active: typically, they will be of category code 10 (space), 11 (letter) or 12 (other), or a mixture of these.

**TeXhackers note:** These are the TeX primitives `\csname` and `\endcsname`.

As an example of the `\cs:w` and `\cs_end:` functions, both

`\cs:w a b c \cs_end:`

and

```

\tl_new:N \l_my_tl
\tl_set:Nn \l_my_tl { a b c }
\cs:w \tl_use:N \l_my_tl \cs_end:

```

would be equivalent to

```
\abc
```

after one expansion of `\cs:w`.

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```
\cs_to_str:N ★ \cs_to_str:N <control sequence>
```

---

Converts the given *<control sequence>* into a series of characters with category code 12 (other), except spaces, of category code 10. The sequence will *not* include the current escape token, cf. `\token_to_str:N`. Full expansion of this function requires exactly 2 expansion steps, and so an *x*-type expansion, or two *o*-type expansions will be required to convert the *<control sequence>* to a sequence of characters in the input stream. In most cases, an *f*-expansion will be correct as well, but this loses a space at the start of the result.

## 4 Using or removing tokens and arguments

Tokens in the input can be read and used or read and discarded. If one or more tokens are wrapped in braces then in absorbing them the outer set will be removed. At the same time, the category code of each token is set when the token is read by a function (if it is read more than once, the category code is determined by the situation in force when first function absorbs the token).

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```

\use:n ★ \use:n {\group_1}
\use:nn ★ \use:nn {\group_1} {\group_2}
\use:nnn ★ \use:nnn {\group_1} {\group_2} {\group_3}
\use:nnnn ★ \use:nnnn {\group_1} {\group_2} {\group_3} {\group_4}

```

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As illustrated, these functions will absorb between one and four arguments, as indicated by the argument specifier. The braces surrounding each argument will be removed leaving the remaining tokens in the input stream. The category code of these tokens will also be fixed by this process (if it has not already been by some other absorption). All of these functions require only a single expansion to operate, so that one expansion of

```
\use:nn { abc } { { def } }
```

will result in the input stream containing

```
abc { def }
```

*i.e.* only the outer braces will be removed.



<hr/>	
<code>\use_i:nn</code> ★	<code>\use_i:nn {\langle arg_1 \rangle} {\langle arg_2 \rangle}</code>
<code>\use_ii:nn</code> ★	
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	These functions absorb two arguments from the input stream. The function <code>\use_i:nn</code> discards the second argument, and leaves the content of the first argument in the input stream. <code>\use_ii:nn</code> discards the first argument and leaves the content of the second argument in the input stream. The category code of these tokens will also be fixed (if it has not already been by some other absorption). A single expansion is needed for the functions to take effect.
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<code>\use_i:nnn</code> ★	<code>\use_i:nnn {\langle arg_1 \rangle} {\langle arg_2 \rangle} {\langle arg_3 \rangle}</code>
<code>\use_ii:nnn</code> ★	
<code>\use_iii:nnn</code> ★	
<hr/>	
	These functions absorb three arguments from the input stream. The function <code>\use_i:nnn</code> discards the second and third arguments, and leaves the content of the first argument in the input stream. <code>\use_ii:nnn</code> and <code>\use_iii:nnn</code> work similarly, leaving the content of second or third arguments in the input stream, respectively. The category code of these tokens will also be fixed (if it has not already been by some other absorption). A single expansion is needed for the functions to take effect.
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<code>\use_i:nnnn</code> ★	<code>\use_i:nnnn {\langle arg_1 \rangle} {\langle arg_2 \rangle} {\langle arg_3 \rangle} {\langle arg_4 \rangle}</code>
<code>\use_ii:nnnn</code> ★	
<code>\use_iii:nnnn</code> ★	
<code>\use_iv:nnnn</code> ★	
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	These functions absorb four arguments from the input stream. The function <code>\use_i:nnnn</code> discards the second, third and fourth arguments, and leaves the content of the first argument in the input stream. <code>\use_ii:nnnn</code> , <code>\use_iii:nnnn</code> and <code>\use_iv:nnnn</code> work similarly, leaving the content of second, third or fourth arguments in the input stream, respectively. The category code of these tokens will also be fixed (if it has not already been by some other absorption). A single expansion is needed for the functions to take effect.
<hr/>	
<code>\use_i_ii:nnn</code> ★	<code>\use_i_ii:nnn {\langle arg_1 \rangle} {\langle arg_2 \rangle} {\langle arg_3 \rangle}</code>
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	This functions will absorb three arguments and leave the content of the first and second in the input stream. The category code of these tokens will also be fixed (if it has not already been by some other absorption). A single expansion is needed for the functions to take effect. An example:
	$\backslash use\_i\_ii:nnn \{ abc \} \{ \{ def \} \} \{ ghi \}$
	will result in the input stream containing
	$abc \{ def \}$
	<i>i.e.</i> the outer braces will be removed and the third group will be removed.

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<code>\use_none:n</code>	★	<code>\use_none:n {⟨group<sub>1</sub>⟩}</code>
<code>\use_none:nn</code>	★	
<code>\use_none:nnn</code>	★	These functions absorb between one and nine groups from the input stream, leaving nothing on the resulting input stream. These functions work after a single expansion.
<code>\use_none:nnnn</code>	★	One or more of the <code>n</code> arguments may be an unbraced single token ( <i>i.e.</i> an <code>N</code> argument).
<code>\use_none:nnnnn</code>	★	
<code>\use_none:nnnnnn</code>	★	
<code>\use_none:nnnnnnn</code>	★	
<code>\use_none:nnnnnnnn</code>	★	

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<code>\use:x</code>	<code>\use:x {⟨expandable tokens⟩}</code>
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Updated: 2011-12-31 Fully expands the `⟨expandable tokens⟩` and inserts the result into the input stream at the current location. Any hash characters (`#`) in the argument must be doubled.

## 4.1 Selecting tokens from delimited arguments

A different kind of function for selecting tokens from the token stream are those that use delimited arguments.

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<code>\use_none_delimit_by_q_nil:w</code>	★	<code>\use_none_delimit_by_q_nil:w ⟨balanced text⟩ \q_nil</code>
<code>\use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w</code>	★	<code>\use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w ⟨balanced text⟩ \q_stop</code>
<code>\use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w</code>	★	<code>\use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w ⟨balanced text⟩ \q_recursion_stop</code>

---

Absorb the `⟨balanced text⟩` form the input stream delimited by the marker given in the function name, leaving nothing in the input stream.

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<code>\use_i_delimit_by_q_nil:nw</code>	★	<code>\use_i_delimit_by_q_nil:nw {⟨inserted tokens⟩} ⟨balanced text⟩</code>
<code>\use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw</code>	★	<code>\q_nil</code>
<code>\use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw</code>	★	<code>\use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw {⟨inserted tokens⟩} ⟨balanced text⟩ \q_stop</code>
		<code>\use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw {⟨inserted tokens⟩} ⟨balanced text⟩ \q_recursion_stop</code>

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Absorb the `⟨balanced text⟩` form the input stream delimited by the marker given in the function name, leaving `⟨inserted tokens⟩` in the input stream for further processing.

## 5 Predicates and conditionals

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 has three concepts for conditional flow processing:

**Branching conditionals** Functions that carry out a test and then execute, depending on its result, either the code supplied as the `⟨true code⟩` or the `⟨false code⟩`. These arguments are denoted with T and F, respectively. An example would be

`\cs_if_free:cTF {abc} {⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}`

a function that will turn the first argument into a control sequence (since it's marked as `c`) then checks whether this control sequence is still free and then depending on the result carry out the code in the second argument (true case) or in the third argument (false case).

These type of functions are known as “conditionals”; whenever a `TF` function is defined it will usually be accompanied by `T` and `F` functions as well. These are provided for convenience when the branch only needs to go a single way. Package writers are free to choose which types to define but the kernel definitions will always provide all three versions.

Important to note is that these branching conditionals with  $\langle true\ code \rangle$  and/or  $\langle false\ code \rangle$  are always defined in a way that the code of the chosen alternative can operate on following tokens in the input stream.

These conditional functions may or may not be fully expandable, but if they are expandable they will be accompanied by a “predicate” for the same test as described below.

**Predicates** “Predicates” are functions that return a special type of boolean value which can be tested by the boolean expression parser. All functions of this type are expandable and have names that end with `_p` in the description part. For example,

```
\cs_if_free_p:N
```

would be a predicate function for the same type of test as the conditional described above. It would return “true” if its argument (a single token denoted by `N`) is still free for definition. It would be used in constructions like

```
\bool_if:nTF {
  \cs_if_free_p:N \l_tmpz_tl || \cs_if_free_p:N \g_tmpz_tl
} {\langle true code \rangle} {\langle false code \rangle}
```

For each predicate defined, a “branching conditional” will also exist that behaves like a conditional described above.

**Primitive conditionals** There is a third variety of conditional, which is the original concept used in plain `TeX` and `LATEX 2ε`. Their use is discouraged in `expl3` (although still used in low-level definitions) because they are more fragile and in many cases require more expansion control (hence more code) than the two types of conditionals described above.

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```
\c_true_bool
\c_false_bool
```

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Constants that represent `true` and `false`, respectively. Used to implement predicates.

## 5.1 Tests on control sequences

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<code>\cs_if_eq_p:NN</code>	★	<code>\cs_if_eq_p:NN {&lt;cs<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;cs<sub>2</sub>&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_if_eq:NNTF</code>	★	<code>\cs_if_eq:NNTF {&lt;cs<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;cs<sub>2</sub>&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

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Compares the definition of two *<control sequences>* and is logically **true** the same, *i.e.* if they have exactly the same definition when examined with `\cs_show:N`.

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<code>\cs_if_exist_p:N</code>	★	<code>\cs_if_exist_p:N &lt;control sequence&gt;</code>
<code>\cs_if_exist_p:c</code>	★	<code>\cs_if_exist:NNTF &lt;control sequence&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_if_exist:NNTF</code>	★	Tests whether the <i>&lt;control sequence&gt;</i> is currently defined (whether as a function or another control sequence type). Any valid definition of <i>&lt;control sequence&gt;</i> will evaluate as <b>true</b> .
<code>\cs_if_exist:cTF</code>	★	

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<code>\cs_if_free_p:N</code>	★	<code>\cs_if_free_p:N &lt;control sequence&gt;</code>
<code>\cs_if_free_p:c</code>	★	<code>\cs_if_free:NNTF &lt;control sequence&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\cs_if_free:NNTF</code>	★	Tests whether the <i>&lt;control sequence&gt;</i> is currently free to be defined. This test will be <b>false</b> if the <i>&lt;control sequence&gt;</i> currently exists (as defined by <code>\cs_if_exist:N</code> ).
<code>\cs_if_free:cTF</code>	★	

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## 5.2 Primitive conditionals

The  $\varepsilon$ -TeX engine itself provides many different conditionals. Some expand whatever comes after them and others don't. Hence the names for these underlying functions will often contain a `:w` part but higher level functions are often available. See for instance `\int_compare_p:nNn` which is a wrapper for `\if_int_compare:w`.

Certain conditionals deal with specific data types like boxes and fonts and are described there. The ones described below are either the universal conditionals or deal with control sequences. We will prefix primitive conditionals with `\if_`.

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<code>\if_true:</code>	★	<code>\if_true: &lt;true code&gt; \else: &lt;false code&gt; \fi:</code>
<code>\if_false:</code>	★	<code>\if_false: &lt;true code&gt; \else: &lt;false code&gt; \fi:</code>
<code>\else:</code>	★	<code>\reverse_if:N &lt;primitive conditional&gt;</code>
<code>\fi:</code>	★	<code>\if_true:</code> always executes <i>&lt;true code&gt;</i> , while <code>\if_false:</code> always executes <i>&lt;false code&gt;</i> . <code>\reverse_if:N</code> reverses any two-way primitive conditional. <code>\else:</code> and <code>\fi:</code> delimit the branches of the conditional. The function <code>\or:</code> is documented in <code>!3int</code> and used in case switches.
<code>\reverse_if:N</code>	★	

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**TeXhackers note:** These are equivalent to their corresponding TeX primitive conditionals; `\reverse_if:N` is  $\varepsilon$ -TeX's `\unless`.

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<code>\if_meaning:w</code>	★	<code>\if_meaning:w &lt;arg<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;arg<sub>2</sub>&gt; &lt;true code&gt; \else: &lt;false code&gt; \fi:</code>
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`\if_meaning:w` executes *<true code>* when *<arg<sub>1</sub>>* and *<arg<sub>2</sub>>* are the same, otherwise it executes *<false code>*. *<arg<sub>1</sub>>* and *<arg<sub>2</sub>>* could be functions, variables, tokens; in all cases the *unexpanded* definitions are compared.

**TeXhackers note:** This is TeX's `\ifx`.

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<code>\if:w</code>	★	<code>\if:w &lt;token<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;token<sub>2</sub>&gt; &lt;true code&gt; \else: &lt;false code&gt; \fi:</code>
<code>\if_charcode:w</code>	★	<code>\if_catcode:w &lt;token<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;token<sub>2</sub>&gt; &lt;true code&gt; \else: &lt;false code&gt; \fi:</code>
<code>\if_catcode:w</code>	★	These conditionals will expand any following tokens until two unexpandable tokens are left. If you wish to prevent this expansion, prefix the token in question with <code>\exp_not:N</code> . <code>\if_catcode:w</code> tests if the category codes of the two tokens are the same whereas <code>\if:w</code> tests if the character codes are identical. <code>\if_charcode:w</code> is an alternative name for <code>\if:w</code> .

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<code>\if_cs_exist:N</code>	★	<code>\if_cs_exist:N &lt;cs&gt; &lt;true code&gt; \else: &lt;false code&gt; \fi:</code>
<code>\if_cs_exist:w</code>	★	<code>\if_cs_exist:w &lt;tokens&gt; \cs_end: &lt;true code&gt; \else: &lt;false code&gt; \fi:</code>

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Check if `<cs>` appears in the hash table or if the control sequence that can be formed from `<tokens>` appears in the hash table. The latter function does not turn the control sequence in question into `\scan_stop:!` This can be useful when dealing with control sequences which cannot be entered as a single token.

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<code>\if_mode_horizontal:</code>	★	<code>\if_mode_horizontal: &lt;true code&gt; \else: &lt;false code&gt; \fi:</code>
<code>\if_mode_vertical:</code>	★	
<code>\if_mode_math:</code>	★	Execute <code>&lt;true code&gt;</code> if currently in horizontal mode, otherwise execute <code>&lt;false code&gt;</code> . Similar for the other functions.
<code>\if_mode_inner:</code>	★	

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## 6 Internal kernel functions

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<code>\__chk_if_exist_cs:N</code>	<code>\__chk_if_exist_cs:N &lt;cs&gt;</code>
<code>\__chk_if_exist_cs:c</code>	This function checks that <code>&lt;cs&gt;</code> exists according to the criteria for <code>\cs_if_exist_p:N</code> , and if not raises a kernel-level error.

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<code>\__chk_if_free_cs:N</code>	<code>\__chk_if_free_cs:N &lt;cs&gt;</code>
<code>\__chk_if_free_cs:c</code>	This function checks that <code>&lt;cs&gt;</code> is free according to the criteria for <code>\cs_if_free_p:N</code> , and if not raises a kernel-level error.

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<code>\__chk_if_exist_var:N</code>	<code>\__chk_if_exist_var:N &lt;var&gt;</code>
	This function checks that <code>&lt;var&gt;</code> is defined according to the criteria for <code>\cs_if_free_p:N</code> , and if not raises a kernel-level error. This function is only created if the package option <code>check-declarations</code> is active.

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<code>\__chk_log:x</code>	<code>\__chk_log:x {(message text)}</code>
	If the <code>log-functions</code> option is active, this function writes the <code>&lt;message text&gt;</code> to the log file using <code>\iow_log:x</code> . Otherwise, the <code>&lt;message text&gt;</code> is ignored using <code>\use_none:n</code> .

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<code>\__chk_suspend_log:</code>	<code>\__chk_suspend_log: ... \__chk_log:x ... \__chk_resume_log:</code>
<code>\__chk_resume_log:</code>	Any <code>\__chk_log:x</code> command between <code>\__chk_suspend_log:</code> and <code>\__chk_resume_log:</code> is suppressed. These commands can be nested.

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<hr/> <code>\__cs_count_signature:N</code> ★	<code>\__cs_count_signature:N</code> $\langle function \rangle$
<hr/> <code>\__cs_count_signature:c</code> ★	Splits the $\langle function \rangle$ into the $\langle name \rangle$ ( <i>i.e.</i> the part before the colon) and the $\langle signature \rangle$ ( <i>i.e.</i> after the colon). The $\langle number \rangle$ of tokens in the $\langle signature \rangle$ is then left in the input stream. If there was no $\langle signature \rangle$ then the result is the marker value $-1$ .
<hr/> <code>\__cs_split_function:NN</code> ★	<code>\__cs_split_function:NN</code> $\langle function \rangle$ $\langle processor \rangle$
	Splits the $\langle function \rangle$ into the $\langle name \rangle$ ( <i>i.e.</i> the part before the colon) and the $\langle signature \rangle$ ( <i>i.e.</i> after the colon). This information is then placed in the input stream after the $\langle processor \rangle$ function in three parts: the $\langle name \rangle$ , the $\langle signature \rangle$ and a logic token indicating if a colon was found (to differentiate variables from function names). The $\langle name \rangle$ will not include the escape character, and both the $\langle name \rangle$ and $\langle signature \rangle$ are made up of tokens with category code 12 (other). The $\langle processor \rangle$ should be a function with argument specification <code>:nnN</code> (plus any trailing arguments needed).
<hr/> <code>\__cs_get_function_name:N</code> ★	<code>\__cs_get_function_name:N</code> $\langle function \rangle$
	Splits the $\langle function \rangle$ into the $\langle name \rangle$ ( <i>i.e.</i> the part before the colon) and the $\langle signature \rangle$ ( <i>i.e.</i> after the colon). The $\langle name \rangle$ is then left in the input stream without the escape character present made up of tokens with category code 12 (other).
<hr/> <code>\__cs_get_function_signature:N</code> ★	<code>\__cs_get_function_signature:N</code> $\langle function \rangle$
	Splits the $\langle function \rangle$ into the $\langle name \rangle$ ( <i>i.e.</i> the part before the colon) and the $\langle signature \rangle$ ( <i>i.e.</i> after the colon). The $\langle signature \rangle$ is then left in the input stream made up of tokens with category code 12 (other).
<hr/> <code>\__cs_tmp:w</code>	Function used for various short-term usages, for instance defining functions whose definition involves tokens which are hard to insert normally (spaces, characters with category other).
<hr/> <code>\__kernel_register_show:N</code>	<code>\__kernel_register_show:N</code> $\langle register \rangle$
<hr/> <code>\__kernel_register_show:c</code>	Used to show the contents of a T <sub>E</sub> X register at the terminal, formatted such that internal parts of the mechanism are not visible.
<hr/> <code>\__prg_case_end:nw</code> ★	<code>\__prg_case_end:nw</code> $\{ \langle code \rangle \}$ $\langle tokens \rangle$ <code>\q_mark</code> $\{ \langle true code \rangle \}$ <code>\q_mark</code> $\{ \langle false code \rangle \}$ <code>\q_stop</code>
	Used to terminate case statements ( <code>\int_case:nnTF</code> , <i>etc.</i> ) by removing trailing $\langle tokens \rangle$ and the end marker <code>\q_stop</code> , inserting the $\langle code \rangle$ for the successful case (if one is found) and either the <code>true code</code> or <code>false code</code> for the over all outcome, as appropriate.

## Part V

# The l3expan package

## Argument expansion

This module provides generic methods for expanding T<sub>E</sub>X arguments in a systematic manner. The functions in this module all have prefix `exp`.

Not all possible variations are implemented for every base function. Instead only those that are used within the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 kernel or otherwise seem to be of general interest are implemented. Consult the module description to find out which functions are actually defined. The next section explains how to define missing variants.

### 1 Defining new variants

The definition of variant forms for base functions may be necessary when writing new functions or when applying a kernel function in a situation that we haven't thought of before.

Internally preprocessing of arguments is done with functions from the `\exp_` module. They all look alike, an example would be `\exp_args:NNo`. This function has three arguments, the first and the second are a single tokens, while the third argument should be given in braces. Applying `\exp_args:NNo` will expand the content of third argument once before any expansion of the first and second arguments. If `\seq_gpush:No` was not defined it could be coded in the following way:

```
\exp_args:NNo \seq_gpush:Nn
  \g_file_name_stack
  \l_tmpa_tl
```

In other words, the first argument to `\exp_args:NNo` is the base function and the other arguments are preprocessed and then passed to this base function. In the example the first argument to the base function should be a single token which is left unchanged while the second argument is expanded once. From this example we can also see how the variants are defined. They just expand into the appropriate `\exp_` function followed by the desired base function, *e.g.*

```
\cs_new_nopar:Npn \seq_gpush:No { \exp_args:NNo \seq_gpush:Nn }
```

Providing variants in this way in style files is uncritical as the `\cs_new_nopar:Npn` function will silently accept definitions whenever the new definition is identical to an already given one. Therefore adding such definition to later releases of the kernel will not make such style files obsolete.

The steps above may be automated by using the function `\cs_generate_variant:Nn`, described next.

## 2 Methods for defining variants

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`\cs_generate_variant:Nn`

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`\cs_generate_variant:Nn`  $\langle parent\ control\ sequence \rangle$   $\{ \langle variant\ argument\ specifiers \rangle \}$

This function is used to define argument-specifier variants of the  $\langle parent\ control\ sequence \rangle$  for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 code-level macros. The  $\langle parent\ control\ sequence \rangle$  is first separated into the  $\langle base\ name \rangle$  and  $\langle original\ argument\ specifier \rangle$ . The comma-separated list of  $\langle variant\ argument\ specifiers \rangle$  is then used to define variants of the  $\langle original\ argument\ specifier \rangle$  where these are not already defined. For each  $\langle variant \rangle$  given, a function is created which will expand its arguments as detailed and pass them to the  $\langle parent\ control\ sequence \rangle$ . So for example

```
\cs_set:Npn \foo:Nn #1#2 { code here }
\cs_generate_variant:Nn \foo:Nn { c }
```

will create a new function `\foo:cn` which will expand its first argument into a control sequence name and pass the result to `\foo:Nn`. Similarly

```
\cs_generate_variant:Nn \foo:Nn { NV , cV }
```

would generate the functions `\foo:NV` and `\foo:cV` in the same way. The `\cs_generate_variant:Nn` function can only be applied if the  $\langle parent\ control\ sequence \rangle$  is already defined. If the  $\langle parent\ control\ sequence \rangle$  is protected then the new sequence will also be protected. The  $\langle variant \rangle$  is created globally, as is any `\exp_args:N` $\langle variant \rangle$  function needed to carry out the expansion.

## 3 Introducing the variants

The available internal functions for argument expansion come in two flavours, some of them are faster than others. Therefore it is usually best to follow the following guidelines when defining new functions that are supposed to come with variant forms:

- Arguments that might need expansion should come first in the list of arguments to make processing faster.
- Arguments that should consist of single tokens should come first.
- Arguments that need full expansion (*i.e.*, are denoted with `x`) should be avoided if possible as they can not be processed expandably, *i.e.*, functions of this type will not work correctly in arguments that are themselves subject to `x` expansion.
- In general, unless in the last position, multi-token arguments `n`, `f`, and `o` will need special processing when more than one argument is being expanded. This special processing is not fast. Therefore it is best to use the optimized functions, namely those that contain only `N`, `c`, `V`, and `v`, and, in the last position, `o`, `f`, with possible trailing `N` or `n`, which are not expanded.



The `V` type returns the value of a register, which can be one of `tl`, `num`, `int`, `skip`, `dim`, `toks`, or built-in `TEX` registers. The `v` type is the same except it first creates a control sequence out of its argument before returning the value. This recent addition to the argument specifiers may shake things up a bit as most places where `o` is used will be replaced by `V`. The documentation you are currently reading will therefore require a fair bit of re-writing.

In general, the programmer should not need to be concerned with expansion control. When simply using the content of a variable, functions with a `V` specifier should be used. For those referred to by `(cs)name`, the `v` specifier is available for the same purpose. Only when specific expansion steps are needed, such as when using delimited arguments, should the lower-level functions with `o` specifiers be employed.

The `f` type is so special that it deserves an example. It is typically used in contexts where only expandable commands are allowed. Then `x`-expansion cannot be used, and `f`-expansion provides an alternative that expands as much as can be done in such contexts. For instance, say that we want to evaluate the integer expression `3+4` and pass the result `7` as an argument to an expandable function `\example:n`. For this, one should define a variant using `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \example:n { f }`, then do

```
\example:f { \int_eval:n { 3 + 4 } }
```

Note that `x`-expansion would also expand `\int_eval:n` fully to its result `7`, but the variant `\example:x` cannot be expandable. Note also that `o`-expansion would not expand `\int_eval:n` fully to its result since that function requires several expansions. Besides the fact that `x`-expansion is protected rather than expandable, another difference between `f`-expansion and `x`-expansion is that `f`-expansion expands tokens from the beginning and stops as soon as a non-expandable token is encountered, while `x`-expansion continues expanding further tokens. Thus, for instance

```
\example:f { \int_eval:n { 1 + 2 } , \int_eval:n { 3 + 4 } }
```

will result in the call `\example:n { 3 , \int_eval:n { 3 + 4 } }` while using `\example:x` instead results in `\example:n { 3 , 7 }` at the cost of being protected. If you use this type of expansion in conditional processing then you should stick to using `TF` type functions only as it does not try to finish any `\if... \fi`: itself!

It is important to note that both `f`- and `o`-type expansion are concerned with the expansion of tokens from left to right in their arguments. In particular, `o`-type expansion applies to the first *token* in the argument it receives: it is conceptually similar to

```
\exp_after:wN <base function> \exp_after:wN { <argument> }
```

At the same time, `f`-type expansion stops at the *emph*first non-expandable token. This means for example that both

```
\tl_set:N0 \l_tmpa_tl { { \l_tmpa_tl } }
```

and

```
\tl_set:Nf \l_tmpa_tl { { \l_tmpa_tl } }
```

leave `\l_tmpa_tl` unchanged: `{` is the first token in the argument and is non-expandable.

## 4 Manipulating the first argument

These functions are described in detail: expansion of multiple tokens follows the same rules but is described in a shorter fashion.

<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
<code>\exp_args:No</code> ★	<code>\exp_args:No</code> $\langle function \rangle$ $\{\langle tokens \rangle\}$ ...
	This function absorbs two arguments (the $\langle function \rangle$ name and the $\langle tokens \rangle$ ). The $\langle tokens \rangle$ are expanded once, and the result is inserted in braces into the input stream <i>after</i> reinsertion of the $\langle function \rangle$ . Thus the $\langle function \rangle$ may take more than one argument: all others will be left unchanged.
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<code>\exp_args:Nc</code> ★	<code>\exp_args:Nc</code> $\langle function \rangle$ $\{\langle tokens \rangle\}$
<code>\exp_args:cc</code> ★	
	This function absorbs two arguments (the $\langle function \rangle$ name and the $\langle tokens \rangle$ ). The $\langle tokens \rangle$ are expanded until only characters remain, and are then turned into a control sequence. (An internal error will occur if such a conversion is not possible). The result is inserted into the input stream <i>after</i> reinsertion of the $\langle function \rangle$ . Thus the $\langle function \rangle$ may take more than one argument: all others will be left unchanged.
	The <code>:cc</code> variant constructs the $\langle function \rangle$ name in the same manner as described for the $\langle tokens \rangle$ .
<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
<code>\exp_args:Nv</code> ★	<code>\exp_args:Nv</code> $\langle function \rangle$ $\langle variable \rangle$
	This function absorbs two arguments (the names of the $\langle function \rangle$ and the $\langle variable \rangle$ ). The content of the $\langle variable \rangle$ are recovered and placed inside braces into the input stream <i>after</i> reinsertion of the $\langle function \rangle$ . Thus the $\langle function \rangle$ may take more than one argument: all others will be left unchanged.
<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
<code>\exp_args:Nv</code> ★	<code>\exp_args:Nv</code> $\langle function \rangle$ $\{\langle tokens \rangle\}$
	This function absorbs two arguments (the $\langle function \rangle$ name and the $\langle tokens \rangle$ ). The $\langle tokens \rangle$ are expanded until only characters remain, and are then turned into a control sequence. (An internal error will occur if such a conversion is not possible). This control sequence should be the name of a $\langle variable \rangle$ . The content of the $\langle variable \rangle$ are recovered and placed inside braces into the input stream <i>after</i> reinsertion of the $\langle function \rangle$ . Thus the $\langle function \rangle$ may take more than one argument: all others will be left unchanged.
<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
<code>\exp_args:Nf</code> ★	<code>\exp_args:Nf</code> $\langle function \rangle$ $\{\langle tokens \rangle\}$
	This function absorbs two arguments (the $\langle function \rangle$ name and the $\langle tokens \rangle$ ). The $\langle tokens \rangle$ are fully expanded until the first non-expandable token or space is found, and the result is inserted in braces into the input stream <i>after</i> reinsertion of the $\langle function \rangle$ . Thus the $\langle function \rangle$ may take more than one argument: all others will be left unchanged.

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<code>\exp_args:Nx</code>	<code>\exp_args:Nx &lt;function&gt; {\tokens}</code>
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This function absorbs two arguments (the *<function>* name and the *<tokens>*) and exhaustively expands the *<tokens>* second. The result is inserted in braces into the input stream *after* reinsertion of the *<function>*. Thus the *<function>* may take more than one argument: all others will be left unchanged.

## 5 Manipulating two arguments

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<code>\exp_args:NNo</code>	★	<code>\exp_args:NNo &lt;token<sub>12</sub></code>
<code>\exp_args:(NNv NNV NNf Nco Ncf)</code>	★	
<code>\exp_args:NNc</code>	★	
<code>\exp_args:Ncc</code>	★	
<code>\exp_args:NVV</code>	★	

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These optimized functions absorb three arguments and expand the second and third as detailed by their argument specifier. The first argument of the function is then the next item on the input stream, followed by the expansion of the second and third arguments.

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<code>\exp_args:Nno</code>	★	<code>\exp_args:Nno &lt;token&gt; {\tokens<sub>1</sub>} {\tokens<sub>2</sub>}</code>
<code>\exp_args:(NnV Nnf Noo Nof Nff Nfo)</code>	★	
<code>\exp_args:Noc</code>	★	
<code>\exp_args:Nnc</code>	★	

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These functions absorb three arguments and expand the second and third as detailed by their argument specifier. The first argument of the function is then the next item on the input stream, followed by the expansion of the second and third arguments. These functions need special (slower) processing.

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<code>\exp_args:NNx</code>	<code>\exp_args:NNx &lt;token<sub>12</sub></code>
<code>\exp_args:Ncx</code>	
<code>\exp_args:Nnx</code>	
<code>\exp_args:(Nox Nxo Nxx)</code>	

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These functions absorb three arguments and expand the second and third as detailed by their argument specifier. The first argument of the function is then the next item on the input stream, followed by the expansion of the second and third arguments. These functions are not expandable.

## 6 Manipulating three arguments

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<code>\exp_args:NNNo</code>	★	<code>\exp_args:NNNo &lt;token<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;token<sub>2</sub>&gt; &lt;token<sub>3</sub>&gt; {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
<code>\exp_args:(NNNV NcNo Ncco)</code>	★	
<code>\exp_args:Nccc</code>	★	
<code>\exp_args:NcNc</code>	★	

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These optimized functions absorb four arguments and expand the second, third and fourth as detailed by their argument specifier. The first argument of the function is then the next item on the input stream, followed by the expansion of the second argument, *etc.*

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<code>\exp_args:NNoo</code>	★	<code>\exp_args:NNoo &lt;token<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;token<sub>2</sub>&gt; {&lt;token<sub>3</sub>&gt;} {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
<code>\exp_args:NNno</code>	★	
<code>\exp_args:Nnno</code>	★	
<code>\exp_args:Nooo</code>	★	
<code>\exp_args:Nnnc</code>	★	

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These functions absorb four arguments and expand the second, third and fourth as detailed by their argument specifier. The first argument of the function is then the next item on the input stream, followed by the expansion of the second argument, *etc.* These functions need special (slower) processing.

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<code>\exp_args:NNNx</code>		<code>\exp_args:NNNx &lt;token<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;token<sub>2</sub>&gt; {&lt;tokens<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;tokens<sub>2</sub>&gt;}</code>
<code>\exp_args:Nccx</code>		
<code>\exp_args:NNnx</code>		
<code>\exp_args:(NNox Ncnx)</code>		
<code>\exp_args:Nnnx</code>		
<code>\exp_args:(Nnox Noox)</code>		

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## 7 Unbraced expansion

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<code>\exp_last_unbraced:Nf</code>	★	<code>\exp_last_unbraced:Nno</code>	$\langle token \rangle$	$\langle tokens_1 \rangle$	$\langle tokens_2 \rangle$
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:(NV No Nv)</code>	★				
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:Nco</code>	★				
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:(NcV NNV NNo)</code>	★				
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:Nno</code>	★				
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:(Noo Nfo)</code>	★				
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:NNNV</code>	★				
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:NNNo</code>	★				
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:NnNo</code>	★				

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These functions absorb the number of arguments given by their specification, carry out the expansion indicated and leave the results in the input stream, with the last argument not surrounded by the usual braces. Of these, the `:Nno`, `:Noo`, and `:Nfo` variants need special (slower) processing.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** As an optimization, the last argument is unbraced by some of those functions before expansion. This can cause problems if the argument is empty: for instance, `\exp_last_unbraced:Nf \foo_bar:w { } \q_stop` leads to an infinite loop, as the quark is f-expanded.

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<code>\exp_last_unbraced:Nx</code>	<code>\exp_last_unbraced:Nx</code>	$\langle function \rangle$	$\{\langle tokens \rangle\}$
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This functions fully expands the  $\langle tokens \rangle$  and leaves the result in the input stream after reinsertion of  $\langle function \rangle$ . This function is not expandable.

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<code>\exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo</code>	★	<code>\exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo</code>	$\langle token \rangle$	$\langle tokens_1 \rangle$	$\{\langle tokens_2 \rangle\}$
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This function absorbs three arguments and expand the second and third once. The first argument of the function is then the next item on the input stream, followed by the expansion of the second and third arguments, which are not wrapped in braces. This function needs special (slower) processing.

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<code>\exp_after:wN</code>	★	<code>\exp_after:wN</code>	$\langle token_1 \rangle$	$\langle token_2 \rangle$
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Carries out a single expansion of  $\langle token_2 \rangle$  (which may consume arguments) prior to the expansion of  $\langle token_1 \rangle$ . If  $\langle token_2 \rangle$  is a T<sub>E</sub>X primitive, it will be executed rather than expanded, while if  $\langle token_2 \rangle$  has not expansion (for example, if it is a character) then it will be left unchanged. It is important to notice that  $\langle token_1 \rangle$  may be *any* single token, including group-opening and -closing tokens (`{` or `}` assuming normal T<sub>E</sub>X category codes). Unless specifically required, expansion should be carried out using an appropriate argument specifier variant or the appropriate `\exp_arg:N` function.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\expandafter` renamed.

## 8 Preventing expansion

Despite the fact that the following functions are all about preventing expansion, they're designed to be used in an expandable context and hence are all marked as being 'expandable' since they themselves will not appear after the expansion has completed.

<hr/> <code>\exp_not:N</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\exp_not:N &lt;token&gt;</code>
	Prevents expansion of the $\langle token \rangle$ in a context where it would otherwise be expanded, for example an <b>x</b> -type argument.
	<b>T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:</b> This is the T <sub>E</sub> X <code>\noexpand</code> primitive.
<hr/> <code>\exp_not:c</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\exp_not:c {\tokens}</code>
	Expands the $\langle tokens \rangle$ until only unexpandable content remains, and then converts this into a control sequence. Further expansion of this control sequence is then inhibited.
<hr/> <code>\exp_not:n</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\exp_not:n {\tokens}</code>
	Prevents expansion of the $\langle tokens \rangle$ in a context where they would otherwise be expanded, for example an <b>x</b> -type argument.
	<b>T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:</b> This is the $\varepsilon$ -T <sub>E</sub> X <code>\unexpanded</code> primitive. Hence its argument <i>must</i> be surrounded by braces.
<hr/> <code>\exp_not:V</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\exp_not:V &lt;variable&gt;</code>
	Recovers the content of the $\langle variable \rangle$ , then prevents expansion of this material in a context where it would otherwise be expanded, for example an <b>x</b> -type argument.
<hr/> <code>\exp_not:v</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\exp_not:v {\tokens}</code>
	Expands the $\langle tokens \rangle$ until only unexpandable content remains, and then converts this into a control sequence (which should be a $\langle variable \rangle$ name). The content of the $\langle variable \rangle$ is recovered, and further expansion is prevented in a context where it would otherwise be expanded, for example an <b>x</b> -type argument.
<hr/> <code>\exp_not:o</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\exp_not:o {\tokens}</code>
	Expands the $\langle tokens \rangle$ once, then prevents any further expansion in a context where they would otherwise be expanded, for example an <b>x</b> -type argument.
<hr/> <code>\exp_not:f</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\exp_not:f {\tokens}</code>
	Expands $\langle tokens \rangle$ fully until the first unexpandable token is found. Expansion then stops, and the result of the expansion (including any tokens which were not expanded) is protected from further expansion.

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<code>\exp_stop_f:</code>	★	<code>\foo_bar:f { &lt;tokens&gt; \exp_stop_f: &lt;more tokens&gt; }</code>
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This function terminates an `f`-type expansion. Thus if a function `\foo_bar:f` starts an `f`-type expansion and all of `<tokens>` are expandable `\exp_stop_f:` will terminate the expansion of tokens even if `<more tokens>` are also expandable. The function itself is an implicit space token. Inside an `x`-type expansion, it will retain its form, but when typeset it produces the underlying space (`\_`).

## 9 Controlled expansion

The `expl3` language makes all efforts to hide the complexity of `TEX` expansion from the programmer by providing concepts that evaluate/expand arguments of functions prior to calling the “base” functions. Thus, instead of using many `\expandafter` calls and other trickery it is usually a matter of choosing the right variant of a function to achieve a desired result.

Of course, deep down `TEX` is using expansion as always and there are cases where a programmer needs to control that expansion directly; typical situations are basic data manipulation tools. This section documents the functions for that level. You will find these commands used throughout the kernel code, but we hope that outside the kernel there will be little need to resort to them. Instead the argument manipulation methods document above should usually be sufficient.

While `\exp_after:wN` expands one token (out of order) it is sometimes necessary to expand several tokens in one go. The next set of commands provide this functionality. Be aware that it is absolutely required that the programmer has full control over the tokens to be expanded, i.e., it is not possible to use these functions to expand unknown input as part of `<expandable-tokens>` as that will break badly if unexpandable tokens are encountered in that place!

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<code>\exp:w</code>	★	<code>\exp:w &lt;expandable-tokens&gt; \exp_end:</code>
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`\exp_end:`

New: 2015-08-23

Expands `<expandable-tokens>` until reaching `\exp_end:` at which point expansion stops. The full expansion of `<expandable-tokens>` has to be empty. If any token in `<expandable-tokens>` or any token generated by expanding the tokens therein is not expandable the expansion will end prematurely and as a result `\exp_end:` will be misinterpreted later on.<sup>2</sup>

In typical use cases the `\exp_end:` will be hidden somewhere in the replacement text of `<expandable-tokens>` rather than being on the same expansion level than `\exp:w`, e.g., you may see code such as

```
\exp:w \@@_case:NnTF #1 {#2} { } { }
```

where somewhere during the expansion of `\@@_case:NnTF` the `\exp_end:` gets generated.

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<sup>2</sup>Due to the implementation you might get the character in position 0 in the current font (typically “”) in the output without any error message!

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<code>\exp:w</code>	★
<code>\exp_end_continue_f:w</code>	★

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New: 2015-08-23

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`\exp:w <expandable-tokens> \exp_end_continue_f:w <further-tokens>`

Expands `<expandable-tokens>` until reaching `\exp_end_continue_f:w` at which point expansion continues as an f-type expansion expanding `<further-tokens>` until an unexpandable token is encountered (or the f-type expansion is explicitly terminated by `\exp_stop_f:`). As with all f-type expansions a space ending the expansion will get removed.

The full expansion of `<expandable-tokens>` has to be empty. If any token in `<expandable-tokens>` or any token generated by expanding the tokens therein is not expandable the expansion will end prematurely and as a result `\exp_end_continue_f:w` will be misinterpreted later on.<sup>3</sup>

In typical use cases `<expandable-tokens>` contains no tokens at all, e.g., you will see code such as

```
\exp_after:wN { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #2 }
```

where the `\exp_after:wN` triggers an f-expansion of the tokens in `#2`. For technical reasons this has to happen using two tokens (if they would be hidden inside another command `\exp_after:wN` would only expand the command but not trigger any additional f-expansion).

You might wonder why there are two different approaches available, after all the effect of

```
\exp:w <expandable-tokens> \exp_end:
```

can be alternatively achieved through an f-type expansion by using `\exp_stop_f:`, i.e.

```
\exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w <expandable-tokens> \exp_stop_f:
```

The reason is simply that the first approach is slightly faster (one less token to parse and less expansion internally) so in places where such performance really matters and where we want to explicitly stop the expansion at a defined point the first form is preferable.

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<code>\exp:w</code>	★
<code>\exp_end_continue_f:nw</code>	★

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New: 2015-08-23

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`\exp:w <expandable-tokens> \exp_end_continue_f:nw <further-tokens>`

The difference to `\exp_end_continue_f:w` is that we first we pick up an argument which is then returned to the input stream. If `<further-tokens>` starts with a brace group then the braces are removed. If on the other hand it starts with space tokens then these space tokens are removed while searching for the argument. Thus such space tokens will not terminate the f-type expansion.

## 10 Internal functions and variables

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`\l_exp_internal_tl`

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The `\exp_` module has its private variables to temporarily store results of the argument expansion. This is done to avoid interference with other functions using temporary variables.

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<sup>3</sup>In this particular case you may get a character into the output as well as an error message.



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```

\::n \cs_set_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Ncof { \::c \::o \::f \::: }
\::N Internal forms for the base expansion types. These names do not conform to the general
\::p LATEX3 approach as this makes them more readily visible in the log and so forth.
\::c
\::o
\::f
\::x
\::v
\::V
\:::

```

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## Part VI

# The l3prg package

## Control structures

Conditional processing in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 is defined as something that performs a series of tests, possibly involving assignments and calling other functions that do not read further ahead in the input stream. After processing the input, a *state* is returned. The states returned are *⟨true⟩* and *⟨false⟩*.

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 has two forms of conditional flow processing based on these states. The first form is predicate functions that turn the returned state into a boolean *⟨true⟩* or *⟨false⟩*. For example, the function `\cs_if_free_p:N` checks whether the control sequence given as its argument is free and then returns the boolean *⟨true⟩* or *⟨false⟩* values to be used in testing with `\if_predicate:w` or in functions to be described below. The second form is the kind of functions choosing a particular argument from the input stream based on the result of the testing as in `\cs_if_free:NTF` which also takes one argument (the *N*) and then executes either `true` or `false` depending on the result.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The arguments are executed after exiting the underlying `\if... \fi:` structure.

### 1 Defining a set of conditional functions

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```
\prg_new_conditional:Npnn
\prg_new_conditional:Nnn
\prg_set_conditional:Npnn
\prg_set_conditional:Nnn
```

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```
\prg_new_conditional:Npnn \⟨name⟩:⟨arg spec⟩ ⟨parameters⟩ {⟨conditions⟩} {⟨code⟩}
\prg_new_conditional:Nnn \⟨name⟩:⟨arg spec⟩ {⟨conditions⟩} {⟨code⟩}
```

These functions create a family of conditionals using the same *{⟨code⟩}* to perform the test created. Those conditionals are expandable if *⟨code⟩* is. The **new** versions will check for existing definitions and perform assignments globally (*cf.* `\cs_new:Npn`) whereas the **set** versions do no check and perform assignments locally (*cf.* `\cs_set:Npn`). The conditionals created are dependent on the comma-separated list of *⟨conditions⟩*, which should be one or more of `p`, `T`, `F` and `TF`.

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<code>\prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn</code>	<code>\prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \&lt;name&gt;:\&lt;arg spec&gt; \&lt;parameters&gt;</code>
<code>\prg_new_protected_conditional:Nnn</code>	<code>{\&lt;conditions&gt;} {\&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\prg_set_protected_conditional:Npnn</code>	<code>\prg_new_protected_conditional:Nnn \&lt;name&gt;:\&lt;arg spec&gt;</code>
<code>\prg_set_protected_conditional:Nnn</code>	<code>{\&lt;conditions&gt;} {\&lt;code&gt;}</code>

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These functions create a family of protected conditionals using the same `{\<code>}` to perform the test created. The `\<code>` does not need to be expandable. The `new` version will check for existing definitions and perform assignments globally (cf. `\cs_new:Npn`) whereas the `set` version will not (cf. `\cs_set:Npn`). The conditionals created are depended on the comma-separated list of `\<conditions>`, which should be one or more of T, F and TF (not p).

The conditionals are defined by `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn` and friends as:

- `\<name>_p:\<arg spec>` — a predicate function which will supply either a logical `true` or logical `false`. This function is intended for use in cases where one or more logical tests are combined to lead to a final outcome. This function cannot be defined for `protected` conditionals.
- `\<name>:\<arg spec>T` — a function with one more argument than the original `\<arg spec>` demands. The `\<true branch>` code in this additional argument will be left on the input stream only if the test is `true`.
- `\<name>:\<arg spec>F` — a function with one more argument than the original `\<arg spec>` demands. The `\<false branch>` code in this additional argument will be left on the input stream only if the test is `false`.
- `\<name>:\<arg spec>TF` — a function with two more argument than the original `\<arg spec>` demands. The `\<true branch>` code in the first additional argument will be left on the input stream if the test is `true`, while the `\<false branch>` code in the second argument will be left on the input stream if the test is `false`.

The `\<code>` of the test may use `\<parameters>` as specified by the second argument to `\prg_set_conditional:Npnn`: this should match the `\<argument specification>` but this is not enforced. The `Nnn` versions infer the number of arguments from the argument specification given (cf. `\cs_new:Nn`, etc.). Within the `\<code>`, the functions `\prg_return_true:` and `\prg_return_false:` are used to indicate the logical outcomes of the test.

An example can easily clarify matters here:

```
\prg_set_conditional:Npnn \foo_if_bar:NN #1#2 { p , T , TF }
{
  \if_meaning:w \l_tmpa_tl #1
    \prg_return_true:
  \else:
    \if_meaning:w \l_tmpa_tl #2
      \prg_return_true:
    \else:
      \prg_return_false:
    \fi:
  \fi:
}
```

```

        \fi:
    \fi:
}

```

This defines the function `\foo_if_bar_p:NN`, `\foo_if_bar:NNTF` and `\foo_if_bar:NNT` but not `\foo_if_bar:NNTF` (because `F` is missing from the `\conditions` list). The return statements take care of resolving the remaining `\else:` and `\fi:` before returning the state. There must be a return statement for each branch; failing to do so will result in erroneous output if that branch is executed.

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<code>\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn</code>	<code>\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \langle name_1 \rangle \langle arg spec_1 \rangle \langle name_2 \rangle \langle arg spec_2 \rangle</code>
<code>\prg_set_eq_conditional:NNn</code>	<code>\{ \langle conditions \rangle \}</code>

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These functions copy a family of conditionals. The `new` version will check for existing definitions (*cf.* `\cs_new:Npn`) whereas the `set` version will not (*cf.* `\cs_set:Npn`). The conditionals copied are depended on the comma-separated list of `\conditions`, which should be one or more of `p`, `T`, `F` and `TF`.

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<code>\prg_return_true: *</code>	<code>\prg_return_true:</code>
<code>\prg_return_false: *</code>	<code>\prg_return_false:</code>

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These ‘return’ functions define the logical state of a conditional statement. They appear within the code for a conditional function generated by `\prg_set_conditional:Npnn`, *etc.*, to indicate when a true or false branch should be taken. While they may appear multiple times each within the code of such conditionals, the execution of the conditional must result in the expansion of one of these two functions *exactly once*.

The return functions trigger what is internally an f-expansion process to complete the evaluation of the conditional. Therefore, after `\prg_return_true:` or `\prg_return_false:` there must be no non-expandable material in the input stream for the remainder of the expansion of the conditional code. This includes other instances of either of these functions.

## 2 The boolean data type

This section describes a boolean data type which is closely connected to conditional processing as sometimes you want to execute some code depending on the value of a switch (*e.g.*, draft/final) and other times you perhaps want to use it as a predicate function in an `\if_predicate:w` test. The problem of the primitive `\if_false:` and `\if_true:` tokens is that it is not always safe to pass them around as they may interfere with scanning for termination of primitive conditional processing. Therefore, we employ two canonical booleans: `\c_true_bool` or `\c_false_bool`. Besides preventing problems as described above, it also allows us to implement a simple boolean parser supporting the logical operations And, Or, Not, *etc.* which can then be used on both the boolean type and predicate functions.

All conditional `\bool_` functions except assignments are expandable and expect the input to also be fully expandable (which will generally mean being constructed from predicate functions, possibly nested).

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The `bool` data type is not implemented using the `\iffalse`/`\iftrue` primitives, in contrast to `\newif`, *etc.*, in plain T<sub>E</sub>X, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> and so on. Programmers should not base use of `bool` switches on any particular expectation of the implementation.

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`\bool_new:N`    `\bool_new:N`  $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$

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`\bool_new:c`    Creates a new  $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The  $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$  will initially be `false`.

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`\bool_set_false:N`    `\bool_set_false:N`  $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$

`\bool_set_false:c`    Sets  $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$  logically `false`.

`\bool_gset_false:N`

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`\bool_gset_false:c`

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`\bool_set_true:N`    `\bool_set_true:N`  $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$

`\bool_set_true:c`    Sets  $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$  logically `true`.

`\bool_gset_true:N`

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`\bool_gset_true:c`

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`\bool_set_eq:NN`    `\bool_set_eq:NN`  $\langle\textit{boolean}_1\rangle$   $\langle\textit{boolean}_2\rangle$

`\bool_set_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)`    Sets the content of  $\langle\textit{boolean}_1\rangle$  equal to that of  $\langle\textit{boolean}_2\rangle$ .

`\bool_gset_eq:NN`

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`\bool_gset_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)`

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`\bool_set:Nn`    `\bool_set:Nn`  $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$   $\{\langle\textit{boolexpr}\rangle\}$

`\bool_set:cn`    Evaluates the  $\langle\textit{boolean expression}\rangle$  as described for `\bool_if:n(TF)`, and sets the  $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$  variable to the logical truth of this evaluation.

`\bool_gset:Nn`

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`\bool_gset:cn`

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Updated: 2012-07-08

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`\bool_if_p:N` ★    `\bool_if_p:N`  $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$

`\bool_if_p:c` ★    `\bool_if:NTF`  $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$   $\{\langle\textit{true code}\rangle\}$   $\{\langle\textit{false code}\rangle\}$

`\bool_if:NTF` ★    Tests the current truth of  $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$ , and continues expansion based on this result.

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`\bool_if:cTF` ★

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`\bool_show:N`    `\bool_show:N`  $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$

`\bool_show:c`    Displays the logical truth of the  $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$  on the terminal.

New: 2012-02-09

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Updated: 2015-08-01

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`\bool_show:n`    `\bool_show:n`  $\{\langle\textit{boolean expression}\rangle\}$

New: 2012-02-09    Displays the logical truth of the  $\langle\textit{boolean expression}\rangle$  on the terminal.

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Updated: 2015-08-07

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<code>\bool_if_exist_p:N</code> ★	<code>\bool_if_exist_p:N</code> $\langle\text{boolean}\rangle$
<code>\bool_if_exist_p:c</code> ★	<code>\bool_if_exist:NTF</code> $\langle\text{boolean}\rangle$ $\{\langle\text{true code}\rangle\}$ $\{\langle\text{false code}\rangle\}$
<code>\bool_if_exist:NTF</code> ★	Tests whether the $\langle\text{boolean}\rangle$ is currently defined. This does not check that the $\langle\text{boolean}\rangle$
<code>\bool_if_exist:cTF</code> ★	really is a boolean variable.

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New: 2012-03-03

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<code>\l_tmpa_bool</code>	A scratch boolean for local assignment. It is never used by the kernel code, and so is
<code>\l_tmpb_bool</code>	safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, it may be overwritten by other

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non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

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<code>\g_tmpa_bool</code>	A scratch boolean for global assignment. It is never used by the kernel code, and so is
<code>\g_tmpb_bool</code>	safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, it may be overwritten by other

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non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

### 3 Boolean expressions

As we have a boolean datatype and predicate functions returning boolean  $\langle\text{true}\rangle$  or  $\langle\text{false}\rangle$  values, it seems only fitting that we also provide a parser for  $\langle\text{boolean expressions}\rangle$ .

A boolean expression is an expression which given input in the form of predicate functions and boolean variables, return boolean  $\langle\text{true}\rangle$  or  $\langle\text{false}\rangle$ . It supports the logical operations And, Or and Not as the well-known infix operators `&&`, `||` and `!` with their usual precedences (namely, `&&` binds more tightly than `||`). In addition to this, parentheses can be used to isolate sub-expressions. For example,

```
\int_compare_p:n { 1 = 1 } &&
(
  \int_compare_p:n { 2 = 3 } ||
  \int_compare_p:n { 4 <= 4 } ||
  \str_if_eq_p:nn { abc } { def }
) &&
! \int_compare_p:n { 2 = 4 }
```

is a valid boolean expression.

At present, the infix operators `&&` and `||` perform lazy evaluation as well, but this will change in a future release.

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<code>\bool_if_p:n</code> ★	<code>\bool_if_p:n</code> $\{\langle\text{boolean expression}\rangle\}$
<code>\bool_if:nTF</code> ★	<code>\bool_if:nTF</code> $\{\langle\text{boolean expression}\rangle\}$ $\{\langle\text{true code}\rangle\}$ $\{\langle\text{false code}\rangle\}$

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Tests the current truth of  $\langle\text{boolean expression}\rangle$ , and continues expansion based on this result. The  $\langle\text{boolean expression}\rangle$  should consist of a series of predicates or boolean variables with the logical relationship between these defined using `&&` (“And”), `||` (“Or”), `!` (“Not”) and parentheses. The logical Not applies to the next predicate or group.

## 4 Logical loops

Loops using either boolean expressions or stored boolean values.

<hr/> <code>\bool_do_until:Nn</code> ☆ <code>\bool_do_until:cn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\bool_do_until:Nn &lt;boolean&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>  Places the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> in the input stream for T <sub>E</sub> X to process, and then checks the logical value of the <code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code> . If it is <b>false</b> then the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> will be inserted into the input stream again and the process will loop until the <code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code> is <b>true</b> .
<hr/> <code>\bool_do_while:Nn</code> ☆ <code>\bool_do_while:cn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\bool_do_while:Nn &lt;boolean&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>  Places the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> in the input stream for T <sub>E</sub> X to process, and then checks the logical value of the <code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code> . If it is <b>true</b> then the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> will be inserted into the input stream again and the process will loop until the <code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code> is <b>false</b> .
<hr/> <code>\bool_until_do:Nn</code> ☆ <code>\bool_until_do:cn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\bool_until_do:Nn &lt;boolean&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>  This function firsts checks the logical value of the <code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code> . If it is <b>false</b> the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> is placed in the input stream and expanded. After the completion of the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> the truth of the <code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code> is re-evaluated. The process will then loop until the <code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code> is <b>true</b> .
<hr/> <code>\bool_while_do:Nn</code> ☆ <code>\bool_while_do:cn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\bool_while_do:Nn &lt;boolean&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>  This function firsts checks the logical value of the <code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code> . If it is <b>true</b> the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> is placed in the input stream and expanded. After the completion of the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> the truth of the <code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code> is re-evaluated. The process will then loop until the <code>&lt;boolean&gt;</code> is <b>false</b> .
<hr/> <code>\bool_do_until:nn</code> ☆ <hr/> Updated: 2012-07-08 <hr/>	<code>\bool_do_until:nn {&lt;boolean expression&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>  Places the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> in the input stream for T <sub>E</sub> X to process, and then checks the logical value of the <code>&lt;boolean expression&gt;</code> as described for <code>\bool_if:nTF</code> . If it is <b>false</b> then the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> will be inserted into the input stream again and the process will loop until the <code>&lt;boolean expression&gt;</code> evaluates to <b>true</b> .
<hr/> <code>\bool_do_while:nn</code> ☆ <hr/> Updated: 2012-07-08 <hr/>	<code>\bool_do_while:nn {&lt;boolean expression&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>  Places the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> in the input stream for T <sub>E</sub> X to process, and then checks the logical value of the <code>&lt;boolean expression&gt;</code> as described for <code>\bool_if:nTF</code> . If it is <b>true</b> then the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> will be inserted into the input stream again and the process will loop until the <code>&lt;boolean expression&gt;</code> evaluates to <b>false</b> .
<hr/> <code>\bool_until_do:nn</code> ☆ <hr/> Updated: 2012-07-08 <hr/>	<code>\bool_until_do:nn {&lt;boolean expression&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>  This function firsts checks the logical value of the <code>&lt;boolean expression&gt;</code> (as described for <code>\bool_if:nTF</code> ). If it is <b>false</b> the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> is placed in the input stream and expanded. After the completion of the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> the truth of the <code>&lt;boolean expression&gt;</code> is re-evaluated. The process will then loop until the <code>&lt;boolean expression&gt;</code> is <b>true</b> .

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`\bool_while_do:nn` ★

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Updated: 2012-07-08

`\bool_while_do:nn`  $\{\langle\textit{boolean expression}\rangle\}$   $\{\langle\textit{code}\rangle\}$

This function firsts checks the logical value of the  $\langle\textit{boolean expression}\rangle$  (as described for `\bool_if:nTF`). If it is `true` the  $\langle\textit{code}\rangle$  is placed in the input stream and expanded. After the completion of the  $\langle\textit{code}\rangle$  the truth of the  $\langle\textit{boolean expression}\rangle$  is re-evaluated. The process will then loop until the  $\langle\textit{boolean expression}\rangle$  is `false`.

## 5 Producing multiple copies

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`\prg_replicate:nn` ★

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Updated: 2011-07-04

`\prg_replicate:nn`  $\{\langle\textit{integer expression}\rangle\}$   $\{\langle\textit{tokens}\rangle\}$

Evaluates the  $\langle\textit{integer expression}\rangle$  (which should be zero or positive) and creates the resulting number of copies of the  $\langle\textit{tokens}\rangle$ . The function is both expandable and safe for nesting. It yields its result after two expansion steps.

## 6 Detecting T<sub>E</sub>X's mode

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`\mode_if_horizontal_p:` ★

`\mode_if_horizontal:TF` ★

`\mode_if_horizontal_p:`

`\mode_if_horizontal:TF`  $\{\langle\textit{true code}\rangle\}$   $\{\langle\textit{false code}\rangle\}$

Detects if T<sub>E</sub>X is currently in horizontal mode.

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`\mode_if_inner_p:` ★

`\mode_if_inner:TF` ★

`\mode_if_inner_p:`

`\mode_if_inner:TF`  $\{\langle\textit{true code}\rangle\}$   $\{\langle\textit{false code}\rangle\}$

Detects if T<sub>E</sub>X is currently in inner mode.

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`\mode_if_math_p:` ★

`\mode_if_math:TF` ★

`\mode_if_math:TF`  $\{\langle\textit{true code}\rangle\}$   $\{\langle\textit{false code}\rangle\}$

Detects if T<sub>E</sub>X is currently in maths mode.

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`\mode_if_vertical_p:` ★

`\mode_if_vertical:TF` ★

`\mode_if_vertical_p:`

`\mode_if_vertical:TF`  $\{\langle\textit{true code}\rangle\}$   $\{\langle\textit{false code}\rangle\}$

Detects if T<sub>E</sub>X is currently in vertical mode.

## 7 Primitive conditionals

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`\if_predicate:w` ★

`\if_predicate:w`  $\langle\textit{predicate}\rangle$   $\langle\textit{true code}\rangle$  `\else:`  $\langle\textit{false code}\rangle$  `\fi:`

This function takes a predicate function and branches according to the result. (In practice this function would also accept a single boolean variable in place of the  $\langle\textit{predicate}\rangle$  but to make the coding clearer this should be done through `\if_bool:N`.)

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`\if_bool:N` ★

`\if_bool:N`  $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$   $\langle\textit{true code}\rangle$  `\else:`  $\langle\textit{false code}\rangle$  `\fi:`

This function takes a boolean variable and branches according to the result.



## 8 Internal programming functions

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`\group_align_safe_begin:` ★  
`\group_align_safe_end:` ★

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Updated: 2011-08-11

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`\group_align_safe_begin:`  
`...`  
`\group_align_safe_end:`

These functions are used to enclose material in a  $\TeX$  alignment environment within a specially-constructed group. This group is designed in such a way that it does not add brace groups to the output but does act as a group for the `&` token inside `\halign`. This is necessary to allow grabbing of tokens for testing purposes, as  $\TeX$  uses group level to determine the effect of alignment tokens. Without the special grouping, the use of a function such as `\peek_after:Nw` will result in a forbidden comparison of the internal `\endtemplate` token, yielding a fatal error. Each `\group_align_safe_begin:` must be matched by a `\group_align_safe_end:`, although this does not have to occur within the same function.

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`\__prg_break_point:Nn` ★

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`\__prg_break_point:Nn \<type>_map_break: {tokens}`

Used to mark the end of a recursion or mapping: the functions `\<type>_map_break:` and `\<type>_map_break:n` use this to break out of the loop. After the loop ends, the `<tokens>` are inserted into the input stream. This occurs even if the break functions are *not* applied: `\__prg_break_point:Nn` is functionally-equivalent in these cases to `\use_ii:nn`.

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`\__prg_map_break:Nn` ★

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`\__prg_map_break:Nn \<type>_map_break: {<user code>}`  
`...`  
`\__prg_break_point:Nn \<type>_map_break: {<ending code>}`

Breaks a recursion in mapping contexts, inserting in the input stream the `<user code>` after the `<ending code>` for the loop. The function breaks loops, inserting their `<ending code>`, until reaching a loop with the same `<type>` as its first argument. This `\<type>_map_break:` argument is simply used as a recognizable marker for the `<type>`.

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`\g__prg_map_int`

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This integer is used by non-expandable mapping functions to track the level of nesting in force. The functions `\__prg_map_1:w`, `\__prg_map_2:w`, *etc.*, labelled by `\g__prg_map_int` hold functions to be mapped over various list datatypes in inline and variable mappings.

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`\__prg_break_point:` ★

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This copy of `\prg_do_nothing:` is used to mark the end of a fast short-term recursions: the function `\__prg_break:n` uses this to break out of the loop.

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`\__prg_break:` ★  
`\__prg_break:n` ★

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`\__prg_break:n {<tokens>} ... \__prg_break_point:`

Breaks a recursion which has no `<ending code>` and which is not a user-breakable mapping (see for instance `\prop_get:Nn`), and inserts `<tokens>` in the input stream.

## Part VII

# The l3quark package

## Quarks

### 1 Introduction to quarks and scan marks

Two special types of constants in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 are “quarks” and “scan marks”. By convention all constants of type quark start out with `\q_`, and scan marks start with `\s_`. Scan marks are for internal use by the kernel: they are not intended for more general use.

#### 1.1 Quarks

Quarks are control sequences that expand to themselves and should therefore *never* be executed directly in the code. This would result in an endless loop!

They are meant to be used as delimiter in weird functions, with the most command use case as the ‘stop token’ (*i.e.* `\q_stop`). For example, when writing a macro to parse a user-defined date

```
\date_parse:n {19/June/1981}
```

one might write a command such as

```
\cs_new:Npn \date_parse:n #1 { \date_parse_aux:w #1 \q_stop }
\cs_new:Npn \date_parse_aux:w #1 / #2 / #3 \q_stop
{ <do something with the date> }
```

Quarks are sometimes also used as error return values for functions that receive erroneous input. For example, in the function `\prop_get:NnN` to retrieve a value stored in some key of a property list, if the key does not exist then the return value is the quark `\q_no_value`. As mentioned above, such quarks are extremely fragile and it is imperative when using such functions that code is carefully written to check for pathological cases to avoid leakage of a quark into an uncontrolled environment.

Quarks also permit the following ingenious trick when parsing tokens: when you pick up a token in a temporary variable and you want to know whether you have picked up a particular quark, all you have to do is compare the temporary variable to the quark using `\tl_if_eq:NNTF`. A set of special quark testing functions is set up below. All the quark testing functions are expandable although the ones testing only single tokens are much faster. An example of the quark testing functions and their use in recursion can be seen in the implementation of `\clist_map_function:NN`.

## 2 Defining quarks

<u><code>\quark_new:N</code></u>	<code>\quark_new:N &lt;quark&gt;</code> Creates a new <code>&lt;quark&gt;</code> which expands only to <code>&lt;quark&gt;</code> . The <code>&lt;quark&gt;</code> will be defined globally, and an error message will be raised if the name was already taken.
<u><code>\q_stop</code></u>	Used as a marker for delimited arguments, such as $\cs_set:Npn \tmp:w \#1\2 \q_stop \{ \#1 \}$
<u><code>\q_mark</code></u>	Used as a marker for delimited arguments when <code>\q_stop</code> is already in use.
<u><code>\q_nil</code></u>	Quark to mark a null value in structured variables or functions. Used as an end delimiter when this may itself may need to be tested (in contrast to <code>\q_stop</code> , which is only ever used as a delimiter).
<u><code>\q_no_value</code></u>	A canonical value for a missing value, when one is requested from a data structure. This is therefore used as a “return” value by functions such as <code>\prop_get:NnN</code> if there is no data to return.

## 3 Quark tests

The method used to define quarks means that the single token (N) tests are faster than the multi-token (n) tests. The later should therefore only be used when the argument can definitely take more than a single token.

<u><code>\quark_if_nil_p:N</code> ★</u>	<code>\quark_if_nil_p:N &lt;token&gt;</code>
<u><code>\quark_if_nil:NTF</code> ★</u>	<code>\quark_if_nil:NTF &lt;token&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
	Tests if the <code>&lt;token&gt;</code> is equal to <code>\q_nil</code> .
<u><code>\quark_if_nil_p:n</code> ★</u>	<code>\quark_if_nil_p:n {&lt;token list&gt;}</code>
<u><code>\quark_if_nil_p:(o V)</code> ★</u>	<code>\quark_if_nil:nTF {&lt;token list&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<u><code>\quark_if_nil:nTF</code> ★</u>	Tests if the <code>&lt;token list&gt;</code> contains only <code>\q_nil</code> (distinct from <code>&lt;token list&gt;</code> being empty or containing <code>\q_nil</code> plus one or more other tokens).
<u><code>\quark_if_nil:(o V)TF</code> ★</u>	
<u><code>\quark_if_no_value_p:N</code> ★</u>	<code>\quark_if_no_value_p:N &lt;token&gt;</code>
<u><code>\quark_if_no_value_p:c</code> ★</u>	<code>\quark_if_no_value:NTF &lt;token&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<u><code>\quark_if_no_value:NTF</code> ★</u>	Tests if the <code>&lt;token&gt;</code> is equal to <code>\q_no_value</code> .
<u><code>\quark_if_no_value:cTF</code> ★</u>	
<u><code>\quark_if_no_value_p:n</code> ★</u>	<code>\quark_if_no_value_p:n {&lt;token list&gt;}</code>
<u><code>\quark_if_no_value:nTF</code> ★</u>	<code>\quark_if_no_value:NTF {&lt;token list&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
	Tests if the <code>&lt;token list&gt;</code> contains only <code>\q_no_value</code> (distinct from <code>&lt;token list&gt;</code> being empty or containing <code>\q_no_value</code> plus one or more other tokens).

## 4 Recursion

This module provides a uniform interface to intercepting and terminating loops as when one is doing tail recursion. The building blocks follow below and an example is shown in Section 5.

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<code>\q_recursion_tail</code>	This quark is appended to the data structure in question and appears as a real element there. This means it gets any list separators around it.
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<code>\q_recursion_stop</code>	This quark is added <i>after</i> the data structure. Its purpose is to make it possible to terminate the recursion at any point easily.
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<code>\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N</code>	<code>\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N &lt;token&gt;</code>
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---

Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  contains only the marker `\q_recursion_tail`, and if so terminates the recursion this is part of using `\use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w`. The recursion input must include the marker tokens `\q_recursion_tail` and `\q_recursion_stop` as the last two items.

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<code>\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n</code>	<code>\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n {&lt;token list&gt;}</code>
<code>\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:o</code>	

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Tests if the  $\langle token list \rangle$  contains only `\q_recursion_tail`, and if so terminates the recursion this is part of using `\use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w`. The recursion input must include the marker tokens `\q_recursion_tail` and `\q_recursion_stop` as the last two items.

---

<code>\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn</code>	<code>\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn &lt;token&gt; {&lt;insertion&gt;}</code>
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Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  contains only the marker `\q_recursion_tail`, and if so terminates the recursion this is part of using `\use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w`. The recursion input must include the marker tokens `\q_recursion_tail` and `\q_recursion_stop` as the last two items. The  $\langle insertion \rangle$  code is then added to the input stream after the recursion has ended.

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<code>\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn</code>	<code>\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn {&lt;token list&gt;} {&lt;insertion&gt;}</code>
<code>\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:on</code>	

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Tests if the  $\langle token list \rangle$  contains only `\q_recursion_tail`, and if so terminates the recursion this is part of using `\use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w`. The recursion input must include the marker tokens `\q_recursion_tail` and `\q_recursion_stop` as the last two items. The  $\langle insertion \rangle$  code is then added to the input stream after the recursion has ended.

## 5 An example of recursion with quarks

Quarks are mainly used internally in the `expl3` code to define recursion functions such as `\tl_map_inline:nn` and so on. Here is a small example to demonstrate how to use quarks in this fashion. We shall define a command called `\my_map_dbl:nn` which takes a token list and applies an operation to every *pair* of tokens. For example, `\my_map_dbl:nn {abcd} {[--#1--#2--]~}` would produce “`[-a-b-] [-c-d-]`”. Using quarks to define such functions simplifies their logic and ensures robustness in many cases.

Here’s the definition of `\my_map_dbl:nn`. First of all, define the function that will do the processing based on the inline function argument `#2`. Then initiate the recursion using an internal function. The token list `#1` is terminated using `\q_recursion_tail`, with delimiters according to the type of recursion (here a pair of `\q_recursion_tail`), concluding with `\q_recursion_stop`. These quarks are used to mark the end of the token list being operated upon.

```
\cs_new:Npn \my_map_dbl:nn #1#2
{
  \cs_set:Npn \__my_map_dbl_fn:nn ##1 ##2 {#2}
  \__my_map_dbl:nn #1 \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_tail
  \q_recursion_stop
}
```

The definition of the internal recursion function follows. First check if either of the input tokens are the termination quarks. Then, if not, apply the inline function to the two arguments.

```
\cs_new:Nn \__my_map_dbl:nn
{
  \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n {#1}
  \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n {#2}
  \__my_map_dbl_fn:nn {#1} {#2}
}
```

Finally, recurse:

```
  \__my_map_dbl:nn
}
```

Note that contrarily to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 built-in mapping functions, this mapping function cannot be nested, since the second map will overwrite the definition of `\__my_map_dbl_fn:nn`.

## 6 Internal quark functions

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```
\__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN {<token list>}
\__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN \<type>_map_break:
```

---

Tests if `<token list>` contains only `\q_recursion_tail`, and if so terminates the recursion using `\<type>_map_break:.` The recursion end should be marked by `\prg_break_point:Nn \<type>_map_break:.`

## 7 Scan marks

Scan marks are control sequences set equal to `\scan_stop:`, hence will never expand in an expansion context and will be (largely) invisible if they are encountered in a typesetting context.

Like quarks, they can be used as delimiters in weird functions and are often safer to use for this purpose. Since they are harmless when executed by `TEX` in non-expandable contexts, they can be used to mark the end of a set of instructions. This allows to skip to that point if the end of the instructions should not be performed (see `l3regex`).

The scan marks system is only for internal use by the kernel team in a small number of very specific places. These functions should not be used more generally.

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`\__scan_new:N`


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`\__scan_new:N`  $\langle scan\ mark \rangle$ 

Creates a new  $\langle scan\ mark \rangle$  which is set equal to `\scan_stop:`. The  $\langle scan\ mark \rangle$  will be defined globally, and an error message will be raised if the name was already taken by another scan mark.

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`\s__stop`


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Used at the end of a set of instructions, as a marker that can be jumped to using `\__use_none_delimit_by_s__stop:w`.

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`\__use_none_delimit_by_s__stop:w`


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`\__use_none_delimit_by_s__stop:w`  $\langle tokens \rangle$  `\s__stop`

Removes the  $\langle tokens \rangle$  and `\s__stop` from the input stream. This leads to a low-level `TEX` error if `\s__stop` is absent.

## Part VIII

# The l3token package

## Token manipulation

This module deals with tokens. Now this is perhaps not the most precise description so let's try with a better description: When programming in T<sub>E</sub>X, it is often desirable to know just what a certain token is: is it a control sequence or something else. Similarly one often needs to know if a control sequence is expandable or not, a macro or a primitive, how many arguments it takes etc. Another thing of great importance (especially when it comes to document commands) is looking ahead in the token stream to see if a certain character is present and maybe even remove it or disregard other tokens while scanning. This module provides functions for both and as such will have two primary function categories: `\token_` for anything that deals with tokens and `\peek_` for looking ahead in the token stream.

Most of the time we will be using the term “token” but most of the time the function we're describing can equally well be used on a control sequence as such one is one token as well.

We shall refer to list of tokens as `tlists` and such lists represented by a single control sequence is a “token list variable” `tl var`. Functions for these two types are found in the `l3tl` module.

## 1 All possible tokens

Let us start by reviewing every case that a given token can fall into. It is very important to distinguish two aspects of a token: its meaning, and what it looks like.

For instance, `\if:w`, `\if_charcode:w`, and `\tex_if:D` are three names for the same internal operation of T<sub>E</sub>X, namely the primitive testing the next two characters for equality of their character code. They behave identically in many situations. However, T<sub>E</sub>X distinguishes them when searching for a delimited argument. Namely, the example function `\show_until_if:w` defined below will take everything until `\if:w` as an argument, despite the presence of other copies of `\if:w` under different names.

```
\cs_new:Npn \show_until_if:w #1 \if:w { \tl_show:n {#1} }  
\show_until_if:w \tex_if:D \if_charcode:w \if:w
```

## 2 Character tokens

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<code>\char_set_catcode_escape:N</code>	<code>\char_set_catcode_letter:N</code> $\langle character \rangle$
<code>\char_set_catcode_group_begin:N</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_group_end:N</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_math_toggle:N</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_alignment:N</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_end_line:N</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_parameter:N</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_math_superscript:N</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_math_subscript:N</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_ignore:N</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_space:N</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_letter:N</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_other:N</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_active:N</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_comment:N</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_invalid:N</code>	

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Sets the category code of the  $\langle character \rangle$  to that indicated in the function name. Depending on the current category code of the  $\langle token \rangle$  the escape token may also be needed:

`\char_set_catcode_other:N`  $\backslash\%$

The assignment is local. These commands update `\l_char_special_seq` as appropriate by adding or removing the  $\langle character \rangle$ , and in package mode they also update `\dospecials` (plain  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  and  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X} 2_{\varepsilon}$ ) and `\@sanitize` ( $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X} 2_{\varepsilon}$  only). The `\char_set_catcode_active:N` command also adds the active character to `\l_char_active_seq`.



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<code>\char_set_catcode_escape:n</code>	<code>\char_set_catcode_letter:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
<code>\char_set_catcode_group_begin:n</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_group_end:n</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_math_toggle:n</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_alignment:n</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_end_line:n</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_parameter:n</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_math_superscript:n</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_math_subscript:n</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_ignore:n</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_space:n</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_letter:n</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_other:n</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_active:n</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_comment:n</code>	
<code>\char_set_catcode_invalid:n</code>	

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Sets the category code of the  $\langle character \rangle$  which has character code as given by the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$ . This version can be used to set up characters which cannot otherwise be given (*cf.* the N-type variants). The assignment is local. These commands update `\l_char_special_seq` as appropriate by adding or removing the  $\langle character \rangle$ , and in package mode they also update `\dospecials` (plain T<sub>E</sub>X and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>) and `\@sanitize` (L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> only). The `\char_set_catcode_active:n` command also adds the active character to `\l_char_active_seq`.

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<code>\char_set_catcode:nn</code>	<code>\char_set_catcode:nn {⟨intexpr<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨intexpr<sub>2</sub>⟩}</code>
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These functions set the category code of the  $\langle character \rangle$  which has character code as given by the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$ . The first  $\langle integer expression \rangle$  is the character code and the second is the category code to apply. The setting applies within the current T<sub>E</sub>X group. In general, the symbolic functions `\char_set_catcode_⟨type⟩` should be preferred, but there are cases where these lower-level functions may be useful. This command updates `\l_char_special_seq` as appropriate by adding or removing the  $\langle character \rangle$ , and in package mode it also updates `\dospecials` (plain T<sub>E</sub>X and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>) and `\@sanitize` (L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> only). If the category code is 13 (active), the active character is added to `\l_char_active_seq`.

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<code>\char_value_catcode:n</code> ★	<code>\char_value_catcode:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
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---

Expands to the current category code of the  $\langle character \rangle$  with character code given by the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$ .

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<code>\char_show_value_catcode:n</code>	<code>\char_show_value_catcode:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
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Displays the current category code of the  $\langle character \rangle$  with character code given by the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$  on the terminal.

<hr/> <code>\char_set_lccode:nn</code> <hr/>	<code>\char_set_lccode:nn {⟨<i>intexpr</i><sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨<i>intexpr</i><sub>2</sub>⟩}</code>
Updated: 2015-08-06	Sets up the behaviour of the $\langle character \rangle$ when found inside <code>\tl_to_lowercase:n</code> , such that $\langle character_1 \rangle$ will be converted into $\langle character_2 \rangle$ . The two $\langle characters \rangle$ may be specified using an $\langle integer expression \rangle$ for the character code concerned. This may include the T <sub>E</sub> X ‘ $\langle character \rangle$ ’ method for converting a single character into its character code:
	<pre> \char_set_lccode:nn { ‘\A } { ‘\a } % Standard behaviour \char_set_lccode:nn { ‘\A } { ‘\A + 32 } \char_set_lccode:nn { 50 } { 60 } </pre>
	The setting applies within the current T <sub>E</sub> X group.
<hr/> <code>\char_value_lccode:n</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\char_value_lccode:n {⟨<i>integer expression</i>⟩}</code>
	Expands to the current lower case code of the $\langle character \rangle$ with character code given by the $\langle integer expression \rangle$ .
<hr/> <code>\char_show_value_lccode:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\char_show_value_lccode:n {⟨<i>integer expression</i>⟩}</code>
	Displays the current lower case code of the $\langle character \rangle$ with character code given by the $\langle integer expression \rangle$ on the terminal.
<hr/> <code>\char_set_uccode:nn</code> <hr/>	<code>\char_set_uccode:nn {⟨<i>intexpr</i><sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨<i>intexpr</i><sub>2</sub>⟩}</code>
Updated: 2015-08-06	Sets up the behaviour of the $\langle character \rangle$ when found inside <code>\tl_to_uppercase:n</code> , such that $\langle character_1 \rangle$ will be converted into $\langle character_2 \rangle$ . The two $\langle characters \rangle$ may be specified using an $\langle integer expression \rangle$ for the character code concerned. This may include the T <sub>E</sub> X ‘ $\langle character \rangle$ ’ method for converting a single character into its character code:
	<pre> \char_set_uccode:nn { ‘\a } { ‘\A } % Standard behaviour \char_set_uccode:nn { ‘\A } { ‘\A - 32 } \char_set_uccode:nn { 60 } { 50 } </pre>
	The setting applies within the current T <sub>E</sub> X group.
<hr/> <code>\char_value_uccode:n</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\char_value_uccode:n {⟨<i>integer expression</i>⟩}</code>
	Expands to the current upper case code of the $\langle character \rangle$ with character code given by the $\langle integer expression \rangle$ .
<hr/> <code>\char_show_value_uccode:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\char_show_value_uccode:n {⟨<i>integer expression</i>⟩}</code>
	Displays the current upper case code of the $\langle character \rangle$ with character code given by the $\langle integer expression \rangle$ on the terminal.
<hr/> <code>\char_set_mathcode:nn</code> <hr/>	<code>\char_set_mathcode:nn {⟨<i>intexpr</i><sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨<i>intexpr</i><sub>2</sub>⟩}</code>
Updated: 2015-08-06	This function sets up the math code of $\langle character \rangle$ . The $\langle character \rangle$ is specified as an $\langle integer expression \rangle$ which will be used as the character code of the relevant character. The setting applies within the current T <sub>E</sub> X group.

<hr/> <hr/> <code>\char_value_mathcode:n</code> ★	<code>\char_value_mathcode:n {\langle integer expression \rangle}</code>  Expands to the current math code of the $\langle character \rangle$ with character code given by the $\langle integer expression \rangle$ .
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\char_show_value_mathcode:n</code>	<code>\char_show_value_mathcode:n {\langle integer expression \rangle}</code>  Displays the current math code of the $\langle character \rangle$ with character code given by the $\langle integer expression \rangle$ on the terminal.
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\char_set_sfcode:nn</code>  Updated: 2015-08-06	<code>\char_set_sfcode:nn {\langle intexpr_1 \rangle} {\langle intexpr_2 \rangle}</code>  This function sets up the space factor for the $\langle character \rangle$ . The $\langle character \rangle$ is specified as an $\langle integer expression \rangle$ which will be used as the character code of the relevant character. The setting applies within the current T <sub>E</sub> X group.
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\char_value_sfcode:n</code> ★	<code>\char_value_sfcode:n {\langle integer expression \rangle}</code>  Expands to the current space factor for the $\langle character \rangle$ with character code given by the $\langle integer expression \rangle$ .
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\char_show_value_sfcode:n</code>	<code>\char_show_value_sfcode:n {\langle integer expression \rangle}</code>  Displays the current space factor for the $\langle character \rangle$ with character code given by the $\langle integer expression \rangle$ on the terminal.
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\l_char_active_seq</code>  New: 2012-01-23 Updated: 2015-08-09	Used to track which tokens may require special handling at the document level as they are (or have been at some point) of category $\langle active \rangle$ (catcode 13). Each entry in the sequence consists of a single active character. Active tokens should be added to the sequence when they are defined for general document use. This sequence is automatically updated by <code>\char_set_catcode:nn</code> and more specific functions.
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\l_char_special_seq</code>  New: 2012-01-23 Updated: 2015-08-09	Used to track which tokens will require special handling when working with verbatim-like material at the document level as they are not of categories $\langle letter \rangle$ (catcode 11) or $\langle other \rangle$ (catcode 12). Each entry in the sequence consists of a single escaped token, for example <code>\</code> for the backslash or <code>\{</code> for an opening brace. Escaped tokens should be added to the sequence when they are defined for general document use. This sequence is automatically updated by <code>\char_set_catcode:nn</code> and more specific functions.

### 3 Generic tokens

<hr/> <hr/> <code>\token_new:Nn</code>	<code>\token_new:Nn \langle token_1 \rangle {\langle token_2 \rangle}</code>  Defines $\langle token_1 \rangle$ to globally be a snapshot of $\langle token_2 \rangle$ . This will be an implicit representation of $\langle token_2 \rangle$ .
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```

\c_group_begin_token
\c_group_end_token
\c_math_toggle_token
\c_alignment_token
\c_parameter_token
\c_math_superscript_token
\c_math_subscript_token
\c_space_token

```

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These are implicit tokens which have the category code described by their name. They are used internally for test purposes but are also available to the programmer for other uses.

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```

\c_catcode_letter_token
\c_catcode_other_token

```

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These are implicit tokens which have the category code described by their name. They are used internally for test purposes and should not be used other than for category code tests.

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```

\c_catcode_active_tl

```

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A token list containing an active token. This is used internally for test purposes and should not be used other than in appropriately-constructed category code tests.

## 4 Converting tokens

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```

\token_to_meaning:N ★
\token_to_meaning:c ★

```

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`\token_to_meaning:N`  $\langle token \rangle$

Inserts the current meaning of the  $\langle token \rangle$  into the input stream as a series of characters of category code 12 (other). This will be the primitive  $\text{\TeX}$  description of the  $\langle token \rangle$ , thus for example both functions defined by `\cs_set_nopar:Npn` and token list variables defined using `\tl_new:N` will be described as macros.

**$\text{\TeX}$ hackers note:** This is the  $\text{\TeX}$  primitive `\meaning`.

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```

\token_to_str:N ★
\token_to_str:c ★

```

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`\token_to_str:N`  $\langle token \rangle$

Converts the given  $\langle token \rangle$  into a series of characters with category code 12 (other). The current escape character will be the first character in the sequence, although this will also have category code 12 (the escape character is part of the  $\langle token \rangle$ ). This function requires only a single expansion.

**$\text{\TeX}$ hackers note:** `\token_to_str:N` is the  $\text{\TeX}$  primitive `\string` renamed.

## 5 Token conditionals

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```

\token_if_group_begin_p:N ★ \token_if_group_begin_p:N \langle token \rangle
\token_if_group_begin:NTF ★ \token_if_group_begin:NTF \langle token \rangle {\langle true code \rangle} {\langle false code \rangle}

```

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Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of a begin group token (`{` when normal  $\text{\TeX}$  category codes are in force). Note that an explicit begin group token cannot be tested in this way, as it is not a valid N-type argument.

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<code>\token_if_group_end_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_group_end_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_group_end:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_group_end:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

---

Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of an end group token (`}` when normal T<sub>E</sub>X category codes are in force). Note that an explicit end group token cannot be tested in this way, as it is not a valid N-type argument.

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<code>\token_if_math_toggle_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_math_toggle_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_math_toggle:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_math_toggle:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

---

Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of a math shift token (`$` when normal T<sub>E</sub>X category codes are in force).

---

<code>\token_if_alignment_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_alignment_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_alignment:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_alignment:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

---

Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of an alignment token (`&` when normal T<sub>E</sub>X category codes are in force).

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<code>\token_if_parameter_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_parameter_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_parameter:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_parameter:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

---

Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of a macro parameter token (`#` when normal T<sub>E</sub>X category codes are in force).

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<code>\token_if_math_superscript_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_math_superscript_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_math_superscript:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_math_superscript:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

---

Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of a superscript token (`^` when normal T<sub>E</sub>X category codes are in force).

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<code>\token_if_math_subscript_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_math_subscript_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_math_subscript:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_math_subscript:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of a subscript token (`_` when normal T<sub>E</sub>X category codes are in force).

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<code>\token_if_space_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_space_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_space:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_space:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of a space token. Note that an explicit space token with character code 32 cannot be tested in this way, as it is not a valid N-type argument.

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<code>\token_if_letter_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_letter_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_letter:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_letter:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of a letter token.

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<code>\token_if_other_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_other_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_other:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_other:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of an “other” token.

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<code>\token_if_active_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_active_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_active:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_active:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Tests if  $\langle token \rangle$  has the category code of an active character.

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<code>\token_if_eq_catcode_p:NN</code>	★	<code>\token_if_eq_catcode_p:NN</code>	$\langle token_1 \rangle$ $\langle token_2 \rangle$
<code>\token_if_eq_catcode:NNTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_eq_catcode:NNTF</code>	$\langle token_1 \rangle$ $\langle token_2 \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Tests if the two  $\langle tokens \rangle$  have the same category code.

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<code>\token_if_eq_charcode_p:NN</code>	★	<code>\token_if_eq_charcode_p:NN</code>	$\langle token_1 \rangle$ $\langle token_2 \rangle$
<code>\token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF</code>	$\langle token_1 \rangle$ $\langle token_2 \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Tests if the two  $\langle tokens \rangle$  have the same character code.

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<code>\token_if_eq_meaning_p:NN</code>	★	<code>\token_if_eq_meaning_p:NN</code>	$\langle token_1 \rangle$ $\langle token_2 \rangle$
<code>\token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF</code>	$\langle token_1 \rangle$ $\langle token_2 \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Tests if the two  $\langle tokens \rangle$  have the same meaning when expanded.

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<code>\token_if_macro_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_macro_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_macro:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_macro:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2011-05-23

Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is a T<sub>E</sub>X macro.

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<code>\token_if_cs_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_cs_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_cs:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_cs:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is a control sequence.

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<code>\token_if_expandable_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_expandable_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_expandable:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_expandable:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is expandable. This test returns  $\langle false \rangle$  for an undefined token.

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<code>\token_if_long_macro_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_long_macro_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_long_macro:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_long_macro:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2012-01-20

Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is a long macro.

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<code>\token_if_protected_macro_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_protected_macro_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_protected_macro:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_protected_macro:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2012-01-20

Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is a protected macro: a macro which is both protected and long will return logical **false**.

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<code>\token_if_protected_long_macro_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_protected_long_macro_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_protected_long_macro:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_protected_long_macro:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2012-01-20

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Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is a protected long macro.

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<code>\token_if_chardef_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_chardef_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_chardef:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_chardef:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2012-01-20

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Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is defined to be a chardef.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** Booleans, boxes and small integer constants are implemented as chardefs.

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<code>\token_if_mathchardef_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_mathchardef_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_mathchardef:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_mathchardef:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2012-01-20

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Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is defined to be a mathchardef.

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<code>\token_if_dim_register_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_dim_register_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_dim_register:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_dim_register:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2012-01-20

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Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is defined to be a dimension register.

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<code>\token_if_int_register_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_int_register_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_int_register:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_int_register:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2012-01-20

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Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is defined to be an integer register.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** Constant integers may be implemented as integer registers, chardefs, or mathchardefs depending on their value.

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<code>\token_if_muskip_register_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_muskip_register_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_muskip_register:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_muskip_register:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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New: 2012-02-15

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Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is defined to be a muskip register.

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<code>\token_if_skip_register_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_skip_register_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_skip_register:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_skip_register:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2012-01-20

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Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is defined to be a skip register.

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<code>\token_if_toks_register_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_toks_register_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_toks_register:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_toks_register:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2012-01-20

Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is defined to be a toks register (not used by L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3).

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<code>\token_if_primitive_p:N</code>	★	<code>\token_if_primitive_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_primitive:NTF</code>	★	<code>\token_if_primitive:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2011-05-23

Tests if the  $\langle token \rangle$  is an engine primitive.

## 6 Peeking ahead at the next token

There is often a need to look ahead at the next token in the input stream while leaving it in place. This is handled using the “peek” functions. The generic `\peek_after:Nw` is provided along with a family of predefined tests for common cases. As peeking ahead does *not* skip spaces the predefined tests include both a space-respecting and space-skipping version.

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<code>\peek_after:Nw</code>	<code>\peek_after:Nw</code>	$\langle function \rangle$ $\langle token \rangle$
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Locally sets the test variable `\l_peek_token` equal to  $\langle token \rangle$  (as an implicit token, *not* as a token list), and then expands the  $\langle function \rangle$ . The  $\langle token \rangle$  will remain in the input stream as the next item after the  $\langle function \rangle$ . The  $\langle token \rangle$  here may be  $\sqcup$ ,  $\{$  or  $\}$  (assuming normal T<sub>E</sub>X category codes), *i.e.* it is not necessarily the next argument which would be grabbed by a normal function.

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<code>\peek_gafter:Nw</code>	<code>\peek_gafter:Nw</code>	$\langle function \rangle$ $\langle token \rangle$
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Globally sets the test variable `\g_peek_token` equal to  $\langle token \rangle$  (as an implicit token, *not* as a token list), and then expands the  $\langle function \rangle$ . The  $\langle token \rangle$  will remain in the input stream as the next item after the  $\langle function \rangle$ . The  $\langle token \rangle$  here may be  $\sqcup$ ,  $\{$  or  $\}$  (assuming normal T<sub>E</sub>X category codes), *i.e.* it is not necessarily the next argument which would be grabbed by a normal function.

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<code>\l_peek_token</code>	Token set by <code>\peek_after:Nw</code> and available for testing as described above.
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<code>\g_peek_token</code>	Token set by <code>\peek_gafter:Nw</code> and available for testing as described above.
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<code>\peek_catcode:NTF</code>	<code>\peek_catcode:NTF</code>	$\langle test\ token \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
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Updated: 2012-12-20

Tests if the next  $\langle token \rangle$  in the input stream has the same category code as the  $\langle test\ token \rangle$  (as defined by the test `\token_if_eq_catcode:NNTF`). Spaces are respected by the test and the  $\langle token \rangle$  will be left in the input stream after the  $\langle true\ code \rangle$  or  $\langle false\ code \rangle$  (as appropriate to the result of the test).



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<code>\peek_catcode_ignore_spaces:NTF</code>	<code>\peek_catcode_ignore_spaces:NTF &lt;test token&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>
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Updated: 2012-12-20

Tests if the next non-space *<token>* in the input stream has the same category code as the *<test token>* (as defined by the test `\token_if_eq_catcode:NNTF`). Explicit and implicit space tokens (with character code 32 and category code 10) are ignored and removed by the test and the *<token>* will be left in the input stream after the *<true code>* or *<false code>* (as appropriate to the result of the test).

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<code>\peek_catcode_remove:NTF</code>	<code>\peek_catcode_remove:NTF &lt;test token&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>
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Updated: 2012-12-20

Tests if the next *<token>* in the input stream has the same category code as the *<test token>* (as defined by the test `\token_if_eq_catcode:NNTF`). Spaces are respected by the test and the *<token>* will be removed from the input stream if the test is true. The function will then place either the *<true code>* or *<false code>* in the input stream (as appropriate to the result of the test).

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<code>\peek_catcode_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF</code>	<code>\peek_catcode_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF &lt;test token&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>
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Updated: 2012-12-20

Tests if the next non-space *<token>* in the input stream has the same category code as the *<test token>* (as defined by the test `\token_if_eq_catcode:NNTF`). Explicit and implicit space tokens (with character code 32 and category code 10) are ignored and removed by the test and the *<token>* will be removed from the input stream if the test is true. The function will then place either the *<true code>* or *<false code>* in the input stream (as appropriate to the result of the test).

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<code>\peek_charcode:NTF</code>	<code>\peek_charcode:NTF &lt;test token&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>
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Updated: 2012-12-20

Tests if the next *<token>* in the input stream has the same character code as the *<test token>* (as defined by the test `\token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF`). Spaces are respected by the test and the *<token>* will be left in the input stream after the *<true code>* or *<false code>* (as appropriate to the result of the test).

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<code>\peek_charcode_ignore_spaces:NTF</code>	<code>\peek_charcode_ignore_spaces:NTF &lt;test token&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>
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Updated: 2012-12-20

Tests if the next non-space *<token>* in the input stream has the same character code as the *<test token>* (as defined by the test `\token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF`). Explicit and implicit space tokens (with character code 32 and category code 10) are ignored and removed by the test and the *<token>* will be left in the input stream after the *<true code>* or *<false code>* (as appropriate to the result of the test).

<u>\peek_charcode_remove:NTF</u>	\peek_charcode_remove:NTF <i>&lt;test token&gt;</i> <i>{&lt;true code&gt;}</i> <i>{&lt;false code&gt;}</i>
Updated: 2012-12-20	Tests if the next <i>&lt;token&gt;</i> in the input stream has the same character code as the <i>&lt;test token&gt;</i> (as defined by the test \token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF). Spaces are respected by the test and the <i>&lt;token&gt;</i> will be removed from the input stream if the test is true. The function will then place either the <i>&lt;true code&gt;</i> or <i>&lt;false code&gt;</i> in the input stream (as appropriate to the result of the test).
<u>\peek_charcode_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF</u>	\peek_charcode_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF <i>&lt;test token&gt;</i> <i>{&lt;true code&gt;}</i> <i>{&lt;false code&gt;}</i>
Updated: 2012-12-20	Tests if the next non-space <i>&lt;token&gt;</i> in the input stream has the same character code as the <i>&lt;test token&gt;</i> (as defined by the test \token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF). Explicit and implicit space tokens (with character code 32 and category code 10) are ignored and removed by the test and the <i>&lt;token&gt;</i> will be removed from the input stream if the test is true. The function will then place either the <i>&lt;true code&gt;</i> or <i>&lt;false code&gt;</i> in the input stream (as appropriate to the result of the test).
<u>\peek_meaning:NTF</u>	\peek_meaning:NTF <i>&lt;test token&gt;</i> <i>{&lt;true code&gt;}</i> <i>{&lt;false code&gt;}</i>
Updated: 2011-07-02	Tests if the next <i>&lt;token&gt;</i> in the input stream has the same meaning as the <i>&lt;test token&gt;</i> (as defined by the test \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF). Spaces are respected by the test and the <i>&lt;token&gt;</i> will be left in the input stream after the <i>&lt;true code&gt;</i> or <i>&lt;false code&gt;</i> (as appropriate to the result of the test).
<u>\peek_meaning_ignore_spaces:NTF</u>	\peek_meaning_ignore_spaces:NTF <i>&lt;test token&gt;</i> <i>{&lt;true code&gt;}</i> <i>{&lt;false code&gt;}</i>
Updated: 2012-12-05	Tests if the next non-space <i>&lt;token&gt;</i> in the input stream has the same meaning as the <i>&lt;test token&gt;</i> (as defined by the test \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF). Explicit and implicit space tokens (with character code 32 and category code 10) are ignored and removed by the test and the <i>&lt;token&gt;</i> will be left in the input stream after the <i>&lt;true code&gt;</i> or <i>&lt;false code&gt;</i> (as appropriate to the result of the test).
<u>\peek_meaning_remove:NTF</u>	\peek_meaning_remove:NTF <i>&lt;test token&gt;</i> <i>{&lt;true code&gt;}</i> <i>{&lt;false code&gt;}</i>
Updated: 2011-07-02	Tests if the next <i>&lt;token&gt;</i> in the input stream has the same meaning as the <i>&lt;test token&gt;</i> (as defined by the test \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF). Spaces are respected by the test and the <i>&lt;token&gt;</i> will be removed from the input stream if the test is true. The function will then place either the <i>&lt;true code&gt;</i> or <i>&lt;false code&gt;</i> in the input stream (as appropriate to the result of the test).

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<code>\peek_meaning_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF</code>	<code>\peek_meaning_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF</code> $\langle test\ token \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\} \{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
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Updated: 2012-12-05

Tests if the next non-space  $\langle token \rangle$  in the input stream has the same meaning as the  $\langle test\ token \rangle$  (as defined by the test `\token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF`). Explicit and implicit space tokens (with character code 32 and category code 10) are ignored and removed by the test and the  $\langle token \rangle$  will be removed from the input stream if the test is true. The function will then place either the  $\langle true\ code \rangle$  or  $\langle false\ code \rangle$  in the input stream (as appropriate to the result of the test).

## 7 Decomposing a macro definition

These functions decompose  $\text{\TeX}$  macros into their constituent parts: if the  $\langle token \rangle$  passed is not a macro then no decomposition can occur. In the later case, all three functions leave `\scan_stop:` in the input stream.

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<code>\token_get_arg_spec:N</code> ★	<code>\token_get_arg_spec:N</code> $\langle token \rangle$
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If the  $\langle token \rangle$  is a macro, this function will leave the primitive  $\text{\TeX}$  argument specification in input stream as a string of tokens of category code 12 (with spaces having category code 10). Thus for example for a token `\next` defined by

`\cs_set:Npn \next #1#2 { x #1 y #2 }`

will leave `#1#2` in the input stream. If the  $\langle token \rangle$  is not a macro then `\scan_stop:` will be left in the input stream.

**$\text{\TeX}$ hackers note:** If the arg spec. contains the string `->`, then the `spec` function will produce incorrect results.

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<code>\token_get_replacement_spec:N</code> ★	<code>\token_get_replacement_spec:N</code> $\langle token \rangle$
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If the  $\langle token \rangle$  is a macro, this function will leave the replacement text in input stream as a string of tokens of category code 12 (with spaces having category code 10). Thus for example for a token `\next` defined by

`\cs_set:Npn \next #1#2 { x #1~y #2 }`

will leave `x#1 y#2` in the input stream. If the  $\langle token \rangle$  is not a macro then `\scan_stop:` will be left in the input stream.

**$\text{\TeX}$ hackers note:** If the arg spec. contains the string `->`, then the `spec` function will produce incorrect results.

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`\token_get_prefix_spec:N` ★

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`\token_get_prefix_spec:N`  $\langle token \rangle$

If the  $\langle token \rangle$  is a macro, this function will leave the  $\text{\TeX}$  prefixes applicable in input stream as a string of tokens of category code 12 (with spaces having category code 10). Thus for example for a token `\next` defined by

`\cs_set:Npn \next #1#2 { x #1~y #2 }`

will leave `\long` in the input stream. If the  $\langle token \rangle$  is not a macro then `\scan_stop:` will be left in the input stream

## Part IX

# The l3int package

## Integers

Calculation and comparison of integer values can be carried out using literal numbers, `int` registers, constants and integers stored in token list variables. The standard operators `+`, `-`, `/` and `*` and parentheses can be used within such expressions to carry arithmetic operations. This module carries out these functions on *integer expressions* (“`intexpr`”).

### 1 Integer expressions

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`\int_eval:n` ★ `\int_eval:n {⟨integer expression⟩}`

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Evaluates the *⟨integer expression⟩*, expanding any integer and token list variables within the *⟨expression⟩* to their content (without requiring `\int_use:N/\tl_use:N`) and applying the standard mathematical rules. For example both

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\int_eval:n { 5 + 4 * 3 - ( 3 + 4 * 5 ) }
```

and

```
\tl_new:N \l_my_tl
\tl_set:Nn \l_my_tl { 5 }
\int_new:N \l_my_int
\int_set:Nn \l_my_int { 4 }
\int_eval:n { \l_my_tl + \l_my_int * 3 - ( 3 + 4 * 5 ) }
```

both evaluate to  $-6$ . The *⟨integer expression⟩* may contain the operators `+`, `-`, `*` and `/`, along with parenthesis `(` and `)`. Any functions within the expressions should expand to an *⟨integer denotation⟩*: a sequence of a sign and digits matching the regex `\-?[0-9]+`. After expansion `\int_eval:n` yields an *⟨integer denotation⟩* which is left in the input stream.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** Exactly two expansions are needed to evaluate `\int_eval:n`. The result is *not* an *⟨internal integer⟩*, and therefore requires suitable termination if used in a T<sub>E</sub>X-style integer assignment.

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`\int_abs:n` ★ `\int_abs:n {⟨integer expression⟩}`

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Updated: 2012-09-26

Evaluates the *⟨integer expression⟩* as described for `\int_eval:n` and leaves the absolute value of the result in the input stream as an *⟨integer denotation⟩* after two expansions.

<hr/> <code>\int_div_round:nn</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\int_div_round:nn {\langle integer \rangle_1} {\langle integer \rangle_2}</code>
Updated: 2012-09-26	Evaluates the two $\langle integer expressions \rangle$ as described earlier, then divides the first value by the second, and rounds the result to the closest integer. Ties are rounded away from zero. Note that this is identical to using <code>/</code> directly in an $\langle integer expression \rangle$ . The result is left in the input stream as an $\langle integer denotation \rangle$ after two expansions.

<hr/> <code>\int_div_truncate:nn</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\int_div_truncate:nn {\langle integer \rangle_1} {\langle integer \rangle_2}</code>
Updated: 2012-02-09	Evaluates the two $\langle integer expressions \rangle$ as described earlier, then divides the first value by the second, and rounds the result towards zero. Note that division using <code>/</code> rounds to the closest integer instead. The result is left in the input stream as an $\langle integer denotation \rangle$ after two expansions.

<hr/> <code>\int_max:nn</code> ★	<code>\int_max:nn {\langle integer \rangle_1} {\langle integer \rangle_2}</code>
<code>\int_min:nn</code> ★	<code>\int_min:nn {\langle integer \rangle_1} {\langle integer \rangle_2}</code>
Updated: 2012-09-26	Evaluates the $\langle integer expressions \rangle$ as described for <code>\int_eval:n</code> and leaves either the larger or smaller value in the input stream as an $\langle integer denotation \rangle$ after two expansions.

<hr/> <code>\int_mod:nn</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\int_mod:nn {\langle integer \rangle_1} {\langle integer \rangle_2}</code>
Updated: 2012-09-26	Evaluates the two $\langle integer expressions \rangle$ as described earlier, then calculates the integer remainder of dividing the first expression by the second. This is obtained by subtracting <code>\int_div_truncate:nn {\langle integer \rangle_1} {\langle integer \rangle_2}</code> times $\langle integer \rangle_2$ from $\langle integer \rangle_1$ . Thus, the result has the same sign as $\langle integer \rangle_1$ and its absolute value is strictly less than that of $\langle integer \rangle_2$ . The result is left in the input stream as an $\langle integer denotation \rangle$ after two expansions.

## 2 Creating and initialising integers

<hr/> <code>\int_new:N</code> <code>\int_new:c</code> <hr/>	<code>\int_new:N \langle integer \rangle</code> Creates a new $\langle integer \rangle$ or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The $\langle integer \rangle$ will initially be equal to 0.
<hr/> <code>\int_const:Nn</code> <code>\int_const:cn</code> <hr/>	<code>\int_const:Nn \langle integer \rangle {\langle integer expression \rangle}</code> Creates a new constant $\langle integer \rangle$ or raises an error if the name is already taken. The value of the $\langle integer \rangle$ will be set globally to the $\langle integer expression \rangle$ .
<hr/> <code>\int_zero:N</code> <code>\int_zero:c</code> <code>\int_gzero:N</code> <code>\int_gzero:c</code> <hr/>	<code>\int_zero:N \langle integer \rangle</code> Sets $\langle integer \rangle$ to 0.

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```
\int_zero_new:N
\int_zero_new:c
\int_gzero_new:N
\int_gzero_new:c
```

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New: 2011-12-13

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`\int_zero_new:N`  $\langle integer \rangle$

Ensures that the  $\langle integer \rangle$  exists globally by applying `\int_new:N` if necessary, then applies `\int_(g)zero:N` to leave the  $\langle integer \rangle$  set to zero.

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```
\int_set_eq:NN
\int_set_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)
\int_gset_eq:NN
\int_gset_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)
```

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`\int_set_eq:NN`  $\langle integer_1 \rangle$   $\langle integer_2 \rangle$

Sets the content of  $\langle integer_1 \rangle$  equal to that of  $\langle integer_2 \rangle$ .

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```
\int_if_exist_p:N *
\int_if_exist_p:c *
\int_if_exist:NTF *
\int_if_exist:cTF *
```

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New: 2012-03-03

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`\int_if_exist_p:N`  $\langle int \rangle$

`\int_if_exist:NTF`  $\langle int \rangle$   $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$

Tests whether the  $\langle int \rangle$  is currently defined. This does not check that the  $\langle int \rangle$  really is an integer variable.

### 3 Setting and incrementing integers

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```
\int_add:Nn
\int_add:cn
\int_gadd:Nn
\int_gadd:cn
```

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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`\int_add:Nn`  $\langle integer \rangle$   $\{\langle integer\ expression \rangle\}$

Adds the result of the  $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$  to the current content of the  $\langle integer \rangle$ .

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```
\int_decr:N
\int_decr:c
\int_gdecr:N
\int_gdecr:c
```

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`\int_decr:N`  $\langle integer \rangle$

Decreases the value stored in  $\langle integer \rangle$  by 1.

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```
\int_incr:N
\int_incr:c
\int_gincr:N
\int_gincr:c
```

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`\int_incr:N`  $\langle integer \rangle$

Increases the value stored in  $\langle integer \rangle$  by 1.

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```
\int_set:Nn
\int_set:cn
\int_gset:Nn
\int_gset:cn
```

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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`\int_set:Nn`  $\langle integer \rangle$   $\{\langle integer\ expression \rangle\}$

Sets  $\langle integer \rangle$  to the value of  $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$ , which must evaluate to an integer (as described for `\int_eval:n`).

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<code>\int_sub:Nn</code>	<code>\int_sub:Nn &lt;integer&gt; {\integer expression}</code>
<code>\int_sub:cn</code>	
<code>\int_gsub:Nn</code>	Subtracts the result of the <i>&lt;integer expression&gt;</i> from the current content of the <i>&lt;integer&gt;</i> .
<code>\int_gsub:cn</code>	

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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## 4 Using integers

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<code>\int_use:N</code>	★	<code>\int_use:N &lt;integer&gt;</code>
<code>\int_use:c</code>	★	

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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Recovers the content of an *<integer>* and places it directly in the input stream. An error will be raised if the variable does not exist or if it is invalid. Can be omitted in places where an *<integer>* is required (such as in the first and third arguments of `\int_compare:nNnTF`).

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** `\int_use:N` is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\the`: this is one of several L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 names for this primitive.

## 5 Integer expression conditionals

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<code>\int_compare_p:nNn</code>	★	<code>\int_compare_p:nNn {\intexpr<sub>1</sub>} &lt;relation&gt; {\intexpr<sub>2</sub>}</code>
<code>\int_compare:nNnTF</code>	★	<code>\int_compare:nNnTF</code> <code>{\intexpr<sub>1</sub>} &lt;relation&gt; {\intexpr<sub>2</sub>}</code> <code>{\true code} {\false code}</code>

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This function first evaluates each of the *<integer expressions>* as described for `\int_eval:n`. The two results are then compared using the *<relation>*:

Equal	=
Greater than	>
Less than	<



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```

\int_compare_p:n ★ \int_compare_p:n
\int_compare:nTF ★ {
    <intexpr1> <relation1>
    ...
    <intexprN> <relationN>
    <intexprN+1>
}
\int_compare:nTF
{
    <intexpr1> <relation1>
    ...
    <intexprN> <relationN>
    <intexprN+1>
}
{<true code>} {<false code>}

```

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Updated: 2013-01-13

This function evaluates the *<integer expressions>* as described for `\int_eval:n` and compares consecutive result using the corresponding *<relation>*, namely it compares *<intexpr<sub>1</sub>>* and *<intexpr<sub>2</sub>>* using the *<relation<sub>1</sub>>*, then *<intexpr<sub>2</sub>>* and *<intexpr<sub>3</sub>>* using the *<relation<sub>2</sub>>*, until finally comparing *<intexpr<sub>N</sub>>* and *<intexpr<sub>N+1</sub>>* using the *<relation<sub>N</sub>>*. The test yields **true** if all comparisons are **true**. Each *<integer expression>* is evaluated only once, and the evaluation is lazy, in the sense that if one comparison is **false**, then no other *<integer expression>* is evaluated and no other comparison is performed. The *<relations>* can be any of the following:

Equal	= or ==
Greater than or equal to	>=
Greater than	>
Less than or equal to	<=
Less than	<
Not equal	!=

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<code>\int_case:nnTF</code> ★	<code>\int_case:nnTF {&lt;test integer expression&gt;}</code>
New: 2013-07-24	<code>{</code> <code>  {&lt;intexpr case<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;code case<sub>1</sub>&gt;}</code> <code>  {&lt;intexpr case<sub>2</sub>&gt;} {&lt;code case<sub>2</sub>&gt;}</code> <code>  ...</code> <code>  {&lt;intexpr case<sub>n</sub>&gt;} {&lt;code case<sub>n</sub>&gt;}</code> <code>}</code> <code>{&lt;true code&gt;}</code> <code>{&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

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This function evaluates the *<test integer expression>* and compares this in turn to each of the *<integer expression cases>*. If the two are equal then the associated *<code>* is left in the input stream. If any of the cases are matched, the *<true code>* is also inserted into the input stream (after the code for the appropriate case), while if none match then the *<false code>* is inserted. The function `\int_case:nn`, which does nothing if there is no match, is also available. For example

```
\int_case:nnF
{ 2 * 5 }
{
  { 5 }      { Small }
  { 4 + 6 }  { Medium }
  { -2 * 10 } { Negative }
}
{ No idea! }
```

will leave “Medium” in the input stream.

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<code>\int_if_even_p:n</code> ★	<code>\int_if_odd_p:n {&lt;integer expression&gt;}</code>
<code>\int_if_even:nTF</code> ★	<code>\int_if_odd:nTF {&lt;integer expression&gt;}</code>
<code>\int_if_odd_p:n</code> ★	<code>{&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\int_if_odd:nTF</code> ★	

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This function first evaluates the *<integer expression>* as described for `\int_eval:n`. It then evaluates if this is odd or even, as appropriate.

## 6 Integer expression loops

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<code>\int_do_until:nNnn</code> ☆	<code>\int_do_until:nNnn {&lt;intexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt;} &lt;relation&gt; {&lt;intexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
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Places the *<code>* in the input stream for  $\text{\TeX}$  to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two *<integer expressions>* as described for `\int_compare:nNnTF`. If the test is **false** then the *<code>* will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the *<relation>* is **true**.

<hr/> <code>\int_do_while:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\int_do_while:nNnn {&lt;intexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt;} &lt;relation&gt; {&lt;intexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
	Places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream for T <sub>E</sub> X to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;integer expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\int_compare:nNnTF</code> . If the test is <b>true</b> then the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>false</b> .
<hr/> <code>\int_until_do:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\int_until_do:nNnn {&lt;intexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt;} &lt;relation&gt; {&lt;intexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
	Evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;integer expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\int_compare:nNnTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>false</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by T <sub>E</sub> X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is <b>true</b> .
<hr/> <code>\int_while_do:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\int_while_do:nNnn {&lt;intexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt;} &lt;relation&gt; {&lt;intexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
	Evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;integer expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\int_compare:nNnTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>true</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by T <sub>E</sub> X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is <b>false</b> .
<hr/> <code>\int_do_until:nn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\int_do_until:nn {&lt;integer relation&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2013-01-13	Places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream for T <sub>E</sub> X to process, and then evaluates the <i>&lt;integer relation&gt;</i> as described for <code>\int_compare:nTF</code> . If the test is <b>false</b> then the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>true</b> .
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<hr/> <code>\int_until_do:nn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\int_until_do:nn {&lt;integer relation&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2013-01-13	Evaluates the <i>&lt;integer relation&gt;</i> as described for <code>\int_compare:nTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>false</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by T <sub>E</sub> X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is <b>true</b> .
<hr/> <code>\int_while_do:nn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\int_while_do:nn {&lt;integer relation&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2013-01-13	Evaluates the <i>&lt;integer relation&gt;</i> as described for <code>\int_compare:nTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>true</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by T <sub>E</sub> X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is <b>false</b> .

## 7 Integer step functions

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`\int_step_function:nnnN` ☆

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New: 2012-06-04  
Updated: 2014-05-30

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`\int_step_function:nnnN` {*initial value*} {*step*} {*final value*} *function*

This function first evaluates the *initial value*, *step* and *final value*, all of which should be integer expressions. The *function* is then placed in front of each *value* from the *initial value* to the *final value* in turn (using *step* between each *value*). The *step* must be non-zero. If the *step* is positive, the loop stops when the *value* becomes larger than the *final value*. If the *step* is negative, the loop stops when the *value* becomes smaller than the *final value*. The *function* should absorb one numerical argument. For example

```
\cs_set:Npn \my_func:n #1 { [I~saw~#1] \quad }
\int_step_function:nnnN { 1 } { 1 } { 5 } \my_func:n
```

would print

```
[I saw 1] [I saw 2] [I saw 3] [I saw 4] [I saw 5]
```

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`\int_step_inline:nnnn`

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New: 2012-06-04  
Updated: 2014-05-30

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`\int_step_inline:nnnn` {*initial value*} {*step*} {*final value*} {*code*}

This function first evaluates the *initial value*, *step* and *final value*, all of which should be integer expressions. Then for each *value* from the *initial value* to the *final value* in turn (using *step* between each *value*), the *code* is inserted into the input stream with *#1* replaced by the current *value*. Thus the *code* should define a function of one argument (*#1*).

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`\int_step_variable:nnnNn`

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New: 2012-06-04  
Updated: 2014-05-30

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`\int_step_variable:nnnNn`  
{*initial value*} {*step*} {*final value*} *tl var* {*code*}

This function first evaluates the *initial value*, *step* and *final value*, all of which should be integer expressions. Then for each *value* from the *initial value* to the *final value* in turn (using *step* between each *value*), the *code* is inserted into the input stream, with the *tl var* defined as the current *value*. Thus the *code* should make use of the *tl var*.

## 8 Formatting integers

Integers can be placed into the output stream with formatting. These conversions apply to any integer expressions.

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`\int_to_arabic:n` ☆

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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`\int_to_arabic:n` {*integer expression*}

Places the value of the *integer expression* in the input stream as digits, with category code 12 (other).

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<code>\int_to_alph:n</code> ★	<code>\int_to_alph:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
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<code>\int_to_Alph:n</code> ★
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Updated: 2011-09-17

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Evaluates the *⟨integer expression⟩* and converts the result into a series of letters, which are then left in the input stream. The conversion rule uses the 26 letters of the English alphabet, in order, adding letters when necessary to increase the total possible range of representable numbers. Thus

`\int_to_alph:n { 1 }`

places a in the input stream,

`\int_to_alph:n { 26 }`

is represented as z and

`\int_to_alph:n { 27 }`

is converted to aa. For conversions using other alphabets, use `\int_to_symbols:nnn` to define an alphabet-specific function. The basic `\int_to_alph:n` and `\int_to_Alph:n` functions should not be modified. The resulting tokens are digits with category code 12 (other) and letters with category code 11 (letter).

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<code>\int_to_symbols:nnn</code> ★
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Updated: 2011-09-17

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`\int_to_symbols:nnn`  
`{⟨integer expression⟩} {⟨total symbols⟩}`  
`⟨value to symbol mapping⟩`

This is the low-level function for conversion of an *⟨integer expression⟩* into a symbolic form (which will often be letters). The *⟨total symbols⟩* available should be given as an integer expression. Values are actually converted to symbols according to the *⟨value to symbol mapping⟩*. This should be given as *⟨total symbols⟩* pairs of entries, a number and the appropriate symbol. Thus the `\int_to_alph:n` function is defined as

```
\cs_new:Npn \int_to_alph:n #1
{
  \int_to_symbols:nnn {#1} { 26 }
  {
    { 1 } { a }
    { 2 } { b }
    ...
    { 26 } { z }
  }
}
```

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<code>\int_to_bin:n</code> ★	<code>\int_to_bin:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
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New: 2014-02-11

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Calculates the value of the *⟨integer expression⟩* and places the binary representation of the result in the input stream.

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<code>\int_to_hex:n</code> ★	<code>\int_to_hex:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
<code>\int_to_Hex:n</code> ★	
<hr/> New: 2014-02-11 <hr/>	Calculates the value of the <i>⟨integer expression⟩</i> and places the hexadecimal (base 16) representation of the result in the input stream. Letters are used for digits beyond 9: lower case letters for <code>\int_to_hex:n</code> and upper case ones for <code>\int_to_Hex:n</code> . The resulting tokens are digits with category code 12 (other) and letters with category code 11 (letter).
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<code>\int_to_oct:n</code> ★	<code>\int_to_oct:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
<hr/> New: 2014-02-11 <hr/>	Calculates the value of the <i>⟨integer expression⟩</i> and places the octal (base 8) representation of the result in the input stream. The resulting tokens are digits with category code 12 (other) and letters with category code 11 (letter).
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<code>\int_to_base:nn</code> ★	<code>\int_to_base:nn {⟨integer expression⟩} {⟨base⟩}</code>
<code>\int_to_Base:nn</code> ★	
<hr/> Updated: 2014-02-11 <hr/>	Calculates the value of the <i>⟨integer expression⟩</i> and converts it into the appropriate representation in the <i>⟨base⟩</i> ; the later may be given as an integer expression. For bases greater than 10 the higher “digits” are represented by letters from the English alphabet: lower case letters for <code>\int_to_base:n</code> and upper case ones for <code>\int_to_Base:n</code> . The maximum <i>⟨base⟩</i> value is 36. The resulting tokens are digits with category code 12 (other) and letters with category code 11 (letter).
 <b>TeXhackers note:</b> This is a generic version of <code>\int_to_bin:n</code> , <i>etc.</i>	
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<code>\int_to_roman:n</code> ★	<code>\int_to_roman:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
<code>\int_to_Roman:n</code> ★	
<hr/> Updated: 2011-10-22 <hr/>	Places the value of the <i>⟨integer expression⟩</i> in the input stream as Roman numerals, either lower case ( <code>\int_to_roman:n</code> ) or upper case ( <code>\int_to_Roman:n</code> ). The Roman numerals are letters with category code 11 (letter).

## 9 Converting from other formats to integers

<hr/>	
<code>\int_from_alph:n</code> ★	<code>\int_from_alph:n {⟨letters⟩}</code>
<hr/> Updated: 2014-08-25 <hr/>	Converts the <i>⟨letters⟩</i> into the integer (base 10) representation and leaves this in the input stream. The <i>⟨letters⟩</i> are first converted to a string, with no expansion. Lower and upper case letters from the English alphabet may be used, with “a” equal to 1 through to “z” equal to 26. The function also accepts a leading sign, made of + and -. This is the inverse function of <code>\int_to_alph:n</code> and <code>\int_to_Alph:n</code> .
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<code>\int_from_bin:n</code> ★	<code>\int_from_bin:n {⟨binary number⟩}</code>
<hr/> New: 2014-02-11 Updated: 2014-08-25 <hr/>	Converts the <i>⟨binary number⟩</i> into the integer (base 10) representation and leaves this in the input stream. The <i>⟨binary number⟩</i> is first converted to a string, with no expansion. The function accepts a leading sign, made of + and -, followed by binary digits. This is the inverse function of <code>\int_to_bin:n</code> .

<hr/> <code>\int_from_hex:n</code> ★ <hr/> <div>New: 2014-02-11 Updated: 2014-08-25</div> <hr/>	<code>\int_from_hex:n {\langle hexadecimal number \rangle}</code>  Converts the $\langle hexadecimal number \rangle$ into the integer (base 10) representation and leaves this in the input stream. Digits greater than 9 may be represented in the $\langle hexadecimal number \rangle$ by upper or lower case letters. The $\langle hexadecimal number \rangle$ is first converted to a string, with no expansion. The function also accepts a leading sign, made of + and -. This is the inverse function of <code>\int_to_hex:n</code> and <code>\int_to_Hex:n</code> .
<hr/> <code>\int_from_oct:n</code> ★ <hr/> <div>New: 2014-02-11 Updated: 2014-08-25</div> <hr/>	<code>\int_from_oct:n {\langle octal number \rangle}</code>  Converts the $\langle octal number \rangle$ into the integer (base 10) representation and leaves this in the input stream. The $\langle octal number \rangle$ is first converted to a string, with no expansion. The function accepts a leading sign, made of + and -, followed by octal digits. This is the inverse function of <code>\int_to_oct:n</code> .
<hr/> <code>\int_from_roman:n</code> ★ <hr/> <div>Updated: 2014-08-25</div> <hr/>	<code>\int_from_roman:n {\langle roman numeral \rangle}</code>  Converts the $\langle roman numeral \rangle$ into the integer (base 10) representation and leaves this in the input stream. The $\langle roman numeral \rangle$ is first converted to a string, with no expansion. The $\langle roman numeral \rangle$ may be in upper or lower case; if the numeral contains characters besides <code>mdclxvi</code> or <code>MDCLXVI</code> then the resulting value will be -1. This is the inverse function of <code>\int_to_roman:n</code> and <code>\int_to_Roman:n</code> .
<hr/> <code>\int_from_base:nn</code> ★ <hr/> <div>Updated: 2014-08-25</div> <hr/>	<code>\int_from_base:nn {\langle number \rangle} {\langle base \rangle}</code>  Converts the $\langle number \rangle$ expressed in $\langle base \rangle$ into the appropriate value in base 10. The $\langle number \rangle$ is first converted to a string, with no expansion. The $\langle number \rangle$ should consist of digits and letters (either lower or upper case), plus optionally a leading sign. The maximum $\langle base \rangle$ value is 36. This is the inverse function of <code>\int_to_base:nn</code> and <code>\int_to_Base:nn</code> .

## 10 Viewing integers

<hr/> <code>\int_show:N</code> <code>\int_show:c</code> <hr/>	<code>\int_show:N \langle integer \rangle</code>  Displays the value of the $\langle integer \rangle$ on the terminal.
<hr/> <code>\int_show:n</code> <hr/> <div>New: 2011-11-22 Updated: 2015-08-07</div> <hr/>	<code>\int_show:n {\langle integer expression \rangle}</code>  Displays the result of evaluating the $\langle integer expression \rangle$ on the terminal.

## 11 Constant integers

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`\c_minus_one`  
`\c_zero`  
`\c_one`  
`\c_two`  
`\c_three`  
`\c_four`  
`\c_five`  
`\c_six`  
`\c_seven`  
`\c_eight`  
`\c_nine`  
`\c_ten`  
`\c_eleven`  
`\c_twelve`  
`\c_thirteen`  
`\c_fourteen`  
`\c_fifteen`  
`\c_sixteen`  
`\c_thirty_two`  
`\c_one_hundred`  
`\c_two_hundred_fifty_five`  
`\c_two_hundred_fifty_six`  
`\c_one_thousand`  
`\c_ten_thousand`

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Integer values used with primitive tests and assignments: self-terminating nature makes these more convenient and faster than literal numbers.

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`\c_max_int`

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The maximum value that can be stored as an integer.

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`\c_max_register_int`

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Maximum number of registers.

## 12 Scratch integers

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`\l_tmpa_int`  
`\l_tmpb_int`

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Scratch integer for local assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

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`\g_tmpa_int`  
`\g_tmpb_int`

---

Scratch integer for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.



## 13 Primitive conditionals

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<code>\if_int_compare:w</code>	★	<code>\if_int_compare:w</code> $\langle integer_1 \rangle$ $\langle relation \rangle$ $\langle integer_2 \rangle$ $\langle true\ code \rangle$ <code>\else:</code> $\langle false\ code \rangle$ <code>\fi:</code> Compare two integers using $\langle relation \rangle$ , which must be one of =, < or > with category code 12. The <code>\else:</code> branch is optional.
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**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** These are both names for the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\ifnum`.

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<code>\if_case:w</code>	★	<code>\if_case:w</code> $\langle integer \rangle$ $\langle case_0 \rangle$
<code>\or:</code>	★	$\langle case_1 \rangle$ $\langle case_2 \rangle$ ... $\langle case_n \rangle$ <code>\else:</code> $\langle default \rangle$ <code>\fi:</code> Selects a case to execute based on the value of the $\langle integer \rangle$ . The first case ( $\langle case_0 \rangle$ ) is executed if $\langle integer \rangle$ is 0, the second ( $\langle case_1 \rangle$ ) if the $\langle integer \rangle$ is 1, etc. The $\langle integer \rangle$ may be a literal, a constant or an integer expression (e.g. using <code>\int_eval:n</code> ).

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** These are the T<sub>E</sub>X primitives `\ifcase` and `\or`.

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<code>\if_int_odd:w</code>	★	<code>\if_int_odd:w</code> $\langle tokens \rangle$ $\langle optional\ space \rangle$ $\langle true\ code \rangle$ <code>\else:</code> $\langle true\ code \rangle$ <code>\fi:</code> Expands $\langle tokens \rangle$ until a non-numeric token or a space is found, and tests whether the resulting $\langle integer \rangle$ is odd. If so, $\langle true\ code \rangle$ is executed. The <code>\else:</code> branch is optional.
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**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\ifodd`.

## 14 Internal functions

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<code>\__int_to_roman:w</code>	★	<code>\__int_to_roman:w</code> $\langle integer \rangle$ $\langle space \rangle$ or $\langle non-expandable\ token \rangle$ Converts $\langle integer \rangle$ to its lower case Roman representation. Expansion ends when a space or non-expandable token is found. Note that this function produces a string of letters with category code 12 and that protected functions <i>are</i> expanded by this process. Negative $\langle integer \rangle$ values result in no output, although the function does not terminate expansion until a suitable endpoint is found in the same way as for positive numbers.
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**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\romannumeral` renamed.

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<code>\__int_value:w</code>	★	<code>\__int_value:w</code> $\langle integer \rangle$
		<code>\__int_value:w</code> $\langle tokens \rangle$ $\langle optional\ space \rangle$

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Expands  $\langle tokens \rangle$  until an  $\langle integer \rangle$  is formed. One space may be gobbled in the process.

**TeXhackers note:** This is the TeX primitive `\number`.

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<code>\__int_eval:w</code>	★	<code>\__int_eval:w</code> $\langle intexpr \rangle$ <code>\__int_eval_end:</code>
<code>\__int_eval_end:</code>	★	

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Evaluates  $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$  as described for `\int_eval:n`. The evaluation stops when an unexpandable token which is not a valid part of an integer is read or when `\__int_eval_end:` is reached. The latter is gobbled by the scanner mechanism: `\__int_eval_end:` itself is unexpandable but used correctly the entire construct is expandable.

**TeXhackers note:** This is the  $\varepsilon$ -TeX primitive `\numexpr`.

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<code>\__prg_compare_error:</code>	<code>\__prg_compare_error:</code>
<code>\__prg_compare_error:Nw</code>	<code>\__prg_compare_error:Nw</code> $\langle token \rangle$

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These are used within `\int_compare:n(TF)`, `\dim_compare:n(TF)` and so on to recover correctly if the `n`-type argument does not contain a properly-formed relation.

## Part X

# The l3skip package

## Dimensions and skips

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 provides two general length variables: `dim` and `skip`. Lengths stored as `dim` variables have a fixed length, whereas `skip` lengths have a rubber (stretch/shrink) component. In addition, the `muskip` type is available for use in math mode: this is a special form of `skip` where the lengths involved are determined by the current math font (in  $\mu$ ). There are common features in the creation and setting of length variables, but for clarity the functions are grouped by variable type.

### 1 Creating and initialising `dim` variables

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<code>\dim_new:N</code>
<code>\dim_new:c</code>

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`\dim_new:N`  $\langle dimension \rangle$

Creates a new  $\langle dimension \rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The  $\langle dimension \rangle$  will initially be equal to 0 pt.

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<code>\dim_const:Nn</code>
<code>\dim_const:cn</code>

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`\dim_const:Nn`  $\langle dimension \rangle$   $\{ \langle dimension expression \rangle \}$

Creates a new constant  $\langle dimension \rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The value of the  $\langle dimension \rangle$  will be set globally to the  $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .

New: 2012-03-05

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<code>\dim_zero:N</code>
<code>\dim_zero:c</code>
<code>\dim_gzero:N</code>
<code>\dim_gzero:c</code>

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`\dim_zero:N`  $\langle dimension \rangle$

Sets  $\langle dimension \rangle$  to 0 pt.

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<code>\dim_zero_new:N</code>
<code>\dim_zero_new:c</code>
<code>\dim_gzero_new:N</code>
<code>\dim_gzero_new:c</code>

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`\dim_zero_new:N`  $\langle dimension \rangle$

Ensures that the  $\langle dimension \rangle$  exists globally by applying `\dim_new:N` if necessary, then applies `\dim_(g)zero:N` to leave the  $\langle dimension \rangle$  set to zero.

New: 2012-01-07

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<code>\dim_if_exist_p:N</code>	★
<code>\dim_if_exist_p:c</code>	★
<code>\dim_if_exist:NTF</code>	★
<code>\dim_if_exist:cTF</code>	★

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`\dim_if_exist_p:N`  $\langle dimension \rangle$

`\dim_if_exist:NTF`  $\langle dimension \rangle$   $\{ \langle true code \rangle \} \{ \langle false code \rangle \}$

Tests whether the  $\langle dimension \rangle$  is currently defined. This does not check that the  $\langle dimension \rangle$  really is a dimension variable.

New: 2012-03-03

## 2 Setting dim variables

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<code>\dim_add:Nn</code>	<code>\dim_add:Nn &lt;dimension&gt; {&lt;dimension expression&gt;}</code>
<code>\dim_add:cn</code>	
<code>\dim_gadd:Nn</code>	Adds the result of the <i>&lt;dimension expression&gt;</i> to the current content of the <i>&lt;dimension&gt;</i> .
<code>\dim_gadd:cn</code>	

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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<code>\dim_set:Nn</code>	<code>\dim_set:Nn &lt;dimension&gt; {&lt;dimension expression&gt;}</code>
<code>\dim_set:cn</code>	
<code>\dim_gset:Nn</code>	Sets <i>&lt;dimension&gt;</i> to the value of <i>&lt;dimension expression&gt;</i> , which must evaluate to a length with units.
<code>\dim_gset:cn</code>	

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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<code>\dim_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\dim_set_eq:NN &lt;dimension<sub>12</sub></code>
<code>\dim_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	
<code>\dim_gset_eq:NN</code>	Sets the content of <i>&lt;dimension<sub>1 equal to that of <i>&lt;dimension<sub>2.</sub></i></sub></i>
<code>\dim_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	

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<code>\dim_sub:Nn</code>	<code>\dim_sub:Nn &lt;dimension&gt; {&lt;dimension expression&gt;}</code>
<code>\dim_sub:cn</code>	
<code>\dim_gsub:Nn</code>	Subtracts the result of the <i>&lt;dimension expression&gt;</i> from the current content of the <i>&lt;dimension&gt;</i> .
<code>\dim_gsub:cn</code>	

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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## 3 Utilities for dimension calculations

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<code>\dim_abs:n</code> ★	<code>\dim_abs:n {&lt;dimexpr&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2012-09-26	Converts the <i>&lt;dimexpr&gt;</i> to its absolute value, leaving the result in the input stream as a <i>&lt;dimension denotation&gt;</i> .

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<code>\dim_max:nn</code> ★	<code>\dim_max:nn {&lt;dimexpr<sub>12</sub></code>
<code>\dim_min:nn</code> ★	<code>\dim_min:nn {&lt;dimexpr<sub>12</sub></code>
New: 2012-09-09	
Updated: 2012-09-26	Evaluates the two <i>&lt;dimension expressions&gt;</i> and leaves either the maximum or minimum value in the input stream as appropriate, as a <i>&lt;dimension denotation&gt;</i> .

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<code>\dim_ratio:nn</code> ☆	<code>\dim_ratio:nn {&lt;dimexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;dimexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2011-10-22

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Parses the two *<dimension expressions>* and converts the ratio of the two to a form suitable for use inside a *<dimension expression>*. This ratio is then left in the input stream, allowing syntax such as

```
\dim_set:Nn \l_my_dim
{ 10 pt * \dim_ratio:nn { 5 pt } { 10 pt } }
```

The output of `\dim_ratio:nn` on full expansion is a ration expression between two integers, with all distances converted to scaled points. Thus

```
\tl_set:Nx \l_my_tl { \dim_ratio:nn { 5 pt } { 10 pt } }
\tl_show:N \l_my_tl
```

will display 327680/655360 on the terminal.

## 4 Dimension expression conditionals

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<code>\dim_compare_p:nNn</code> ★	<code>\dim_compare_p:nNn {&lt;dimexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt;} &lt;relation&gt; {&lt;dimexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt;}</code>
<code>\dim_compare:nNnTF</code> ★	<code>\dim_compare:nNnTF {&lt;dimexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt;} &lt;relation&gt; {&lt;dimexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

---

This function first evaluates each of the *<dimension expressions>* as described for `\dim_eval:n`. The two results are then compared using the *<relation>*:

Equal	=
Greater than	>
Less than	<

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```

\dim_compare_p:n ★ \dim_compare_p:n
\dim_compare:nTF ★ {
    <dimexpr1> <relation1>
    ...
    <dimexprN> <relationN>
    <dimexprN+1>
}
\dim_compare:nTF
{
    <dimexpr1> <relation1>
    ...
    <dimexprN> <relationN>
    <dimexprN+1>
}
{<true code>} {<false code>}

```

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Updated: 2013-01-13

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This function evaluates the *<dimension expressions>* as described for `\dim_eval:n` and compares consecutive result using the corresponding *<relation>*, namely it compares *<dimexpr<sub>1</sub>>* and *<dimexpr<sub>2</sub>>* using the *<relation<sub>1</sub>>*, then *<dimexpr<sub>2</sub>>* and *<dimexpr<sub>3</sub>>* using the *<relation<sub>2</sub>>*, until finally comparing *<dimexpr<sub>N</sub>>* and *<dimexpr<sub>N+1</sub>>* using the *<relation<sub>N</sub>>*. The test yields **true** if all comparisons are **true**. Each *<dimension expression>* is evaluated only once, and the evaluation is lazy, in the sense that if one comparison is **false**, then no other *<dimension expression>* is evaluated and no other comparison is performed. The *<relations>* can be any of the following:

Equal	= or ==
Greater than or equal to	>=
Greater than	>
Less than or equal to	<=
Less than	<
Not equal	!=

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`\dim_case:nnTF` ☆  
 New: 2013-07-24

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```
\dim_case:nnTF {<test dimension expression>}
{
  {<dimexpr case1>} {<code case1>}
  {<dimexpr case2>} {<code case2>}
  ...
  {<dimexpr casen>} {<code casen>}
}
{<true code>}
{<false code>}
```

This function evaluates the *<test dimension expression>* and compares this in turn to each of the *<dimension expression cases>*. If the two are equal then the associated *<code>* is left in the input stream. If any of the cases are matched, the *<true code>* is also inserted into the input stream (after the code for the appropriate case), while if none match then the *<false code>* is inserted. The function `\dim_case:nn`, which does nothing if there is no match, is also available. For example

```
\dim_set:Nn \l_tmpa_dim { 5 pt }
\dim_case:nnF
{ 2 \l_tmpa_dim }
{
  { 5 pt }      { Small }
  { 4 pt + 6 pt } { Medium }
  { - 10 pt }   { Negative }
}
{ No idea! }
```

will leave “Medium” in the input stream.

## 5 Dimension expression loops

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`\dim_do_until:nNnn` ☆

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```
\dim_do_until:nNnn {<dimexpr1>} <relation> {<dimexpr2>} {<code>}
```

Places the *<code>* in the input stream for T<sub>E</sub>X to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two *<dimension expressions>* as described for `\dim_compare:nNnTF`. If the test is **false** then the *<code>* will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the *<relation>* is **true**.

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`\dim_do_while:nNnn` ☆

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```
\dim_do_while:nNnn {<dimexpr1>} <relation> {<dimexpr2>} {<code>}
```

Places the *<code>* in the input stream for T<sub>E</sub>X to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two *<dimension expressions>* as described for `\dim_compare:nNnTF`. If the test is **true** then the *<code>* will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the *<relation>* is **false**.

<hr/> <code>\dim_until_do:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\dim_until_do:nNnn {&lt;dimexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt;} &lt;relation&gt; {&lt;dimexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
	Evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;dimension expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\dim_compare:nNnTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>false</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by T <sub>E</sub> X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is <b>true</b> .
<hr/> <code>\dim_while_do:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\dim_while_do:nNnn {&lt;dimexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt;} &lt;relation&gt; {&lt;dimexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
	Evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;dimension expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\dim_compare:nNnTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>true</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by T <sub>E</sub> X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is <b>false</b> .
<hr/> <code>\dim_do_until:nn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\dim_do_until:nn {&lt;dimension relation&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2013-01-13	Places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream for T <sub>E</sub> X to process, and then evaluates the <i>&lt;dimension relation&gt;</i> as described for <code>\dim_compare:nTF</code> . If the test is <b>false</b> then the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>true</b> .
<hr/> <code>\dim_do_while:nn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\dim_do_while:nn {&lt;dimension relation&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2013-01-13	Places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream for T <sub>E</sub> X to process, and then evaluates the <i>&lt;dimension relation&gt;</i> as described for <code>\dim_compare:nTF</code> . If the test is <b>true</b> then the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>false</b> .
<hr/> <code>\dim_until_do:nn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\dim_until_do:nn {&lt;dimension relation&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2013-01-13	Evaluates the <i>&lt;dimension relation&gt;</i> as described for <code>\dim_compare:nTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>false</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by T <sub>E</sub> X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is <b>true</b> .
<hr/> <code>\dim_while_do:nn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\dim_while_do:nn {&lt;dimension relation&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2013-01-13	Evaluates the <i>&lt;dimension relation&gt;</i> as described for <code>\dim_compare:nTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>true</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by T <sub>E</sub> X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is <b>false</b> .

## 6 Using dim expressions and variables

<hr/> <code>\dim_eval:n</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\dim_eval:n {&lt;dimension expression&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2011-10-22	Evaluates the <i>&lt;dimension expression&gt;</i> , expanding any dimensions and token list variables within the <i>&lt;expression&gt;</i> to their content (without requiring <code>\dim_use:N/\tl_use:N</code> ) and applying the standard mathematical rules. The result of the calculation is left in the input stream as a <i>&lt;dimension denotation&gt;</i> after two expansions. This will be expressed in points ( <b>pt</b> ), and will require suitable termination if used in a T <sub>E</sub> X-style assignment as it is <i>not</i> an <i>&lt;internal dimension&gt;</i> .



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`\dim_use:N` ★ `\dim_use:N`  $\langle dimension \rangle$

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`\dim_use:c` ★ Recovers the content of a  $\langle dimension \rangle$  and places it directly in the input stream. An error will be raised if the variable does not exist or if it is invalid. Can be omitted in places where a  $\langle dimension \rangle$  is required (such as in the argument of `\dim_eval:n`).

**TeXhackers note:** `\dim_use:N` is the TeX primitive `\the`: this is one of several L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 names for this primitive.

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`\dim_to_decimal:n` ★ `\dim_to_decimal:n`  $\{\langle dimexpr \rangle\}$

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New: 2014-07-15

Evaluates the  $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ , and leaves the result, expressed in points (`pt`) in the input stream, with *no units*. The result is rounded by TeX to four or five decimal places. If the decimal part of the result is zero, it is omitted, together with the decimal marker.

For example

`\dim_to_decimal:n { 1bp }`

leaves 1.00374 in the input stream, *i.e.* the magnitude of one “big point” when converted to (TeX) points.

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`\dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n` ★ `\dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n`  $\{\langle dimexpr \rangle\}$

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New: 2014-07-15

Evaluates the  $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ , and leaves the result, expressed in big points (`bp`) in the input stream, with *no units*. The result is rounded by TeX to four or five decimal places. If the decimal part of the result is zero, it is omitted, together with the decimal marker.

For example

`\dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { 1pt }`

leaves 0.99628 in the input stream, *i.e.* the magnitude of one (TeX) point when converted to big points.

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`\dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n` ★ `\dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n`  $\{\langle dimexpr \rangle\}$

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New: 2015-05-18

Evaluates the  $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ , and leaves the result, expressed in scaled points (`sp`) in the input stream, with *no units*. The result will necessarily be an integer.

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<code>\dim_to_decimal_in_unit:nn</code>	★	<code>\dim_to_decimal_in_unit:nn {⟨dimexpr<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨dimexpr<sub>2</sub>⟩}</code>
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New: 2014-07-15

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Evaluates the *⟨dimension expressions⟩*, and leaves the value of *⟨dimexpr<sub>1</sub>⟩*, expressed in a unit given by *⟨dimexpr<sub>2</sub>⟩*, in the input stream. The result is a decimal number, rounded by T<sub>E</sub>X to four or five decimal places. If the decimal part of the result is zero, it is omitted, together with the decimal marker.

For example

```
\dim_to_decimal_in_unit:nn { 1bp } { 1mm }
```

leaves 0.35277 in the input stream, *i.e.* the magnitude of one big point when converted to millimetres.

Note that this function is not optimised for any particular output and as such may give different results to `\dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n` or `\dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n`. In particular, the latter is able to take a wider range of input values as it is not limited by the ability to calculate a ratio using  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X primitives, which is required internally by `\dim_to_decimal_in_unit:nn`.

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<code>\dim_to_fp:n</code>	★	<code>\dim_to_fp:n {⟨dimexpr⟩}</code>
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New: 2012-05-08

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Expands to an internal floating point number equal to the value of the *⟨dimexpr⟩* in pt. Since dimension expressions are evaluated much faster than their floating point equivalent, `\dim_to_fp:n` can be used to speed up parts of a computation where a low precision is acceptable.

## 7 Viewing dim variables

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<code>\dim_show:N</code>	<code>\dim_show:N ⟨dimension⟩</code>
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`\dim_show:c`

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Displays the value of the *⟨dimension⟩* on the terminal.

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<code>\dim_show:n</code>	<code>\dim_show:n {⟨dimension expression⟩}</code>
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New: 2011-11-22

Updated: 2015-08-07

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Displays the result of evaluating the *⟨dimension expression⟩* on the terminal.

## 8 Constant dimensions

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`\c_max_dim`

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The maximum value that can be stored as a dimension. This can also be used as a component of a skip.

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`\c_zero_dim`

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A zero length as a dimension. This can also be used as a component of a skip.

## 9 Scratch dimensions

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`\l_tmpa_dim`  
`\l_tmpb_dim`

---

Scratch dimension for local assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

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`\g_tmpa_dim`  
`\g_tmpb_dim`

---

Scratch dimension for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

## 10 Creating and initialising skip variables

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`\skip_new:N`  
`\skip_new:c`

---

`\skip_new:N`  $\langle skip \rangle$   
Creates a new  $\langle skip \rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The  $\langle skip \rangle$  will initially be equal to 0 pt.

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`\skip_const:Nn`  
`\skip_const:cn`  
New: 2012-03-05

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`\skip_const:Nn`  $\langle skip \rangle$   $\{ \langle skip \text{ expression} \rangle \}$   
Creates a new constant  $\langle skip \rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The value of the  $\langle skip \rangle$  will be set globally to the  $\langle skip \text{ expression} \rangle$ .

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`\skip_zero:N`  
`\skip_zero:c`  
`\skip_gzero:N`  
`\skip_gzero:c`

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`\skip_zero:N`  $\langle skip \rangle$   
Sets  $\langle skip \rangle$  to 0 pt.

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`\skip_zero_new:N`  
`\skip_zero_new:c`  
`\skip_gzero_new:N`  
`\skip_gzero_new:c`  
New: 2012-01-07

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`\skip_zero_new:N`  $\langle skip \rangle$   
Ensures that the  $\langle skip \rangle$  exists globally by applying `\skip_new:N` if necessary, then applies `\skip_(g)zero:N` to leave the  $\langle skip \rangle$  set to zero.

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`\skip_if_exist_p:N` ★  
`\skip_if_exist_p:c` ★  
`\skip_if_exist:NTF` ★  
`\skip_if_exist:cTF` ★

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`\skip_if_exist_p:N`  $\langle skip \rangle$   
`\skip_if_exist:NTF`  $\langle skip \rangle$   $\{ \langle true \text{ code} \rangle \}$   $\{ \langle false \text{ code} \rangle \}$   
Tests whether the  $\langle skip \rangle$  is currently defined. This does not check that the  $\langle skip \rangle$  really is a skip variable.

New: 2012-03-03

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## 11 Setting skip variables

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<code>\skip_add:Nn</code>	<code>\skip_add:Nn &lt;skip&gt; {&lt;skip expression&gt;}</code>
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<code>\skip_add:cn</code>
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<code>\skip_gadd:Nn</code>
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<code>\skip_gadd:cn</code>
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Updated: 2011-10-22

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<code>\skip_set:Nn</code>	<code>\skip_set:Nn &lt;skip&gt; {&lt;skip expression&gt;}</code>
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<code>\skip_set:cn</code>
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<code>\skip_gset:Nn</code>
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<code>\skip_gset:cn</code>
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Updated: 2011-10-22

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<code>\skip_set_eq:NN</code>
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<code>\skip_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>
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<code>\skip_gset_eq:NN</code>
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<code>\skip_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>
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<code>\skip_set_eq:NN &lt;skip<sub>12</sub></code>
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Sets the content of *<skip<sub>1</sub>>* equal to that of *<skip<sub>2</sub>>*.

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<code>\skip_sub:Nn</code>	<code>\skip_sub:Nn &lt;skip&gt; {&lt;skip expression&gt;}</code>
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<code>\skip_sub:cn</code>
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<code>\skip_gsub:Nn</code>
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<code>\skip_gsub:cn</code>
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Updated: 2011-10-22

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Subtracts the result of the *<skip expression>* from the current content of the *<skip>*.

## 12 Skip expression conditionals

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<code>\skip_if_eq_p:nn</code> ★	<code>\skip_if_eq_p:nn {&lt;skipexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;skipexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt;}</code>
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<code>\skip_if_eq:nnTF</code> ★
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<code>{&lt;skipexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;skipexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt;}</code>
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<code>{&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
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This function first evaluates each of the *<skip expressions>* as described for `\skip_eval:n`. The two results are then compared for exact equality, *i.e.* both the fixed and rubber components must be the same for the test to be true.

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<code>\skip_if_finite_p:n</code> ★	<code>\skip_if_finite_p:n {&lt;skipexpr&gt;}</code>
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<code>\skip_if_finite:nTF</code> ★	<code>\skip_if_finite:nTF {&lt;skipexpr&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
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New: 2012-03-05

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Evaluates the *<skip expression>* as described for `\skip_eval:n`, and then tests if all of its components are finite.

## 13 Using skip expressions and variables

<hr/> <code>\skip_eval:n</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\skip_eval:n {\langle skip expression \rangle}</code>
Updated: 2011-10-22 <hr/>	Evaluates the $\langle skip expression \rangle$ , expanding any skips and token list variables within the $\langle expression \rangle$ to their content (without requiring <code>\skip_use:N/\tl_use:N</code> ) and applying the standard mathematical rules. The result of the calculation is left in the input stream as a $\langle glue denotation \rangle$ after two expansions. This will be expressed in points ( <code>\pt</code> ), and will require suitable termination if used in a T <sub>E</sub> X-style assignment as it is <i>not</i> an $\langle internal glue \rangle$ .

<hr/> <code>\skip_use:N</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\skip_use:N \langle skip \rangle</code>
<code>\skip_use:c</code> ★ <hr/>	Recovers the content of a $\langle skip \rangle$ and places it directly in the input stream. An error will be raised if the variable does not exist or if it is invalid. Can be omitted in places where a $\langle dimension \rangle$ is required (such as in the argument of <code>\skip_eval:n</code> ).

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** `\skip_use:N` is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\the`: this is one of several L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 names for this primitive.

## 14 Viewing skip variables

<hr/> <code>\skip_show:N</code> <hr/>	<code>\skip_show:N \langle skip \rangle</code>
<code>\skip_show:c</code> <hr/>	Displays the value of the $\langle skip \rangle$ on the terminal.

<hr/> <code>\skip_show:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\skip_show:n {\langle skip expression \rangle}</code>
New: 2011-11-22 Updated: 2015-08-07 <hr/>	Displays the result of evaluating the $\langle skip expression \rangle$ on the terminal.

## 15 Constant skips

<hr/> <code>\c_max_skip</code> <hr/>	The maximum value that can be stored as a skip (equal to <code>\c_max_dim</code> in length), with no stretch nor shrink component.
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<hr/> <code>\c_zero_skip</code> <hr/>	A zero length as a skip, with no stretch nor shrink component.
Updated: 2012-11-01 <hr/>	

## 16 Scratch skips

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`\l_tmpa_skip`  
`\l_tmpb_skip`

---

Scratch skip for local assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

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`\g_tmpa_skip`  
`\g_tmpb_skip`

---

Scratch skip for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

## 17 Inserting skips into the output

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`\skip_horizontal:N`  
`\skip_horizontal:c`  
`\skip_horizontal:n`

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Updated: 2011-10-22

`\skip_horizontal:N`  $\langle skip \rangle$   
`\skip_horizontal:n`  $\{\langle skipexpr \rangle\}$

Inserts a horizontal  $\langle skip \rangle$  into the current list.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** `\skip_horizontal:N` is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\hskip` renamed.

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`\skip_vertical:N`  
`\skip_vertical:c`  
`\skip_vertical:n`

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Updated: 2011-10-22

`\skip_vertical:N`  $\langle skip \rangle$   
`\skip_vertical:n`  $\{\langle skipexpr \rangle\}$

Inserts a vertical  $\langle skip \rangle$  into the current list.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** `\skip_vertical:N` is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\vskip` renamed.

## 18 Creating and initialising muskip variables

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`\muskip_new:N`  
`\muskip_new:c`

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`\muskip_new:N`  $\langle muskip \rangle$

Creates a new  $\langle muskip \rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The  $\langle muskip \rangle$  will initially be equal to 0 mu.

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`\muskip_const:Nn`  
`\muskip_const:cn`

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New: 2012-03-05

`\muskip_const:Nn`  $\langle muskip \rangle$   $\{\langle muskip expression \rangle\}$

Creates a new constant  $\langle muskip \rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The value of the  $\langle muskip \rangle$  will be set globally to the  $\langle muskip expression \rangle$ .

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`\muskip_zero:N`  
`\muskip_zero:c`  
`\muskip_gzero:N`  
`\muskip_gzero:c`

---

`\skip_zero:N`  $\langle muskip \rangle$

Sets  $\langle muskip \rangle$  to 0 mu.

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```
\muskip_zero_new:N
\muskip_zero_new:c
\muskip_gzero_new:N
\muskip_gzero_new:c
```

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New: 2012-01-07

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```
\muskip_zero_new:N <muskip>
```

Ensures that the  $\langle muskip \rangle$  exists globally by applying  $\backslash muskip\_new:N$  if necessary, then applies  $\backslash muskip\_(\mathbf{g})zero:N$  to leave the  $\langle muskip \rangle$  set to zero.

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```
\muskip_if_exist_p:N ★
\muskip_if_exist_p:c ★
\muskip_if_exist:NTF ★
\muskip_if_exist:cTF ★
```

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New: 2012-03-03

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```
\muskip_if_exist_p:N <muskip>
```

```
\muskip_if_exist:NTF <muskip> {\true code} {\false code}
```

Tests whether the  $\langle muskip \rangle$  is currently defined. This does not check that the  $\langle muskip \rangle$  really is a muskip variable.

## 19 Setting muskip variables

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```
\muskip_add:Nn
\muskip_add:cn
\muskip_gadd:Nn
\muskip_gadd:cn
```

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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```
\muskip_add:Nn <muskip> {\muskip expression}
```

Adds the result of the  $\langle muskip \text{ expression} \rangle$  to the current content of the  $\langle muskip \rangle$ .

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```
\muskip_set:Nn
\muskip_set:cn
\muskip_gset:Nn
\muskip_gset:cn
```

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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```
\muskip_set:Nn <muskip> {\muskip expression}
```

Sets  $\langle muskip \rangle$  to the value of  $\langle muskip \text{ expression} \rangle$ , which must evaluate to a math length with units and may include a rubber component (for example 1 mu plus 0.5 mu).

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```
\muskip_set_eq:NN
\muskip_set_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)
\muskip_gset_eq:NN
\muskip_gset_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)
```

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```
\muskip_set_eq:NN <muskip1> <muskip2>
```

Sets the content of  $\langle muskip_1 \rangle$  equal to that of  $\langle muskip_2 \rangle$ .

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```
\muskip_sub:Nn
\muskip_sub:cn
\muskip_gsub:Nn
\muskip_gsub:cn
```

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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```
\muskip_sub:Nn <muskip> {\muskip expression}
```

Subtracts the result of the  $\langle muskip \text{ expression} \rangle$  from the current content of the  $\langle skip \rangle$ .

## 20 Using muskip expressions and variables

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<code>\muskip_eval:n</code> ★	<code>\muskip_eval:n {⟨<i>muskip expression</i>⟩}</code>
Updated: 2011-10-22	Evaluates the $\langle muskip expression \rangle$ , expanding any skips and token list variables within the $\langle expression \rangle$ to their content (without requiring <code>\muskip_use:N/\tl_use:N</code> ) and applying the standard mathematical rules. The result of the calculation is left in the input stream as a $\langle muglue denotation \rangle$ after two expansions. This will be expressed in <code>mu</code> , and will require suitable termination if used in a T <sub>E</sub> X-style assignment as it is <i>not</i> an $\langle internal muglue \rangle$ .

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<code>\muskip_use:N</code> ★	<code>\muskip_use:N ⟨<i>muskip</i>⟩</code>
<code>\muskip_use:c</code> ★	Recovers the content of a $\langle skip \rangle$ and places it directly in the input stream. An error will be raised if the variable does not exist or if it is invalid. Can be omitted in places where a $\langle dimension \rangle$ is required (such as in the argument of <code>\muskip_eval:n</code> ).

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**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** `\muskip_use:N` is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\the`: this is one of several L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 names for this primitive.

## 21 Viewing muskip variables

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<code>\muskip_show:N</code>	<code>\muskip_show:N ⟨<i>muskip</i>⟩</code>
<code>\muskip_show:c</code>	Displays the value of the $\langle muskip \rangle$ on the terminal.

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<code>\muskip_show:n</code>	<code>\muskip_show:n {⟨<i>muskip expression</i>⟩}</code>
New: 2011-11-22 Updated: 2015-08-07	Displays the result of evaluating the $\langle muskip expression \rangle$ on the terminal.

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## 22 Constant muskips

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<code>\c_max_muskip</code>	The maximum value that can be stored as a muskip, with no stretch nor shrink component.
<code>\c_zero_muskip</code>	A zero length as a muskip, with no stretch nor shrink component.

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## 23 Scratch muskips

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`\l_tmpa_muskip`  
`\l_tmpb_muskip`

---

Scratch muskip for local assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

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`\g_tmpa_muskip`  
`\g_tmpb_muskip`

---

Scratch muskip for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

## 24 Primitive conditional

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`\if_dim:w` `\if_dim:w`  $\langle dimen_1 \rangle$   $\langle relation \rangle$   $\langle dimen_2 \rangle$   
 $\langle true\ code \rangle$   
`\else:`  
 $\langle false \rangle$   
`\fi:`

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Compare two dimensions. The  $\langle relation \rangle$  is one of  $<$ ,  $=$  or  $>$  with category code 12.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\ifdim`.

## 25 Internal functions

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`\_dim_eval:w` ★ `\_dim_eval:w`  $\langle dimexpr \rangle$  `\_dim_eval_end:`  
`\_dim_eval_end:` ★

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Evaluates  $\langle dimension\ expression \rangle$  as described for `\dim_eval:n`. The evaluation stops when an unexpandable token which is not a valid part of a dimension is read or when `\_dim_eval_end:` is reached. The latter is gobbled by the scanner mechanism: `\_dim_eval_end:` itself is unexpandable but used correctly the entire construct is expandable.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\dimexpr`.

## Part XI

# The l3tl package

## Token lists

T<sub>E</sub>X works with tokens, and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 therefore provides a number of functions to deal with lists of tokens. Token lists may be present directly in the argument to a function:

```
\foo:n { a collection of \tokens }
```

or may be stored in a so-called “token list variable”, which have the suffix `tl`: a token list variable can also be used as the argument to a function, for example

```
\foo:N \l_some_tl
```

In both cases, functions are available to test and manipulate the lists of tokens, and these have the module prefix `tl`. In many cases, function which can be applied to token list variables are paired with similar functions for application to explicit lists of tokens: the two “views” of a token list are therefore collected together here.

A token list (explicit, or stored in a variable) can be seen either as a list of “items”, or a list of “tokens”. An item is whatever `\use:n` would grab as its argument: a single non-space token or a brace group, with optional leading explicit space characters (each item is thus itself a token list). A token is either a normal `N` argument, or `␣`, `{`, or `}` (assuming normal T<sub>E</sub>X category codes). Thus for example

```
{ Hello } ~ world
```

contains six items (`Hello`, `w`, `o`, `r`, `l` and `d`), but thirteen tokens (`{`, `H`, `e`, `l`, `l`, `o`, `}`, `␣`, `w`, `o`, `r`, `l` and `d`). Functions which act on items are often faster than their analogue acting directly on tokens.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** When T<sub>E</sub>X fetches an undelimited argument from the input stream, explicit character tokens with character code 32 (space) and category code 10 (space), which we here call “explicit space characters”, are ignored. If the following token is an explicit character token with category code 1 (begin-group) and an arbitrary character code, then T<sub>E</sub>X scans ahead to obtain an equal number of explicit character tokens with category code 1 (begin-group) and 2 (end-group), and the resulting list of tokens (with outer braces removed) becomes the argument. Otherwise, a single token is taken as the argument for the macro: we call such single tokens “N-type”, as they are suitable to be used as an argument for a function with the signature `:N`.

When T<sub>E</sub>X reads a character of category code 10 for the first time, it is converted to an explicit space character, with character code 32, regardless of the initial character code. “Funny” spaces with a different category code, can be produced using `\tl_to_lowercase:n` or `\tl_to_uppercase:n`. Explicit space characters are also produced as a result of `\token_to_str:N`, `\tl_to_str:n`, etc.

## 1 Creating and initialising token list variables

<hr/>	
<code>\tl_new:N</code>	<code>\tl_new:N &lt;tl var&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_new:c</code>	Creates a new $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ will initially be empty.
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<code>\tl_const:Nn</code>	<code>\tl_const:Nn &lt;tl var&gt; {\token list}</code>
<code>\tl_const:(Nx cn cx)</code>	Creates a new constant $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ or raises an error if the name is already taken. The value of the $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ will be set globally to the $\langle token\ list \rangle$ .
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<code>\tl_clear:N</code>	<code>\tl_clear:N &lt;tl var&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_clear:c</code>	Clears all entries from the $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ .
<code>\tl_gclear:N</code>	
<code>\tl_gclear:c</code>	
<hr/>	
<code>\tl_clear_new:N</code>	<code>\tl_clear_new:N &lt;tl var&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_clear_new:c</code>	Ensures that the $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ exists globally by applying <code>\tl_new:N</code> if necessary, then applies
<code>\tl_gclear_new:N</code>	<code>\tl_(g)clear:N</code> to leave the $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ empty.
<code>\tl_gclear_new:c</code>	
<hr/>	
<code>\tl_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\tl_set_eq:NN &lt;tl var<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;tl var<sub>2</sub>&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	Sets the content of $\langle tl\ var_1 \rangle$ equal to that of $\langle tl\ var_2 \rangle$ .
<code>\tl_gset_eq:NN</code>	
<code>\tl_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	
<hr/>	
<code>\tl_concat:NNN</code>	<code>\tl_concat:NNN &lt;tl var<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;tl var<sub>2</sub>&gt; &lt;tl var<sub>3</sub>&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_concat:ccc</code>	Concatenates the content of $\langle tl\ var_2 \rangle$ and $\langle tl\ var_3 \rangle$ together and saves the result in
<code>\tl_gconcat:NNN</code>	$\langle tl\ var_1 \rangle$ . The $\langle tl\ var_2 \rangle$ will be placed at the left side of the new token list.
<code>\tl_gconcat:ccc</code>	
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New: 2012-05-18	
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<code>\tl_if_exist_p:N</code> ★	<code>\tl_if_exist_p:N &lt;tl var&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_if_exist_p:c</code> ★	<code>\tl_if_exist:NTF &lt;tl var&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>
<code>\tl_if_exist:NTF</code> ★	Tests whether the $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ is currently defined. This does not check that the $\langle tl\ var \rangle$
<code>\tl_if_exist:cTF</code> ★	really is a token list variable.
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New: 2012-03-03	

## 2 Adding data to token list variables

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<code>\tl_set:Nn</code>	<code>\tl_set:Nn &lt;tl var&gt; {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_set:(NV Nv No Nf Nx cn cV cv co cf cx)</code>	
<code>\tl_gset:Nn</code>	
<code>\tl_gset:(NV Nv No Nf Nx cn cV cv co cf cx)</code>	

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Sets  $\langle tl\ var \rangle$  to contain  $\langle tokens \rangle$ , removing any previous content from the variable.

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<code>\tl_put_left:Nn</code>	<code>\tl_put_left:Nn &lt;tl var&gt; {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_put_left:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code>	
<code>\tl_gput_left:Nn</code>	
<code>\tl_gput_left:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code>	

---

Appends  $\langle tokens \rangle$  to the left side of the current content of  $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ .

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<code>\tl_put_right:Nn</code>	<code>\tl_put_right:Nn &lt;tl var&gt; {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_put_right:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code>	
<code>\tl_gput_right:Nn</code>	
<code>\tl_gput_right:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code>	

---

Appends  $\langle tokens \rangle$  to the right side of the current content of  $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ .

## 3 Modifying token list variables

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<code>\tl_replace_once:Nnn</code>	<code>\tl_replace_once:Nnn &lt;tl var&gt; {&lt;old tokens&gt;} {&lt;new tokens&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_replace_once:cnn</code>	
<code>\tl_greplace_once:Nnn</code>	
<code>\tl_greplace_once:cnn</code>	

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Updated: 2011-08-11

Replaces the first (leftmost) occurrence of  $\langle old\ tokens \rangle$  in the  $\langle tl\ var \rangle$  with  $\langle new\ tokens \rangle$ .  $\langle Old\ tokens \rangle$  cannot contain  $\{, \}$  or  $\#$  (more precisely, explicit character tokens with category code 1 (begin-group) or 2 (end-group), and tokens with category code 6).

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<code>\tl_replace_all:Nnn</code>	<code>\tl_replace_all:Nnn &lt;tl var&gt; {&lt;old tokens&gt;} {&lt;new tokens&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_replace_all:cnn</code>	
<code>\tl_greplace_all:Nnn</code>	
<code>\tl_greplace_all:cnn</code>	

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Updated: 2011-08-11

Replaces all occurrences of  $\langle old\ tokens \rangle$  in the  $\langle tl\ var \rangle$  with  $\langle new\ tokens \rangle$ .  $\langle Old\ tokens \rangle$  cannot contain  $\{, \}$  or  $\#$  (more precisely, explicit character tokens with category code 1 (begin-group) or 2 (end-group), and tokens with category code 6). As this function operates from left to right, the pattern  $\langle old\ tokens \rangle$  may remain after the replacement (see `\tl_remove_all:Nn` for an example).

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<code>\tl_remove_once:Nn</code>	<code>\tl_remove_once:Nn &lt;tl var&gt; {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_remove_once:cn</code>	
<code>\tl_gremove_once:Nn</code>	
<code>\tl_gremove_once:cn</code>	

---

Updated: 2011-08-11

Removes the first (leftmost) occurrence of  $\langle tokens \rangle$  from the  $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ .  $\langle Tokens \rangle$  cannot contain  $\{, \}$  or  $\#$  (more precisely, explicit character tokens with category code 1 (begin-group) or 2 (end-group), and tokens with category code 6).

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```

\tl_remove_all:Nn
\tl_remove_all:cn
\tl_gremove_all:Nn
\tl_gremove_all:cn

```

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Updated: 2011-08-11

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```
\tl_remove_all:Nn <tl var> {<tokens>}
```

Removes all occurrences of  $\langle tokens \rangle$  from the  $\langle tl var \rangle$ .  $\langle Tokens \rangle$  cannot contain  $\{, \}$  or  $\#$  (more precisely, explicit character tokens with category code 1 (begin-group) or 2 (end-group), and tokens with category code 6). As this function operates from left to right, the pattern  $\langle tokens \rangle$  may remain after the removal, for instance,

```
\tl_set:Nn \l_tmpa_tl {abbccd} \tl_remove_all:Nn \l_tmpa_tl {bc}
```

will result in  $\l_tmpa_tl$  containing `abcd`.

## 4 Reassigning token list category codes

These functions allow the rescanning of tokens: re-apply TeX's tokenization process to apply category codes different from those in force when the tokens were absorbed. Whilst this functionality is supported, it is often preferable to find alternative approaches to achieving outcomes rather than rescanning tokens (for example construction of token lists token-by-token with intervening category code changes).

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```

\tl_set_rescan:Nnn
\tl_set_rescan:(Nno|Nnx|cnn|cno|cnx)
\tl_gset_rescan:Nnn
\tl_gset_rescan:(Nno|Nnx|cnn|cno|cnx)

```

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```
\tl_set_rescan:Nnn <tl var> {<setup>} {<tokens>}
```

Sets  $\langle tl var \rangle$  to contain  $\langle tokens \rangle$ , applying the category code régime specified in the  $\langle setup \rangle$  before carrying out the assignment. (Category codes applied to tokens not explicitly covered by the  $\langle setup \rangle$  will be those in force at the point of use of `\tl_set_rescan:Nnn`.) This allows the  $\langle tl var \rangle$  to contain material with category codes other than those that apply when  $\langle tokens \rangle$  are absorbed. The  $\langle setup \rangle$  is run within a group and may contain any valid input, although only changes in category codes are relevant. See also `\tl_rescan:nn`.

**TeXhackers note:** The  $\langle tokens \rangle$  are first turned into a string (using `\tl_to_str:n`). If the string contains one or more characters with character code `\newlinechar` (set equal to `\endlinechar` unless that is equal to 32, before the user  $\langle setup \rangle$ ), then it is split into lines at these characters, then read as if reading multiple lines from a file, ignoring spaces (catcode 10) at the beginning and spaces and tabs (character code 32 or 9) at the end of every line. Otherwise, spaces (and tabs) are retained at both ends of the single-line string, as if it appeared in the middle of a line read from a file. Only the case of a single line is supported in LuaTeX because of a bug in this engine.

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**\tl\_rescan:nn**

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**\tl\_rescan:nn** {<setup>} {<tokens>}

Rescans <tokens> applying the category code régime specified in the <setup>, and leaves the resulting tokens in the input stream. (Category codes applied to tokens not explicitly covered by the <setup> will be those in force at the point of use of **\tl\_rescan:nn**.) The <setup> is run within a group and may contain any valid input, although only changes in category codes are relevant. See also **\tl\_set\_rescan:Nnn**, which is more robust than using **\tl\_set:Nn** in the <tokens> argument of **\tl\_rescan:nn**.

**TeXhackers note:** The <tokens> are first turned into a string (using **\tl\_to\_str:n**). If the string contains one or more characters with character code **\newlinechar** (set equal to **\endlinechar** unless that is equal to 32, before the user <setup>), then it is split into lines at these characters, then read as if reading multiple lines from a file, ignoring spaces (catcode 10) at the beginning and spaces and tabs (character code 32 or 9) at the end of every line. Otherwise, spaces (and tabs) are retained at both ends of the single-line string, as if it appeared in the middle of a line read from a file. Only the case of a single line is supported in LuaTeX because of a bug in this engine.

## 5 Reassigning token list character codes

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**\tl\_to\_lowercase:n**

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**\tl\_to\_lowercase:n** {<tokens>}

Works through all of the <tokens>, replacing each character token with the lower case equivalent as defined by **\char\_set\_lccode:nn**. Characters with no defined lower case character code are left unchanged. This process does not alter the category code assigned to the <tokens>.

**TeXhackers note:** This is a wrapper around the TeX primitive **\lowercase**.

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**\tl\_to\_uppercase:n**

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**Updated: 2012-09-08**

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**\tl\_to\_uppercase:n** {<tokens>}

Works through all of the <tokens>, replacing each character token with the upper case equivalent as defined by **\char\_set\_uccode:nn**. Characters with no defined upper case character code are left unchanged. This process does not alter the category code assigned to the <tokens>.

**TeXhackers note:** This is a wrapper around the TeX primitive **\uppercase**.

## 6 Token list conditionals

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<code>\tl_if_blank_p:n</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_blank_p:n {⟨token list⟩}</code>
<code>\tl_if_blank_p:(V o)</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_blank:nTF {⟨token list⟩} {⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}</code>
<code>\tl_if_blank:nTF</code>	★	Tests if the <i>⟨token list⟩</i> consists only of blank spaces ( <i>i.e.</i> contains no item). The test is
<code>\tl_if_blank:(V o)TF</code>	★	true if <i>⟨token list⟩</i> is zero or more explicit space characters (explicit tokens with character

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code 32 and category code 10), and is **false** otherwise.

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<code>\tl_if_empty_p:N</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_empty_p:N ⟨tl var⟩</code>
<code>\tl_if_empty_p:c</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_empty:nTF ⟨tl var⟩ {⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}</code>
<code>\tl_if_empty:nTF</code>	★	Tests if the <i>⟨token list variable⟩</i> is entirely empty ( <i>i.e.</i> contains no tokens at all).
<code>\tl_if_empty:cTF</code>	★	

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<code>\tl_if_empty_p:n</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_empty_p:n {⟨token list⟩}</code>
<code>\tl_if_empty_p:(V o)</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_empty:nTF {⟨token list⟩} {⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}</code>
<code>\tl_if_empty:nTF</code>	★	Tests if the <i>⟨token list⟩</i> is entirely empty ( <i>i.e.</i> contains no tokens at all).
<code>\tl_if_empty:(V o)TF</code>	★	

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New: 2012-05-24

Updated: 2012-06-05

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<code>\tl_if_eq_p:NN</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_eq_p:NN ⟨tl var<sub>1</sub>⟩ ⟨tl var<sub>2</sub>⟩</code>
<code>\tl_if_eq_p:(Nc cN cc)</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_eq:nNTF ⟨tl var<sub>1</sub>⟩ ⟨tl var<sub>2</sub>⟩ {⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}</code>
<code>\tl_if_eq:nNTF</code>	★	Compares the content of two <i>⟨token list variables⟩</i> and is logically <b>true</b> if the two contain
<code>\tl_if_eq:(Nc cN cc)TF</code>	★	the same list of tokens ( <i>i.e.</i> identical in both the list of characters they contain and the

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category codes of those characters). Thus for example

```

\tl_set:Nn \l_tmpa_tl { abc }
\tl_set:Nx \l_tmpb_tl { \tl_to_str:n { abc } }
\tl_if_eq:nNTF \l_tmpa_tl \l_tmpb_tl { true } { false }

```

yields **false**.

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<code>\tl_if_eq:nnTF</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_eq:nnTF {⟨token list<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨token list<sub>2</sub>⟩} {⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}</code>
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Tests if *⟨token list<sub>1</sub>⟩* and *⟨token list<sub>2</sub>⟩* contain the same list of tokens, both in respect of character codes and category codes.

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<code>\tl_if_in:NnTF</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_in:NnTF ⟨tl var⟩ {⟨token list⟩} {⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}</code>
<code>\tl_if_in:cnTF</code>	★	

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Tests if the *⟨token list⟩* is found in the content of the *⟨tl var⟩*. The *⟨token list⟩* cannot contain the tokens `{`, `}` or `#` (more precisely, explicit character tokens with category code 1 (begin-group) or 2 (end-group), and tokens with category code 6).

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<code>\tl_if_in:nnTF</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_in:nnTF {⟨token list<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨token list<sub>2</sub>⟩} {⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}</code>
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<code>\tl_if_in:(Vn on no)TF</code>	★	Tests if <i>⟨token list<sub>2</sub>⟩</i> is found inside <i>⟨token list<sub>1</sub>⟩</i> . The <i>⟨token list<sub>2</sub>⟩</i> cannot contain the
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tokens `{`, `}` or `#` (more precisely, explicit character tokens with category code 1 (begin-group) or 2 (end-group), and tokens with category code 6).

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<code>\tl_if_single_p:N</code> ★	<code>\tl_if_single_p:N &lt;tl var&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_if_single_p:c</code> ★	<code>\tl_if_single:NTF &lt;tl var&gt; {\&lt;true code&gt;} {\&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_if_single:NTF</code> ★	Tests if the content of the <code>&lt;tl var&gt;</code> consists of a single item, <i>i.e.</i> is a single normal token (neither an explicit space character nor a begin-group character) or a single brace group, surrounded by optional spaces on both sides. In other words, such a token list has token count 1 according to <code>\tl_count:N</code> .
<code>\tl_if_single:cTF</code> ★	

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<code>\tl_if_single_p:n</code> ★	<code>\tl_if_single_p:n {\&lt;token list&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_if_single:nTF</code> ★	<code>\tl_if_single:NTF {\&lt;token list&gt;} {\&lt;true code&gt;} {\&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

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Tests if the `<token list>` has exactly one item, *i.e.* is a single normal token (neither an explicit space character nor a begin-group character) or a single brace group, surrounded by optional spaces on both sides. In other words, such a token list has token count 1 according to `\tl_count:n`.

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<code>\tl_case:NnTF</code> ★	<code>\tl_case:NnTF &lt;test token list variable&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_case:cnTF</code> ★	{
	<code>&lt;token list variable case<sub>1</sub>&gt; {\&lt;code case<sub>1</sub>&gt;}</code>
	<code>&lt;token list variable case<sub>2</sub>&gt; {\&lt;code case<sub>2</sub>&gt;}</code>
	...
	<code>&lt;token list variable case<sub>n</sub>&gt; {\&lt;code case<sub>n</sub>&gt;}</code>
	}
	<code>{\&lt;true code&gt;}</code>
	<code>{\&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

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New: 2013-07-24

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This function compares the `<test token list variable>` in turn with each of the `<token list variable cases>`. If the two are equal (as described for `\tl_if_eq:NNTF`) then the associated `<code>` is left in the input stream. If any of the cases are matched, the `<true code>` is also inserted into the input stream (after the code for the appropriate case), while if none match then the `<false code>` is inserted. The function `\tl_case:Nn`, which does nothing if there is no match, is also available.

## 7 Mapping to token lists

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<code>\tl_map_function:NN</code> ☆	<code>\tl_map_function:NN &lt;tl var&gt; &lt;function&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_map_function:cN</code> ☆	Applies <code>&lt;function&gt;</code> to every <code>&lt;item&gt;</code> in the <code>&lt;tl var&gt;</code> . The <code>&lt;function&gt;</code> will receive one argument for each iteration. This may be a number of tokens if the <code>&lt;item&gt;</code> was stored within braces. Hence the <code>&lt;function&gt;</code> should anticipate receiving n-type arguments. See also <code>\tl_map_function:nN</code> .

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<code>\tl_map_function:nN</code> ☆	<code>\tl_map_function:nN &lt;token list&gt; &lt;function&gt;</code>
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Applies `<function>` to every `<item>` in the `<token list>`, The `<function>` will receive one argument for each iteration. This may be a number of tokens if the `<item>` was stored within braces. Hence the `<function>` should anticipate receiving n-type arguments. See also `\tl_map_function:NN`.



<hr/> <code>\tl_map_inline:Nn</code> <code>\tl_map_inline:cn</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-06-29 <hr/>	<code>\tl_map_inline:Nn &lt;tl var&gt; {&lt;inline function&gt;}</code> <p>Applies the <i>&lt;inline function&gt;</i> to every <i>&lt;item&gt;</i> stored within the <i>&lt;tl var&gt;</i>. The <i>&lt;inline function&gt;</i> should consist of code which will receive the <i>&lt;item&gt;</i> as #1. One in line mapping can be nested inside another. See also <code>\tl_map_function:NN</code>.</p>
<hr/> <code>\tl_map_inline:nn</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-06-29 <hr/>	<code>\tl_map_inline:nn &lt;token list&gt; {&lt;inline function&gt;}</code> <p>Applies the <i>&lt;inline function&gt;</i> to every <i>&lt;item&gt;</i> stored within the <i>&lt;token list&gt;</i>. The <i>&lt;inline function&gt;</i> should consist of code which will receive the <i>&lt;item&gt;</i> as #1. One in line mapping can be nested inside another. See also <code>\tl_map_function:nN</code>.</p>
<hr/> <code>\tl_map_variable:NNn</code> <code>\tl_map_variable:cNn</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-06-29 <hr/>	<code>\tl_map_variable:NNn &lt;tl var&gt; &lt;variable&gt; {&lt;function&gt;}</code> <p>Applies the <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> to every <i>&lt;item&gt;</i> stored within the <i>&lt;tl var&gt;</i>. The <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> should consist of code which will receive the <i>&lt;item&gt;</i> stored in the <i>&lt;variable&gt;</i>. One variable mapping can be nested inside another. See also <code>\tl_map_inline:Nn</code>.</p>
<hr/> <code>\tl_map_variable:nNn</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-06-29 <hr/>	<code>\tl_map_variable:nNn &lt;token list&gt; &lt;variable&gt; {&lt;function&gt;}</code> <p>Applies the <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> to every <i>&lt;item&gt;</i> stored within the <i>&lt;token list&gt;</i>. The <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> should consist of code which will receive the <i>&lt;item&gt;</i> stored in the <i>&lt;variable&gt;</i>. One variable mapping can be nested inside another. See also <code>\tl_map_inline:nn</code>.</p>
<hr/> <code>\tl_map_break: ☆</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-06-29 <hr/>	<code>\tl_map_break:</code> <p>Used to terminate a <code>\tl_map...</code> function before all entries in the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> have been processed. This will normally take place within a conditional statement, for example</p> <pre> \tl_map_inline:Nn \l_my_tl {   \str_if_eq:nnT { #1 } { bingo } { \tl_map_break: }   % Do something useful } </pre> <p>See also <code>\tl_map_break:n</code>. Use outside of a <code>\tl_map...</code> scenario will lead to low level TeX errors.</p>

**TeXhackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted by the internal macro `\__prg_break_point:Nn` before the *<tokens>* are inserted into the input stream. This will depend on the design of the mapping function.

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`\tl_map_break:n` ☆

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`\tl_map_break:n`  $\{ \langle tokens \rangle \}$

Used to terminate a `\tl_map_...` function before all entries in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  have been processed, inserting the  $\langle tokens \rangle$  after the mapping has ended. This will normally take place within a conditional statement, for example

```
\tl_map_inline:Nn \l_my_tl
{
  \str_if_eq:nnT { #1 } { bingo }
  { \tl_map_break:n { <tokens> } }
  % Do something useful
}
```

Use outside of a `\tl_map_...` scenario will lead to low level T<sub>E</sub>X errors.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted by the internal macro `\__prg_break_point:Nn` before the  $\langle tokens \rangle$  are inserted into the input stream. This will depend on the design of the mapping function.

## 8 Using token lists

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`\tl_to_str:n` ★

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`\tl_to_str:n`  $\{ \langle token list \rangle \}$

Converts the  $\langle token list \rangle$  to a  $\langle string \rangle$ , leaving the resulting character tokens in the input stream. A  $\langle string \rangle$  is a series of tokens with category code 12 (other) with the exception of spaces, which retain category code 10 (space).

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** Converting a  $\langle token list \rangle$  to a  $\langle string \rangle$  yields a concatenation of the string representations of every token in the  $\langle token list \rangle$ . The string representation of a control sequence is

- an escape character, whose character code is given by the internal parameter `\escapechar`, absent if the `\escapechar` is negative or greater than the largest character code;
- the control sequence name, as defined by `\cs_to_str:N`;
- a space, unless the control sequence name is a single character whose category at the time of expansion of `\tl_to_str:n` is not “letter”.

The string representation of an explicit character token is that character, doubled in the case of (explicit) macro parameter characters (normally #). In particular, the string representation of a token list may depend on the category codes in effect when it is evaluated, and the value of the `\escapechar`: for instance `\tl_to_str:n {\a}` normally produces the three character “backslash”, “lower-case a”, “space”, but it may also produce a single “lower-case a” if the escape character is negative and `a` is currently not a letter.

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<code>\tl_to_str:N</code>	★	<code>\tl_to_str:N</code> $\langle tl\ var \rangle$
<code>\tl_to_str:c</code>	★	

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Converts the content of the  $\langle tl\ var \rangle$  into a series of characters with category code 12 (other) with the exception of spaces, which retain category code 10 (space). This  $\langle string \rangle$  is then left in the input stream. For low-level details, see the notes given for `\tl_to_str:n`.

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<code>\tl_use:N</code>	★	<code>\tl_use:N</code> $\langle tl\ var \rangle$
<code>\tl_use:c</code>	★	

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Recovers the content of a  $\langle tl\ var \rangle$  and places it directly in the input stream. An error will be raised if the variable does not exist or if it is invalid. Note that it is possible to use a  $\langle tl\ var \rangle$  directly without an accessor function.

## 9 Working with the content of token lists

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<code>\tl_count:n</code>	★	<code>\tl_count:n</code> $\{ \langle tokens \rangle \}$
<code>\tl_count:(V o)</code>	★	

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New: 2012-05-13

Counts the number of  $\langle items \rangle$  in  $\langle tokens \rangle$  and leaves this information in the input stream. Unbraced tokens count as one element as do each token group  $\{ \dots \}$ . This process will ignore any unprotected spaces within  $\langle tokens \rangle$ . See also `\tl_count:N`. This function requires three expansions, giving an  $\langle integer\ denotation \rangle$ .

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<code>\tl_count:N</code>	★	<code>\tl_count:N</code> $\langle tl\ var \rangle$
<code>\tl_count:c</code>	★	

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New: 2012-05-13

Counts the number of token groups in the  $\langle tl\ var \rangle$  and leaves this information in the input stream. Unbraced tokens count as one element as do each token group  $\{ \dots \}$ . This process will ignore any unprotected spaces within the  $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ . See also `\tl_count:n`. This function requires three expansions, giving an  $\langle integer\ denotation \rangle$ .

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<code>\tl_reverse:n</code>	★	<code>\tl_reverse:n</code> $\{ \langle token\ list \rangle \}$
<code>\tl_reverse:(V o)</code>	★	

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Updated: 2012-01-08

Reverses the order of the  $\langle items \rangle$  in the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$ , so that  $\langle item_1 \rangle \langle item_2 \rangle \langle item_3 \rangle \dots \langle item_n \rangle$  becomes  $\langle item_n \rangle \dots \langle item_3 \rangle \langle item_2 \rangle \langle item_1 \rangle$ . This process will preserve unprotected space within the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$ . Tokens are not reversed within braced token groups, which keep their outer set of braces. In situations where performance is important, consider `\tl_reverse_items:n`. See also `\tl_reverse:N`.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The result is returned within `\unexpanded`, which means that the token list will not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

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<code>\tl_reverse:N</code>		<code>\tl_reverse:N</code> $\langle tl\ var \rangle$
<code>\tl_reverse:c</code>		
<code>\tl_greverse:N</code>		
<code>\tl_greverse:c</code>		

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Updated: 2012-01-08

Reverses the order of the  $\langle items \rangle$  stored in  $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ , so that  $\langle item_1 \rangle \langle item_2 \rangle \langle item_3 \rangle \dots \langle item_n \rangle$  becomes  $\langle item_n \rangle \dots \langle item_3 \rangle \langle item_2 \rangle \langle item_1 \rangle$ . This process will preserve unprotected spaces within the  $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ . Braced token groups are copied without reversing the order of tokens, but keep the outer set of braces. See also `\tl_reverse:n`, and, for improved performance, `\tl_reverse_items:n`.

<hr/> <code>\tl_reverse_items:n</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\tl_reverse_items:n {\token list}</code>
<hr/> New: 2012-01-08 <hr/>	Reverses the order of the $\langle items \rangle$ stored in $\langle tl var \rangle$ , so that $\{\langle item_1 \rangle\}\{\langle item_2 \rangle\}\{\langle item_3 \rangle\} \dots \{\langle item_n \rangle\}$ becomes $\{\langle item_n \rangle\} \dots \{\langle item_3 \rangle\}\{\langle item_2 \rangle\}\{\langle item_1 \rangle\}$ . This process will remove any unprotected space within the $\langle token list \rangle$ . Braced token groups are copied without reversing the order of tokens, and keep the outer set of braces. Items which are initially not braced are copied with braces in the result. In cases where preserving spaces is important, consider the slower function <code>\tl_reverse:n</code> .

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The result is returned within `\unexpanded`, which means that the token list will not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

<hr/> <code>\tl_trim_spaces:n</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\tl_trim_spaces:n {\token list}</code>
<hr/> New: 2011-07-09 Updated: 2012-06-25 <hr/>	Removes any leading and trailing explicit space characters (explicit tokens with character code 32 and category code 10) from the $\langle token list \rangle$ and leaves the result in the input stream.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The result is returned within `\unexpanded`, which means that the token list will not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

<hr/> <code>\tl_trim_spaces:N</code> <code>\tl_trim_spaces:c</code> <code>\tl_gtrim_spaces:N</code> <code>\tl_gtrim_spaces:c</code> <hr/>	<code>\tl_trim_spaces:N \langle tl var \rangle</code>
<hr/> New: 2011-07-09 <hr/>	Removes any leading and trailing explicit space characters (explicit tokens with character code 32 and category code 10) from the content of the $\langle tl var \rangle$ . Note that this therefore <i>resets</i> the content of the variable.

## 10 The first token from a token list

Functions which deal with either only the very first item (balanced text or single normal token) in a token list, or the remaining tokens.

<hr/>	
<code>\tl_head:N</code>	★
<code>\tl_head:n</code>	★
<code>\tl_head:(V v f)</code>	★
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Updated: 2012-09-09	
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`\tl_head:n {⟨token list⟩}`

Leaves in the input stream the first *⟨item⟩* in the *⟨token list⟩*, discarding the rest of the *⟨token list⟩*. All leading explicit space characters (explicit tokens with character code 32 and category code 10) are discarded; for example

`\tl_head:n { abc }`

and

`\tl_head:n { ~ abc }`

will both leave `a` in the input stream. If the “head” is a brace group, rather than a single token, the braces will be removed, and so

`\tl_head:n { ~ { ~ ab } c }`

yields `␣ab`. A blank *⟨token list⟩* (see `\tl_if_blank:nTF`) will result in `\tl_head:n` leaving nothing in the input stream.

**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within `\exp_not:n`, which means that the token list will not expand further when appearing in an *x*-type argument expansion.

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<code>\tl_head:w</code>	★
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`\tl_head:w ⟨token list⟩ { } \q_stop`

Leaves in the input stream the first *⟨item⟩* in the *⟨token list⟩*, discarding the rest of the *⟨token list⟩*. All leading explicit space characters (explicit tokens with character code 32 and category code 10) are discarded. A blank *⟨token list⟩* (which consists only of space characters) will result in a low-level TeX error, which may be avoided by the inclusion of an empty group in the input (as shown), without the need for an explicit test. Alternatively, `\tl_if_blank:nF` may be used to avoid using the function with a “blank” argument. This function requires only a single expansion, and thus is suitable for use within an *o*-type expansion. In general, `\tl_head:n` should be preferred if the number of expansions is not critical.

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<code>\tl_tail:N</code>	★
<code>\tl_tail:n</code>	★
<code>\tl_tail:(V v f)</code>	★
Updated: 2012-09-01	

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`\tl_tail:n`  $\{ \langle token list \rangle \}$

Discards all leading explicit space characters (explicit tokens with character code 32 and category code 10) and the first  $\langle item \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list \rangle$ , and leaves the remaining tokens in the input stream. Thus for example

`\tl_tail:n { a ~ {bc} d }`

and

`\tl_tail:n { ~ a ~ {bc} d }`

will both leave `{bc}d` in the input stream. A blank  $\langle token list \rangle$  (see `\tl_if_blank:nTF`) will result in `\tl_tail:n` leaving nothing in the input stream.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The result is returned within `\exp_not:n`, which means that the token list will not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

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<code>\tl_if_head_eq_catcode_p:nN</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_head_eq_catcode_p:nN</code>	$\{ \langle token list \rangle \}$	$\langle test token \rangle$
<code>\tl_if_head_eq_catcode:nNTF</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_head_eq_catcode:nNTF</code>	$\{ \langle token list \rangle \}$	$\langle test token \rangle$
Updated: 2012-07-09		$\{ \langle true code \rangle \} \{ \langle false code \rangle \}$		

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Tests if the first  $\langle token \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list \rangle$  has the same category code as the  $\langle test token \rangle$ . In the case where the  $\langle token list \rangle$  is empty, the test will always be **false**.

<code>\tl_if_head_eq_charcode_p:nN</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_head_eq_charcode_p:nN</code>	$\{ \langle token list \rangle \}$	$\langle test token \rangle$
<code>\tl_if_head_eq_charcode_p:fN</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_head_eq_charcode:nNTF</code>	$\{ \langle token list \rangle \}$	$\langle test token \rangle$
<code>\tl_if_head_eq_charcode:nNTF</code>	★	$\{ \langle true code \rangle \} \{ \langle false code \rangle \}$		
<code>\tl_if_head_eq_charcode:fNTF</code>	★			

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Updated: 2012-07-09

Tests if the first  $\langle token \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list \rangle$  has the same character code as the  $\langle test token \rangle$ . In the case where the  $\langle token list \rangle$  is empty, the test will always be **false**.

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<code>\tl_if_head_eq_meaning_p:nN</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_head_eq_meaning_p:nN</code>	$\{ \langle token list \rangle \}$	$\langle test token \rangle$
<code>\tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nNTF</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nNTF</code>	$\{ \langle token list \rangle \}$	$\langle test token \rangle$
Updated: 2012-07-09		$\{ \langle true code \rangle \} \{ \langle false code \rangle \}$		

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Tests if the first  $\langle token \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list \rangle$  has the same meaning as the  $\langle test token \rangle$ . In the case where  $\langle token list \rangle$  is empty, the test will always be **false**.

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<code>\tl_if_head_is_group_p:n</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_head_is_group_p:n</code>	$\{ \langle token list \rangle \}$
<code>\tl_if_head_is_group:nTF</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_head_is_group:nTF</code>	$\{ \langle token list \rangle \} \{ \langle true code \rangle \} \{ \langle false code \rangle \}$
New: 2012-07-08			

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Tests if the first  $\langle token \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list \rangle$  is an explicit begin-group character (with category code 1 and any character code), in other words, if the  $\langle token list \rangle$  starts with a brace group. In particular, the test is **false** if the  $\langle token list \rangle$  starts with an implicit token such as `\c_group_begin_token`, or if it is empty. This function is useful to implement actions on token lists on a token by token basis.

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<code>\tl_if_head_is_N_type_p:n</code> ★	<code>\tl_if_head_is_N_type_p:n {⟨token list⟩}</code>
<code>\tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF</code> ★	<code>\tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {⟨token list⟩} {⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}</code>

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New: 2012-07-08

Tests if the first *⟨token⟩* in the *⟨token list⟩* is a normal N-type argument. In other words, it is neither an explicit space character (explicit token with character code 32 and category code 10) nor an explicit begin-group character (with category code 1 and any character code). An empty argument yields **false**, as it does not have a “normal” first token. This function is useful to implement actions on token lists on a token by token basis.

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<code>\tl_if_head_is_space_p:n</code> ★	<code>\tl_if_head_is_space_p:n {⟨token list⟩}</code>
<code>\tl_if_head_is_space:nTF</code> ★	<code>\tl_if_head_is_space:nTF {⟨token list⟩} {⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}</code>

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Updated: 2012-07-08

Tests if the first *⟨token⟩* in the *⟨token list⟩* is an explicit space character (explicit token with character code 12 and category code 10). In particular, the test is **false** if the *⟨token list⟩* starts with an implicit token such as `\c_space_token`, or if it is empty. This function is useful to implement actions on token lists on a token by token basis.

## 11 Using a single item

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<code>\tl_item:nn</code> ★	<code>\tl_item:nn {⟨token list⟩} {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
<code>\tl_item:Nn</code> ★	
<code>\tl_item:cn</code> ★	

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New: 2014-07-17

Indexing items in the *⟨token list⟩* from 1 on the left, this function will evaluate the *⟨integer expression⟩* and leave the appropriate item from the *⟨token list⟩* in the input stream. If the *⟨integer expression⟩* is negative, indexing occurs from the right of the token list, starting at  $-1$  for the right-most item. If the index is out of bounds, then the function expands to nothing.

**TeXhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the *⟨item⟩* will not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

## 12 Viewing token lists

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<code>\tl_show:N</code>	<code>\tl_show:N ⟨tl var⟩</code>
<code>\tl_show:c</code>	

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Updated: 2015-08-01

Displays the content of the *⟨tl var⟩* on the terminal.

**TeXhackers note:** This is similar to the TeX primitive `\show`, wrapped to a fixed number of characters per line.

<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\tl_show:n</code>	<code>\tl_show:n</code> $\langle token list \rangle$
<hr/>	Updated: 2015-08-07	Displays the $\langle token list \rangle$ on the terminal.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is similar to the  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\showtokens`, wrapped to a fixed number of characters per line.

## 13 Constant token lists

<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\c_empty_tl</code>	Constant that is always empty.
<hr/>	<code>\c_space_tl</code>	An explicit space character contained in a token list (compare this with <code>\c_space_token</code> ). For use where an explicit space is required.

## 14 Scratch token lists

<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\l_tmpa_tl</code> <code>\l_tmpb_tl</code>	Scratch token lists for local assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.
<hr/>	<code>\g_tmpa_tl</code> <code>\g_tmpb_tl</code>	Scratch token lists for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

## 15 Internal functions

<hr/> <hr/>	<code>__tl_trim_spaces:nn</code>	<code>__tl_trim_spaces:nn { \q_mark <math>\langle token list \rangle</math> } {<math>\langle continuation \rangle</math>}</code>
<hr/>		This function removes all leading and trailing explicit space characters from the $\langle token list \rangle$ , and expands to the $\langle continuation \rangle$ , followed by a brace group containing <code>\use_none:n \q_mark <math>\langle trimmed token list \rangle</math></code> . For instance, <code>\tl_trim_spaces:n</code> is implemented by taking the $\langle continuation \rangle$ to be <code>\exp_not:o</code> , and the <code>o</code> -type expansion removes the <code>\q_mark</code> . This function is also used in <code>l3clist</code> and <code>l3candidates</code> .



## Part XII

# The l3str package

## Strings

$\text{\TeX}$  associates each character with a category code: as such, there is no concept of a “string” as commonly understood in many other programming languages. However, there are places where we wish to manipulate token lists while in some sense “ignoring” category codes: this is done by treating token lists as strings in a  $\text{\TeX}$  sense.

A  $\text{\TeX}$  string (and thus an  $\text{expl3}$  string) is a series of characters which have category code 12 (“other”) with the exception of space characters which have category code 10 (“space”). Thus at a technical level, a  $\text{\TeX}$  string is a token list with the appropriate category codes. In this documentation, these will simply be referred to as strings.

String variables are simply specialised token lists, but by convention should be named with the suffix `...str`. Such variables should contain characters with category code 12 (other), except spaces, which have category code 10 (blank space). All the functions in this module which accept a token list argument first convert it to a string using `\tl_to_str:n` for internal processing, and will not treat a token list or the corresponding string representation differently.

Note that as string variables are a special case of token list variables the coverage of `\str_...:N` functions is somewhat smaller than `\tl_...:N`.

The functions `\cs_to_str:N`, `\tl_to_str:n`, `\tl_to_str:N` and `\token_to_str:N` (and variants) will generate strings from the appropriate input: these are documented in `l3basics`, `l3tl` and `l3token`, respectively.

Most expandable functions in this module come in three flavours:

- `\str_...:N`, which expect a token list or string variable as their argument;
- `\str_...:n`, taking any token list (or string) as an argument;
- `\str_..._ignore_spaces:n`, which ignores any space encountered during the operation: these functions are typically faster than those which take care of escaping spaces appropriately.

## 1 Building strings

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`\str_new:N`  
`\str_new:c`  


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New: 2015-09-18

`\str_new:N`  $\langle str\ var \rangle$

Creates a new  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  will initially be empty.

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`\str_const:Nn`  
`\str_const:(Nx|cn|cx)`  


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New: 2015-09-18

`\str_const:Nn`  $\langle str\ var \rangle$   $\{ \langle token\ list \rangle \}$

Creates a new constant  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The value of the  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  will be set globally to the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$ , converted to a string.

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```
\str_clear:N
\str_clear:c
\str_gclear:N
\str_gclear:c
```

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New: 2015-09-18

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`\str_clear:N`  $\langle str\ var \rangle$   
Clears the content of the  $\langle str\ var \rangle$ .

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```
\str_clear_new:N
\str_clear_new:c
```

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New: 2015-09-18

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`\str_clear_new:N`  $\langle str\ var \rangle$   
Ensures that the  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  exists globally by applying `\str_new:N` if necessary, then applies `\str_(g)clear:N` to leave the  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  empty.

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```
\str_set_eq:NN
\str_set_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)
\str_gset_eq:NN
\str_gset_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)
```

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New: 2015-09-18

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`\str_set_eq:NN`  $\langle str\ var_1 \rangle$   $\langle str\ var_2 \rangle$   
Sets the content of  $\langle str\ var_1 \rangle$  equal to that of  $\langle str\ var_2 \rangle$ .

## 2 Adding data to string variables

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```
\str_set:Nn
\str_set:(Nx|cn|cx)
\str_gset:Nn
\str_gset:(Nx|cn|cx)
```

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New: 2015-09-18

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`\str_set:Nn`  $\langle str\ var \rangle$   $\{ \langle token\ list \rangle \}$   
Converts the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$  to a  $\langle string \rangle$ , and stores the result in  $\langle str\ var \rangle$ .

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```
\str_put_left:Nn
\str_put_left:(Nx|cn|cx)
\str_gput_left:Nn
\str_gput_left:(Nx|cn|cx)
```

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New: 2015-09-18

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`\str_put_left:Nn`  $\langle str\ var \rangle$   $\{ \langle token\ list \rangle \}$   
Converts the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$  to a  $\langle string \rangle$ , and prepends the result to  $\langle str\ var \rangle$ . The current contents of the  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  are not automatically converted to a string.

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```
\str_put_right:Nn
\str_put_right:(Nx|cn|cx)
\str_gput_right:Nn
\str_gput_right:(Nx|cn|cx)
```

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New: 2015-09-18

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`\str_put_right:Nn`  $\langle str\ var \rangle$   $\{ \langle token\ list \rangle \}$   
Converts the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$  to a  $\langle string \rangle$ , and appends the result to  $\langle str\ var \rangle$ . The current contents of the  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  are not automatically converted to a string.

## 2.1 String conditionals

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<code>\str_if_exist_p:N</code>	★	<code>\str_if_exist_p:N</code> $\langle str\ var \rangle$
<code>\str_if_exist_p:c</code>	★	<code>\str_if_exist:NTF</code> $\langle str\ var \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
<code>\str_if_exist:NTF</code>	★	Tests whether the $\langle str\ var \rangle$ is currently defined. This does not check that the $\langle str\ var \rangle$ really is a string.
<code>\str_if_exist:cTF</code>	★	

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New: 2015-09-18

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<code>\str_if_empty_p:N</code>	★	<code>\sr_if_empty_p:N</code> $\langle str\ var \rangle$
<code>\str_if_empty_p:c</code>	★	<code>\str_if_empty:NTF</code> $\langle str\ var \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
<code>\str_if_empty:NTF</code>	★	Tests if the $\langle string\ variable \rangle$ is entirely empty ( <i>i.e.</i> contains no characters at all).
<code>\str_if_empty:cTF</code>	★	

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New: 2015-09-18

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<code>\str_if_eq_p:NN</code>		<code>\str_if_eq_p:NN</code> $\langle str\ var_1 \rangle$ $\langle str\ var_2 \rangle$
<code>\str_if_eq_p:(Nc cN cc)</code>	★	<code>\str_if_eq:NNTF</code> $\langle str\ var_1 \rangle$ $\langle str\ var_2 \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
<code>\str_if_eq:NNTF</code>	★	Compares the content of two $\langle str\ variables \rangle$ and is logically <b>true</b> if the two contain the same characters.
<code>\str_if_eq:(Nc cN cc)TF</code>	★	

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New: 2015-09-18

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<code>\str_if_eq_p:nn</code>	★	<code>\str_if_eq_p:nn</code> $\{\langle t_1 \rangle\}$ $\{\langle t_2 \rangle\}$
<code>\str_if_eq_p:(Vn on no nV VV)</code>	★	<code>\str_if_eq:nnTF</code> $\{\langle t_1 \rangle\}$ $\{\langle t_2 \rangle\}$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
<code>\str_if_eq:nnTF</code>	★	
<code>\str_if_eq:(Vn on no nV VV)TF</code>	★	

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Compares the two  $\langle token\ lists \rangle$  on a character by character basis, and is **true** if the two lists contain the same characters in the same order. Thus for example

`\str_if_eq_p:no { abc } { \tl_to_str:n { abc } }`

is logically **true**.

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<code>\str_if_eq_x_p:nn</code>	★	<code>\str_if_eq_x_p:nn</code> $\{\langle t_1 \rangle\}$ $\{\langle t_2 \rangle\}$
<code>\str_if_eq_x:nnTF</code>	★	<code>\str_if_eq_x:nnTF</code> $\{\langle t_1 \rangle\}$ $\{\langle t_2 \rangle\}$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$

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New: 2012-06-05

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Compares the full expansion of two  $\langle token\ lists \rangle$  on a character by character basis, and is **true** if the two lists contain the same characters in the same order. Thus for example

`\str_if_eq_x_p:nn { abc } { \tl_to_str:n { abc } }`

is logically **true**.

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`\str_case:nnTF` ★  
`\str_case:(on|nV|nv)TF` ★  
 New: 2013-07-24  
 Updated: 2015-02-28

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```
\str_case:nnTF {<test string>}
{
  {<string case1>} {<code case1>}
  {<string case2>} {<code case2>}
  ...
  {<string casen>} {<code casen>}
}
{<true code>}
{<false code>}
```

This function compares the  $\langle test\ string \rangle$  in turn with each of the  $\langle string\ cases \rangle$ . If the two are equal (as described for `\str_if_eq:nnTF` then the associated  $\langle code \rangle$  is left in the input stream. If any of the cases are matched, the  $\langle true\ code \rangle$  is also inserted into the input stream (after the code for the appropriate case), while if none match then the  $\langle false\ code \rangle$  is inserted. The function `\str_case:nn`, which does nothing if there is no match, is also available.

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`\str_case_x:nnTF` ★  
 New: 2013-07-24

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```
\str_case_x:nnF {<test string>}
{
  {<string case1>} {<code case1>}
  {<string case2>} {<code case2>}
  ...
  {<string casen>} {<code casen>}
}
{<true code>}
{<false code>}
```

This function compares the full expansion of the  $\langle test\ string \rangle$  in turn with the full expansion of the  $\langle string\ cases \rangle$ . If the two full expansions are equal (as described for `\str_if_eq:nnTF` then the associated  $\langle code \rangle$  is left in the input stream. If any of the cases are matched, the  $\langle true\ code \rangle$  is also inserted into the input stream (after the code for the appropriate case), while if none match then the  $\langle false\ code \rangle$  is inserted. The function `\str_case_x:nn`, which does nothing if there is no match, is also available. The  $\langle test\ string \rangle$  is expanded in each comparison, and must always yield the same result: for example, random numbers must not be used within this string.

### 3 Working with the content of strings

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`\str_use:N` ★  
`\str_use:c` ★  
 New: 2015-09-18

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```
\str_use:N <str var>
```

Recovers the content of a  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  and places it directly in the input stream. An error will be raised if the variable does not exist or if it is invalid. Note that it is possible to use a  $\langle str \rangle$  directly without an accessor function.

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<code>\str_count:N</code>	★	<code>\str_count:n {⟨token list⟩}</code>
<code>\str_count:c</code>	★	
<code>\str_count:n</code>	★	
<code>\str_count_ignore_spaces:n</code>	★	

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New: 2015-09-18

Leaves in the input stream the number of characters in the string representation of  $\langle token list \rangle$ , as an integer denotation. The functions differ in their treatment of spaces. In the case of `\str_count:N` and `\str_count:n`, all characters including spaces are counted. The `\str_count_ignore_spaces:n` function leaves the number of non-space characters in the input stream.

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<code>\str_count_spaces:N</code>	★	<code>\str_count_spaces:n {⟨token list⟩}</code>
<code>\str_count_spaces:c</code>	★	
<code>\str_count_spaces:n</code>	★	

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New: 2015-09-18

Leaves in the input stream the number of space characters in the string representation of  $\langle token list \rangle$ , as an integer denotation. Of course, this function has no `_ignore_spaces` variant.

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<code>\str_head:N</code>	★	<code>\str_head:n {⟨token list⟩}</code>
<code>\str_head:c</code>	★	
<code>\str_head:n</code>	★	
<code>\str_head_ignore_spaces:n</code>	★	

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New: 2015-09-18

Converts the  $\langle token list \rangle$  into a  $\langle string \rangle$ . The first character in the  $\langle string \rangle$  is then left in the input stream, with category code “other”. The functions differ if the first character is a space: `\str_head:N` and `\str_head:n` return a space token with category code 10 (blank space), while the `\str_head_ignore_spaces:n` function ignores this space character and leaves the first non-space character in the input stream. If the  $\langle string \rangle$  is empty (or only contains spaces in the case of the `_ignore_spaces` function), then nothing is left on the input stream.

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<code>\str_tail:N</code>	★	<code>\str_tail:n {⟨token list⟩}</code>
<code>\str_tail:c</code>	★	
<code>\str_tail:n</code>	★	
<code>\str_tail_ignore_spaces:n</code>	★	

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New: 2015-09-18

Converts the  $\langle token list \rangle$  to a  $\langle string \rangle$ , removes the first character, and leaves the remaining characters (if any) in the input stream, with category codes 12 and 10 (for spaces). The functions differ in the case where the first character is a space: `\str_tail:N` and `\str_tail:n` will trim only that space, while `\str_tail_ignore_spaces:n` removes the first non-space character and any space before it. If the  $\langle token list \rangle$  is empty (or blank in the case of the `_ignore_spaces` variant), then nothing is left on the input stream.

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<code>\str_item:Nn</code>	★	<code>\str_item:nn {⟨token list⟩} {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
<code>\str_item:nn</code>	★	
<code>\str_item_ignore_spaces:nn</code>	★	

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New: 2015-09-18

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Converts the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$  to a  $\langle string \rangle$ , and leaves in the input stream the character in position  $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$  of the  $\langle string \rangle$ , starting at 1 for the first (left-most) character. In the case of `\str_item:Nn` and `\str_item:nn`, all characters including spaces are taken into account. The `\str_item_ignore_spaces:nn` function skips spaces when counting characters. If the  $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$  is negative, characters are counted from the end of the  $\langle string \rangle$ . Hence,  $-1$  is the right-most character, *etc.*

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<code>\str_range:Nnn</code>	★	<code>\str_range:nnn {⟨token list⟩} {⟨start index⟩} {⟨end index⟩}</code>
<code>\str_range:cnn</code>	★	
<code>\str_range:nnn</code>	★	
<code>\str_range_ignore_spaces:nnn</code>	★	

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New: 2015-09-18

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Converts the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$  to a  $\langle string \rangle$ , and leaves in the input stream the characters from the  $\langle start\ index \rangle$  to the  $\langle end\ index \rangle$  inclusive. Positive  $\langle indices \rangle$  are counted from the start of the string, 1 being the first character, and negative  $\langle indices \rangle$  are counted from the end of the string,  $-1$  being the last character. If either of  $\langle start\ index \rangle$  or  $\langle end\ index \rangle$  is 0, the result is empty. For instance,

```

\iow_term:x { \str_range:nnn { abcdef } { 2 } { 5 } }
\iow_term:x { \str_range:nnn { abcdef } { -4 } { -1 } }
\iow_term:x { \str_range:nnn { abcdef } { -2 } { -1 } }
\iow_term:x { \str_range:nnn { abcdef } { 0 } { -1 } }

```

will print bcd, cdef, ef, and an empty line to the terminal.

## 4 String manipulation

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<code>\str_lower_case:n</code>	☆	<code>\str_lower_case:n {⟨tokens⟩}</code>
<code>\str_lower_case:f</code>	☆	<code>\str_upper_case:n {⟨tokens⟩}</code>
<code>\str_upper_case:n</code>	☆	
<code>\str_upper_case:f</code>	☆	

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New: 2015-03-01

Converts the input  $\langle tokens \rangle$  to their string representation, as described for `\tl_to_str:n`, and then to the lower or upper case representation using a one-to-one mapping as described by the Unicode Consortium file `UnicodeData.txt`.

These functions are intended for case changing programmatic data in places where upper/lower case distinctions are meaningful. One example would be automatically generating a function name from user input where some case changing is needed. In this situation the input is programmatic, not textual, case does have meaning and a language-independent one-to-one mapping is appropriate. For example

```
\cs_new_protected:Npn \myfunc:nn #1#2
{
  \cs_set_protected:cpn
  {
    user
    \str_upper_case:f { \tl_head:n {#1} }
    \str_lower_case:f { \tl_tail:n {#1} }
  }
  { #2 }
}
```

would be used to generate a function with an auto-generated name consisting of the upper case equivalent of the supplied name followed by the lower case equivalent of the rest of the input.

These functions should *not* be used for

- Caseless comparisons: use `\str_fold_case:n` for this situation (case folding is distinct from lower casing).
- Case changing text for typesetting: see the `\tl_lower_case:n(n)`, `\tl_upper_case:n(n)` and `\tl_mixed_case:n(n)` functions which correctly deal with context-dependence and other factors appropriate to text case changing.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** As with all `expl3` functions, the input supported by `\str_fold_case:n` is *engine-native* characters which are or interoperate with UTF-8. As such, when used with pdfT<sub>E</sub>X *only* the Latin alphabet characters A–Z will be case-folded (*i.e.* the ASCII range which coincides with UTF-8). Full UTF-8 support is available with both X<sub>Ǝ</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X and LuaT<sub>E</sub>X, subject only to the fact that X<sub>Ǝ</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X in particular has issues with characters of code above hexadecimal 0xFFFF when interacting with `\tl_to_str:n`.

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`\str_fold_case:n` ☆  
`\str_fold_case:V` ☆

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New: 2014-06-19  
Updated: 2015-09-04

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`\str_fold_case:n` { $\langle tokens \rangle$ }

Converts the input  $\langle tokens \rangle$  to their string representation, as described for `\tl_to_str:n`, and then folds the case of the resulting  $\langle string \rangle$  to remove case information. The result of this process is left in the input stream.

String folding is a process used for material such as identifiers rather than for “text”. The folding provided by `\str_fold_case:n` follows the mappings provided by the [Unicode Consortium](#), who [state](#):

Case folding is primarily used for caseless comparison of text, such as identifiers in a computer program, rather than actual text transformation. Case folding in Unicode is based on the lowercase mapping, but includes additional changes to the source text to help make it language-insensitive and consistent. As a result, case-folded text should be used solely for internal processing and generally should not be stored or displayed to the end user.

The folding approach implemented by `\str_fold_case:n` follows the “full” scheme defined by the Unicode Consortium (*e.g.* SSfolds to SS). As case-folding is a language-insensitive process, there is no special treatment of Turkic input (*i.e.* I always folds to i and not to ı).

**TeXhackers note:** As with all `expl3` functions, the input supported by `\str_fold_case:n` is *engine-native* characters which are or interoperate with UTF-8. As such, when used with pdfTeX *only* the Latin alphabet characters A–Z will be case-folded (*i.e.* the ASCII range which coincides with UTF-8). Full UTF-8 support is available with both XeTeX and LuaTeX, subject only to the fact that XeTeX in particular has issues with characters of code above hexadecimal 0xFFFF when interacting with `\tl_to_str:n`.

## 5 Viewing strings

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`\str_show:N`  
`\str_show:c`  
`\str_show:n`

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New: 2015-09-18

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`\str_show:N`  $\langle str\ var \rangle$

Displays the content of the  $\langle str\ var \rangle$  on the terminal.



## 6 Constant token lists

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```

\c_ampersand_str
\c_atsign_str
\c_backslash_str
\c_left_brace_str
\c_right_brace_str
\c_circumflex_str
\c_colon_str
\c_dollar_str
\c_hash_str
\c_percent_str
\c_tilde_str
\c_underscore_str

```

---

Constant strings, containing a single character token, with category code 12.

New: 2016-09-19

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## 7 Scratch strings

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```

\l_tmpa_str
\l_tmpb_str

```

---

Scratch strings for local assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

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```

\g_tmpa_str
\g_tmpb_str

```

---

Scratch strings for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

### 7.1 Internal string functions

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```

\__str_if_eq_x:nn ★ \__str_if_eq_x:nn {\tl1} {\tl2}

```

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Compares the full expansion of two *<token lists>* on a character by character basis, and is **true** if the two lists contain the same characters in the same order. Leaves 0 in the input stream if the condition is true, and +1 or -1 otherwise.

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```

\__str_if_eq_x_return:nn \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn {\tl1} {\tl2}

```

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Compares the full expansion of two *<token lists>* on a character by character basis, and is **true** if the two lists contain the same characters in the same order. Either `\prg_return_true:` or `\prg_return_false:` is then left in the input stream. This is a version of `\str_if_eq_x:nn(TF)` coded for speed.

<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\_str\_to\_other:n</code> ★	<code>\_str\_to\_other:n {\token list}</code>	Converts the <i>⟨token list⟩</i> to a <i>⟨other string⟩</i> , where spaces have category code “other”. This function can be f-expanded without fear of losing a leading space, since spaces do not have category code 10 in its result. It takes a time quadratic in the character count of the string.
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\_str\_count:n</code> ★	<code>\_str\_count:n {\other string}</code>	This function expects an argument that is entirely made of characters with category “other”, as produced by <code>\_str\_to\_other:n</code> . It leaves in the input stream the number of character tokens in the <i>⟨other string⟩</i> , faster than the analogous <code>\str\_count:n</code> function.
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\_str\_range:nnn</code> ★	<code>\_str\_range:nnn {\other string} {\start index} {\end index}</code>	Identical to <code>\str\_range:nnn</code> except that the first argument is expected to be entirely made of characters with category “other”, as produced by <code>\_str\_to\_other:n</code> , and the result is also an <i>⟨other string⟩</i> .

## Part XIII

# The l3seq package

## Sequences and stacks

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 implements a “sequence” data type, which contain an ordered list of entries which may contain any *⟨balanced text⟩*. It is possible to map functions to sequences such that the function is applied to every item in the sequence.

Sequences are also used to implement stack functions in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3. This is achieved using a number of dedicated stack functions.

### 1 Creating and initialising sequences

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<code>\seq_new:N</code>	<code>\seq_new:N &lt;sequence&gt;</code>
<code>\seq_new:c</code>	

---

Creates a new *⟨sequence⟩* or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The *⟨sequence⟩* will initially contain no items.

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<code>\seq_clear:N</code>	<code>\seq_clear:N &lt;sequence&gt;</code>
<code>\seq_clear:c</code>	
<code>\seq_gclear:N</code>	
<code>\seq_gclear:c</code>	

---

Clears all items from the *⟨sequence⟩*.

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<code>\seq_clear_new:N</code>	<code>\seq_clear_new:N &lt;sequence&gt;</code>
<code>\seq_clear_new:c</code>	
<code>\seq_gclear_new:N</code>	
<code>\seq_gclear_new:c</code>	

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Ensures that the *⟨sequence⟩* exists globally by applying `\seq_new:N` if necessary, then applies `\seq_(g)clear:N` to leave the *⟨sequence⟩* empty.

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<code>\seq_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\seq_set_eq:NN &lt;sequence<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;sequence<sub>2</sub>&gt;</code>
<code>\seq_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	
<code>\seq_gset_eq:NN</code>	Sets the content of <i>⟨sequence<sub>1</sub>⟩</i> equal to that of <i>⟨sequence<sub>2</sub>⟩</i> .
<code>\seq_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	

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<code>\seq_set_from_clist:NN</code>	<code>\seq_set_from_clist:NN &lt;sequence&gt; &lt;comma-list&gt;</code>
<code>\seq_set_from_clist:(cN Nc cc)</code>	
<code>\seq_set_from_clist:Nn</code>	
<code>\seq_set_from_clist:cn</code>	
<code>\seq_gset_from_clist:NN</code>	
<code>\seq_gset_from_clist:(cN Nc cc)</code>	
<code>\seq_gset_from_clist:Nn</code>	
<code>\seq_gset_from_clist:cn</code>	

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New: 2014-07-17

Converts the data in the *⟨comma list⟩* into a *⟨sequence⟩*: the original *⟨comma list⟩* is unchanged.



<hr/> \seq_get_left:NN \seq_get_left:cN <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-14	\seq_get_left:NN $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle token list variable \rangle$ Stores the left-most item from a $\langle sequence \rangle$ in the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ without removing it from the $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The $\langle token list variable \rangle$ is assigned locally. If $\langle sequence \rangle$ is empty the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ will contain the special marker $\backslash q\_no\_value$ .
<hr/> \seq_get_right:NN \seq_get_right:cN <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-19	\seq_get_right:NN $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle token list variable \rangle$ Stores the right-most item from a $\langle sequence \rangle$ in the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ without removing it from the $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The $\langle token list variable \rangle$ is assigned locally. If $\langle sequence \rangle$ is empty the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ will contain the special marker $\backslash q\_no\_value$ .
<hr/> \seq_pop_left:NN \seq_pop_left:cN <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-14	\seq_pop_left:NN $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle token list variable \rangle$ Pops the left-most item from a $\langle sequence \rangle$ into the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ , <i>i.e.</i> removes the item from the sequence and stores it in the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ . Both of the variables are assigned locally. If $\langle sequence \rangle$ is empty the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ will contain the special marker $\backslash q\_no\_value$ .
<hr/> \seq_gpop_left:NN \seq_gpop_left:cN <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-14	\seq_gpop_left:NN $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle token list variable \rangle$ Pops the left-most item from a $\langle sequence \rangle$ into the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ , <i>i.e.</i> removes the item from the sequence and stores it in the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ . The $\langle sequence \rangle$ is modified globally, while the assignment of the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ is local. If $\langle sequence \rangle$ is empty the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ will contain the special marker $\backslash q\_no\_value$ .
<hr/> \seq_pop_right:NN \seq_pop_right:cN <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-19	\seq_pop_right:NN $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle token list variable \rangle$ Pops the right-most item from a $\langle sequence \rangle$ into the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ , <i>i.e.</i> removes the item from the sequence and stores it in the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ . Both of the variables are assigned locally. If $\langle sequence \rangle$ is empty the $\langle token list variable \rangle$ will contain the special marker $\backslash q\_no\_value$ .
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<code>\seq_item:Nn</code> ★	<code>\seq_item:Nn &lt;sequence&gt; {&lt;integer expression&gt;}</code>
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<code>\seq_item:cn</code> ★
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New: 2014-07-17
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Indexing items in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  from 1 at the top (left), this function will evaluate the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$  and leave the appropriate item from the sequence in the input stream. If the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$  is negative, indexing occurs from the bottom (right) of the sequence. When the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$  is larger than the number of items in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  (as calculated by `\seq_count:N`) then the function will expand to nothing.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the  $\langle item \rangle$  will not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

## 4 Recovering values from sequences with branching

The functions in this section combine tests for non-empty sequences with recovery of an item from the sequence. They offer increased readability and performance over separate testing and recovery phases.

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<code>\seq_get_left:NNTF</code>
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<code>\seq_get_left:cNTF</code>
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New: 2012-05-14
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Updated: 2012-05-19
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<code>\seq_get_left:NNTF</code>	<code>&lt;sequence&gt; &lt;token list variable&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
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If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle false code \rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is non-empty, stores the left-most item from a  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  without removing it from a  $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is assigned locally.

---

<code>\seq_get_right:NNTF</code>
----------------------------------

---

<code>\seq_get_right:cNTF</code>
----------------------------------

---

New: 2012-05-19
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<code>\seq_get_right:NNTF</code>	<code>&lt;sequence&gt; &lt;token list variable&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
----------------------------------	--

If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle false code \rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is non-empty, stores the right-most item from a  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  without removing it from a  $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is assigned locally.

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<code>\seq_pop_left:NNTF</code>
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<code>\seq_pop_left:cNTF</code>
---------------------------------

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New: 2012-05-14
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Updated: 2012-05-19
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<code>\seq_pop_left:NNTF</code>	<code>&lt;sequence&gt; &lt;token list variable&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
---------------------------------	--

If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle false code \rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is non-empty, pops the left-most item from a  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$ , *i.e.* removes the item from a  $\langle sequence \rangle$ . Both the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  and the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  are assigned locally.

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<code>\seq_gpop_left:NNTF</code>
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<code>\seq_gpop_left:cNTF</code>
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New: 2012-05-14
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Updated: 2012-05-19
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<code>\seq_gpop_left:NNTF</code>	<code>&lt;sequence&gt; &lt;token list variable&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
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If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle false code \rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is non-empty, pops the left-most item from a  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$ , *i.e.* removes the item from a  $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is modified globally, while the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is assigned locally.

---

```
\seq_pop_right:NNTF
\seq_pop_right:cNTF
```

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New: 2012-05-19

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```
\seq_pop_right:NNTF <sequence> <token list variable> {(true code)} {(false code)}
```

If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle false code \rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is non-empty, pops the right-most item from a  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$ , *i.e.* removes the item from a  $\langle sequence \rangle$ . Both the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  and the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  are assigned locally.

---

```
\seq_gpop_right:NNTF
\seq_gpop_right:cNTF
```

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New: 2012-05-19

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```
\seq_gpop_right:NNTF <sequence> <token list variable> {(true code)} {(false code)}
```

If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is empty, leaves the  $\langle false code \rangle$  in the input stream. The value of the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is non-empty, pops the right-most item from a  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$ , *i.e.* removes the item from a  $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is modified globally, while the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is assigned locally.

## 5 Modifying sequences

While sequences are normally used as ordered lists, it may be necessary to modify the content. The functions here may be used to update sequences, while retaining the order of the unaffected entries.

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```
\seq_remove_duplicates:N
\seq_remove_duplicates:c
\seq_gremove_duplicates:N
\seq_gremove_duplicates:c
```

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```
\seq_remove_duplicates:N <sequence>
```

Removes duplicate items from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ , leaving the left most copy of each item in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The  $\langle item \rangle$  comparison takes place on a token basis, as for `\tl_if_eq:nn(TF)`.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This function iterates through every item in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  and does a comparison with the  $\langle items \rangle$  already checked. It is therefore relatively slow with large sequences.

---

```
\seq_remove_all:Nn
\seq_remove_all:cn
\seq_gremove_all:Nn
\seq_gremove_all:cn
```

---

```
\seq_remove_all:Nn <sequence> {(item)}
```

Removes every occurrence of  $\langle item \rangle$  from the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The  $\langle item \rangle$  comparison takes place on a token basis, as for `\tl_if_eq:nn(TF)`.

---

```
\seq_reverse:N
\seq_reverse:c
\seq_greverse:N
\seq_greverse:c
```

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New: 2014-07-18

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```
\seq_reverse:N <sequence>
```

Reverses the order of the items stored in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ .

## 6 Sequence conditionals

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<code>\seq_if_empty_p:N</code> ★	<code>\seq_if_empty_p:N</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$
<code>\seq_if_empty_p:c</code> ★	<code>\seq_if_empty:N</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$
<code>\seq_if_empty:N</code> ★	Tests if the $\langle sequence \rangle$ is empty (containing no items).
<code>\seq_if_empty:c</code> ★	

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<code>\seq_if_in:N</code> ★	<code>\seq_if_in:N</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\{\langle item \rangle\}$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$
<code>\seq_if_in:(N Nv No Nx cn cV cv co cx)</code> ★	

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Tests if the  $\langle item \rangle$  is present in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ .

## 7 Mapping to sequences

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<code>\seq_map_function:N</code> ★	<code>\seq_map_function:N</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle function \rangle$
<code>\seq_map_function:c</code> ★	Applies $\langle function \rangle$ to every $\langle item \rangle$ stored in the $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The $\langle function \rangle$ will receive one argument for each iteration. The $\langle items \rangle$ are returned from left to right. The function <code>\seq_map_inline:N</code> is faster than <code>\seq_map_function:N</code> for sequences with more than about 10 items. One mapping may be nested inside another.

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Updated: 2012-06-29

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<code>\seq_map_inline:N</code>	<code>\seq_map_inline:N</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\{\langle inline function \rangle\}$
<code>\seq_map_inline:c</code>	Applies $\langle inline function \rangle$ to every $\langle item \rangle$ stored within the $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The $\langle inline function \rangle$ should consist of code which will receive the $\langle item \rangle$ as #1. One in line mapping can be nested inside another. The $\langle items \rangle$ are returned from left to right.

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Updated: 2012-06-29

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<code>\seq_map_variable:NN</code>	<code>\seq_map_variable:NN</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle tl var. \rangle$ $\{\langle function using tl var. \rangle\}$
<code>\seq_map_variable:(Ncn cN ccn)</code>	

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Updated: 2012-06-29

Stores each entry in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in turn in the  $\langle tl var. \rangle$  and applies the  $\langle function using tl var. \rangle$  The  $\langle function \rangle$  will usually consist of code making use of the  $\langle tl var. \rangle$ , but this is not enforced. One variable mapping can be nested inside another. The  $\langle items \rangle$  are returned from left to right.



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**\seq\_map\_break:** ☆

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Updated: 2012-06-29

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**\seq\_map\_break:**

Used to terminate a `\seq_map...` function before all entries in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  have been processed. This will normally take place within a conditional statement, for example

```
\seq_map_inline:Nn \l_my_seq
{
  \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { bingo }
  { \seq_map_break: }
  {
    % Do something useful
  }
}
```

Use outside of a `\seq_map...` scenario will lead to low level  $\text{\TeX}$  errors.

**$\text{\TeX}$ hackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted by the internal macro `\__prg_break_point:Nn` before further items are taken from the input stream. This will depend on the design of the mapping function.

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**\seq\_map\_break:n** ☆

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Updated: 2012-06-29

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**\seq\_map\_break:n**  $\{\langle tokens \rangle\}$ 

Used to terminate a `\seq_map...` function before all entries in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  have been processed, inserting the  $\langle tokens \rangle$  after the mapping has ended. This will normally take place within a conditional statement, for example

```
\seq_map_inline:Nn \l_my_seq
{
  \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { bingo }
  { \seq_map_break:n { <tokens> } }
  {
    % Do something useful
  }
}
```

Use outside of a `\seq_map...` scenario will lead to low level  $\text{\TeX}$  errors.

**$\text{\TeX}$ hackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted by the internal macro `\__prg_break_point:Nn` before the  $\langle tokens \rangle$  are inserted into the input stream. This will depend on the design of the mapping function.

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**\seq\_count:N** ☆**\seq\_count:c** ☆

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New: 2012-07-13

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**\seq\_count:N**  $\langle sequence \rangle$ 

Leaves the number of items in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the input stream as an  $\langle integer denotation \rangle$ . The total number of items in a  $\langle sequence \rangle$  will include those which are empty and duplicates, *i.e.* every item in a  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is unique.

## 8 Using the content of sequences directly

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`\seq_use:Nnnn` ★  
`\seq_use:cnnn` ★

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New: 2013-05-26

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`\seq_use:Nnnn`  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$   $\{\langle separator\ between\ two \rangle\}$   
`\seq_use:cnnn`  $\{\langle separator\ between\ more\ than\ two \rangle\}$   $\{\langle separator\ between\ final\ two \rangle\}$

Places the contents of the  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$  in the input stream, with the appropriate  $\langle separator \rangle$  between the items. Namely, if the sequence has more than two items, the  $\langle separator\ between\ more\ than\ two \rangle$  is placed between each pair of items except the last, for which the  $\langle separator\ between\ final\ two \rangle$  is used. If the sequence has exactly two items, then they are placed in the input stream separated by the  $\langle separator\ between\ two \rangle$ . If the sequence has a single item, it is placed in the input stream, and an empty sequence produces no output. An error will be raised if the variable does not exist or if it is invalid.

For example,

```
\seq_set_split:Nnn \l_tmpa_seq { | } { a | b | c | {de} | f }
\seq_use:Nnnn \l_tmpa_seq { ~and~ } { ,~ } { ,~and~ }
```

will insert “a, b, c, de, and f” in the input stream. The first separator argument is not used in this case because the sequence has more than 2 items.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the  $\langle items \rangle$  will not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

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`\seq_use:Nn` ★  
`\seq_use:cn` ★

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New: 2013-05-26

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`\seq_use:Nn`  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$   $\{\langle separator \rangle\}$   
`\seq_use:cn`  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$   $\{\langle separator \rangle\}$

Places the contents of the  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$  in the input stream, with the  $\langle separator \rangle$  between the items. If the sequence has a single item, it is placed in the input stream with no  $\langle separator \rangle$ , and an empty sequence produces no output. An error will be raised if the variable does not exist or if it is invalid.

For example,

```
\seq_set_split:Nnn \l_tmpa_seq { | } { a | b | c | {de} | f }
\seq_use:Nn \l_tmpa_seq { ~and~ }
```

will insert “a and b and c and de and f” in the input stream.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the  $\langle items \rangle$  will not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

## 9 Sequences as stacks

Sequences can be used as stacks, where data is pushed to and popped from the top of the sequence. (The left of a sequence is the top, for performance reasons.) The stack functions for sequences are not intended to be mixed with the general ordered data

functions detailed in the previous section: a sequence should either be used as an ordered data type or as a stack, but not in both ways.

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<code>\seq_get:NN</code> <code>\seq_get:cN</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-14	<code>\seq_get:NN</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ Reads the top item from a $\langle sequence \rangle$ into the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ without removing it from the $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ is assigned locally. If $\langle sequence \rangle$ is empty the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ will contain the special marker <code>\q_no_value</code> .
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<code>\seq_pop:NN</code> <code>\seq_pop:cN</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-14	<code>\seq_pop:NN</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ Pops the top item from a $\langle sequence \rangle$ into the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ . Both of the variables are assigned locally. If $\langle sequence \rangle$ is empty the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ will contain the special marker <code>\q_no_value</code> .
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<code>\seq_gpop:NN</code> <code>\seq_gpop:cN</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-14	<code>\seq_gpop:NN</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ Pops the top item from a $\langle sequence \rangle$ into the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ . The $\langle sequence \rangle$ is modified globally, while the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ is assigned locally. If $\langle sequence \rangle$ is empty the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ will contain the special marker <code>\q_no_value</code> .
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<code>\seq_get:NNTF</code> <code>\seq_get:cNTF</code> <hr/> New: 2012-05-14 Updated: 2012-05-19	<code>\seq_get:NNTF</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$ If the $\langle sequence \rangle$ is empty, leaves the $\langle false\ code \rangle$ in the input stream. The value of the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the $\langle sequence \rangle$ is non-empty, stores the top item from a $\langle sequence \rangle$ in the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ without removing it from the $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ is assigned locally.
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<code>\seq_pop:NNTF</code> <code>\seq_pop:cNTF</code> <hr/> New: 2012-05-14 Updated: 2012-05-19	<code>\seq_pop:NNTF</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$ If the $\langle sequence \rangle$ is empty, leaves the $\langle false\ code \rangle$ in the input stream. The value of the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the $\langle sequence \rangle$ is non-empty, pops the top item from the $\langle sequence \rangle$ in the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ , <i>i.e.</i> removes the item from the $\langle sequence \rangle$ . Both the $\langle sequence \rangle$ and the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ are assigned locally.
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<code>\seq_gpop:NNTF</code> <code>\seq_gpop:cNTF</code> <hr/> New: 2012-05-14 Updated: 2012-05-19	<code>\seq_gpop:NNTF</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$ If the $\langle sequence \rangle$ is empty, leaves the $\langle false\ code \rangle$ in the input stream. The value of the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the $\langle sequence \rangle$ is non-empty, pops the top item from the $\langle sequence \rangle$ in the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ , <i>i.e.</i> removes the item from the $\langle sequence \rangle$ . The $\langle sequence \rangle$ is modified globally, while the $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ is assigned locally.
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<code>\seq_push:Nn</code> <code>\seq_push:(NV Nv No Nx cn cV cv co cx)</code> <code>\seq_gpush:Nn</code> <code>\seq_gpush:(NV Nv No Nx cn cV cv co cx)</code>	<code>\seq_push:Nn</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\{\langle item \rangle\}$ Adds the $\{\langle item \rangle\}$ to the top of the $\langle sequence \rangle$ .
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## 10 Sequences as sets

Sequences can also be used as sets, such that all of their items are distinct. Usage of sequences as sets is not currently widespread, hence no specific set function is provided. Instead, it is explained here how common set operations can be performed by combining several functions described in earlier sections. When using sequences to implement sets, one should be careful not to rely on the order of items in the sequence representing the set.

Sets should not contain several occurrences of a given item. To make sure that a  $\langle sequence\ variable \rangle$  only has distinct items, use `\seq_remove_duplicates:N`  $\langle sequence\ variable \rangle$ . This function is relatively slow, and to avoid performance issues one should only use it when necessary.

Some operations on a set  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$  are straightforward. For instance, `\seq_count:N`  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$  expands to the number of items, while `\seq_if_in:Nn(TF)`  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$   $\{\langle item \rangle\}$  tests if the  $\langle item \rangle$  is in the set.

Adding an  $\langle item \rangle$  to a set  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$  can be done by appending it to the  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$  if it is not already in the  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$ :

```
\seq_if_in:NnF  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$   $\{\langle item \rangle\}$ 
{ \seq_put_right:Nn  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$   $\{\langle item \rangle\}$  }
```

Removing an  $\langle item \rangle$  from a set  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$  can be done using `\seq_remove_all:Nn`,

```
\seq_remove_all:Nn  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$   $\{\langle item \rangle\}$ 
```

The intersection of two sets  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$  can be stored into  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$  by collecting items of  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$  which are in  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$ .

```
\seq_clear:N  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$ 
\seq_map_inline:Nn  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$ 
{
  \seq_if_in:NnT  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$   $\{\#1\}$ 
  { \seq_put_right:Nn  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$   $\{\#1\}$  }
}
```

The code as written here only works if  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$  is different from the other two sequence variables. To cover all cases, items should first be collected in a sequence `\l_<pkg>_internal_seq`, then  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$  should be set equal to this internal sequence. The same remark applies to other set functions.

The union of two sets  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$  can be stored into  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$  through

```
\seq_concat:NNN  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$   $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$   $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$ 
\seq_remove_duplicates:N  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$ 
```

or by adding items to (a copy of)  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$  one by one

```
\seq_set_eq:NN  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$   $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$ 
\seq_map_inline:Nn  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$ 
{
```

```

\seq_if_in:NnF <seq var3> {#1}
{ \seq_put_right:Nn <seq var3> {#1} }
}

```

The second approach is faster than the first when the  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$  is short compared to  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$ .

The difference of two sets  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$  can be stored into  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$  by removing items of the  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$  from (a copy of) the  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$  one by one.

```

\seq_set_eq:NN <seq var3> <seq var1>
\seq_map_inline:Nn <seq var2>
{ \seq_remove_all:Nn <seq var3> {#1} }

```

The symmetric difference of two sets  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$  can be stored into  $\langle seq\ var_3 \rangle$  by computing the difference between  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$  and storing the result as  $\backslash l\_ \langle pkg \rangle\_ internal\_ seq$ , then the difference between  $\langle seq\ var_2 \rangle$  and  $\langle seq\ var_1 \rangle$ , and finally concatenating the two differences to get the symmetric differences.

```

\seq_set_eq:NN \l_<pkg>_internal_seq <seq var1>
\seq_map_inline:Nn <seq var2>
{ \seq_remove_all:Nn \l_<pkg>_internal_seq {#1} }
\seq_set_eq:NN <seq var3> <seq var2>
\seq_map_inline:Nn <seq var1>
{ \seq_remove_all:Nn <seq var3> {#1} }
\seq_concat:NNN <seq var3> <seq var3> \l_<pkg>_internal_seq

```

## 11 Constant and scratch sequences

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$\backslash c\_ empty\_ seq$

Constant that is always empty.

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New: 2012-07-02

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$\backslash l\_ tmpa\_ seq$

$\backslash l\_ tmpb\_ seq$

Scratch sequences for local assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

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New: 2012-04-26

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$\backslash g\_ tmpa\_ seq$

$\backslash g\_ tmpb\_ seq$

Scratch sequences for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

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New: 2012-04-26

## 12 Viewing sequences

<hr/> <code>\seq_show:N</code> <hr/>	<code>\seq_show:N</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$
<code>\seq_show:c</code> <hr/>	Displays the entries in the $\langle sequence \rangle$ in the terminal.
<hr/> <code>Updated: 2015-08-01</code> <hr/>	

## 13 Internal sequence functions

<hr/> <code>\s__seq</code> <hr/>	This scan mark (equal to <code>\scan_stop:</code> ) marks the beginning of a sequence variable.
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<hr/> <code>\__seq_item:n</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\__seq_item:n</code> $\{\langle item \rangle\}$ The internal token used to begin each sequence entry. If expanded outside of a mapping or manipulation function, an error will be raised. The definition should always be set globally.
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<hr/> <code>\__seq_push_item_def:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\__seq_push_item_def:n</code> $\{\langle code \rangle\}$
<code>\__seq_push_item_def:x</code> <hr/>	Saves the definition of <code>\__seq_item:n</code> and redefines it to accept one parameter and expand to $\langle code \rangle$ . This function should always be balanced by use of <code>\__seq_pop_item_def:.</code>

<hr/> <code>\__seq_pop_item_def:</code> <hr/>	<code>\__seq_pop_item_def:</code> Restores the definition of <code>\__seq_item:n</code> most recently saved by <code>\__seq_push_item_def:n</code> . This function should always be used in a balanced pair with <code>\__seq_push_item_def:n</code> .
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## Part XIV

# The l3clist package

## Comma separated lists

Comma lists contain ordered data where items can be added to the left or right end of the list. The resulting ordered list can then be mapped over using `\clist_map_function:NN`. Several items can be added at once, and spaces are removed from both sides of each item on input. Hence,

```
\clist_new:N \l_my_clist
\clist_put_left:Nn \l_my_clist { ~ a ~ , ~ {b} ~ }
\clist_put_right:Nn \l_my_clist { ~ { c ~ } , d }
```

results in `\l_my_clist` containing `a,{b},{c~},d`. Comma lists cannot contain empty items, thus

```
\clist_clear_new:N \l_my_clist
\clist_put_right:Nn \l_my_clist { , ~ , , }
\clist_if_empty:NTF \l_my_clist { true } { false }
```

will leave `true` in the input stream. To include an item which contains a comma, or starts or ends with a space, surround it with braces. The sequence data type should be preferred to comma lists if items are to contain `{`, `}`, or `#` (assuming the usual  $\TeX$  category codes apply).

## 1 Creating and initialising comma lists

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```
\clist_new:N
\clist_new:c
```

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```
\clist_new:N <comma list>
```

Creates a new *<comma list>* or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The *<comma list>* will initially contain no items.

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```
\clist_const:Nn
\clist_const:(Nx|cn|cx)
```

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```
\clist_const:Nn <clist var> {<comma list>}
```

Creates a new constant *<clist var>* or raises an error if the name is already taken. The value of the *<clist var>* will be set globally to the *<comma list>*.

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```
\clist_clear:N
\clist_clear:c
\clist_gclear:N
\clist_gclear:c
```

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```
\clist_clear:N <comma list>
```

Clears all items from the *<comma list>*.

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<code>\clist_clear_new:N</code>	<code>\clist_clear_new:N</code> $\langle comma list \rangle$
<code>\clist_clear_new:c</code>	
<code>\clist_gclear_new:N</code>	Ensures that the $\langle comma list \rangle$ exists globally by applying <code>\clist_new:N</code> if necessary,
<code>\clist_gclear_new:c</code>	then applies <code>\clist_(g)clear:N</code> to leave the list empty.

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<code>\clist_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\clist_set_eq:NN</code> $\langle comma list_1 \rangle$ $\langle comma list_2 \rangle$
<code>\clist_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	Sets the content of $\langle comma list_1 \rangle$ equal to that of $\langle comma list_2 \rangle$ .
<code>\clist_gset_eq:NN</code>	
<code>\clist_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	

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<code>\clist_set_from_seq:NN</code>	<code>\clist_set_from_seq:NN</code> $\langle comma list \rangle$ $\langle sequence \rangle$
<code>\clist_set_from_seq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	
<code>\clist_gset_from_seq:NN</code>	
<code>\clist_gset_from_seq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	

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New: 2014-07-17

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Converts the data in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  into a  $\langle comma list \rangle$ : the original  $\langle sequence \rangle$  is unchanged. Items which contain either spaces or commas are surrounded by braces.

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<code>\clist_concat:NNN</code>	<code>\clist_concat:NNN</code> $\langle comma list_1 \rangle$ $\langle comma list_2 \rangle$ $\langle comma list_3 \rangle$
<code>\clist_concat:ccc</code>	
<code>\clist_gconcat:NNN</code>	Concatenates the content of $\langle comma list_2 \rangle$ and $\langle comma list_3 \rangle$ together and saves the
<code>\clist_gconcat:ccc</code>	result in $\langle comma list_1 \rangle$ . The items in $\langle comma list_2 \rangle$ will be placed at the left side of the

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new comma list.

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<code>\clist_if_exist_p:N</code> ★	<code>\clist_if_exist_p:N</code> $\langle comma list \rangle$
<code>\clist_if_exist_p:c</code> ★	<code>\clist_if_exist:NTF</code> $\langle comma list \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$
<code>\clist_if_exist:NTF</code> ★	Tests whether the $\langle comma list \rangle$ is currently defined. This does not check that the $\langle comma$
<code>\clist_if_exist:cTF</code> ★	$list \rangle$ really is a comma list.

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New: 2012-03-03

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## 2 Adding data to comma lists

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<code>\clist_set:Nn</code>	<code>\clist_set:Nn</code> $\langle comma list \rangle$ $\{\langle item_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle item_n \rangle\}$
<code>\clist_set:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code>	
<code>\clist_gset:Nn</code>	
<code>\clist_gset:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code>	

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New: 2011-09-06

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Sets  $\langle comma list \rangle$  to contain the  $\langle items \rangle$ , removing any previous content from the variable. Spaces are removed from both sides of each item.



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<code>\clist_put_left:Nn</code> <code>\clist_put_left:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code> <code>\clist_gput_left:Nn</code> <code>\clist_gput_left:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code>	<code>\clist_put_left:Nn &lt;comma list&gt; {\&lt;item_1&gt;, ..., \&lt;item_n&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2011-09-05

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Appends the  $\langle items \rangle$  to the left of the  $\langle comma list \rangle$ . Spaces are removed from both sides of each item.

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<code>\clist_put_right:Nn</code> <code>\clist_put_right:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code> <code>\clist_gput_right:Nn</code> <code>\clist_gput_right:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code>	<code>\clist_put_right:Nn &lt;comma list&gt; {\&lt;item_1&gt;, ..., \&lt;item_n&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2011-09-05

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Appends the  $\langle items \rangle$  to the right of the  $\langle comma list \rangle$ . Spaces are removed from both sides of each item.

### 3 Modifying comma lists

While comma lists are normally used as ordered lists, it may be necessary to modify the content. The functions here may be used to update comma lists, while retaining the order of the unaffected entries.

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<code>\clist_remove_duplicates:N</code> <code>\clist_remove_duplicates:c</code> <code>\clist_gremove_duplicates:N</code> <code>\clist_gremove_duplicates:c</code>	<code>\clist_remove_duplicates:N &lt;comma list&gt;</code>
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Removes duplicate items from the  $\langle comma list \rangle$ , leaving the left most copy of each item in the  $\langle comma list \rangle$ . The  $\langle item \rangle$  comparison takes place on a token basis, as for `\tl_if_eq:nn(TF)`.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This function iterates through every item in the  $\langle comma list \rangle$  and does a comparison with the  $\langle items \rangle$  already checked. It is therefore relatively slow with large comma lists. Furthermore, it will not work if any of the items in the  $\langle comma list \rangle$  contains `{`, `}`, or `#` (assuming the usual T<sub>E</sub>X category codes apply).

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<code>\clist_remove_all:Nn</code> <code>\clist_remove_all:cn</code> <code>\clist_gremove_all:Nn</code> <code>\clist_gremove_all:cn</code>	<code>\clist_remove_all:Nn &lt;comma list&gt; {\&lt;item&gt;}</code>
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Removes every occurrence of  $\langle item \rangle$  from the  $\langle comma list \rangle$ . The  $\langle item \rangle$  comparison takes place on a token basis, as for `\tl_if_eq:nn(TF)`.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The  $\langle item \rangle$  may not contain `{`, `}`, or `#` (assuming the usual T<sub>E</sub>X category codes apply).

Updated: 2011-09-06

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```
\clist_reverse:N
\clist_reverse:c
\clist_greverse:N
\clist_greverse:c
```

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New: 2014-07-18

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```
\clist_reverse:n
```

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New: 2014-07-18

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```
\clist_reverse:N <comma list>
```

Reverses the order of items stored in the *<comma list>*.

```
\clist_reverse:n {<comma list>}
```

Leaves the items in the *<comma list>* in the input stream in reverse order. Braces and spaces are preserved by this process.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The result is returned within `\unexpanded`, which means that the comma list will not expand further when appearing in an *x*-type argument expansion.

## 4 Comma list conditionals

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```
\clist_if_empty_p:N *
\clist_if_empty_p:c *
\clist_if_empty:NTF *
\clist_if_empty:cTF *
```

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```
\clist_if_empty_p:N <comma list>
```

```
\clist_if_empty:NTF <comma list> {<true code>} {<false code>}
```

Tests if the *<comma list>* is empty (containing no items).

---

```
\clist_if_empty_p:n *
\clist_if_empty:nTF *
```

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New: 2014-07-05

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```
\clist_if_empty_p:n {<comma list>}
```

```
\clist_if_empty:nTF {<comma list>} {<true code>} {<false code>}
```

Tests if the *<comma list>* is empty (containing no items). The rules for space trimming are as for other *n*-type comma-list functions, hence the comma list `{~,~,~}` (without outer braces) is empty, while `{~,{}},}` (without outer braces) contains one element, which happens to be empty: the comma-list is not empty.

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```
\clist_if_in:NnTF
\clist_if_in:(NV|No|cn|cV|co)TF
\clist_if_in:nNTF
\clist_if_in:(nV|no)TF
```

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Updated: 2011-09-06

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```
\clist_if_in:NnTF <comma list> {<item>} {<true code>} {<false code>}
```

Tests if the *<item>* is present in the *<comma list>*. In the case of an *n*-type *<comma list>*, spaces are stripped from each item, but braces are not removed. Hence,

```
\clist_if_in:nNTF { a , {b}~ , {b} , c } { b } {true} {false}
```

yields `false`.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The *<item>* may not contain `{`, `}`, or `#` (assuming the usual T<sub>E</sub>X category codes apply), and should not contain `,` nor start or end with a space.

## 5 Mapping to comma lists

The functions described in this section apply a specified function to each item of a comma list.

When the comma list is given explicitly, as an *n*-type argument, spaces are trimmed around each item. If the result of trimming spaces is empty, the item is ignored. Otherwise, if the item is surrounded by braces, one set is removed, and the result is passed to the mapped function. Thus, if your comma list that is being mapped is  $\{a, \{b\}, \{c\}, \}$  then the arguments passed to the mapped function are ‘a’, ‘{b}’, an empty argument, and ‘c’.

When the comma list is given as an *N*-type argument, spaces have already been trimmed on input, and items are simply stripped of one set of braces if any. This case is more efficient than using *n*-type comma lists.

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`\clist_map_function:NN` ☆  
`\clist_map_function:cN` ☆  
`\clist_map_function:nN` ☆

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`\clist_map_function:NN`  $\langle comma\ list \rangle$   $\langle function \rangle$

Applies  $\langle function \rangle$  to every  $\langle item \rangle$  stored in the  $\langle comma\ list \rangle$ . The  $\langle function \rangle$  will receive one argument for each iteration. The  $\langle items \rangle$  are returned from left to right. The function `\clist_map_inline:Nn` is in general more efficient than `\clist_map_function:NN`. One mapping may be nested inside another.

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`\clist_map_inline:Nn`  
`\clist_map_inline:cn`  
`\clist_map_inline:nn`

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`\clist_map_inline:Nn`  $\langle comma\ list \rangle$   $\{\langle inline\ function \rangle\}$

Applies  $\langle inline\ function \rangle$  to every  $\langle item \rangle$  stored within the  $\langle comma\ list \rangle$ . The  $\langle inline\ function \rangle$  should consist of code which will receive the  $\langle item \rangle$  as #1. One in line mapping can be nested inside another. The  $\langle items \rangle$  are returned from left to right.

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`\clist_map_variable:NNn`  
`\clist_map_variable:cNn`  
`\clist_map_variable:nNn`

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`\clist_map_variable:NNn`  $\langle comma\ list \rangle$   $\langle tl\ var. \rangle$   $\{\langle function\ using\ tl\ var. \rangle\}$

Stores each entry in the  $\langle comma\ list \rangle$  in turn in the  $\langle tl\ var. \rangle$  and applies the  $\langle function\ using\ tl\ var. \rangle$ . The  $\langle function \rangle$  will usually consist of code making use of the  $\langle tl\ var. \rangle$ , but this is not enforced. One variable mapping can be nested inside another. The  $\langle items \rangle$  are returned from left to right.

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`\clist_map_break:` ☆

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`\clist_map_break:`

Used to terminate a `\clist_map...` function before all entries in the *⟨comma list⟩* have been processed. This will normally take place within a conditional statement, for example

```
\clist_map_inline:Nn \l_my_clist
{
  \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { bingo }
  { \clist_map_break: }
  {
    % Do something useful
  }
}
```

Use outside of a `\clist_map...` scenario will lead to low level T<sub>E</sub>X errors.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted by the internal macro `\__prg_break_point:Nn` before further items are taken from the input stream. This will depend on the design of the mapping function.

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`\clist_map_break:n` ☆

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`\clist_map_break:n {⟨tokens⟩}`

Used to terminate a `\clist_map...` function before all entries in the *⟨comma list⟩* have been processed, inserting the *⟨tokens⟩* after the mapping has ended. This will normally take place within a conditional statement, for example

```
\clist_map_inline:Nn \l_my_clist
{
  \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { bingo }
  { \clist_map_break:n { <tokens> } }
  {
    % Do something useful
  }
}
```

Use outside of a `\clist_map...` scenario will lead to low level T<sub>E</sub>X errors.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted by the internal macro `\__prg_break_point:Nn` before the *⟨tokens⟩* are inserted into the input stream. This will depend on the design of the mapping function.

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`\clist_count:N` ☆

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`\clist_count:c` ☆

`\clist_count:n` ☆

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New: 2012-07-13

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`\clist_count:N ⟨comma list⟩`

Leaves the number of items in the *⟨comma list⟩* in the input stream as an *⟨integer denotation⟩*. The total number of items in a *⟨comma list⟩* will include those which are duplicates, *i.e.* every item in a *⟨comma list⟩* is unique.

## 6 Using the content of comma lists directly

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<code>\clist_use:Nnnn</code> ★ <code>\clist_use:cnnn</code> ★	<code>\clist_use:Nnnn &lt;clist var&gt; {&lt;separator between two&gt;}</code> <code>{&lt;separator between more than two&gt;} {&lt;separator between final two&gt;}</code>
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New: 2013-05-26

Places the contents of the  $\langle\textit{clist var}\rangle$  in the input stream, with the appropriate  $\langle\textit{separator}\rangle$  between the items. Namely, if the comma list has more than two items, the  $\langle\textit{separator between more than two}\rangle$  is placed between each pair of items except the last, for which the  $\langle\textit{separator between final two}\rangle$  is used. If the comma list has exactly two items, then they are placed in the input stream separated by the  $\langle\textit{separator between two}\rangle$ . If the comma list has a single item, it is placed in the input stream, and a comma list with no items produces no output. An error will be raised if the variable does not exist or if it is invalid.

For example,

```
\clist_set:Nn \l_tmpa_clist { a , b , , c , {de} , f }
\clist_use:Nnnn \l_tmpa_clist { ~and~ } { ,~ } { ,~and~ }
```

will insert “a, b, c, de, and f” in the input stream. The first separator argument is not used in this case because the comma list has more than 2 items.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the  $\langle\textit{items}\rangle$  will not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

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<code>\clist_use:Nn</code> ★ <code>\clist_use:cn</code> ★	<code>\clist_use:Nn &lt;clist var&gt; {&lt;separator&gt;}</code>
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New: 2013-05-26

Places the contents of the  $\langle\textit{clist var}\rangle$  in the input stream, with the  $\langle\textit{separator}\rangle$  between the items. If the comma list has a single item, it is placed in the input stream, and a comma list with no items produces no output. An error will be raised if the variable does not exist or if it is invalid.

For example,

```
\clist_set:Nn \l_tmpa_clist { a , b , , c , {de} , f }
\clist_use:Nn \l_tmpa_clist { ~and~ }
```

will insert “a and b and c and de and f” in the input stream.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the  $\langle\textit{items}\rangle$  will not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

## 7 Comma lists as stacks

Comma lists can be used as stacks, where data is pushed to and popped from the top of the comma list. (The left of a comma list is the top, for performance reasons.) The

stack functions for comma lists are not intended to be mixed with the general ordered data functions detailed in the previous section: a comma list should either be used as an ordered data type or as a stack, but not in both ways.

<u>\clist_get:NN</u> <u>\clist_get:cN</u> Updated: 2012-05-14	<p>\clist_get:NN <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i></p> <p>Stores the left-most item from a <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> in the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> without removing it from the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i>. The <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> is assigned locally. If the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> is empty the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> will contain the marker value \q_no_value.</p>
<u>\clist_get:NNTF</u> <u>\clist_get:cNTF</u> New: 2012-05-14	<p>\clist_get:NNTF <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> <i>{&lt;true code&gt;}</i> <i>{&lt;false code&gt;}</i></p> <p>If the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> is empty, leaves the <i>&lt;false code&gt;</i> in the input stream. The value of the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> is non-empty, stores the top item from the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> in the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> without removing it from the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i>. The <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> is assigned locally.</p>
<u>\clist_pop:NN</u> <u>\clist_pop:cN</u> Updated: 2011-09-06	<p>\clist_pop:NN <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i></p> <p>Pops the left-most item from a <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> into the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i>, <i>i.e.</i> removes the item from the comma list and stores it in the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i>. Both of the variables are assigned locally.</p>
<u>\clist_gpop:NN</u> <u>\clist_gpop:cN</u>	<p>\clist_gpop:NN <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i></p> <p>Pops the left-most item from a <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> into the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i>, <i>i.e.</i> removes the item from the comma list and stores it in the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i>. The <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> is modified globally, while the assignment of the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> is local.</p>
<u>\clist_pop:NNTF</u> <u>\clist_pop:cNTF</u> New: 2012-05-14	<p>\clist_pop:NNTF <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> <i>{&lt;true code&gt;}</i> <i>{&lt;false code&gt;}</i></p> <p>If the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> is empty, leaves the <i>&lt;false code&gt;</i> in the input stream. The value of the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> is non-empty, pops the top item from the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> in the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i>, <i>i.e.</i> removes the item from the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i>. Both the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> and the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> are assigned locally.</p>
<u>\clist_gpop:NNTF</u> <u>\clist_gpop:cNTF</u> New: 2012-05-14	<p>\clist_gpop:NNTF <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> <i>{&lt;true code&gt;}</i> <i>{&lt;false code&gt;}</i></p> <p>If the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> is empty, leaves the <i>&lt;false code&gt;</i> in the input stream. The value of the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> is non-empty, pops the top item from the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> in the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i>, <i>i.e.</i> removes the item from the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i>. The <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> is modified globally, while the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> is assigned locally.</p>

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<code>\clist_push:Nn</code>	<code>\clist_push:Nn &lt;comma list&gt; {&lt;items&gt;}</code>
<code>\clist_push:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code>	
<code>\clist_gpush:Nn</code>	
<code>\clist_gpush:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)</code>	

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Adds the  $\{\langle items \rangle\}$  to the top of the  $\langle comma list \rangle$ . Spaces are removed from both sides of each item.

## 8 Using a single item

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<code>\clist_item:Nn</code> ★	<code>\clist_item:Nn &lt;comma list&gt; {&lt;integer expression&gt;}</code>
<code>\clist_item:cn</code> ★	
<code>\clist_item:nn</code> ★	

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New: 2014-07-17

Indexing items in the  $\langle comma list \rangle$  from 1 at the top (left), this function will evaluate the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$  and leave the appropriate item from the comma list in the input stream. If the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$  is negative, indexing occurs from the bottom (right) of the comma list. When the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$  is larger than the number of items in the  $\langle comma list \rangle$  (as calculated by `\clist_count:N`) then the function will expand to nothing.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the  $\langle item \rangle$  will not expand further when appearing in an **x**-type argument expansion.

## 9 Viewing comma lists

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<code>\clist_show:N</code>	<code>\clist_show:N &lt;comma list&gt;</code>
<code>\clist_show:c</code>	

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Updated: 2015-08-03

Displays the entries in the  $\langle comma list \rangle$  in the terminal.

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<code>\clist_show:n</code>	<code>\clist_show:n {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2013-08-03

Displays the entries in the comma list in the terminal.

## 10 Constant and scratch comma lists

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<code>\c_empty_clist</code>	Constant that is always empty.
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New: 2012-07-02

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<code>\l_tmpa_clist</code>	
<code>\l_tmpb_clist</code>	

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New: 2011-09-06

Scratch comma lists for local assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

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<code>\g_tmpa_clist</code>	Scratch comma lists for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any $\text{\LaTeX}$ 3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.
<code>\g_tmpb_clist</code>	
<hr/> New: 2011-09-06 <hr/>	



## Part XV

# The l3prop package

## Property lists

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 implements a “property list” data type, which contain an unordered list of entries each of which consists of a  $\langle key \rangle$  and an associated  $\langle value \rangle$ . The  $\langle key \rangle$  and  $\langle value \rangle$  may both be any  $\langle balanced\ text \rangle$ . It is possible to map functions to property lists such that the function is applied to every key–value pair within the list.

Each entry in a property list must have a unique  $\langle key \rangle$ : if an entry is added to a property list which already contains the  $\langle key \rangle$  then the new entry will overwrite the existing one. The  $\langle keys \rangle$  are compared on a string basis, using the same method as `\str_if_eq:nn`.

Property lists are intended for storing key-based information for use within code. This is in contrast to key–value lists, which are a form of *input* parsed by the `keys` module.

### 1 Creating and initialising property lists

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 $\backslash\text{prop\_new:N}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_new:c}$ 


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 $\backslash\text{prop\_new:N}$   $\langle property\ list \rangle$ 

Creates a new  $\langle property\ list \rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The  $\langle property\ list \rangle$  will initially contain no entries.

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 $\backslash\text{prop\_clear:N}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_clear:c}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_gclear:N}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_gclear:c}$ 


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 $\backslash\text{prop\_clear:N}$   $\langle property\ list \rangle$ 

Clears all entries from the  $\langle property\ list \rangle$ .

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 $\backslash\text{prop\_clear\_new:N}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_clear\_new:c}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_gclear\_new:N}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_gclear\_new:c}$ 


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 $\backslash\text{prop\_clear\_new:N}$   $\langle property\ list \rangle$ 

Ensures that the  $\langle property\ list \rangle$  exists globally by applying  $\backslash\text{prop\_new:N}$  if necessary, then applies  $\backslash\text{prop\_clear:N}$  to leave the list empty.

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 $\backslash\text{prop\_set\_eq:NN}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_set\_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_gset\_eq:NN}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_gset\_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)}$ 


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 $\backslash\text{prop\_set\_eq:NN}$   $\langle property\ list_1 \rangle$   $\langle property\ list_2 \rangle$ 

Sets the content of  $\langle property\ list_1 \rangle$  equal to that of  $\langle property\ list_2 \rangle$ .

## 2 Adding entries to property lists

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<code>\prop_put:Nnn</code> <code>\prop_put:(NnV Nno Nnx NVn NVV Non Noo cnn cnV cno cnx cVn cVV con coo)</code> <code>\prop_gput:Nnn</code> <code>\prop_gput:(NnV Nno Nnx NVn NVV Non Noo cnn cnV cno cnx cVn cVV con coo)</code>	<code>\prop_put:Nnn &lt;property list&gt;</code> <code>{&lt;key&gt;} {&lt;value&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2012-07-09

Adds an entry to the *<property list>* which may be accessed using the *<key>* and which has *<value>*. Both the *<key>* and *<value>* may contain any *<balanced text>*. The *<key>* is stored after processing with `\tl_to_str:n`, meaning that category codes are ignored. If the *<key>* is already present in the *<property list>*, the existing entry is overwritten by the new *<value>*.

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<code>\prop_put_if_new:Nnn</code> <code>\prop_put_if_new:cnn</code> <code>\prop_gput_if_new:Nnn</code> <code>\prop_gput_if_new:cnn</code>	<code>\prop_put_if_new:Nnn &lt;property list&gt; {&lt;key&gt;} {&lt;value&gt;}</code> <p>If the <i>&lt;key&gt;</i> is present in the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> then no action is taken. If the <i>&lt;key&gt;</i> is not present in the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> then a new entry is added. Both the <i>&lt;key&gt;</i> and <i>&lt;value&gt;</i> may contain any <i>&lt;balanced text&gt;</i>. The <i>&lt;key&gt;</i> is stored after processing with <code>\tl_to_str:n</code>, meaning that category codes are ignored.</p>
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## 3 Recovering values from property lists

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<code>\prop_get:NnN</code> <code>\prop_get:(NVN NoN cnN cVN coN)</code>	<code>\prop_get:NnN &lt;property list&gt; {&lt;key&gt;} &lt;tl var&gt;</code>
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Updated: 2011-08-28

Recovers the *<value>* stored with *<key>* from the *<property list>*, and places this in the *<token list variable>*. If the *<key>* is not found in the *<property list>* then the *<token list variable>* will contain the special marker `\q_no_value`. The *<token list variable>* is set within the current  $\TeX$  group. See also `\prop_get:NnNTF`.

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<code>\prop_pop:NnN</code> <code>\prop_pop:(NoN cnN coN)</code>	<code>\prop_pop:NnN &lt;property list&gt; {&lt;key&gt;} &lt;tl var&gt;</code> <p>Recovers the <i>&lt;value&gt;</i> stored with <i>&lt;key&gt;</i> from the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i>, and places this in the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i>. If the <i>&lt;key&gt;</i> is not found in the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> then the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> will contain the special marker <code>\q_no_value</code>. The <i>&lt;key&gt;</i> and <i>&lt;value&gt;</i> are then deleted from the property list. Both assignments are local. See also <code>\prop_pop:NnNTF</code>.</p>
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Updated: 2011-08-18

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<code>\prop_gpop:NnN</code> <code>\prop_gpop:(NoN cnN coN)</code>	<code>\prop_gpop:NnN &lt;property list&gt; {&lt;key&gt;} &lt;tl var&gt;</code> <p>Recovers the <i>&lt;value&gt;</i> stored with <i>&lt;key&gt;</i> from the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i>, and places this in the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i>. If the <i>&lt;key&gt;</i> is not found in the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> then the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> will contain the special marker <code>\q_no_value</code>. The <i>&lt;key&gt;</i> and <i>&lt;value&gt;</i> are then deleted from the property list. The <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> is modified globally, while the assignment of the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> is local. See also <code>\prop_gpop:NnNTF</code>.</p>
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Updated: 2011-08-18

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<code>\prop_item:Nn</code> ★	<code>\prop_item:Nn</code> $\langle property list \rangle$ $\{\langle key \rangle\}$
<code>\prop_item:cn</code> ★	
New: 2014-07-17	Expands to the $\langle value \rangle$ corresponding to the $\langle key \rangle$ in the $\langle property list \rangle$ . If the $\langle key \rangle$ is missing, this has an empty expansion.

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**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This function is slower than the non-expandable analogue `\prop_get:NnN`. The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the  $\langle value \rangle$  will not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

## 4 Modifying property lists

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<code>\prop_remove:Nn</code>	<code>\prop_remove:Nn</code> $\langle property list \rangle$ $\{\langle key \rangle\}$
<code>\prop_remove:(NV cn cV)</code>	
<code>\prop_gremove:Nn</code>	Removes the entry listed under $\langle key \rangle$ from the $\langle property list \rangle$ . If the $\langle key \rangle$ is not found in the $\langle property list \rangle$ no change occurs, <i>i.e.</i> there is no need to test for the existence of a key before deleting it.
<code>\prop_gremove:(NV cn cV)</code>	
New: 2012-05-12	

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## 5 Property list conditionals

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<code>\prop_if_exist_p:N</code> ★	<code>\prop_if_exist_p:N</code> $\langle property list \rangle$
<code>\prop_if_exist_p:c</code> ★	<code>\prop_if_exist:NTF</code> $\langle property list \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$
<code>\prop_if_exist:N<math>\underline{TF}</math></code> ★	Tests whether the $\langle property list \rangle$ is currently defined. This does not check that the $\langle property list \rangle$ really is a property list variable.
<code>\prop_if_exist:c<math>\underline{TF}</math></code> ★	
New: 2012-03-03	

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<code>\prop_if_empty_p:N</code> ★	<code>\prop_if_empty_p:N</code> $\langle property list \rangle$
<code>\prop_if_empty_p:c</code> ★	<code>\prop_if_empty:NTF</code> $\langle property list \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$
<code>\prop_if_empty:N<math>\underline{TF}</math></code> ★	Tests if the $\langle property list \rangle$ is empty (containing no entries).
<code>\prop_if_empty:c<math>\underline{TF}</math></code> ★	

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<code>\prop_if_in_p:Nn</code> ★	<code>\prop_if_in:NnTF</code> $\langle property list \rangle$ $\{\langle key \rangle\}$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$
<code>\prop_if_in_p:(NV No cn cV co)</code> ★	
<code>\prop_if_in:Nn<math>\underline{TF}</math></code> ★	
<code>\prop_if_in:(NV No cn cV co)<math>\underline{TF}</math></code> ★	
Updated: 2011-09-15	

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Tests if the  $\langle key \rangle$  is present in the  $\langle property list \rangle$ , making the comparison using the method described by `\str_if_eq:nnTF`.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This function iterates through every key–value pair in the  $\langle property list \rangle$  and is therefore slower than using the non-expandable `\prop_get:NnNTF`.

## 6 Recovering values from property lists with branching

The functions in this section combine tests for the presence of a key in a property list with recovery of the associated valued. This makes them useful for cases where different cases follow dependent on the presence or absence of a key in a property list. They offer increased readability and performance over separate testing and recovery phases.

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<code>\prop_get:NnNTF</code> <code>\prop_get:(NVN NoN cnN cVN coN)TF</code>	<code>\prop_get:NnNTF &lt;property list&gt; {&lt;key&gt;} &lt;token list variable&gt;</code> <code>{&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2012-05-19

If the *<key>* is not present in the *<property list>*, leaves the *<false code>* in the input stream. The value of the *<token list variable>* is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the *<key>* is present in the *<property list>*, stores the corresponding *<value>* in the *<token list variable>* without removing it from the *<property list>*, then leaves the *<true code>* in the input stream. The *<token list variable>* is assigned locally.

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<code>\prop_pop:NnNTF</code> <code>\prop_pop:cnNTF</code>	<code>\prop_pop:NnNTF &lt;property list&gt; {&lt;key&gt;} &lt;token list variable&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;}</code> <code>{&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
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New: 2011-08-18  
Updated: 2012-05-19

If the *<key>* is not present in the *<property list>*, leaves the *<false code>* in the input stream. The value of the *<token list variable>* is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the *<key>* is present in the *<property list>*, pops the corresponding *<value>* in the *<token list variable>*, *i.e.* removes the item from the *<property list>*. Both the *<property list>* and the *<token list variable>* are assigned locally.

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<code>\prop_gpop:NnNTF</code> <code>\prop_gpop:cnNTF</code>	<code>\prop_gpop:NnNTF &lt;property list&gt; {&lt;key&gt;} &lt;token list variable&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;}</code> <code>{&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
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New: 2011-08-18  
Updated: 2012-05-19

If the *<key>* is not present in the *<property list>*, leaves the *<false code>* in the input stream. The value of the *<token list variable>* is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the *<key>* is present in the *<property list>*, pops the corresponding *<value>* in the *<token list variable>*, *i.e.* removes the item from the *<property list>*. The *<property list>* is modified globally, while the *<token list variable>* is assigned locally.

## 7 Mapping to property lists

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<code>\prop_map_function:NN</code> ☆ <code>\prop_map_function:cN</code> ☆	<code>\prop_map_function:NN &lt;property list&gt; &lt;function&gt;</code>
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Updated: 2013-01-08

Applies *<function>* to every *<entry>* stored in the *<property list>*. The *<function>* will receive two argument for each iteration: the *<key>* and associated *<value>*. The order in which *<entries>* are returned is not defined and should not be relied upon.

<code>\prop_map_inline:Nn</code>	<code>\prop_map_inline:Nn &lt;property list&gt; {(inline function)}</code>
<code>\prop_map_inline:cn</code>	Applies <i>&lt;inline function&gt;</i> to every <i>&lt;entry&gt;</i> stored within the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> . The <i>&lt;inline function&gt;</i> should consist of code which will receive the <i>&lt;key&gt;</i> as #1 and the <i>&lt;value&gt;</i> as #2. The order in which <i>&lt;entries&gt;</i> are returned is not defined and should not be relied upon.
Updated: 2013-01-08	

<code>\prop_map_break:☆</code>	<code>\prop_map_break:</code>
Updated: 2012-06-29	Used to terminate a <code>\prop_map...</code> function before all entries in the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> have been processed. This will normally take place within a conditional statement, for example

```

\prop_map_inline:Nn \l_my_prop
{
  \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { bingo }
  { \prop_map_break: }
  {
    % Do something useful
  }
}

```

Use outside of a `\prop_map...` scenario will lead to low level TeX errors.

<code>\prop_map_break:n☆</code>	<code>\prop_map_break:n {(tokens)}</code>
Updated: 2012-06-29	Used to terminate a <code>\prop_map...</code> function before all entries in the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> have been processed, inserting the <i>&lt;tokens&gt;</i> after the mapping has ended. This will normally take place within a conditional statement, for example

```

\prop_map_inline:Nn \l_my_prop
{
  \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { bingo }
  { \prop_map_break:n { <tokens> } }
  {
    % Do something useful
  }
}

```

Use outside of a `\prop_map...` scenario will lead to low level TeX errors.

## 8 Viewing property lists

<code>\prop_show:N</code>	<code>\prop_show:N &lt;property list&gt;</code>
<code>\prop_show:c</code>	Displays the entries in the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> in the terminal.
Updated: 2015-08-01	

## 9 Scratch property lists

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<code>\l_tmpa_prop</code>	Scratch property lists for local assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.
<code>\l_tmpb_prop</code>	
New: 2012-06-23	

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<code>\g_tmpa_prop</code>	Scratch property lists for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.
<code>\g_tmpb_prop</code>	
New: 2012-06-23	

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## 10 Constants

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<code>\c_empty_prop</code>	A permanently-empty property list used for internal comparisons.
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## 11 Internal property list functions

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<code>\s__prop</code>	The internal token used at the beginning of property lists. This is also used after each $\langle key \rangle$ (see <code>\__prop_pair:wn</code> ).
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<code>\__prop_pair:wn</code>	<code>\__prop_pair:wn <math>\langle key \rangle</math> \s__prop {<math>\langle item \rangle</math>}</code>
	The internal token used to begin each key–value pair in the property list. If expanded outside of a mapping or manipulation function, an error will be raised. The definition should always be set globally.

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<code>\l__prop_internal_tl</code>	Token list used to store new key–value pairs to be inserted by functions of the <code>\prop_put:Nnn</code> family.
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<code>\__prop_split:NnTF</code>	<code>\__prop_split:NnTF <math>\langle property list \rangle</math> {<math>\langle key \rangle</math>} {<math>\langle true code \rangle</math>} {<math>\langle false code \rangle</math>}</code>
Updated: 2013-01-08	Splits the $\langle property list \rangle$ at the $\langle key \rangle$ , giving three token lists: the $\langle extract \rangle$ of $\langle property list \rangle$ before the $\langle key \rangle$ , the $\langle value \rangle$ associated with the $\langle key \rangle$ and the $\langle extract \rangle$ of the $\langle property list \rangle$ after the $\langle value \rangle$ . Both $\langle extracts \rangle$ retain the internal structure of a property list, and the concatenation of the two $\langle extracts \rangle$ is a property list. If the $\langle key \rangle$ is present in the $\langle property list \rangle$ then the $\langle true code \rangle$ is left in the input stream, with #1, #2, and #3 replaced by the first $\langle extract \rangle$ , the $\langle value \rangle$ , and the second extract. If the $\langle key \rangle$ is not present in the $\langle property list \rangle$ then the $\langle false code \rangle$ is left in the input stream, with no trailing material. Both $\langle true code \rangle$ and $\langle false code \rangle$ are used in the replacement text of a macro defined internally, hence macro parameter characters should be doubled, except #1, #2, and #3 which stand in the $\langle true code \rangle$ for the three extracts from the property list. The $\langle key \rangle$ comparison takes place as described for <code>\str_if_eq:nn</code> .

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# Part XVI

## The l3box package

### Boxes

There are three kinds of box operations: horizontal mode denoted with prefix `\hbox_`, vertical mode with prefix `\vbox_`, and the generic operations working in both modes with prefix `\box_`.

## 1 Creating and initialising boxes

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<code>\box_new:N</code>	<code>\box_new:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
<code>\box_new:c</code>	Creates a new $\langle box \rangle$ or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The $\langle box \rangle$ will initially be void.

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<code>\box_clear:N</code>	<code>\box_clear:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
<code>\box_clear:c</code>	Clears the content of the $\langle box \rangle$ by setting the box equal to <code>\c_void_box</code> .
<code>\box_gclear:N</code>	
<code>\box_gclear:c</code>	

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<code>\box_clear_new:N</code>	<code>\box_clear_new:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
<code>\box_clear_new:c</code>	Ensures that the $\langle box \rangle$ exists globally by applying <code>\box_new:N</code> if necessary, then applies <code>\box_(g)clear:N</code> to leave the $\langle box \rangle$ empty.
<code>\box_gclear_new:N</code>	
<code>\box_gclear_new:c</code>	

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<code>\box_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\box_set_eq:NN &lt;box<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;box<sub>2</sub>&gt;</code>
<code>\box_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	Sets the content of $\langle box_1 \rangle$ equal to that of $\langle box_2 \rangle$ .
<code>\box_gset_eq:NN</code>	
<code>\box_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	

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<code>\box_set_eq_clear:NN</code>	<code>\box_set_eq_clear:NN &lt;box<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;box<sub>2</sub>&gt;</code>
<code>\box_set_eq_clear:(cN Nc cc)</code>	Sets the content of $\langle box_1 \rangle$ within the current TeX group equal to that of $\langle box_2 \rangle$ , then clears $\langle box_2 \rangle$ globally.

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<code>\box_gset_eq_clear:NN</code>	<code>\box_gset_eq_clear:NN &lt;box<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;box<sub>2</sub>&gt;</code>
<code>\box_gset_eq_clear:(cN Nc cc)</code>	Sets the content of $\langle box_1 \rangle$ equal to that of $\langle box_2 \rangle$ , then clears $\langle box_2 \rangle$ . These assignments are global.

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<code>\box_if_exist_p:N</code> ★	<code>\box_if_exist_p:N</code> $\langle box \rangle$
<code>\box_if_exist_p:c</code> ★	<code>\box_if_exist:N</code> $\langle box \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
<code>\box_if_exist:N</code> ★	Tests whether the $\langle box \rangle$ is currently defined. This does not check that the $\langle box \rangle$ really is a box.
<code>\box_if_exist:c</code> ★	

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New: 2012-03-03

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## 2 Using boxes

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<code>\box_use:N</code>	<code>\box_use:N</code> $\langle box \rangle$
<code>\box_use:c</code>	Inserts the current content of the $\langle box \rangle$ onto the current list for typesetting.

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**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\copy`.

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<code>\box_use_clear:N</code>	<code>\box_use_clear:N</code> $\langle box \rangle$
<code>\box_use_clear:c</code>	Inserts the current content of the $\langle box \rangle$ onto the current list for typesetting, then globally clears the content of the $\langle box \rangle$ .

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**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\box`.

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<code>\box_move_right:nn</code>	<code>\box_move_right:nn</code> $\{\langle dimexpr \rangle\}$ $\{\langle box\ function \rangle\}$
<code>\box_move_left:nn</code>	This function operates in vertical mode, and inserts the material specified by the $\langle box\ function \rangle$ such that its reference point is displaced horizontally by the given $\langle dimexpr \rangle$ from the reference point for typesetting, to the right or left as appropriate. The $\langle box\ function \rangle$ should be a box operation such as <code>\box_use:N</code> $\langle box \rangle$ or a “raw” box specification such as <code>\vbox:n</code> { xyz }.

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<code>\box_move_up:nn</code>	<code>\box_move_up:nn</code> $\{\langle dimexpr \rangle\}$ $\{\langle box\ function \rangle\}$
<code>\box_move_down:nn</code>	This function operates in horizontal mode, and inserts the material specified by the $\langle box\ function \rangle$ such that its reference point is displaced vertical by the given $\langle dimexpr \rangle$ from the reference point for typesetting, up or down as appropriate. The $\langle box\ function \rangle$ should be a box operation such as <code>\box_use:N</code> $\langle box \rangle$ or a “raw” box specification such as <code>\vbox:n</code> { xyz }.

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## 3 Measuring and setting box dimensions

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<code>\box_dp:N</code>	<code>\box_dp:N</code> $\langle box \rangle$
<code>\box_dp:c</code>	Calculates the depth (below the baseline) of the $\langle box \rangle$ in a form suitable for use in a $\langle dimension\ expression \rangle$ .

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**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\dp`.



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<code>\box_ht:N</code>	<code>\box_ht:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
<code>\box_ht:c</code>	Calculates the height (above the baseline) of the $\langle box \rangle$ in a form suitable for use in a $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .

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**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\ht`.

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<code>\box_wd:N</code>	<code>\box_wd:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
<code>\box_wd:c</code>	Calculates the width of the $\langle box \rangle$ in a form suitable for use in a $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .

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**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\wd`.

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<code>\box_set_dp:Nn</code>	<code>\box_set_dp:Nn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;dimension expression&gt;}</code>
<code>\box_set_dp:cn</code>	Set the depth (below the baseline) of the $\langle box \rangle$ to the value of the $\{ \langle dimension expression \rangle \}$ . This is a global assignment.

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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<code>\box_set_ht:Nn</code>	<code>\box_set_ht:Nn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;dimension expression&gt;}</code>
<code>\box_set_ht:cn</code>	Set the height (above the baseline) of the $\langle box \rangle$ to the value of the $\{ \langle dimension expression \rangle \}$ . This is a global assignment.

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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<code>\box_set_wd:Nn</code>	<code>\box_set_wd:Nn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;dimension expression&gt;}</code>
<code>\box_set_wd:cn</code>	Set the width of the $\langle box \rangle$ to the value of the $\{ \langle dimension expression \rangle \}$ . This is a global assignment.

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Updated: 2011-10-22

## 4 Box conditionals

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<code>\box_if_empty_p:N</code>	<code>\box_if_empty_p:N &lt;box&gt;</code>	★
<code>\box_if_empty_p:c</code>	<code>\box_if_empty:NTF &lt;box&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>	★
<code>\box_if_empty:NTF</code>	Tests if $\langle box \rangle$ is a empty (equal to <code>\c_empty_box</code> ).	★
<code>\box_if_empty:cTF</code>		★

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<code>\box_if_horizontal_p:N</code>	<code>\box_if_horizontal_p:N &lt;box&gt;</code>	★
<code>\box_if_horizontal_p:c</code>	<code>\box_if_horizontal:NTF &lt;box&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>	★
<code>\box_if_horizontal:NTF</code>	Tests if $\langle box \rangle$ is a horizontal box.	★
<code>\box_if_horizontal:cTF</code>		★

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<code>\box_if_vertical_p:N</code>	<code>\box_if_vertical_p:N &lt;box&gt;</code>	★
<code>\box_if_vertical_p:c</code>	<code>\box_if_vertical:NTF &lt;box&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>	★
<code>\box_if_vertical:NTF</code>	Tests if $\langle box \rangle$ is a vertical box.	★
<code>\box_if_vertical:cTF</code>		★

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## 5 The last box inserted

<hr/> <code>\box_set_to_last:N</code>	<code>\box_set_to_last:N</code> $\langle box \rangle$
<code>\box_set_to_last:c</code>	
<code>\box_gset_to_last:N</code>	Sets the $\langle box \rangle$ equal to the last item (box) added to the current partial list, removing the item from the list at the same time. When applied to the main vertical list, the $\langle box \rangle$ will always be void as it is not possible to recover the last added item.
<code>\box_gset_to_last:c</code>	

## 6 Constant boxes

<hr/> <code>\c_empty_box</code>	This is a permanently empty box, which is neither set as horizontal nor vertical.
<code>Updated: 2012-11-04</code>	

## 7 Scratch boxes

<hr/> <code>\l_tmpa_box</code>	Scratch boxes for local assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.
<code>\l_tmpb_box</code>	
<code>Updated: 2012-11-04</code>	

<hr/> <code>\g_tmpa_box</code>	Scratch boxes for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.
<code>\g_tmpb_box</code>	

## 8 Viewing box contents

<hr/> <code>\box_show:N</code>	<code>\box_show:N</code> $\langle box \rangle$
<code>\box_show:c</code>	Shows full details of the content of the $\langle box \rangle$ in the terminal.
<code>Updated: 2012-05-11</code>	
<hr/> <code>\box_show:Nnn</code>	<code>\box_show:Nnn</code> $\langle box \rangle$ $\langle intexpr_1 \rangle$ $\langle intexpr_2 \rangle$
<code>\box_show:cnn</code>	Display the contents of $\langle box \rangle$ in the terminal, showing the first $\langle intexpr_1 \rangle$ items of the box, and descending into $\langle intexpr_2 \rangle$ group levels.
<code>New: 2012-05-11</code>	
<hr/> <code>\box_log:N</code>	<code>\box_log:N</code> $\langle box \rangle$
<code>\box_log:c</code>	Writes full details of the content of the $\langle box \rangle$ to the log.
<code>New: 2012-05-11</code>	

<hr/> <code>\box_log:Nnn</code> <hr/>	<code>\box_log:Nnn &lt;box&gt; &lt;intexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;intexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt;</code>
<code>\box_log:cnn</code> <hr/>	Writes the contents of $\langle box \rangle$ to the log, showing the first $\langle intexpr_1 \rangle$ items of the box, and descending into $\langle intexpr_2 \rangle$ group levels.
<code>New: 2012-05-11</code> <hr/>	

## 9 Horizontal mode boxes

<hr/> <code>\hbox:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\hbox:n {\langle contents \rangle}</code>
	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ into a horizontal box of natural width and then includes this box in the current list for typesetting.

<hr/> <code>\hbox_to_wd:nn</code> <hr/>	<code>\hbox_to_wd:nn {\langle dimexpr \rangle} {\langle contents \rangle}</code>
	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ into a horizontal box of width $\langle dimexpr \rangle$ and then includes this box in the current list for typesetting.

<hr/> <code>\hbox_to_zero:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\hbox_to_zero:n {\langle contents \rangle}</code>
	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ into a horizontal box of zero width and then includes this box in the current list for typesetting.

<hr/> <code>\hbox_set:Nn</code> <hr/>	<code>\hbox_set:Nn &lt;box&gt; {\langle contents \rangle}</code>
<code>\hbox_set:cn</code> <hr/>	
<code>\hbox_gset:Nn</code> <hr/>	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ at natural width and then stores the result inside the $\langle box \rangle$ .
<code>\hbox_gset:cn</code> <hr/>	

<hr/> <code>\hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn</code> <hr/>	<code>\hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn &lt;box&gt; {\langle dimexpr \rangle} {\langle contents \rangle}</code>
<code>\hbox_set_to_wd:cnn</code> <hr/>	
<code>\hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnn</code> <hr/>	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ to the width given by the $\langle dimexpr \rangle$ and then stores the result inside the $\langle box \rangle$ .
<code>\hbox_gset_to_wd:cnn</code> <hr/>	

<hr/> <code>\hbox_overlap_right:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\hbox_overlap_right:n {\langle contents \rangle}</code>
	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ into a horizontal box of zero width such that material will protrude to the right of the insertion point.

<hr/> <code>\hbox_overlap_left:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\hbox_overlap_left:n {\langle contents \rangle}</code>
	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ into a horizontal box of zero width such that material will protrude to the left of the insertion point.

<hr/> <code>\hbox_set:Nw</code> <hr/>	<code>\hbox_set:Nw &lt;box&gt; &lt;contents&gt; \hbox_set_end:</code>
<code>\hbox_set:cw</code> <hr/>	
<code>\hbox_set_end:</code> <hr/>	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ at natural width and then stores the result inside the $\langle box \rangle$ . In contrast to <code>\hbox_set:Nn</code> this function does not absorb the argument when finding the $\langle content \rangle$ , and so can be used in circumstances where the $\langle content \rangle$ may not be a simple argument.
<code>\hbox_gset:Nw</code> <hr/>	
<code>\hbox_gset:cw</code> <hr/>	
<code>\hbox_gset_end:</code> <hr/>	

<hr/> <code>\hbox_unpack:N</code> <hr/>	<code>\hbox_unpack:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
<code>\hbox_unpack:c</code> <hr/>	Unpacks the content of the horizontal $\langle box \rangle$ , retaining any stretching or shrinking applied when the $\langle box \rangle$ was set.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\unhcopy`.

<hr/> <code>\hbox_unpack_clear:N</code> <hr/>	<code>\hbox_unpack_clear:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
<code>\hbox_unpack_clear:c</code> <hr/>	Unpacks the content of the horizontal $\langle box \rangle$ , retaining any stretching or shrinking applied when the $\langle box \rangle$ was set. The $\langle box \rangle$ is then cleared globally.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\unhbox`.

## 10 Vertical mode boxes

Vertical boxes inherit their baseline from their contents. The standard case is that the baseline of the box is at the same position as that of the last item added to the box. This means that the box will have no depth unless the last item added to it had depth. As a result most vertical boxes have a large height value and small or zero depth. The exception are `_top` boxes, where the reference point is that of the first item added. These tend to have a large depth and small height, although the latter will typically be non-zero.

<hr/> <code>\vbox:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\vbox:n {\langle contents \rangle}</code>
Updated: 2011-12-18	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ into a vertical box of natural height and includes this box in the current list for typesetting.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\vbox`.

<hr/> <code>\vbox_top:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\vbox_top:n {\langle contents \rangle}</code>
Updated: 2011-12-18	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ into a vertical box of natural height and includes this box in the current list for typesetting. The baseline of the box will be equal to that of the <i>first</i> item added to the box.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\vtop`.

<hr/> <code>\vbox_to_ht:nn</code> <hr/>	<code>\vbox_to_ht:nn {\langle dimexpr \rangle} {\langle contents \rangle}</code>
Updated: 2011-12-18	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ into a vertical box of height $\langle dimexpr \rangle$ and then includes this box in the current list for typesetting.

<hr/> <code>\vbox_to_zero:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\vbox_to_zero:n {\langle contents \rangle}</code>
Updated: 2011-12-18	Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ into a vertical box of zero height and then includes this box in the current list for typesetting.

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<code>\vbox_set:Nn</code>	<code>\vbox_set:Nn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;contents&gt;}</code>
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<code>\vbox_set:cn</code>
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<code>\vbox_gset:Nn</code>
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<code>\vbox_gset:cn</code>
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<code>\vbox_set_top:Nn</code>	<code>\vbox_set_top:Nn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;contents&gt;}</code>
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<code>\vbox_set_top:cn</code>
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<code>\vbox_gset_top:Nn</code>
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<code>\vbox_gset_top:cn</code>
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<code>\vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn</code>	<code>\vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;dimexpr&gt;} {&lt;contents&gt;}</code>
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<code>\vbox_set_to_ht:cnn</code>
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<code>\vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnn</code>
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<code>\vbox_gset_to_ht:cnn</code>
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<code>\vbox_set:Nw</code>	<code>\vbox_set:Nw &lt;box&gt; &lt;contents&gt; \vbox_set_end:</code>
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<code>\vbox_set:cw</code>
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<code>\vbox_set_end:</code>
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<code>\vbox_gset:Nw</code>
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<code>\vbox_gset:cw</code>
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<code>\vbox_gset_end:</code>
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Updated: 2011-12-18
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<code>\vbox_set_split_to_ht:NNn</code>	<code>\vbox_set_split_to_ht:NNn &lt;box<sub>12</sub></code>
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Updated: 2011-10-22
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Typesets the  $\langle contents \rangle$  at natural height and then stores the result inside the  $\langle box \rangle$ .

Typesets the  $\langle contents \rangle$  at natural height and then stores the result inside the  $\langle box \rangle$ . The baseline of the box will be equal to that of the *first* item added to the box.

Typesets the  $\langle contents \rangle$  to the height given by the  $\langle dimexpr \rangle$  and then stores the result inside the  $\langle box \rangle$ .

Typesets the  $\langle contents \rangle$  at natural height and then stores the result inside the  $\langle box \rangle$ . In contrast to `\vbox_set:Nn` this function does not absorb the argument when finding the  $\langle content \rangle$ , and so can be used in circumstances where the  $\langle content \rangle$  may not be a simple argument.

Sets  $\langle box_1 \rangle$  to contain material to the height given by the  $\langle dimexpr \rangle$  by removing content from the top of  $\langle box_2 \rangle$  (which must be a vertical box).

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\vsplit`.

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<code>\vbox_unpack:N</code>	<code>\vbox_unpack:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
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<code>\vbox_unpack:c</code>
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Unpacks the content of the vertical  $\langle box \rangle$ , retaining any stretching or shrinking applied when the  $\langle box \rangle$  was set.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\unvcopy`.

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<code>\vbox_unpack_clear:N</code>	<code>\vbox_unpack:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
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<code>\vbox_unpack_clear:c</code>
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Unpacks the content of the vertical  $\langle box \rangle$ , retaining any stretching or shrinking applied when the  $\langle box \rangle$  was set. The  $\langle box \rangle$  is then cleared globally.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\unvbox`.

## 11 Primitive box conditionals

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`\if_hbox:N` ★    `\if_hbox:N`  $\langle box \rangle$   
                   $\langle true\ code \rangle$   
`\else:`  
                   $\langle false\ code \rangle$   
`\fi:`

Tests if  $\langle box \rangle$  is a horizontal box.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\ifhbox`.

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`\if_vbox:N` ★    `\if_vbox:N`  $\langle box \rangle$   
                   $\langle true\ code \rangle$   
`\else:`  
                   $\langle false\ code \rangle$   
`\fi:`

Tests if  $\langle box \rangle$  is a vertical box.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\ifvbox`.

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`\if_box_empty:N` ★    `\if_box_empty:N`  $\langle box \rangle$   
                   $\langle true\ code \rangle$   
`\else:`  
                   $\langle false\ code \rangle$   
`\fi:`

Tests if  $\langle box \rangle$  is an empty (void) box.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\ifvoid`.

## Part XVII

# The l3coffins package

## Coffin code layer

The material in this module provides the low-level support system for coffins. For details about the design concept of a coffin, see the xcoffins module (in the l3experimental bundle).

### 1 Creating and initialising coffins

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`\coffin_new:N`

`\coffin_new:c`

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New: 2011-08-17

`\coffin_new:N`  $\langle coffin \rangle$

Creates a new  $\langle coffin \rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The  $\langle coffin \rangle$  will initially be empty.

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`\coffin_clear:N`

`\coffin_clear:c`

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New: 2011-08-17

`\coffin_clear:N`  $\langle coffin \rangle$

Clears the content of the  $\langle coffin \rangle$  within the current TeX group level.

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`\coffin_set_eq:NN`

`\coffin_set_eq:(Nc|cN|cc)`

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New: 2011-08-17

`\coffin_set_eq:NN`  $\langle coffin_1 \rangle$   $\langle coffin_2 \rangle$

Sets both the content and poles of  $\langle coffin_1 \rangle$  equal to those of  $\langle coffin_2 \rangle$  within the current TeX group level.

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`\coffin_if_exist_p:N` ★

`\coffin_if_exist_p:c` ★

`\coffin_if_exist:NTF` ★

`\coffin_if_exist:cTF` ★

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New: 2012-06-20

`\coffin_if_exist_p:N`  $\langle box \rangle$

`\coffin_if_exist:NTF`  $\langle box \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

Tests whether the  $\langle coffin \rangle$  is currently defined.

### 2 Setting coffin content and poles

All coffin functions create and manipulate coffins locally within the current TeX group level.

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`\hcoffin_set:Nn`

`\hcoffin_set:cn`

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New: 2011-08-17

Updated: 2011-09-03

`\hcoffin_set:Nn`  $\langle coffin \rangle$   $\{\langle material \rangle\}$

Typesets the  $\langle material \rangle$  in horizontal mode, storing the result in the  $\langle coffin \rangle$ . The standard poles for the  $\langle coffin \rangle$  are then set up based on the size of the typeset material.

<hr/> <code>\hcoffin_set:Nw</code> <code>\hcoffin_set:cw</code> <code>\hcoffin_set_end:</code> <hr/> New: 2011-09-10	<code>\hcoffin_set:Nw &lt;coffin&gt; &lt;material&gt; \hcoffin_set_end:</code> Typesets the $\langle material \rangle$ in horizontal mode, storing the result in the $\langle coffin \rangle$ . The standard poles for the $\langle coffin \rangle$ are then set up based on the size of the typeset material. These functions are useful for setting the entire contents of an environment in a coffin.
<hr/> <code>\vcoffin_set:Nnn</code> <code>\vcoffin_set:cnn</code> <hr/> New: 2011-08-17 Updated: 2012-05-22	<code>\vcoffin_set:Nnn &lt;coffin&gt; {&lt;width&gt;} {&lt;material&gt;}</code> Typesets the $\langle material \rangle$ in vertical mode constrained to the given $\langle width \rangle$ and stores the result in the $\langle coffin \rangle$ . The standard poles for the $\langle coffin \rangle$ are then set up based on the size of the typeset material.
<hr/> <code>\vcoffin_set:Nnw</code> <code>\vcoffin_set:cnw</code> <code>\vcoffin_set_end:</code> <hr/> New: 2011-09-10 Updated: 2012-05-22	<code>\vcoffin_set:Nnw &lt;coffin&gt; {&lt;width&gt;} &lt;material&gt; \vcoffin_set_end:</code> Typesets the $\langle material \rangle$ in vertical mode constrained to the given $\langle width \rangle$ and stores the result in the $\langle coffin \rangle$ . The standard poles for the $\langle coffin \rangle$ are then set up based on the size of the typeset material. These functions are useful for setting the entire contents of an environment in a coffin.
<hr/> <code>\coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn</code> <code>\coffin_set_horizontal_pole:cnn</code> <hr/> New: 2012-07-20	<code>\coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn &lt;coffin&gt; {&lt;pole&gt;} {&lt;offset&gt;}</code> Sets the $\langle pole \rangle$ to run horizontally through the $\langle coffin \rangle$ . The $\langle pole \rangle$ will be located at the $\langle offset \rangle$ from the bottom edge of the bounding box of the $\langle coffin \rangle$ . The $\langle offset \rangle$ should be given as a dimension expression.
<hr/> <code>\coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn</code> <code>\coffin_set_vertical_pole:cnn</code> <hr/> New: 2012-07-20	<code>\coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn &lt;coffin&gt; {&lt;pole&gt;} {&lt;offset&gt;}</code> Sets the $\langle pole \rangle$ to run vertically through the $\langle coffin \rangle$ . The $\langle pole \rangle$ will be located at the $\langle offset \rangle$ from the left-hand edge of the bounding box of the $\langle coffin \rangle$ . The $\langle offset \rangle$ should be given as a dimension expression.



### 3 Joining and using coffins

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<code>\coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn</code>	<code>\coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn</code>
<code>\coffin_attach:(cnnNnnnn Nnnnnnn cnnnnnn)</code>	<code>\coffin_attach:(cnnNnnnn Nnnnnnn cnnnnnn)</code>
	<code>\coffin_1 \{ \coffin_1-pole_1 \} \{ \coffin_1-pole_2 \}</code>
	<code>\coffin_2 \{ \coffin_2-pole_1 \} \{ \coffin_2-pole_2 \}</code>
	<code>\{ \langle x-offset \rangle \} \{ \langle y-offset \rangle \}</code>

This function attaches  $\langle coffin_2 \rangle$  to  $\langle coffin_1 \rangle$  such that the bounding box of  $\langle coffin_1 \rangle$  is not altered, *i.e.*  $\langle coffin_2 \rangle$  can protrude outside of the bounding box of the coffin. The alignment is carried out by first calculating  $\langle handle_1 \rangle$ , the point of intersection of  $\langle coffin_1-pole_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle coffin_1-pole_2 \rangle$ , and  $\langle handle_2 \rangle$ , the point of intersection of  $\langle coffin_2-pole_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle coffin_2-pole_2 \rangle$ .  $\langle coffin_2 \rangle$  is then attached to  $\langle coffin_1 \rangle$  such that the relationship between  $\langle handle_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle handle_2 \rangle$  is described by the  $\langle x-offset \rangle$  and  $\langle y-offset \rangle$ . The two offsets should be given as dimension expressions.

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<code>\coffin_join:NnnNnnnn</code>	<code>\coffin_join:NnnNnnnn</code>
<code>\coffin_join:(cnnNnnnn Nnnnnnn cnnnnnn)</code>	<code>\coffin_join:(cnnNnnnn Nnnnnnn cnnnnnn)</code>
	<code>\coffin_1 \{ \coffin_1-pole_1 \} \{ \coffin_1-pole_2 \}</code>
	<code>\coffin_2 \{ \coffin_2-pole_1 \} \{ \coffin_2-pole_2 \}</code>
	<code>\{ \langle x-offset \rangle \} \{ \langle y-offset \rangle \}</code>

This function joins  $\langle coffin_2 \rangle$  to  $\langle coffin_1 \rangle$  such that the bounding box of  $\langle coffin_1 \rangle$  may expand. The new bounding box will cover the area containing the bounding boxes of the two original coffins. The alignment is carried out by first calculating  $\langle handle_1 \rangle$ , the point of intersection of  $\langle coffin_1-pole_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle coffin_1-pole_2 \rangle$ , and  $\langle handle_2 \rangle$ , the point of intersection of  $\langle coffin_2-pole_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle coffin_2-pole_2 \rangle$ .  $\langle coffin_2 \rangle$  is then attached to  $\langle coffin_1 \rangle$  such that the relationship between  $\langle handle_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle handle_2 \rangle$  is described by the  $\langle x-offset \rangle$  and  $\langle y-offset \rangle$ . The two offsets should be given as dimension expressions.

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<code>\coffin_typeset:Nnnnn</code>	<code>\coffin_typeset:Nnnnn \langle coffin \rangle \{ \langle pole_1 \rangle \} \{ \langle pole_2 \rangle \}</code>
<code>\coffin_typeset:cnnnn</code>	<code>\{ \langle x-offset \rangle \} \{ \langle y-offset \rangle \}</code>
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Updated: 2012-07-20	

Typesetting is carried out by first calculating  $\langle handle \rangle$ , the point of intersection of  $\langle pole_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle pole_2 \rangle$ . The coffin is then typeset in horizontal mode such that the relationship between the current reference point in the document and the  $\langle handle \rangle$  is described by the  $\langle x-offset \rangle$  and  $\langle y-offset \rangle$ . The two offsets should be given as dimension expressions. Typesetting a coffin is therefore analogous to carrying out an alignment where the “parent” coffin is the current insertion point.

### 4 Measuring coffins

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<code>\coffin_dp:N</code>	<code>\coffin_dp:N \langle coffin \rangle</code>
<code>\coffin_dp:c</code>	Calculates the depth (below the baseline) of the $\langle coffin \rangle$ in a form suitable for use in a $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .
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<hr/> <code>\coffin_ht:N</code> <hr/>	<code>\coffin_ht:N</code> $\langle coffin \rangle$
<code>\coffin_ht:c</code> <hr/>	Calculates the height (above the baseline) of the $\langle coffin \rangle$ in a form suitable for use in a $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .
<hr/> <code>\coffin_wd:N</code> <hr/>	<code>\coffin_wd:N</code> $\langle coffin \rangle$
<code>\coffin_wd:c</code> <hr/>	Calculates the width of the $\langle coffin \rangle$ in a form suitable for use in a $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .

## 5 Coffin diagnostics

<hr/> <code>\coffin_display_handles:Nn</code> <hr/>	<code>\coffin_display_handles:Nn</code> $\langle coffin \rangle$ $\{ \langle color \rangle \}$
<code>\coffin_display_handles:cn</code> <hr/>	This function first calculates the intersections between all of the $\langle poles \rangle$ of the $\langle coffin \rangle$ to give a set of $\langle handles \rangle$ . It then prints the $\langle coffin \rangle$ at the current location in the source, with the position of the $\langle handles \rangle$ marked on the coffin. The $\langle handles \rangle$ will be labelled as part of this process: the locations of the $\langle handles \rangle$ and the labels are both printed in the $\langle color \rangle$ specified.
Updated: 2011-09-02 <hr/>	

<hr/> <code>\coffin_mark_handle:Nnnn</code> <hr/>	<code>\coffin_mark_handle:Nnnn</code> $\langle coffin \rangle$ $\{ \langle pole_1 \rangle \}$ $\{ \langle pole_2 \rangle \}$ $\{ \langle color \rangle \}$
<code>\coffin_mark_handle:cnnn</code> <hr/>	This function first calculates the $\langle handle \rangle$ for the $\langle coffin \rangle$ as defined by the intersection of $\langle pole_1 \rangle$ and $\langle pole_2 \rangle$ . It then marks the position of the $\langle handle \rangle$ on the $\langle coffin \rangle$ . The $\langle handle \rangle$ will be labelled as part of this process: the location of the $\langle handle \rangle$ and the label are both printed in the $\langle color \rangle$ specified.
Updated: 2011-09-02 <hr/>	

<hr/> <code>\coffin_show_structure:N</code> <hr/>	<code>\coffin_show_structure:N</code> $\langle coffin \rangle$
<code>\coffin_show_structure:c</code> <hr/>	This function shows the structural information about the $\langle coffin \rangle$ in the terminal. The width, height and depth of the typeset material are given, along with the location of all of the poles of the coffin.
Updated: 2015-08-01 <hr/>	
Notice that the poles of a coffin are defined by four values: the $x$ and $y$ co-ordinates of a point that the pole passes through and the $x$ - and $y$ -components of a vector denoting the direction of the pole. It is the ratio between the later, rather than the absolute values, which determines the direction of the pole.	

### 5.1 Constants and variables

<hr/> <code>\c_empty_coffin</code> <hr/>	A permanently empty coffin.
<hr/> <code>\l_tmpa_coffin</code> <hr/>	Scratch coffins for local assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.
<code>\l_tmpb_coffin</code> <hr/>	
New: 2012-06-19 <hr/>	

## Part XVIII

# The l3color package

## Color support

This module provides support for color in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3. At present, the material here is mainly intended to support a small number of low-level requirements in other l3kernel modules.

### 1 Color in boxes

Controlling the color of text in boxes requires a small number of control functions, so that the boxed material uses the color at the point where it is set, rather than where it is used.

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```
\color_group_begin:  
\color_group_end:
```

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New: 2011-09-03

```
\color_group_begin:
```

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...
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```
\color_group_end:
```

Creates a color group: one used to “trap” color settings.

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```
\color_ensure_current:
```

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New: 2011-09-03

```
\color_ensure_current:
```

Ensures that material inside a box will use the foreground color at the point where the box is set, rather than that in force when the box is used. This function should usually be used within a `\color_group_begin: ... \color_group_end: group`.

## Part XIX

# The l3msg package

## Messages

Messages need to be passed to the user by modules, either when errors occur or to indicate how the code is proceeding. The `l3msg` module provides a consistent method for doing this (as opposed to writing directly to the terminal or log).

The system used by `l3msg` to create messages divides the process into two distinct parts. Named messages are created in the first part of the process; at this stage, no decision is made about the type of output that the message will produce. The second part of the process is actually producing a message. At this stage a choice of message *class* has to be made, for example `error`, `warning` or `info`.

By separating out the creation and use of messages, several benefits are available. First, the messages can be altered later without needing details of where they are used in the code. This makes it possible to alter the language used, the detail level and so on. Secondly, the output which results from a given message can be altered. This can be done on a message class, module or message name basis. In this way, message behaviour can be altered and messages can be entirely suppressed.

### 1 Creating new messages

All messages have to be created before they can be used. The text of messages will automatically be wrapped to the length available in the console. As a result, formatting is only needed where it will help to show meaning. In particular, `\\` may be used to force a new line and `\_` forces an explicit space. Additionally, `\{`, `\#`, `\}`, `\%` and `\~` can be used to produce the corresponding character.

Messages may be subdivided *by one level* using the `/` character. This is used within the message filtering system to allow for example the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X kernel messages to belong to the module `LaTeX` while still being filterable at a more granular level. Thus for example

```
\msg_new:nnnn { mymodule } { submodule / message } ...
```

will allow only those messages from the `submodule` to be filtered out.

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```
\msg_new:nnnn
\msg_new:nnn
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Updated: 2011-08-16

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```
\msg_new:nnnn {<module>} {<message>} {<text>} {<more text>}
```

Creates a *<message>* for a given *<module>*. The message will be defined to first give *<text>* and then *<more text>* if the user requests it. If no *<more text>* is available then a standard text is given instead. Within *<text>* and *<more text>* four parameters (**#1** to **#4**) can be used: these will be supplied at the time the message is used. An error will be raised if the *<message>* already exists.

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<code>\msg_set:nnnn</code> <code>\msg_set:nnn</code> <code>\msg_gset:nnnn</code> <code>\msg_gset:nnn</code>	<code>\msg_set:nnnn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;} {&lt;text&gt;} {&lt;more text&gt;}</code> Sets up the text for a <i>&lt;message&gt;</i> for a given <i>&lt;module&gt;</i> . The message will be defined to first give <i>&lt;text&gt;</i> and then <i>&lt;more text&gt;</i> if the user requests it. If no <i>&lt;more text&gt;</i> is available then a standard text is given instead. Within <i>&lt;text&gt;</i> and <i>&lt;more text&gt;</i> four parameters (#1 to #4) can be used: these will be supplied at the time the message is used.
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<code>\msg_if_exist_p:nn</code> ★ <code>\msg_if_exist:nnTF</code> ★ <hr/> New: 2012-03-03	<code>\msg_if_exist_p:nn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;}</code> <code>\msg_if_exist:nnTF {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code> Tests whether the <i>&lt;message&gt;</i> for the <i>&lt;module&gt;</i> is currently defined.
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## 2 Contextual information for messages

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<code>\msg_line_context:</code> ☆	<code>\msg_line_context:</code> Prints the current line number when a message is given, and thus suitable for giving context to messages. The number itself is proceeded by the text <b>on line</b> .
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<code>\msg_line_number:</code> ★	<code>\msg_line_number:</code> Prints the current line number when a message is given.
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<code>\msg_fatal_text:n</code> ★	<code>\msg_fatal_text:n {&lt;module&gt;}</code> Produces the standard text <div style="text-align: center; padding: 5px 0;"> <b>Fatal <i>&lt;module&gt;</i> error</b> </div> This function can be redefined to alter the language in which the message is given, using #1 as the name of the <i>&lt;module&gt;</i> to be included.
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<code>\msg_critical_text:n</code> ★	<code>\msg_critical_text:n {&lt;module&gt;}</code> Produces the standard text <div style="text-align: center; padding: 5px 0;"> <b>Critical <i>&lt;module&gt;</i> error</b> </div> This function can be redefined to alter the language in which the message is given, using #1 as the name of the <i>&lt;module&gt;</i> to be included.
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<code>\msg_error_text:n</code> ★	<code>\msg_error_text:n {&lt;module&gt;}</code> Produces the standard text <div style="text-align: center; padding: 5px 0;"> <b><i>&lt;module&gt;</i> error</b> </div> This function can be redefined to alter the language in which the message is given, using #1 as the name of the <i>&lt;module&gt;</i> to be included.
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<code>\msg_warning_text:n</code>	<code>\msg_warning_text:n</code>	<code>{\module}</code>
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Produces the standard text

`\module` warning

This function can be redefined to alter the language in which the message is given, using #1 as the name of the `\module` to be included.

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<code>\msg_info_text:n</code>	<code>\msg_info_text:n</code>	<code>{\module}</code>
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Produces the standard text:

`\module` info

This function can be redefined to alter the language in which the message is given, using #1 as the name of the `\module` to be included.

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<code>\msg_see_documentation_text:n</code>	<code>\msg_see_documentation_text:n</code>	<code>{\module}</code>
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Produces the standard text

See the `\module` documentation for further information.

This function can be redefined to alter the language in which the message is given, using #1 as the name of the `\module` to be included.

### 3 Issuing messages

Messages behave differently depending on the message class. In all cases, the message may be issued supplying 0 to 4 arguments. If the number of arguments supplied here does not match the number in the definition of the message, extra arguments will be ignored, or empty arguments added (of course the sense of the message may be impaired). The four arguments will be converted to strings before being added to the message text: the x-type variants should be used to expand material.

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<code>\msg_fatal:nnnnnn</code>	<code>\msg_fatal:nnnnnn</code>	<code>{\module}</code>	<code>{\message}</code>	<code>{\arg one}</code>	<code>{\arg two}</code>	<code>{\arg three}</code>
<code>\msg_fatal:nnxxxx</code>	<code>\msg_fatal:nnxxxx</code>	<code>{\arg four}</code>				
<code>\msg_fatal:nnnnn</code>						
<code>\msg_fatal:nnxxx</code>						
<code>\msg_fatal:nnnn</code>						
<code>\msg_fatal:nnxx</code>						
<code>\msg_fatal:nnn</code>						
<code>\msg_fatal:nnx</code>						
<code>\msg_fatal:nn</code>						

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Issues `\module` error `\message`, passing `\arg one` to `\arg four` to the text-creating functions. After issuing a fatal error the  $\text{\TeX}$  run will halt.

Updated: 2012-08-11

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```

\msg_critical:nnnnnn
\msg_critical:nnxxxx
\msg_critical:nnnnn
\msg_critical:nnxxx
\msg_critical:nnnn
\msg_critical:nnxx
\msg_critical:nnn
\msg_critical:nnx
\msg_critical:nn

```

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Updated: 2012-08-11

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```

\msg_critical:nnnnnn {\module} {\message} {\arg one} {\arg two} {\arg three}
{\arg four}

```

Issues  $\langle module \rangle$  error  $\langle message \rangle$ , passing  $\langle arg one \rangle$  to  $\langle arg four \rangle$  to the text-creating functions. After issuing a critical error, T<sub>E</sub>X will stop reading the current input file. This may halt the T<sub>E</sub>X run (if the current file is the main file) or may abort reading a sub-file.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The T<sub>E</sub>X `\endinput` primitive is used to exit the file. In particular, the rest of the current line remains in the input stream.

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```

\msg_error:nnnnnn
\msg_error:nnxxxx
\msg_error:nnnnn
\msg_error:nnxxx
\msg_error:nnnn
\msg_error:nnxx
\msg_error:nnn
\msg_error:nnx
\msg_error:nn

```

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Updated: 2012-08-11

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```

\msg_error:nnnnnn {\module} {\message} {\arg one} {\arg two} {\arg three}
{\arg four}

```

Issues  $\langle module \rangle$  error  $\langle message \rangle$ , passing  $\langle arg one \rangle$  to  $\langle arg four \rangle$  to the text-creating functions. The error will interrupt processing and issue the text at the terminal. After user input, the run will continue.

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```

\msg_warning:nnnnnn
\msg_warning:nnxxxx
\msg_warning:nnnnn
\msg_warning:nnxxx
\msg_warning:nnnn
\msg_warning:nnxx
\msg_warning:nnn
\msg_warning:nnx
\msg_warning:nn

```

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Updated: 2012-08-11

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```

\msg_warning:nnxxxx {\module} {\message} {\arg one} {\arg two} {\arg three}
{\arg four}

```

Issues  $\langle module \rangle$  warning  $\langle message \rangle$ , passing  $\langle arg one \rangle$  to  $\langle arg four \rangle$  to the text-creating functions. The warning text will be added to the log file and the terminal, but the T<sub>E</sub>X run will not be interrupted.

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```

\msg_info:nnnnnn
\msg_info:nnxxxx
\msg_info:nnnnn
\msg_info:nnxxx
\msg_info:nnnn
\msg_info:nnxx
\msg_info:nnn
\msg_info:nnx
\msg_info:nn

```

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```

\msg_info:nnnnnn {\module} {\message} {\arg one} {\arg two} {\arg three} {\arg
four}

```

Issues  $\langle module \rangle$  information  $\langle message \rangle$ , passing  $\langle arg one \rangle$  to  $\langle arg four \rangle$  to the text-creating functions. The information text will be added to the log file.

<hr/>	
<code>\msg_log:nnnnnn</code>	<code>\msg_log:nnnnnn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;} {&lt;arg one&gt;} {&lt;arg two&gt;} {&lt;arg three&gt;} {&lt;arg four&gt;}</code>
<code>\msg_log:nnxxxx</code>	
<code>\msg_log:nnnnn</code>	Issues <i>&lt;module&gt;</i> information <i>&lt;message&gt;</i> , passing <i>&lt;arg one&gt;</i> to <i>&lt;arg four&gt;</i> to the text-creating functions. The information text will be added to the log file: the output is briefer than
<code>\msg_log:nnxxx</code>	<code>\msg_info:nnnnnn.</code>
<code>\msg_log:nnnn</code>	
<code>\msg_log:nnxx</code>	
<code>\msg_log:nnn</code>	
<code>\msg_log:nnx</code>	
<code>\msg_log:nn</code>	
<hr/>	
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<hr/>	
<code>\msg_none:nnnnnn</code>	<code>\msg_none:nnnnnn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;} {&lt;arg one&gt;} {&lt;arg two&gt;} {&lt;arg three&gt;} {&lt;arg four&gt;}</code>
<code>\msg_none:nnxxxx</code>	
<code>\msg_none:nnnnn</code>	Does nothing: used as a message class to prevent any output at all (see the discussion of message redirection).
<code>\msg_none:nnxxx</code>	
<code>\msg_none:nnnn</code>	
<code>\msg_none:nnxx</code>	
<code>\msg_none:nnn</code>	
<code>\msg_none:nnx</code>	
<code>\msg_none:nn</code>	
<hr/>	
Updated: 2012-08-11	

## 4 Redirecting messages

Each message has a “name”, which can be used to alter the behaviour of the message when it is given. Thus we might have

```
\msg_new:nnnn { module } { my-message } { Some-text } { Some-more-text }
```

to define a message, with

```
\msg_error:nn { module } { my-message }
```

when it is used. With no filtering, this will raise an error. However, we could alter the behaviour with

```
\msg_redirect_class:nn { error } { warning }
```

to turn all errors into warnings, or with

```
\msg_redirect_module:nnn { module } { error } { warning }
```

to alter only messages from that module, or even

```
\msg_redirect_name:nnn { module } { my-message } { warning }
```



to target just one message. Redirection applies first to individual messages, then to messages from one module and finally to messages of one class. Thus it is possible to select out an individual message for special treatment even if the entire class is already redirected.

Multiple redirections are possible. Redirections can be cancelled by providing an empty argument for the target class. Redirection to a missing class will raise errors immediately. Infinite loops are prevented by eliminating the redirection starting from the target of the redirection that caused the loop to appear. Namely, if redirections are requested as  $A \rightarrow B$ ,  $B \rightarrow C$  and  $C \rightarrow A$  in this order, then the  $A \rightarrow B$  redirection is cancelled.

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`\msg_redirect_class:nn`

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`\msg_redirect_class:nn {<class one>} {<class two>}`

Changes the behaviour of messages of *<class one>* so that they are processed using the code for those of *<class two>*.

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`\msg_redirect_module:nnn`

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Updated: 2012-04-27

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`\msg_redirect_module:nnn {<module>} {<class one>} {<class two>}`

Redirects message of *<class one>* for *<module>* to act as though they were from *<class two>*. Messages of *<class one>* from sources other than *<module>* are not affected by this redirection. This function can be used to make some messages “silent” by default. For example, all of the **warning** messages of *<module>* could be turned off with:

`\msg_redirect_module:nnn { module } { warning } { none }`

---

`\msg_redirect_name:nnn`

---

Updated: 2012-04-27

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`\msg_redirect_name:nnn {<module>} {<message>} {<class>}`

Redirects a specific *<message>* from a specific *<module>* to act as a member of *<class>* of messages. No further redirection is performed. This function can be used to make a selected message “silent” without changing global parameters:

`\msg_redirect_name:nnn { module } { annoying-message } { none }`

## 5 Low-level message functions

The lower-level message functions should usually be accessed from the higher-level system. However, there are occasions where direct access to these functions is desirable.

<hr/> <code>\msg_interrupt:nnn</code> <hr/>	<code>\msg_interrupt:nnn {&lt;first line&gt;} {&lt;text&gt;} {&lt;extra text&gt;}</code>
<hr/> New: 2012-06-28 <hr/>	Interrupts the TeX run, issuing a formatted message comprising <i>&lt;first line&gt;</i> and <i>&lt;text&gt;</i> laid out in the format

```

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
!
! <first line>
!
! <text>
!.....

```

where the *<text>* will be wrapped to fit within the current line length. The user may then request more information, at which stage the *<extra text>* will be shown in the terminal in the format

```

|,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
|  <extra text>
|.....

```

where the *<extra text>* will be wrapped within the current line length. Wrapping of both *<text>* and *<more text>* takes place using `\iow_wrap:nnnN`; the documentation for the latter should be consulted for full details.

<hr/> <code>\msg_log:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\msg_log:n {&lt;text&gt;}</code>
<hr/> New: 2012-06-28 <hr/>	Writes to the log file with the <i>&lt;text&gt;</i> laid out in the format

```

.....
. <text>
.....

```

where the *<text>* will be wrapped to fit within the current line length. Wrapping takes place using `\iow_wrap:nnnN`; the documentation for the latter should be consulted for full details.

<hr/> <code>\msg_term:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\msg_term:n {&lt;text&gt;}</code>
<hr/> New: 2012-06-28 <hr/>	Writes to the terminal and log file with the <i>&lt;text&gt;</i> laid out in the format

```

*****
* <text>
*****

```

where the *<text>* will be wrapped to fit within the current line length. Wrapping takes place using `\iow_wrap:nnnN`; the documentation for the latter should be consulted for full details.

## 6 Kernel-specific functions

Messages from L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 itself are handled by the general message system, but have their own functions. This allows some text to be pre-defined, and also ensures that serious errors can be handled properly.

---

```
\_msg_kernel_new:nnnn
\_msg_kernel_new:nnn
```

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Updated: 2011-08-16

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```
\_msg_kernel_new:nnnn {\module} {\message} {\text} {\more text}
```

Creates a kernel *message* for a given *module*. The message will be defined to first give *text* and then *more text* if the user requests it. If no *more text* is available then a standard text is given instead. Within *text* and *more text* four parameters (#1 to #4) can be used: these will be supplied and expanded at the time the message is used. An error will be raised if the *message* already exists.

---

```
\_msg_kernel_set:nnnn
\_msg_kernel_set:nnn
```

---

```
\_msg_kernel_set:nnnn {\module} {\message} {\text} {\more text}
```

Sets up the text for a kernel *message* for a given *module*. The message will be defined to first give *text* and then *more text* if the user requests it. If no *more text* is available then a standard text is given instead. Within *text* and *more text* four parameters (#1 to #4) can be used: these will be supplied and expanded at the time the message is used.

---

```
\_msg_kernel_fatal:nnnnnn
\_msg_kernel_fatal:nnxxxx
\_msg_kernel_fatal:nnnnn
\_msg_kernel_fatal:nnxxx
\_msg_kernel_fatal:nnnn
\_msg_kernel_fatal:nnxx
\_msg_kernel_fatal:nnn
\_msg_kernel_fatal:nnx
\_msg_kernel_fatal:nn
```

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Updated: 2012-08-11

---

```
\_msg_kernel_fatal:nnnnnn {\module} {\message} {\arg one} {\arg two} {\arg
three} {\arg four}
```

Issues kernel *module* error *message*, passing *arg one* to *arg four* to the text-creating functions. After issuing a fatal error the T<sub>E</sub>X run will halt. Cannot be redirected.

---

```
\_msg_kernel_error:nnnnnn
\_msg_kernel_error:nnxxxx
\_msg_kernel_error:nnnnn
\_msg_kernel_error:nnxxx
\_msg_kernel_error:nnnn
\_msg_kernel_error:nnxx
\_msg_kernel_error:nnn
\_msg_kernel_error:nnx
\_msg_kernel_error:nn
```

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Updated: 2012-08-11

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```
\_msg_kernel_error:nnnnnn {\module} {\message} {\arg one} {\arg two} {\arg
three} {\arg four}
```

Issues kernel *module* error *message*, passing *arg one* to *arg four* to the text-creating functions. The error will stop processing and issue the text at the terminal. After user input, the run will continue. Cannot be redirected.

---

<code>\_msg_kernel_warning:nnnnnn</code>	<code>\_msg_kernel_warning:nnnnnn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;} {&lt;arg one&gt;} {&lt;arg</code>
<code>\_msg_kernel_warning:nnxxxx</code>	<code>two&gt;} {&lt;arg three&gt;} {&lt;arg four&gt;}</code>
<code>\_msg_kernel_warning:nnnnnn</code>	
<code>\_msg_kernel_warning:nnxxx</code>	
<code>\_msg_kernel_warning:nnnn</code>	
<code>\_msg_kernel_warning:nnxx</code>	
<code>\_msg_kernel_warning:nnn</code>	
<code>\_msg_kernel_warning:nnx</code>	
<code>\_msg_kernel_warning:nn</code>	

---

Updated: 2012-08-11

Issues kernel *<module>* warning *<message>*, passing *<arg one>* to *<arg four>* to the text-creating functions. The warning text will be added to the log file, but the  $\text{\TeX}$  run will not be interrupted.

---

<code>\_msg_kernel_info:nnnnnn</code>	<code>\_msg_kernel_info:nnnnnn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;} {&lt;arg one&gt;} {&lt;arg two&gt;} {&lt;arg</code>
<code>\_msg_kernel_info:nnxxxx</code>	<code>three&gt;} {&lt;arg four&gt;}</code>
<code>\_msg_kernel_info:nnnnnn</code>	
<code>\_msg_kernel_info:nnxxx</code>	
<code>\_msg_kernel_info:nnnn</code>	
<code>\_msg_kernel_info:nnxx</code>	
<code>\_msg_kernel_info:nnn</code>	
<code>\_msg_kernel_info:nnx</code>	
<code>\_msg_kernel_info:nn</code>	

---

Updated: 2012-08-11

Issues kernel *<module>* information *<message>*, passing *<arg one>* to *<arg four>* to the text-creating functions. The information text will be added to the log file.

## 7 Expandable errors

In a few places, the  $\text{\LaTeX}$ 3 kernel needs to produce errors in an expansion only context. This must be handled internally very differently from normal error messages, as none of the tools to print to the terminal or the log file are expandable. However, the interface is similar, with the important caveat that the message text and arguments are not expanded, and messages should be very short.

---

<code>\_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn</code>	<code>*</code>	<code>\_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;}</code>
<code>\_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn</code>	<code>*</code>	<code>{&lt;arg one&gt;} {&lt;arg two&gt;} {&lt;arg three&gt;} {&lt;arg four&gt;}</code>
<code>\_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnn</code>	<code>*</code>	
<code>\_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn</code>	<code>*</code>	
<code>\_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn</code>	<code>*</code>	

---

New: 2011-11-23

Issues an error, passing *<arg one>* to *<arg four>* to the text-creating functions. The resulting string must be shorter than a line, otherwise it will be cropped.

---

```

\__msg_expandable_error:n ★ \__msg_expandable_error:n {\error message}

```

---

New: 2011-08-11

Updated: 2011-08-13

---

Issues an “Undefined error” message from T<sub>E</sub>X itself, and prints the  $\langle error\ message\rangle$ . The  $\langle error\ message\rangle$  must be short: it is cropped at the end of one line.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This function expands to an empty token list after two steps. Tokens inserted in response to T<sub>E</sub>X’s prompt are read with the current category code setting, and inserted just after the place where the error message was issued.

## 8 Internal l3msg functions

The following functions are used in several kernel modules.

---

```

\__msg_log_next: \__msg_log_next: \show-command

```

---

New: 2015-08-05

Causes the next  $\langle show-command\rangle$  to send its output to the log file instead of the terminal. This allows for instance  $\backslash cs\_log:N$  to be defined as  $\backslash __msg\_log\_next: \backslash cs\_show:N$ . The effect of this command lasts until the next use of  $\backslash __msg\_show\_wrap:Nn$  or  $\backslash __msg\_show\_wrap:n$  or  $\backslash __msg\_show\_variable:NNNnn$ , in other words until the next time the  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X primitive  $\backslash showtokens$  would have been used for showing to the terminal or until the next `variable-not-defined` error.

---

```

\__msg_show_pre:nnnnnn \__msg_show_pre:nnnnnn {\module} {\message} {\arg one} {\arg two}
\__msg_show_pre:(nnxxx|nnnnnV) {\arg three} {\arg four}

```

---

New: 2015-08-05

Prints the  $\langle message\rangle$  from  $\langle module\rangle$  in the terminal (or log file if  $\backslash __msg\_log\_next:$  was issued) without formatting. Used in messages which print complex variable contents completely.

---

```

\__msg_show_variable:NNNnn \__msg_show_variable:NNNnn \variable \if-exist \if-empty {\msg} {\formatted
content}

```

---

New: 2015-08-04

If the  $\langle variable\rangle$  does not exist according to  $\langle if-exist\rangle$  (typically  $\backslash cs\_if\_exist:N\TF$ ) then throw an error and do nothing more. Otherwise, if  $\langle msg\rangle$  is not empty, display the message `LaTeX/kernel/show- $\langle msg\rangle$`  with  $\backslash token\_to\_str:N \langle variable\rangle$  as a first argument, and a second argument that is ? or empty depending on the result of  $\langle if-empty\rangle$  (typically  $\backslash tl\_if\_empty:N\TF$ ) on the  $\langle variable\rangle$ . Then display the  $\langle formatted\ content\rangle$  by giving it as an argument to  $\backslash __msg\_show\_wrap:n$ .

<hr/> <code>\_msg_show_wrap:Nn</code> <hr/>	<code>\_msg_show_wrap:Nn &lt;function&gt; {&lt;expression&gt;}</code>
New: 2015-08-03	Shows or logs the <i>&lt;expression&gt;</i> (turned into a string), an equal sign, and the result of applying the <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> to the <i>{&lt;expression&gt;}</i> . For instance, if the <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> is <code>\int_eval:n</code> and the <i>&lt;expression&gt;</i> is <code>1+2</code> then this will log <code>&gt; 1+2=3</code> . The case where the <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> is <code>\tl_to_str:n</code> is special: then the string representation of the <i>&lt;expression&gt;</i> is only logged once.
Updated: 2015-08-07	

<hr/> <code>\_msg_show_wrap:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\_msg_show_wrap:n {&lt;formatted text&gt;}</code>
New: 2015-08-03	Shows or logs the <i>&lt;formatted text&gt;</i> . After expansion, unless it is empty, the <i>&lt;formatted text&gt;</i> must contain <code>&gt;</code> , and the part of <i>&lt;formatted text&gt;</i> before the first <code>&gt;</code> is removed. Failure to do so causes low-level T <sub>E</sub> X errors.

<hr/> <code>\_msg_show_item:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\_msg_show_item:n &lt;item&gt;</code>
<code>\_msg_show_item:nn</code>	<code>\_msg_show_item:nn &lt;item-key&gt; &lt;item-value&gt;</code>
<hr/> <code>\_msg_show_item_unbraced:nn</code> <hr/>	
Updated: 2012-09-09	

Auxiliary functions used within the last argument of `\_msg_show_variable:NNNnn` or `\_msg_show_wrap:n` to format variable items correctly for display. The `\_msg_show_item:n` version is used for simple lists, the `\_msg_show_item:nn` and `\_msg_show_item_unbraced:nn` versions for key–value like data structures.

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`\c_msg_coding_error_text_tl`

---

The text

This is a coding error.

used by kernel functions when erroneous programming input is encountered.

## Part XX

# The l3keys package

## Key–value interfaces

The key–value method is a popular system for creating large numbers of settings for controlling function or package behaviour. The system normally results in input of the form

```
\MyModuleSetup{
  key-one = value one,
  key-two = value two
}
```

or

```
\MyModuleMacro[
  key-one = value one,
  key-two = value two
]{argument}
```

for the user.

The high level functions here are intended as a method to create key–value controls. Keys are themselves created using a key–value interface, minimising the number of functions and arguments required. Each key is created by setting one or more *properties* of the key:

```
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  key-one .code:n    = code including parameter #1,
  key-two .tl_set:N = \l_mymodule_store_tl
}
```

These values can then be set as with other key–value approaches:

```
\keys_set:nn { mymodule }
{
  key-one = value one,
  key-two = value two
}
```

At a document level, `\keys_set:nn` will be used within a document function, for example

```
\DeclareDocumentCommand \MyModuleSetup { m }
{ \keys_set:nn { mymodule } { #1 } }
\DeclareDocumentCommand \MyModuleMacro { o m }
{
```

```

\group_begin:
  \keys_set:nn { mymodule } { #1 }
  % Main code for \MyModuleMacro
\group_end:
}

```

Key names may contain any tokens, as they are handled internally using `\tl_to_str:n`. As will be discussed in section 2, it is suggested that the character `/` is reserved for sub-division of keys into logical groups. Functions and variables are *not* expanded when creating key names, and so

```

\tl_set:Nn \l_mymodule_tmp_tl { key }
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  \l_mymodule_tmp_tl .code:n = code
}

```

will create a key called `\l_mymodule_tmp_tl`, and not one called `key`.

## 1 Creating keys

---

```

\keys_define:nn \keys_define:nn {<module>} {<keyval list>}

```

---

Parses the *<keyval list>* and defines the keys listed there for *<module>*. The *<module>* name should be a text value, but there are no restrictions on the nature of the text. In practice the *<module>* should be chosen to be unique to the module in question (unless deliberately adding keys to an existing module).

The *<keyval list>* should consist of one or more key names along with an associated key *property*. The properties of a key determine how it acts. The individual properties are described in the following text; a typical use of `\keys_define:nn` might read

```

\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  keyname .code:n = Some~code~using~#1,
  keyname .value_required:n = true
}

```

where the properties of the key begin from the `.` after the key name.

The various properties available take either no arguments at all, or require one or more arguments. This is indicated in the name of the property using an argument specification. In the following discussion, each property is illustrated attached to an arbitrary *<key>*, which when used may be supplied with a *<value>*. All key *definitions* are local.

Key properties are applied in the reading order and so the ordering is significant. Key properties which define “actions”, such as `.code:n`, `.tl_set:N`, *etc.*, will override one another. Some other properties are mutually exclusive, notably `.value_required:n`



and `.value_forbidden:n`, and so will replace one another. However, properties covering non-exclusive behaviours may be given in any order. Thus for example the following definitions are equivalent.

```
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  keyname .code:n          = Some~code~using~#1,
  keyname .value_required:n = true
}
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  keyname .value_required:n = true,
  keyname .code:n          = Some~code~using~#1
}
```

Note that with the exception of the special `.undefine:` property, all key properties will define the key within the current  $\TeX$  scope.

---

```
.bool_set:N
.bool_set:c
.bool_gset:N
.bool_gset:c
```

---

Updated: 2013-07-08

$\langle key \rangle$  .bool\_set:N =  $\langle boolean \rangle$

Defines  $\langle key \rangle$  to set  $\langle boolean \rangle$  to  $\langle value \rangle$  (which must be either **true** or **false**). If the variable does not exist, it will be created globally at the point that the key is set up.

---

```
.bool_set_inverse:N
.bool_set_inverse:c
.bool_gset_inverse:N
.bool_gset_inverse:c
```

---

New: 2011-08-28

Updated: 2013-07-08

$\langle key \rangle$  .bool\_set\_inverse:N =  $\langle boolean \rangle$

Defines  $\langle key \rangle$  to set  $\langle boolean \rangle$  to the logical inverse of  $\langle value \rangle$  (which must be either **true** or **false**). If the  $\langle boolean \rangle$  does not exist, it will be created globally at the point that the key is set up.

---

```
.choice:
```

---

$\langle key \rangle$  .choice:

Sets  $\langle key \rangle$  to act as a choice key. Each valid choice for  $\langle key \rangle$  must then be created, as discussed in section 3.

---

```
.choices:nn
.choices:Vn
.choices:on
.choices:xn
```

---

New: 2011-08-21

Updated: 2013-07-10

$\langle key \rangle$  .choices:nn = { $\langle choices \rangle$ } { $\langle code \rangle$ }

Sets  $\langle key \rangle$  to act as a choice key, and defines a series  $\langle choices \rangle$  which are implemented using the  $\langle code \rangle$ . Inside  $\langle code \rangle$ , `\l_keys_choice_tl` will be the name of the choice made, and `\l_keys_choice_int` will be the position of the choice in the list of  $\langle choices \rangle$  (indexed from 1). Choices are discussed in detail in section 3.

<hr/> <code>.clist_set:N</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .clist_set:N = &lt;comma list variable&gt;</code>
<code>.clist_set:c</code> <code>.clist_gset:N</code> <code>.clist_gset:c</code> <hr/>	Defines <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> to set <code>&lt;comma list variable&gt;</code> to <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> . Spaces around commas and empty items will be stripped. If the variable does not exist, it will be created globally at the point that the key is set up.
<hr/> New: 2011-09-11 <hr/>	
<hr/> <code>.code:n</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .code:n = {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<hr/> Updated: 2013-07-10 <hr/>	Stores the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> for execution when <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> is used. The <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> can include one parameter ( <code>#1</code> ), which will be the <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> given for the <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> . The <code>x</code> -type variant will expand <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> at the point where the <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> is created.
<hr/> <code>.default:n</code> <code>.default:V</code> <code>.default:o</code> <code>.default:x</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .default:n = {&lt;default&gt;}</code>  Creates a <code>&lt;default&gt;</code> value for <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> , which is used if no value is given. This will be used if only the key name is given, but not if a blank <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> is given:
<hr/> Updated: 2013-07-09 <hr/>	<pre> \keys_define:nn { mymodule } {     key .code:n      = Hello~#1,     key .default:n = World } \keys_set:nn { mymodule } {     key = Fred, % Prints 'Hello Fred'     key,      % Prints 'Hello World'     key = ,    % Prints 'Hello ' } </pre>
	The default does not affect keys where values are required or forbidden. Thus a required value cannot be supplied by a default value, and giving a default value for a key which cannot take a value will not trigger an error.
<hr/> <code>.dim_set:N</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .dim_set:N = &lt;dimension&gt;</code>
<code>.dim_set:c</code> <code>.dim_gset:N</code> <code>.dim_gset:c</code> <hr/>	Defines <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> to set <code>&lt;dimension&gt;</code> to <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> (which must a dimension expression). If the variable does not exist, it will be created globally at the point that the key is set up.
<hr/> <code>.fp_set:N</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .fp_set:N = &lt;floating point&gt;</code>
<code>.fp_set:c</code> <code>.fp_gset:N</code> <code>.fp_gset:c</code> <hr/>	Defines <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> to set <code>&lt;floating point&gt;</code> to <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> (which must a floating point expression). If the variable does not exist, it will be created globally at the point that the key is set up.
<hr/> <code>.groups:n</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .groups:n = {&lt;groups&gt;}</code>
<hr/> New: 2013-07-14 <hr/>	Defines <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> as belonging to the <code>&lt;groups&gt;</code> declared. Groups provide a “secondary axis” for selectively setting keys, and are described in Section 6.

<hr/> <code>.initial:n</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .initial:n = {&lt;value&gt;}</code>
<code>.initial:V</code>	Initialises the <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> with the <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> , equivalent to
<code>.initial:o</code>	
<code>.initial:x</code> <hr/>	
Updated: 2013-07-09 <hr/>	<code>\keys_set:nn {&lt;module&gt;} { &lt;key&gt; = &lt;value&gt; }</code>
<hr/>	
<code>.int_set:N</code>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .int_set:N = &lt;integer&gt;</code>
<code>.int_set:c</code>	Defines <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> to set <code>&lt;integer&gt;</code> to <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> (which must be an integer expression). If the variable does not exist, it will be created globally at the point that the key is set up.
<code>.int_gset:N</code>	
<code>.int_gset:c</code> <hr/>	
<hr/>	
<code>.meta:n</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .meta:n = {&lt;keyval list&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2013-07-10 <hr/>	Makes <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> a meta-key, which will set <code>&lt;keyval list&gt;</code> in one go. If <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> is given with a value at the time the key is used, then the value will be passed through to the subsidiary <code>&lt;keys&gt;</code> for processing (as #1).
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<code>.meta:nn</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .meta:nn = {&lt;path&gt;} {&lt;keyval list&gt;}</code>
New: 2013-07-10 <hr/>	Makes <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> a meta-key, which will set <code>&lt;keyval list&gt;</code> in one go using the <code>&lt;path&gt;</code> in place of the current one. If <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> is given with a value at the time the key is used, then the value will be passed through to the subsidiary <code>&lt;keys&gt;</code> for processing (as #1).
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<code>.multichoice:</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .multichoice:</code>
New: 2011-08-21 <hr/>	Sets <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> to act as a multiple choice key. Each valid choice for <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> must then be created, as discussed in section 3.
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<code>.multichoices:nn</code>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .multichoices:nn {&lt;choices&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>.multichoices:Vn</code>	
<code>.multichoices:on</code>	
<code>.multichoices:xn</code> <hr/>	
New: 2011-08-21	
Updated: 2013-07-10 <hr/>	Sets <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> to act as a multiple choice key, and defines a series <code>&lt;choices&gt;</code> which are implemented using the <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> . Inside <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> , <code>\l_keys_choice_tl</code> will be the name of the choice made, and <code>\l_keys_choice_int</code> will be the position of the choice in the list of <code>&lt;choices&gt;</code> (indexed from 1). Choices are discussed in detail in section 3.
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<code>.skip_set:N</code>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .skip_set:N = &lt;skip&gt;</code>
<code>.skip_set:c</code>	Defines <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> to set <code>&lt;skip&gt;</code> to <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> (which must be a skip expression). If the variable does not exist, it will be created globally at the point that the key is set up.
<code>.skip_gset:N</code>	
<code>.skip_gset:c</code> <hr/>	
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<code>.tl_set:N</code>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .tl_set:N = &lt;token list variable&gt;</code>
<code>.tl_set:c</code>	Defines <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> to set <code>&lt;token list variable&gt;</code> to <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> . If the variable does not exist, it will be created globally at the point that the key is set up.
<code>.tl_gset:N</code>	
<code>.tl_gset:c</code> <hr/>	
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<hr/> <code>.tl_set_x:N</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .tl_set_x:N = &lt;token list variable&gt;</code>
<code>.tl_set_x:c</code>	Defines <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> to set <code>&lt;token list variable&gt;</code> to <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> , which will be subjected to an <code>x</code> -type expansion ( <i>i.e.</i> using <code>\tl_set:Nx</code> ). If the variable does not exist, it will be created globally at the point that the key is set up.
<code>.tl_gset_x:N</code>	
<code>.tl_gset_x:c</code> <hr/>	
<hr/> <code>.undefine:</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .undefine:</code>
<code>New: 2015-07-14</code> <hr/>	Removes the definition of the <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> within the current scope.
<hr/> <code>.value_forbidden:n</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .value_forbidden:n = true false</code>
<code>New: 2015-07-14</code> <hr/>	Specifies that <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> cannot receive a <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> when used. If a <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> is given then an error will be issued. Setting the property <code>false</code> will cancel the restriction.
<hr/> <code>.value_required:n</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .value_required:n = true false</code>
<code>New: 2015-07-14</code> <hr/>	Specifies that <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> must receive a <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> when used. If a <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> is not given then an error will be issued. Setting the property <code>false</code> will cancel the restriction.

## 2 Sub-dividing keys

When creating large numbers of keys, it may be desirable to divide them into several sub-groups for a given module. This can be achieved either by adding a sub-division to the module name:

```
\keys_define:nn { module / subgroup }
{ key .code:n = code }
```

or to the key name:

```
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{ subgroup / key .code:n = code }
```

As illustrated, the best choice of token for sub-dividing keys in this way is `/`. This is because of the method that is used to represent keys internally. Both of the above code fragments set the same key, which has full name `module/subgroup/key`.

As will be illustrated in the next section, this subdivision is particularly relevant to making multiple choices.

## 3 Choice and multiple choice keys

The l3keys system supports two types of choice key, in which a series of pre-defined input values are linked to varying implementations. Choice keys are usually created so that the various values are mutually-exclusive: only one can apply at any one time. “Multiple” choice keys are also supported: these allow a selection of values to be chosen at the same time.

Mutually-exclusive choices are created by setting the `.choice:` property:

```
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{ key .choice: }
```

For keys which are set up as choices, the valid choices are generated by creating sub-keys of the choice key. This can be carried out in two ways.

In many cases, choices execute similar code which is dependant only on the name of the choice or the position of the choice in the list of all possibilities. Here, the keys can share the same code, and can be rapidly created using the `.choices:nn` property.

```
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  key .choices:nn =
    { choice-a, choice-b, choice-c }
    {
      You~gave~choice~'\tl_use:N \l_keys_choice_tl',~
      which~is~in~position~\int_use:N \l_keys_choice_int \c_space_tl
      in~the~list.
    }
}
```

The index `\l_keys_choice_int` in the list of choices starts at 1.

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`\l_keys_choice_int`  
`\l_keys_choice_tl`

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Inside the code block for a choice generated using `.choices:nn`, the variables `\l_keys_choice_tl` and `\l_keys_choice_int` are available to indicate the name of the current choice, and its position in the comma list. The position is indexed from 1. Note that, as with standard key code generated using `.code:n`, the value passed to the key (i.e. the choice name) is also available as `#1`.

On the other hand, it is sometimes useful to create choices which use entirely different code from one another. This can be achieved by setting the `.choice:` property of a key, then manually defining sub-keys.

```
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  key .choice:,
  key / choice-a .code:n = code-a,
  key / choice-b .code:n = code-b,
  key / choice-c .code:n = code-c,
}
```

It is possible to mix the two methods, but manually-created choices should *not* use `\l_keys_choice_tl` or `\l_keys_choice_int`. These variables do not have defined behaviour when used outside of code created using `.choices:nn` (i.e. anything might happen).

It is possible to allow choice keys to take values which have not previously been defined by adding code for the special **unknown** choice. The general behavior of the **unknown** key is described in Section 5. A typical example in the case of a choice would be to issue a custom error message:

```

\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  key .choice:,
  key / choice-a .code:n = code-a,
  key / choice-b .code:n = code-b,
  key / choice-c .code:n = code-c,
  key / unknown .code:n =
    \msg_error:nnxxx { mymodule } { unknown-choice }
    { key } % Name of choice key
    { choice-a , choice-b , choice-c } % Valid choices
    { \exp_not:n {#1} } % Invalid choice given
  %
  %
}

```

Multiple choices are created in a very similar manner to mutually-exclusive choices, using the properties `.multichoice:` and `.multichoices:nn`. As with mutually exclusive choices, multiple choices are define as sub-keys. Thus both

```

\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  key .multichoices:nn =
    { choice-a, choice-b, choice-c }
    {
      You~gave~choice~'\tl_use:N \l_keys_choice_tl',~
      which~is~in~position~
      \int_use:N \l_keys_choice_int \c_space_tl
      in~the~list.
    }
}

```

and

```

\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  key .multichoice:,
  key / choice-a .code:n = code-a,
  key / choice-b .code:n = code-b,
  key / choice-c .code:n = code-c,
}

```

are valid.

When a multiple choice key is set

```

\keys_set:nn { mymodule }
{
  key = { a , b , c } % 'key' defined as a multiple choice
}

```

each choice is applied in turn, equivalent to a `clist` mapping or to applying each value individually:

```
\keys_set:nn { mymodule }
{
  key = a ,
  key = b ,
  key = c ,
}
```

Thus each separate choice will have passed to it the `\l_keys_choice_tl` and `\l_keys_choice_int` in exactly the same way as described for `.choices:nn`.

## 4 Setting keys

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`\keys_set:nn`  
`\keys_set:(nV|nv|no)`

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`\keys_set:nn {<module>} {<keyval list>}`

Parses the `<keyval list>`, and sets those keys which are defined for `<module>`. The behaviour on finding an unknown key can be set by defining a special **unknown** key: this will be illustrated later.

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`\l_keys_key_tl`  
`\l_keys_path_tl`  
`\l_keys_value_tl`

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For each key processed, information of the full *path* of the key, the *name* of the key and the *value* of the key is available within three token list variables. These may be used within the code of the key.

The *value* is everything after the `=`, which may be empty if no value was given. This is stored in `\l_keys_value_tl`, and is not processed in any way by `\keys_set:nn`.

The *path* of the key is a “full” description of the key, and is unique for each key. It consists of the module and full key name, thus for example

```
\keys_set:nn { mymodule } { key-a = some-value }
```

has path `mymodule/key-a` while

```
\keys_set:nn { mymodule } { subset / key-a = some-value }
```

has path `mymodule/subset/key-a`. This information is stored in `\l_keys_path_tl`, and will have been processed by `\tl_to_str:n`.

The *name* of the key is the part of the path after the last `/`, and thus is not unique. In the preceding examples, both keys have name `key-a` despite having different paths. This information is stored in `\l_keys_key_tl`, and will have been processed by `\tl_to_str:n`.

## 5 Handling of unknown keys

If a key has not previously been defined (is unknown), `\keys_set:nn` will look for a special **unknown** key for the same module, and if this is not defined raises an error indicating that

the key name was unknown. This mechanism can be used for example to issue custom error texts.

```
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  unknown .code:n =
    You~tried~to~set~key~'\l_keys_key_tl'~to~'#1'.
}
```

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```
\keys_set_known:nnN      \keys_set_known:nnN {<module>} {<keyval list>} <tl>
\keys_set_known:(nVN|nvN|noN)
\keys_set_known:nn
\keys_set_known:(nV|nv|no)
```

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In some cases, the desired behavior is to simply ignore unknown keys, collecting up information on these for later processing. The `\keys_set_known:nnN` function parses the *<keyval list>*, and sets those keys which are defined for *<module>*. Any keys which are unknown are not processed further by the parser. The key-value pairs for each *unknown* key name will be stored in the *<tl>* in a comma-separated form (*i.e.* an edited version of the *<keyval list>*). The `\keys_set_known:nn` version skips this stage.

Use of `\keys_set_known:nnN` can be nested, with the correct residual *<keyval list>* returned at each stage.

## 6 Selective key setting

In some cases it may be useful to be able to select only some keys for setting, even though these keys have the same path. For example, with a set of keys defined using

```
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  key-one   .code:n   = { \my_func:n {#1} } ,
  key-two   .tl_set:N = \l_my_a_tl         ,
  key-three .tl_set:N = \l_my_b_tl         ,
  key-four  .fp_set:N = \l_my_a_fp         ,
}
```

the use of `\keys_set:nn` will attempt to set all four keys. However, in some contexts it may only be sensible to set some keys, or to control the order of setting. To do this, keys may be assigned to *groups*: arbitrary sets which are independent of the key tree. Thus modifying the example to read

```
\keys_define:nn { mymodule }
{
  key-one   .code:n   = { \my_func:n {#1} } ,
  key-one   .groups:n = { first }           ,
}
```



```

key-two    .tl_set:N = \l_my_a_tl      ,
key-two    .groups:n = { first }      ,
key-three  .tl_set:N = \l_my_b_tl      ,
key-three  .groups:n = { second }     ,
key-four   .fp_set:N = \l_my_a_fp     ,
}

```

will assign `key-one` and `key-two` to group `first`, `key-three` to group `second`, while `key-four` is not assigned to a group.

Selective key setting may be achieved either by selecting one or more groups to be made “active”, or by marking one or more groups to be ignored in key setting.

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<code>\keys_set_filter:nnnN</code>	<code>\keys_set_filter:nnnN {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;groups&gt;} {&lt;keyval list&gt;} &lt;tl&gt;</code>
<code>\keys_set_filter:(nnVN nnvN nnoN)</code>	
<code>\keys_set_filter:nnn</code>	
<code>\keys_set_filter:(nnV nnv nno)</code>	

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New: 2013-07-14

Updated: 2014-04-27

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Actives key filtering in an “opt-out” sense: keys assigned to any of the `<groups>` specified will be ignored. The `<groups>` are given as a comma-separated list. Unknown keys are not assigned to any group and will thus always be set. The key–value pairs for each key which is filtered out will be stored in the `<tl>` in a comma-separated form (*i.e.* an edited version of the `<keyval list>`). The `\keys_set_filter:nnn` version skips this stage.

Use of `\keys_set_filter:nnnN` can be nested, with the correct residual `<keyval list>` returned at each stage.

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<code>\keys_set_groups:nnn</code>	<code>\keys_set_groups:nnn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;groups&gt;} {&lt;keyval list&gt;}</code>
<code>\keys_set_groups:(nnV nnv nno)</code>	

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New: 2013-07-14

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Actives key filtering in an “opt-in” sense: only keys assigned to one or more of the `<groups>` specified will be set. The `<groups>` are given as a comma-separated list. Unknown keys are not assigned to any group and will thus never be set.

## 7 Utility functions for keys

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<code>\keys_if_exist_p:nn</code> ★	<code>\keys_if_exist_p:nn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;key&gt;}</code>
<code>\keys_if_exist:nnTF</code> ★	<code>\keys_if_exist:nnTF {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;key&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

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Tests if the `<key>` exists for `<module>`, *i.e.* if any code has been defined for `<key>`.

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<code>\keys_if_choice_exist_p:nnn</code>	★	<code>\keys_if_choice_exist_p:nnn {\langle module \rangle} {\langle key \rangle} {\langle choice \rangle}</code>
<code>\keys_if_choice_exist:nnnTF</code>	★	<code>\keys_if_choice_exist:nnnTF {\langle module \rangle} {\langle key \rangle} {\langle choice \rangle} {\langle true code \rangle}</code>
		<code>{\langle false code \rangle}</code>

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New: 2011-08-21

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Tests if the  $\langle choice \rangle$  is defined for the  $\langle key \rangle$  within the  $\langle module \rangle$ , *i.e.* if any code has been defined for  $\langle key \rangle / \langle choice \rangle$ . The test is **false** if the  $\langle key \rangle$  itself is not defined.

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<code>\keys_show:nn</code>	<code>\keys_show:nn {\langle module \rangle} {\langle key \rangle}</code>
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Updated: 2015-08-09

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Shows the information associated to the  $\langle key \rangle$  for a  $\langle module \rangle$ , including the function which is used to actually implement it.

## 8 Low-level interface for parsing key–val lists

To re-cap from earlier, a key–value list is input of the form

```
KeyOne = ValueOne ,
KeyTwo = ValueTwo ,
KeyThree
```

where each key–value pair is separated by a comma from the rest of the list, and each key–value pair does not necessarily contain an equals sign or a value! Processing this type of input correctly requires a number of careful steps, to correctly account for braces, spaces and the category codes of separators.

While the functions described earlier are used as a high-level interface for processing such input, in special circumstances you may wish to use a lower-level approach. The low-level parsing system converts a  $\langle key\text{--}value\text{ list} \rangle$  into  $\langle keys \rangle$  and associated  $\langle values \rangle$ . After the parsing phase is completed, the resulting keys and values (or keys alone) are available for further processing. This processing is not carried out by the low-level parser itself, and so the parser requires the names of two functions along with the key–value list. One function is needed to process key–value pairs (it receives two arguments), and a second function is required for keys given without any value (it is called with a single argument).

The parser does not double # tokens or expand any input. Active tokens = and , appearing at the outer level of braces are converted to category “other” (12) so that the parser does not “miss” any due to category code changes. Spaces are removed from the ends of the keys and values. Keys and values which are given in braces will have exactly one set removed (after space trimming), thus

```
key = {value here},
```

and

```
key = value here,
```

are treated identically.

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**\keyval\_parse:NNn**

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Updated: 2011-09-08

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**\keyval\_parse:NNn**  $\langle function_1 \rangle$   $\langle function_2 \rangle$  { $\langle key-value list \rangle$ }

Parses the  $\langle key-value list \rangle$  into a series of  $\langle keys \rangle$  and associated  $\langle values \rangle$ , or keys alone (if no  $\langle value \rangle$  was given).  $\langle function_1 \rangle$  should take one argument, while  $\langle function_2 \rangle$  should absorb two arguments. After **\keyval\_parse:NNn** has parsed the  $\langle key-value list \rangle$ ,  $\langle function_1 \rangle$  will be used to process keys given with no value and  $\langle function_2 \rangle$  will be used to process keys given with a value. The order of the  $\langle keys \rangle$  in the  $\langle key-value list \rangle$  will be preserved. Thus

```
\keyval_parse:NNn \function:n \function:nn
  { key1 = value1 , key2 = value2, key3 = , key4 }
```

will be converted into an input stream

```
\function:nn { key1 } { value1 }
\function:nn { key2 } { value2 }
\function:nn { key3 } { }
\function:n { key4 }
```

Note that there is a difference between an empty value (an equals sign followed by nothing) and a missing value (no equals sign at all). Spaces are trimmed from the ends of the  $\langle key \rangle$  and  $\langle value \rangle$ , then one *outer* set of braces is removed from the  $\langle key \rangle$  and  $\langle value \rangle$  as part of the processing.

## Part XXI

# The l3file package

## File and I/O operations

This module provides functions for working with external files. Some of these functions apply to an entire file, and have prefix `\file_...`, while others are used to work with files on a line by line basis and have prefix `\ior_...` (reading) or `\iow_...` (writing).

It is important to remember that when reading external files `TEX` will attempt to locate them both the operating system path and entries in the `TEX` file database (most `TEX` systems use such a database). Thus the “current path” for `TEX` is somewhat broader than that for other programs.

For functions which expect a  $\langle file\ name \rangle$  argument, this argument may contain both literal items and expandable content, which should on full expansion be the desired file name. Any active characters (as declared in `\l_char_active_seq`) will *not* be expanded, allowing the direct use of these in file names. File names will be quoted using `"` tokens if they contain spaces: as a result, `"` tokens are *not* permitted in file names.

### 1 File operation functions

<hr/> <code>\g_file_current_name_tl</code> <hr/>	Contains the name of the current <code>L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</code> file. This variable should not be modified: it is intended for information only. It will be equal to <code>\c_sys_jobname_str</code> at the start of a <code>L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</code> run and will be modified each time a file is read using <code>\file_input:n</code> .
<hr/> <code>\file_if_exist:nTF</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-02-10	<code>\file_if_exist:nTF {<math>\langle file\ name \rangle</math>} {<math>\langle true\ code \rangle</math>} {<math>\langle false\ code \rangle</math>}</code> Searches for $\langle file\ name \rangle$ using the current <code>T<sub>E</sub>X</code> search path and the additional paths controlled by <code>\file_path_include:n</code> .
<hr/> <code>\file_add_path:nN</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-02-10	<code>\file_add_path:nN {<math>\langle file\ name \rangle</math>} <math>\langle tl\ var \rangle</math></code> Searches for $\langle file\ name \rangle$ in the path as detailed for <code>\file_if_exist:nTF</code> , and if found sets the $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ the fully-qualified name of the file, <i>i.e.</i> the path and file name. If the file is not found then the $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ will contain the marker <code>\q_no_value</code> .
<hr/> <code>\file_input:n</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-02-17	<code>\file_input:n {<math>\langle file\ name \rangle</math>}</code> Searches for $\langle file\ name \rangle$ in the path as detailed for <code>\file_if_exist:nTF</code> , and if found reads in the file as additional <code>L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</code> source. All files read are recorded for information and the file name stack is updated by this function. An error will be raised if the file is not found.

<hr/> <code>\file_path_include:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\file_path_include:n {&lt;path&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2012-07-04	Adds $\langle path \rangle$ to the list of those used to search when reading files. The assignment is local. The $\langle path \rangle$ is processed in the same way as a $\langle file\ name \rangle$ , <i>i.e.</i> , with x-type expansion except active characters.

<hr/> <code>\file_path_remove:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\file_path_remove:n {&lt;path&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2012-07-04	Removes $\langle path \rangle$ from the list of those used to search when reading files. The assignment is local. The $\langle path \rangle$ is processed in the same way as a $\langle file\ name \rangle$ , <i>i.e.</i> , with x-type expansion except active characters.

<hr/> <code>\file_list:</code> <hr/>	<code>\file_list:</code>
	This function will list all files loaded using <code>\file_input:n</code> in the log file.

## 1.1 Input–output stream management

As T<sub>E</sub>X is limited to 16 input streams and 16 output streams, direct use of the streams by the programmer is not supported in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3. Instead, an internal pool of streams is maintained, and these are allocated and deallocated as needed by other modules. As a result, the programmer should close streams when they are no longer needed, to release them for other processes.

Note that I/O operations are global: streams should all be declared with global names and treated accordingly.

<hr/> <code>\ior_new:N</code> <hr/>	<code>\ior_new:N &lt;stream&gt;</code>
<code>\ior_new:c</code>	<code>\iow_new:N &lt;stream&gt;</code>
<hr/> <code>\iow_new:N</code> <hr/>	
<code>\iow_new:c</code>	Globally reserves the name of the $\langle stream \rangle$ , either for reading or for writing as appropriate. The $\langle stream \rangle$ is not opened until the appropriate <code>\..._open:Nn</code> function is used. Attempting to use a $\langle stream \rangle$ which has not been opened is an error, and the $\langle stream \rangle$ will behave as the corresponding <code>\c_term_...</code>
New: 2011-09-26	
Updated: 2011-12-27	

<hr/> <code>\ior_open:Nn</code> <hr/>	<code>\ior_open:Nn &lt;stream&gt; {&lt;file name&gt;}</code>
<code>\ior_open:cn</code>	Opens $\langle file\ name \rangle$ for reading using $\langle stream \rangle$ as the control sequence for file access. If the $\langle stream \rangle$ was already open it is closed before the new operation begins. The $\langle stream \rangle$ is available for access immediately and will remain allocated to $\langle file\ name \rangle$ until a <code>\ior_close:N</code> instruction is given or the T <sub>E</sub> X run ends.
Updated: 2012-02-10	

<hr/> <code>\ior_open:NnTF</code> <hr/>	<code>\ior_open:NnTF &lt;stream&gt; {&lt;file name&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\ior_open:cnTF</code>	Opens $\langle file\ name \rangle$ for reading using $\langle stream \rangle$ as the control sequence for file access. If the $\langle stream \rangle$ was already open it is closed before the new operation begins. The $\langle stream \rangle$ is available for access immediately and will remain allocated to $\langle file\ name \rangle$ until a <code>\ior_close:N</code> instruction is given or the T <sub>E</sub> X run ends. The $\langle true\ code \rangle$ is then inserted into the input stream. If the file is not found, no error is raised and the $\langle false\ code \rangle$ is inserted into the input stream.
New: 2013-01-12	

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<code>\iow_open:Nn</code>	<code>\iow_open:Nn &lt;stream&gt; {(file name)}</code>
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<code>\iow_open:cn</code>
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Updated: 2012-02-09
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Opens *<file name>* for writing using *<stream>* as the control sequence for file access. If the *<stream>* was already open it is closed before the new operation begins. The *<stream>* is available for access immediately and will remain allocated to *<file name>* until a `\iow_close:N` instruction is given or the T<sub>E</sub>X run ends. Opening a file for writing will clear any existing content in the file (*i.e.* writing is *not* additive).

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<code>\ior_close:N</code>	<code>\ior_close:N &lt;stream&gt;</code>
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<code>\ior_close:c</code>	<code>\iow_close:N &lt;stream&gt;</code>
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<code>\iow_close:N</code>
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<code>\iow_close:c</code>
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Updated: 2012-07-31
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Closes the *<stream>*. Streams should always be closed when they are finished with as this ensures that they remain available to other programmers.

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<code>\ior_list_streams:</code>	<code>\ior_list_streams:</code>
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<code>\iow_list_streams:</code>	<code>\iow_list_streams:</code>
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Updated: 2015-08-01
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Displays a list of the file names associated with each open stream: intended for tracking down problems.

## 1.2 Reading from files

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<code>\ior_get:NN</code>	<code>\ior_get:NN &lt;stream&gt; (token list variable)</code>
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New: 2012-06-24
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Function that reads one or more lines (until an equal number of left and right braces are found) from the input *<stream>* and stores the result locally in the *(token list)* variable. If the *<stream>* is not open, input is requested from the terminal. The material read from the *<stream>* will be tokenized by T<sub>E</sub>X according to the category codes in force when the function is used. Note that any blank lines will be converted to the token `\par`. Therefore, if skipping blank lines is required a test such as

```
\ior_get:NN \l_my_stream \l_tmpa_tl
\tl_set:Nn \l_tmpb_tl { \par }
\tl_if_eq:NNF \l_tmpa_tl \l_tmpb_tl
...
```

may be used. Also notice that if multiple lines are read to match braces then the resulting token list will contain `\par` tokens. As normal T<sub>E</sub>X tokenization is in force, any lines which do not end in a comment character (usually `%`) will have the line ending converted to a space, so for example input

```
a b c
```

will result in a token list `a b c .`

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This protected macro expands to the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\read` along with the `to` keyword.

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**\ior\_get\_str:NN**

New: 2012-06-24

Updated: 2012-07-31

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**\ior\_get\_str:NN**  $\langle stream \rangle$   $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ 

Function that reads one line from the input  $\langle stream \rangle$  and stores the result locally in the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$  variable. If the  $\langle stream \rangle$  is not open, input is requested from the terminal. The material is read from the  $\langle stream \rangle$  as a series of tokens with category code 12 (other), with the exception of space characters which are given category code 10 (space). Multiple whitespace characters are retained by this process. It will always only read one line and any blank lines in the input will result in the  $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$  being empty. Unlike **\ior\_get:NN**, line ends do not receive any special treatment. Thus input

a b c

will result in a token list a b c with the letters a, b, and c having category code 12.

**TeXhackers note:** This protected macro is a wrapper around the  $\varepsilon$ -TeX primitive **\readline**. However, the end-line character normally added by this primitive is not included in the result of **\ior\_get\_str:NN**.

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**\ior\_if\_eof\_p:N** ★**\ior\_if\_eof:NTF** ★Updated: 2012-02-10

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**\ior\_if\_eof\_p:N**  $\langle stream \rangle$ **\ior\_if\_eof:NTF**  $\langle stream \rangle$   $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$ 

Tests if the end of a  $\langle stream \rangle$  has been reached during a reading operation. The test will also return a **true** value if the  $\langle stream \rangle$  is not open.

## 2 Writing to files

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**\iow\_now:Nn****\iow\_now:(Nx|cn|cx)**Updated: 2012-06-05

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**\iow\_now:Nn**  $\langle stream \rangle$   $\{\langle tokens \rangle\}$ 

This functions writes  $\langle tokens \rangle$  to the specified  $\langle stream \rangle$  immediately (*i.e.* the write operation is called on expansion of **\iow\_now:Nn**).

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**\iow\_log:n****\iow\_log:x****\iow\_log:n**  $\{\langle tokens \rangle\}$ 

This function writes the given  $\langle tokens \rangle$  to the log (transcript) file immediately: it is a dedicated version of **\iow\_now:Nn**.

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**\iow\_term:n****\iow\_term:x****\iow\_term:n**  $\{\langle tokens \rangle\}$ 

This function writes the given  $\langle tokens \rangle$  to the terminal file immediately: it is a dedicated version of **\iow\_now:Nn**.

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 $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_shipout:Nn}$   
 $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_shipout:(Nx|cn|cx)}$ 


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 $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_shipout:Nn} \langle stream \rangle \{ \langle tokens \rangle \}$ 

This functions writes  $\langle tokens \rangle$  to the specified  $\langle stream \rangle$  when the current page is finalised (*i.e.* at shipout). The  $x$ -type variants expand the  $\langle tokens \rangle$  at the point where the function is used but *not* when the resulting tokens are written to the  $\langle stream \rangle$  (*cf.*  $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_shipout\_x:Nn}$ ).

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** When using `expl3` with a format other than L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, new line characters inserted using  $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_newline:}$  or using the line-wrapping code  $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_wrap:nnnN}$  will not be recognized in the argument of  $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_shipout:Nn}$ . This may lead to the insertion of additionnal unwanted line-breaks.

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 $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_shipout\_x:Nn}$   
 $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_shipout\_x:(Nx|cn|cx)}$ 


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Updated: 2012-09-08

 $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_shipout\_x:Nn} \langle stream \rangle \{ \langle tokens \rangle \}$ 

This functions writes  $\langle tokens \rangle$  to the specified  $\langle stream \rangle$  when the current page is finalised (*i.e.* at shipout). The  $\langle tokens \rangle$  are expanded at the time of writing in addition to any expansion when the function is used. This makes these functions suitable for including material finalised during the page building process (such as the page number integer).

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is a wrapper around the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive  $\backslash\mathrm{write}$ . When using `expl3` with a format other than L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, new line characters inserted using  $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_newline:}$  or using the line-wrapping code  $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_wrap:nnnN}$  will not be recognized in the argument of  $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_shipout:Nn}$ . This may lead to the insertion of additionnal unwanted line-breaks.

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 $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_char:N} \star$ 


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 $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_char:N} \backslash \langle char \rangle$ 

Inserts  $\langle char \rangle$  into the output stream. Useful when trying to write difficult characters such as %, {, }, *etc.* in messages, for example:

$$\backslash\mathrm{iow\_now:Nx} \backslash\mathrm{g\_my\_iow} \{ \backslash\mathrm{iow\_char:N} \{ \text{ text } \backslash\mathrm{iow\_char:N} \} \}$$

The function has no effect if writing is taking place without expansion (*e.g.* in the second argument of  $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_now:Nn}$ ).

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 $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_newline:} \star$ 


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 $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_newline:}$ 

Function to add a new line within the  $\langle tokens \rangle$  written to a file. The function has no effect if writing is taking place without expansion (*e.g.* in the second argument of  $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_now:Nn}$ ).

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** When using `expl3` with a format other than L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, the character inserted by  $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_newline:}$  will not be recognized by T<sub>E</sub>X, which may lead to the insertion of additionnal unwanted line-breaks. This issue only affects  $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_shipout:Nn}$ ,  $\backslash\mathrm{iow\_shipout\_x:Nn}$  and direct uses of primitive operations.



## 2.1 Wrapping lines in output

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`\iow_wrap:nnnN`

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New: 2012-06-28  
Updated: 2015-08-05

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`\iow_wrap:nnnN`  $\{\langle text \rangle\}$   $\{\langle run-on text \rangle\}$   $\{\langle set up \rangle\}$   $\langle function \rangle$

This function will wrap the  $\langle text \rangle$  to a fixed number of characters per line. At the start of each line which is wrapped, the  $\langle run-on text \rangle$  will be inserted. The line character count targeted will be the value of `\l_iow_line_count_int` minus the number of characters in the  $\langle run-on text \rangle$  for all lines except the first, for which the target number of characters is simply `\l_iow_line_count_int` since there is no run-on text. The  $\langle text \rangle$  and  $\langle run-on text \rangle$  are exhaustively expanded by the function, with the following substitutions:

- `\` may be used to force a new line,
- `\_` may be used to represent a forced space (for example after a control sequence),
- `\#`, `\%`, `\{`, `\}`, `\~` may be used to represent the corresponding character,
- `\iow_indent:n` may be used to indent a part of the  $\langle text \rangle$  (not the  $\langle run-on text \rangle$ ).

Additional functions may be added to the wrapping by using the  $\langle set up \rangle$ , which is executed before the wrapping takes place: this may include overriding the substitutions listed.

Any expandable material in the  $\langle text \rangle$  which is not to be expanded on wrapping should be converted to a string using `\token_to_str:N`, `\tl_to_str:n`, `\tl_to_str:N`, *etc.*

The result of the wrapping operation is passed as a braced argument to the  $\langle function \rangle$ , which will typically be a wrapper around a write operation. The output of `\iow_wrap:nnnN` (*i.e.* the argument passed to the  $\langle function \rangle$ ) will consist of characters of category “other” (category code 12), with the exception of spaces which will have category “space” (category code 10). This means that the output will *not* expand further when written to a file.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** Internally, `\iow_wrap:nnnN` carries out an x-type expansion on the  $\langle text \rangle$  to expand it. This is done in such a way that `\exp_not:N` or `\exp_not:n` *could* be used to prevent expansion of material. However, this is less conceptually clear than conversion to a string, which is therefore the supported method for handling expandable material in the  $\langle text \rangle$ .

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`\iow_indent:n`

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New: 2011-09-21

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`\iow_indent:n`  $\{\langle text \rangle\}$

In the first argument of `\iow_wrap:nnnN` (for instance in messages), indents  $\langle text \rangle$  by four spaces. This function will not cause a line break, and only affects lines which start within the scope of the  $\langle text \rangle$ . In case the indented  $\langle text \rangle$  should appear on separate lines from the surrounding text, use `\` to force line breaks.

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`\l_iow_line_count_int`

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New: 2012-06-24

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The maximum number of characters in a line to be written by the `\iow_wrap:nnnN` function. This value depends on the T<sub>E</sub>X system in use: the standard value is 78, which is typically correct for unmodified T<sub>E</sub>Xlive and MiK<sub>T</sub><sub>E</sub>X systems.

<hr/> <code>\c_catcode_other_space_tl</code> <hr/>	Token list containing one character with category code 12, (“other”), and character code 32 (space).
<hr/> <small>New: 2011-09-05</small> <hr/>	

## 2.2 Constant input–output streams

<hr/> <code>\c_term_ior</code> <hr/>	Constant input stream for reading from the terminal. Reading from this stream using <code>\ior_get:MN</code> or similar will result in a prompt from T <sub>E</sub> X of the form  <code>&lt;tl&gt;=</code>
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<hr/> <code>\c_log_ior</code> <code>\c_term_ior</code> <hr/>	Constant output streams for writing to the log and to the terminal (plus the log), respectively.
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## 2.3 Primitive conditionals

<hr/> <code>\if_eof:w</code> ★ <hr/>	<pre> \if_eof:w &lt;stream&gt;   &lt;true code&gt; \else:   &lt;false code&gt; \fi: </pre> <p>Tests if the <code>&lt;stream&gt;</code> returns “end of file”, which is true for non-existent files. The <code>\else:</code> branch is optional.</p>
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**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\ifeof`.

## 2.4 Internal file functions and variables

<hr/> <code>\g__file_internal_ior</code> <hr/>	Used to test for the existence of files when opening.
<hr/> <code>\l__file_internal_name_tl</code> <hr/>	Used to return the full name of a file for internal use. This is set by <code>\file_if_exist:n(TF)</code> and <code>\__file_if_exist:nT</code> , and the value may then be used to load a file directly provided no further operations intervene.
<hr/> <code>\__file_name_sanitize:nn</code> <hr/>	<code>\__file_name_sanitize:nn {&lt;name&gt;} {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
<hr/> <small>New: 2012-02-09</small> <hr/>	Exhaustively-expands the <code>&lt;name&gt;</code> with the exception of any category <code>&lt;active&gt;</code> (catcode 13) tokens, which are not expanded. The list of <code>&lt;active&gt;</code> tokens is taken from <code>\l_char_active_seq</code> . The <code>&lt;sanitized name&gt;</code> is then inserted (in braces) after the <code>&lt;tokens&gt;</code> , which should further process the file name. If any spaces are found in the name after expansion, an error is raised.

## 2.5 Internal input–output functions

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`\__ior_open:Nn` `\__ior_open:Nn`  $\langle stream \rangle$   $\{\langle file\ name \rangle\}$

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`\__ior_open:No`

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New: 2012-01-23

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This function has identical syntax to the public version. However, it does not take precautions against active characters in the  $\langle file\ name \rangle$ , and it does not attempt to add a  $\langle path \rangle$  to the  $\langle file\ name \rangle$ : it is therefore intended to be used by higher-level functions which have already fully expanded the  $\langle file\ name \rangle$  and which need to perform multiple open or close operations. See for example the implementation of `\file_add_path:nN`,

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`\__iow_with:Nnn` `\__iow_with:Nnn`  $\langle integer \rangle$   $\{\langle value \rangle\}$   $\{\langle code \rangle\}$

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New: 2014-08-23

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If the  $\langle integer \rangle$  is equal to the  $\langle value \rangle$  then this function simply runs the  $\langle code \rangle$ . Otherwise it saves the current value of the  $\langle integer \rangle$ , sets it to the  $\langle value \rangle$ , runs the  $\langle code \rangle$ , and restores the  $\langle integer \rangle$  to its former value. This is used to ensure that the `\newlinechar` is 10 when writing to a stream, which lets `\iow_newline:` work, and that `\errorcontextlines` is  $-1$  when displaying a message.

## Part XXII

# The l3fp package: floating points

A decimal floating point number is one which is stored as a significand and a separate exponent. The module implements expandably a wide set of arithmetic, trigonometric, and other operations on decimal floating point numbers, to be used within floating point expressions. Floating point expressions support the following operations with their usual precedence.

- Basic arithmetic: addition  $x + y$ , subtraction  $x - y$ , multiplication  $x * y$ , division  $x / y$ , square root  $\sqrt{x}$ , and parentheses.
- Comparison operators:  $x < y$ ,  $x \leq y$ ,  $x > y$ ,  $x \neq y$  etc.
- Boolean logic: negation  $!x$ , conjunction  $x \&\& y$ , disjunction  $x || y$ , ternary operator  $x ? y : z$ .
- Exponentials:  $\exp x$ ,  $\ln x$ ,  $x^y$ .
- Trigonometry:  $\sin x$ ,  $\cos x$ ,  $\tan x$ ,  $\cot x$ ,  $\sec x$ ,  $\csc x$  expecting their arguments in radians, and  $\text{sin}d\ x$ ,  $\text{cos}d\ x$ ,  $\text{tan}d\ x$ ,  $\text{cot}d\ x$ ,  $\text{sec}d\ x$ ,  $\text{csc}d\ x$  expecting their arguments in degrees.
- Inverse trigonometric functions:  $\text{asin}\ x$ ,  $\text{acos}\ x$ ,  $\text{atan}\ x$ ,  $\text{acot}\ x$ ,  $\text{asec}\ x$ ,  $\text{acsc}\ x$  giving a result in radians, and  $\text{asind}\ x$ ,  $\text{acosd}\ x$ ,  $\text{atand}\ x$ ,  $\text{acotd}\ x$ ,  $\text{asecd}\ x$ ,  $\text{acscd}\ x$  giving a result in degrees.
- (not yet) Hyperbolic functions and their inverse functions:  $\sinh x$ ,  $\cosh x$ ,  $\tanh x$ ,  $\coth x$ ,  $\text{sech}\ x$ ,  $\text{csch}\ x$ , and  $\text{asinh}\ x$ ,  $\text{acosh}\ x$ ,  $\text{atanh}\ x$ ,  $\text{acoth}\ x$ ,  $\text{asech}\ x$ ,  $\text{acsch}\ x$ .
- Extrema:  $\max(x, y, \dots)$ ,  $\min(x, y, \dots)$ ,  $\text{abs}(x)$ .
- Rounding functions ( $n = 0$  by default,  $t = \text{NaN}$  by default):  $\text{trunc}(x, n)$  rounds towards zero,  $\text{floor}(x, n)$  rounds towards  $-\infty$ ,  $\text{ceil}(x, n)$  rounds towards  $+\infty$ ,  $\text{round}(x, n, t)$  rounds to the closest value, with ties rounded to an even value by default, towards zero if  $t = 0$ , towards  $+\infty$  if  $t > 0$  and towards  $-\infty$  if  $t < 0$ . And (not yet) modulo, and “quantize”.
- Constants: `pi`, `deg` (one degree in radians).
- Dimensions, automatically expressed in points, e.g., `pc` is 12.
- Automatic conversion (no need for `\<type>_use:N`) of integer, dimension, and skip variables to floating points, expressing dimensions in points and ignoring the stretch and shrink components of skips.

Floating point numbers can be given either explicitly (in a form such as `1.234e-34`, or `-.0001`), or as a stored floating point variable, which is automatically replaced by its current value. See section 9.1 for a description of what a floating point is, section 9.2

for details about how an expression is parsed, and section 9.3 to know what the various operations do. Some operations may raise exceptions (error messages), described in section 7.

An example of use could be the following.

`\LaTeX{}` can now compute:  $\frac{\sin(3.5)}{2} + 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$   
`= \ExplSyntaxOn \fp_to_decimal:n {sin 3.5 /2 + 2e-3} $.`

But in all fairness, this module is mostly meant as an underlying tool for higher-level commands. For example, one could provide a function to typeset nicely the result of floating point computations.

```
\usepackage{xparse, siunitx}
\ExplSyntaxOn
\NewDocumentCommand { \calcnun } { m }
{ \num { \fp_to_scientific:n {#1} } }
\ExplSyntaxOff
\calcnun { 2 pi * sin ( 2.3 ^ 5 ) }
```

## 1 Creating and initialising floating point variables

<code>\fp_new:N</code>	<code>\fp_new:N &lt;fp var&gt;</code>
<code>\fp_new:c</code>	Creates a new <i>&lt;fp var&gt;</i> or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The <i>&lt;fp var&gt;</i> will initially be +0.
Updated: 2012-05-08	
<code>\fp_const:Nn</code>	<code>\fp_const:Nn &lt;fp var&gt; {&lt;floating point expression&gt;}</code>
<code>\fp_const:cn</code>	Creates a new constant <i>&lt;fp var&gt;</i> or raises an error if the name is already taken. The <i>&lt;fp var&gt;</i> will be set globally equal to the result of evaluating the <i>&lt;floating point expression&gt;</i> .
Updated: 2012-05-08	
<code>\fp_zero:N</code>	<code>\fp_zero:N &lt;fp var&gt;</code>
<code>\fp_zero:c</code>	Sets the <i>&lt;fp var&gt;</i> to +0.
<code>\fp_gzero:N</code>	
<code>\fp_gzero:c</code>	
Updated: 2012-05-08	
<code>\fp_zero_new:N</code>	<code>\fp_zero_new:N &lt;fp var&gt;</code>
<code>\fp_zero_new:c</code>	Ensures that the <i>&lt;fp var&gt;</i> exists globally by applying <code>\fp_new:N</code> if necessary, then applies <code>\fp_(g)zero:N</code> to leave the <i>&lt;fp var&gt;</i> set to +0.
<code>\fp_gzero_new:N</code>	
<code>\fp_gzero_new:c</code>	
Updated: 2012-05-08	

## 2 Setting floating point variables

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```
\fp_set:Nn
\fp_set:cn
\fp_gset:Nn
\fp_gset:cn
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Updated: 2012-05-08

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`\fp_set:Nn`  $\langle fp\ var \rangle$   $\{\langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle\}$

Sets  $\langle fp\ var \rangle$  equal to the result of computing the  $\langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle$ .

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```
\fp_set_eq:Nn
\fp_set_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)
\fp_gset_eq:Nn
\fp_gset_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)
```

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Updated: 2012-05-08

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`\fp_set_eq:Nn`  $\langle fp\ var_1 \rangle$   $\langle fp\ var_2 \rangle$

Sets the floating point variable  $\langle fp\ var_1 \rangle$  equal to the current value of  $\langle fp\ var_2 \rangle$ .

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```
\fp_add:Nn
\fp_add:cn
\fp_gadd:Nn
\fp_gadd:cn
```

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`\fp_add:Nn`  $\langle fp\ var \rangle$   $\{\langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle\}$

Adds the result of computing the  $\langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle$  to the  $\langle fp\ var \rangle$ .

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```
\fp_sub:Nn
\fp_sub:cn
\fp_gsub:Nn
\fp_gsub:cn
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`\fp_sub:Nn`  $\langle fp\ var \rangle$   $\{\langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle\}$

Subtracts the result of computing the  $\langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle$  from the  $\langle fp\ var \rangle$ .

## 3 Using floating point numbers

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```
\fp_eval:n ★
```

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`\fp_eval:n`  $\{\langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle\}$

Evaluates the  $\langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle$  and expresses the result as a decimal number with no exponent. Leading or trailing zeros may be inserted to compensate for the exponent. Non-significant trailing zeros are trimmed, and integers are expressed without a decimal separator. The values  $\pm\infty$  and NaN trigger an “invalid operation” exception. This function is identical to `\fp_to_decimal:n`.

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```
\fp_to_decimal:N ★
\fp_to_decimal:c ★
\fp_to_decimal:n ★
```

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Updated: 2012-07-08

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`\fp_to_decimal:N`  $\langle fp\ var \rangle$

`\fp_to_decimal:n`  $\{\langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle\}$

Evaluates the  $\langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle$  and expresses the result as a decimal number with no exponent. Leading or trailing zeros may be inserted to compensate for the exponent. Non-significant trailing zeros are trimmed, and integers are expressed without a decimal separator. The values  $\pm\infty$  and NaN trigger an “invalid operation” exception.

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<code>\fp_to_dim:N</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_dim:N &lt;fp var&gt;</code>
<code>\fp_to_dim:c</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_dim:n {\floating point expression}</code>
<code>\fp_to_dim:n</code>	★	Evaluates the <i>&lt;floating point expression&gt;</i> and expresses the result as a dimension (in pt) suitable for use in dimension expressions. The output is identical to <code>\fp_to_decimal:n</code> , with an additional trailing pt. In particular, the result may be outside the range $[-2^{14} + 2^{-17}, 2^{14} - 2^{-17}]$ of valid T <sub>E</sub> X dimensions, leading to overflow errors if used as a dimension. The values $\pm\infty$ and NaN trigger an “invalid operation” exception.

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<code>\fp_to_int:N</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_int:N &lt;fp var&gt;</code>
<code>\fp_to_int:c</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_int:n {\floating point expression}</code>
<code>\fp_to_int:n</code>	★	Evaluates the <i>&lt;floating point expression&gt;</i> , and rounds the result to the closest integer, rounding exact ties to an even integer. The result may be outside the range $[-2^{31} + 1, 2^{31} - 1]$ of valid T <sub>E</sub> X integers, leading to overflow errors if used in an integer expression. The values $\pm\infty$ and NaN trigger an “invalid operation” exception.

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<code>\fp_to_scientific:N</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_scientific:N &lt;fp var&gt;</code>
<code>\fp_to_scientific:c</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_scientific:n {\floating point expression}</code>
<code>\fp_to_scientific:n</code>	★	Evaluates the <i>&lt;floating point expression&gt;</i> and expresses the result in scientific notation:

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*<optional -><digit>.\<15 digits>e<optional sign><exponent>*

The leading *<digit>* is non-zero except in the case of  $\pm 0$ . The values  $\pm\infty$  and NaN trigger an “invalid operation” exception. The entire representation is in the form of a string (tokens of category code 12), *including* the **e**.

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<code>\fp_to_tl:N</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_tl:N &lt;fp var&gt;</code>
<code>\fp_to_tl:c</code>	★	<code>\fp_to_tl:n {\floating point expression}</code>
<code>\fp_to_tl:n</code>	★	Evaluates the <i>&lt;floating point expression&gt;</i> and expresses the result in (almost) the shortest possible form. Numbers in the ranges $(0, 10^{-3})$ and $[10^{16}, \infty)$ are expressed in scientific notation with trailing zeros trimmed and no decimal separator when there is a single significant digit (see <code>\fp_to_scientific:n</code> ). Numbers in the range $[10^{-3}, 10^{16})$ are expressed in a decimal notation without exponent, with trailing zeros trimmed, and no decimal separator for integer values (see <code>\fp_to_decimal:n</code> ). Negative numbers start with <code>-</code> . The special values $\pm 0$ , $\pm\infty$ and NaN are rendered as <code>0</code> , <code>-0</code> , <code>inf</code> , <code>-inf</code> , and <code>nan</code> respectively.

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<code>\fp_use:N</code>	★	<code>\fp_use:N &lt;fp var&gt;</code>
<code>\fp_use:c</code>	★	Inserts the value of the <i>&lt;fp var&gt;</i> into the input stream as a decimal number with no exponent. Leading or trailing zeros may be inserted to compensate for the exponent. Non-significant trailing zeros are trimmed. Integers are expressed without a decimal separator. The values $\pm\infty$ and NaN trigger an “invalid operation” exception. This function is identical to <code>\fp_to_decimal:N</code> .

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## 4 Floating point conditionals

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<code>\fp_if_exist_p:N</code> ★	<code>\fp_if_exist_p:N</code> $\langle fp\ var \rangle$
<code>\fp_if_exist_p:c</code> ★	<code>\fp_if_exist:NTF</code> $\langle fp\ var \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
<code>\fp_if_exist:N<math>\underline{TF}</math></code> ★	Tests whether the $\langle fp\ var \rangle$ is currently defined. This does not check that the $\langle fp\ var \rangle$ really is a floating point variable.
<code>\fp_if_exist:c<math>\underline{TF}</math></code> ★	

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<code>\fp_compare_p:nNn</code> ★	<code>\fp_compare_p:nNn</code> $\{\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle\}$ $\langle relation \rangle$ $\{\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle\}$
<code>\fp_compare:nNn<math>\underline{TF}</math></code> ★	<code>\fp_compare:nNnTF</code> $\{\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle\}$ $\langle relation \rangle$ $\{\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle\}$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$

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Compares the  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$  and the  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ , and returns `true` if the  $\langle relation \rangle$  is obeyed. Two floating point numbers  $x$  and  $y$  may obey four mutually exclusive relations:  $x \langle y, x=y, x \rangle y$ , or  $x$  and  $y$  are not ordered. The latter case occurs exactly when either operand is NaN, and this relation is denoted by the symbol `?`. Note that a NaN is distinct from any value, even another NaN, hence  $x = x$  is not true for a NaN. To test if a value is NaN, compare it to an arbitrary number with the “not ordered” relation.

```

\fp_compare:nNnTF { <value> } ? { 0 }
{ } % <value> is nan
{ } % <value> is not nan

```



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<code>\fp_compare_p:n</code> ★ <code>\fp_compare:nTF</code> ★ <hr/> Updated: 2012-12-14 <hr/>	<code>\fp_compare_p:n</code> { $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$ $\langle relation_1 \rangle$ ... $\langle fpexpr_N \rangle$ $\langle relation_N \rangle$ $\langle fpexpr_{N+1} \rangle$ } <code>\fp_compare:nTF</code> { $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$ $\langle relation_1 \rangle$ ... $\langle fpexpr_N \rangle$ $\langle relation_N \rangle$ $\langle fpexpr_{N+1} \rangle$ } { $\langle true\ code \rangle$ } { $\langle false\ code \rangle$ }
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Evaluates the  $\langle floating\ point\ expressions \rangle$  as described for `\fp_eval:n` and compares consecutive result using the corresponding  $\langle relation \rangle$ , namely it compares  $\langle intexpr_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle intexpr_2 \rangle$  using the  $\langle relation_1 \rangle$ , then  $\langle intexpr_2 \rangle$  and  $\langle intexpr_3 \rangle$  using the  $\langle relation_2 \rangle$ , until finally comparing  $\langle intexpr_N \rangle$  and  $\langle intexpr_{N+1} \rangle$  using the  $\langle relation_N \rangle$ . The test yields **true** if all comparisons are **true**. Each  $\langle floating\ point\ expression \rangle$  is evaluated only once. Contrarily to `\int_compare:nTF`, all  $\langle floating\ point\ expressions \rangle$  are computed, even if one comparison is **false**. Two floating point numbers  $x$  and  $y$  may obey four mutually exclusive relations:  $x(y, x=y, x)y$ , or  $x$  and  $y$  are not ordered. The latter case occurs exactly when one of the operands is NaN, and this relation is denoted by the symbol ?. Each  $\langle relation \rangle$  can be any (non-empty) combination of  $<$ ,  $=$ ,  $>$ , and  $?$ , plus an optional leading ! (which negates the  $\langle relation \rangle$ ), with the restriction that the  $\langle relation \rangle$  may not start with  $?$ , as this symbol has a different meaning (in combination with  $:$ ) within floatin point expressions. The comparison  $x\ \langle relation \rangle\ y$  is then **true** if the  $\langle relation \rangle$  does not start with ! and the actual relation ( $<$ ,  $=$ ,  $>$ , or  $?$ ) between  $x$  and  $y$  appears within the  $\langle relation \rangle$ , or on the contrary if the  $\langle relation \rangle$  starts with ! and the relation between  $x$  and  $y$  does not appear within the  $\langle relation \rangle$ . Common choices of  $\langle relation \rangle$  include  $>=$  (greater or equal),  $!=$  (not equal),  $!?$  or  $<=>$  (comparable).

## 5 Floating point expression loops

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<code>\fp_do_until:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/> New: 2012-08-16 <hr/>	<code>\fp_do_until:nNnn</code> { $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$ } $\langle relation \rangle$ { $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ } { $\langle code \rangle$ }
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Places the  $\langle code \rangle$  in the input stream for T<sub>E</sub>X to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two  $\langle floating\ point\ expressions \rangle$  as described for `\fp_compare:nNnTF`. If the test is **false** then the  $\langle code \rangle$  will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the  $\langle relation \rangle$  is **true**.

<code>\fp_do_while:nNnn</code> ☆	<code>\fp_do_while:nNnn {&lt;fpexpr1&gt;} &lt;relation&gt; {&lt;fpexpr2&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-16	Places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream for T <sub>E</sub> X to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;floating point expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\fp_compare:nNnTF</code> . If the test is <b>true</b> then the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>false</b> .
<code>\fp_until_do:nNnn</code> ☆	<code>\fp_until_do:nNnn {&lt;fpexpr1&gt;} &lt;relation&gt; {&lt;fpexpr2&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-16	Evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;floating point expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\fp_compare:nNnTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>false</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by T <sub>E</sub> X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is <b>true</b> .
<code>\fp_while_do:nNnn</code> ☆	<code>\fp_while_do:nNnn {&lt;fpexpr1&gt;} &lt;relation&gt; {&lt;fpexpr2&gt;} {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-16	Evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;floating point expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\fp_compare:nNnTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>true</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by T <sub>E</sub> X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is <b>false</b> .
<code>\fp_do_until:nn</code> ☆	<code>\fp_do_until:nn { &lt;fpexpr1&gt; &lt;relation&gt; &lt;fpexpr2&gt; } {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-16	Places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream for T <sub>E</sub> X to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;floating point expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\fp_compare:nTF</code> . If the test is <b>false</b> then the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>true</b> .
<code>\fp_do_while:nn</code> ☆	<code>\fp_do_while:nn { &lt;fpexpr1&gt; &lt;relation&gt; &lt;fpexpr2&gt; } {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-16	Places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream for T <sub>E</sub> X to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;floating point expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\fp_compare:nTF</code> . If the test is <b>true</b> then the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>false</b> .
<code>\fp_until_do:nn</code> ☆	<code>\fp_until_do:nn { &lt;fpexpr1&gt; &lt;relation&gt; &lt;fpexpr2&gt; } {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-16	Evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;floating point expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\fp_compare:nTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>false</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by T <sub>E</sub> X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is <b>true</b> .
<code>\fp_while_do:nn</code> ☆	<code>\fp_while_do:nn { &lt;fpexpr1&gt; &lt;relation&gt; &lt;fpexpr2&gt; } {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-16	Evaluates the relationship between the two <i>&lt;floating point expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\fp_compare:nTF</code> , and then places the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> in the input stream if the <i>&lt;relation&gt;</i> is <b>true</b> . After the <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> has been processed by T <sub>E</sub> X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is <b>false</b> .

## 6 Some useful constants, and scratch variables

<hr/> <code>\c_zero_fp</code> <code>\c_minus_zero_fp</code> <hr/> New: 2012-05-08 <hr/>	Zero, with either sign.
<hr/> <code>\c_one_fp</code> <hr/> New: 2012-05-08 <hr/>	One as an fp: useful for comparisons in some places.
<hr/> <code>\c_inf_fp</code> <code>\c_minus_inf_fp</code> <hr/> New: 2012-05-08 <hr/>	Infinity, with either sign. These can be input directly in a floating point expression as <code>inf</code> and <code>-inf</code> .
<hr/> <code>\c_e_fp</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-08 <hr/>	The value of the base of the natural logarithm, $e = \exp(1)$ .
<hr/> <code>\c_pi_fp</code> <hr/> Updated: 2013-11-17 <hr/>	The value of $\pi$ . This can be input directly in a floating point expression as <code>pi</code> .
<hr/> <code>\c_one_degree_fp</code> <hr/> New: 2012-05-08 Updated: 2013-11-17 <hr/>	The value of $1^\circ$ in radians. Multiply an angle given in degrees by this value to obtain a result in radians. Note that trigonometric functions expecting an argument in radians or in degrees are both available. Within floating point expressions, this can be accessed as <code>deg</code> .
<hr/> <code>\l_tmpa_fp</code> <code>\l_tmpb_fp</code> <hr/>	Scratch floating points for local assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.
<hr/> <code>\g_tmpa_fp</code> <code>\g_tmpb_fp</code> <hr/>	Scratch floating points for global assignment. These are never used by the kernel code, and so are safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, they may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage.

## 7 Floating point exceptions

*The functions defined in this section are experimental, and their functionality may be altered or removed altogether.*

“Exceptions” may occur when performing some floating point operations, such as `0 / 0`, or `10 ** 1e9999`. The IEEE standard defines 5 types of exceptions.

- *Overflow* occurs whenever the result of an operation is too large to be represented as a normal floating point number. This results in  $\pm\infty$ .
- *Underflow* occurs whenever the result of an operation is too close to 0 to be represented as a normal floating point number. This results in  $\pm 0$ .
- *Invalid operation* occurs for operations with no defined outcome, for instance  $0/0$ , or  $\sin(\infty)$ , and almost any operation involving a NaN. This normally results in a NaN, except for conversion functions whose target type does not have a notion of NaN (e.g., `\fp_to_dim:n`).
- *Division by zero* occurs when dividing a non-zero number by 0, or when evaluating e.g.,  $\ln(0)$  or  $\cot(0)$ . This results in  $\pm\infty$ .
- *Inexact* occurs whenever the result of a computation is not exact, in other words, almost always. At the moment, this exception is entirely ignored in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3.

To each exception is associated a “flag”, which can be either *on* or *off*. By default, the “invalid operation” exception triggers an (expandable) error, and raises the corresponding flag. Other exceptions only raise the corresponding flag. The state of the flag can be tested and modified. The behaviour when an exception occurs can be modified (using `\fp_trap:nn`) to either produce an error and turn the flag on, or only turn the flag on, or do nothing at all.

<code>\fp_if_flag_on_p:n</code> ★	<code>\fp_if_flag_on_p:n {&lt;exception&gt;}</code>
<code>\fp_if_flag_on:nTF</code> ★	<code>\fp_if_flag_on:nTF {&lt;exception&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-08	Tests if the flag for the <code>&lt;exception&gt;</code> is on, which normally means the given <code>&lt;exception&gt;</code> has occurred. <i>This function is experimental, and may be altered or removed.</i>
<code>\fp_flag_off:n</code>	<code>\fp_flag_off:n {&lt;exception&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-08	Locally turns off the flag which indicates whether the <code>&lt;exception&gt;</code> has occurred. <i>This function is experimental, and may be altered or removed.</i>
<code>\fp_flag_on:n</code> ★	<code>\fp_flag_on:n {&lt;exception&gt;}</code>
New: 2012-08-08	Locally turns on the flag to indicate (or pretend) that the <code>&lt;exception&gt;</code> has occurred. Note that this function is expandable: it is used internally by l3fp to signal when exceptions do occur. <i>This function is experimental, and may be altered or removed.</i>

<code>\fp_trap:nn</code>	<code>\fp_trap:nn {⟨exception⟩} {⟨trap type⟩}</code>
<hr/> New: 2012-07-19 Updated: 2012-08-08 <hr/>	All occurrences of the <i>⟨exception⟩</i> ( <code>invalid_operation</code> , <code>division_by_zero</code> , <code>overflow</code> , or <code>underflow</code> ) within the current group are treated as <i>⟨trap type⟩</i> , which can be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>none</b>: the <i>⟨exception⟩</i> will be entirely ignored, and leave no trace;</li> <li>• <b>flag</b>: the <i>⟨exception⟩</i> will turn the corresponding flag on when it occurs;</li> <li>• <b>error</b>: additionally, the <i>⟨exception⟩</i> will halt the T<sub>E</sub>X run and display some information about the current operation in the terminal.</li> </ul>

*This function is experimental, and may be altered or removed.*

## 8 Viewing floating points

<code>\fp_show:N</code>	<code>\fp_show:N ⟨fp var⟩</code>
<code>\fp_show:c</code>	<code>\fp_show:n {⟨floating point expression⟩}</code>
<code>\fp_show:n</code>	Evaluates the <i>⟨floating point expression⟩</i> and displays the result in the terminal.
<hr/> New: 2012-05-08 Updated: 2015-08-07 <hr/>	

## 9 Floating point expressions

### 9.1 Input of floating point numbers

We support four types of floating point numbers:

- $\pm 0.d_1d_2 \dots d_{16} \cdot 10^n$ , a normal floating point number, with  $d_i \in [0, 9]$ ,  $d_1 \neq 0$ , and  $|n| \leq 10000$ ;
- $\pm 0$ , zero, with a given sign;
- $\pm \infty$ , infinity, with a given sign;
- **NaN**, is “not a number”, and can be either quiet or signalling (*not yet*: this distinction is currently unsupported);

(*not yet*) subnormal numbers  $\pm 0.d_1d_2 \dots d_{16} \cdot 10^{-10000}$  with  $d_1 = 0$ .

Normal floating point numbers are stored in base 10, with 16 significant figures.

On input, a normal floating point number consists of:

- *⟨sign⟩*: a possibly empty string of + and - characters;
- *⟨significand⟩*: a non-empty string of digits together with zero or one dot;
- *⟨exponent⟩* optionally: the character **e**, followed by a possibly empty string of + and - tokens, and a non-empty string of digits.

The sign of the resulting number is + if  $\langle sign \rangle$  contains an even number of -, and - otherwise, hence, an empty  $\langle sign \rangle$  denotes a non-negative input. The stored significand is obtained from  $\langle significand \rangle$  by omitting the decimal separator and leading zeros, and rounding to 16 significant digits, filling with trailing zeros if necessary. In particular, the value stored is exact if the input  $\langle significand \rangle$  has at most 16 digits. The stored  $\langle exponent \rangle$  is obtained by combining the input  $\langle exponent \rangle$  (0 if absent) with a shift depending on the position of the significand and the number of leading zeros.

A special case arises if the resulting  $\langle exponent \rangle$  is either too large or too small for the floating point number to be represented. This results either in an overflow (the number is then replaced by  $\pm\infty$ ), or an underflow (resulting in  $\pm 0$ ).

The result is thus  $\pm 0$  if and only if  $\langle significand \rangle$  contains no non-zero digit (*i.e.*, consists only in 0 characters, and an optional . character), or if there is an underflow. Note that a single dot is currently a valid floating point number, equal to +0, but that is not guaranteed to remain true.

Special numbers are input as follows:

- **inf** represents  $+\infty$ , and can be preceded by any  $\langle sign \rangle$ , yielding  $\pm\infty$  as appropriate.
- **nan** represents a (quiet) non-number. It can be preceded by any sign, but that will be ignored.
- Any unrecognizable string triggers an error, and produces a NaN.

Note that **e-1** is not a representation of  $10^{-1}$ , because it could be mistaken with the difference of “e” and 1. This is consistent with several other programming languages. However, in order to avoid confusions, **e-1** is not considered to be this difference either. To input the base of natural logarithms, use **exp(1)** or **\c\_e\_fp**.

## 9.2 Precedence of operators

We list here all the operations supported in floating point expressions, in order of decreasing precedence: operations listed earlier bind more tightly than operations listed below them.

- Function calls (**sin**, **ln**, *etc*).
- Binary **\*\*** and **^** (right associative).
- Unary **+**, **-**, **!**.
- Binary **\***, **/**, and implicit multiplication by juxtaposition (**2pi**, **3(4+5)**, *etc*).
- Binary **+** and **-**.
- Comparisons **>=**, **!=**, **<?**, *etc*.
- Logical **and**, denoted by **&&**.
- Logical **or**, denoted by **||**.
- Ternary operator **?:** (right associative).

The precedence of operations can be overridden using parentheses. In particular, those precedences imply that

$$\begin{aligned}\text{sin2pi} &= \sin(2\pi) = 0, \\ 2^{2\text{max}(3,4)} &= 2^{2\max(3,4)} = 256.\end{aligned}$$

Functions are called on the value of their argument, contrarily to  $\text{\TeX}$  macros.

### 9.3 Operations

We now present the various operations allowed in floating point expressions, from the lowest precedence to the highest. When used as a truth value, a floating point expression is **false** if it is  $\pm 0$ , and **true** otherwise, including when it is **NaN**.

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```
?: \fp_eval:n { <operand1> ? <operand2> : <operand3> }
```

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The ternary operator `?:` results in  $\langle operand_2 \rangle$  if  $\langle operand_1 \rangle$  is true, and  $\langle operand_3 \rangle$  if it is false (equal to  $\pm 0$ ). All three  $\langle operands \rangle$  are evaluated in all cases. The operator is right associative, hence

```
\fp_eval:n
{
  1 + 3 > 4 ? 1 :
  2 + 4 > 5 ? 2 :
  3 + 5 > 6 ? 3 : 4
}
```

first tests whether  $1 + 3 > 4$ ; since this isn't true, the branch following `:` is taken, and  $2 + 4 > 5$  is compared; since this is true, the branch before `:` is taken, and everything else is (evaluated then) ignored. That allows testing for various cases in a concise manner, with the drawback that all computations are made in all cases.

---

```
|| \fp_eval:n { <operand1> <operand2> }
```

---

If  $\langle operand_1 \rangle$  is true (non-zero), use that value, otherwise the value of  $\langle operand_2 \rangle$ . Both  $\langle operands \rangle$  are evaluated in all cases.

---

```
&& \fp_eval:n { <operand1> && <operand2> }
```

---

If  $\langle operand_1 \rangle$  is false (equal to  $\pm 0$ ), use that value, otherwise the value of  $\langle operand_2 \rangle$ . Both  $\langle operands \rangle$  are evaluated in all cases.

---

```

<      \fp_eval:n
=      {
>      \langle operand_1 \rangle \langle relation_1 \rangle
?      ...
Updated: 2013-12-14 \langle operand_N \rangle \langle relation_N \rangle
                    \langle operand_{N+1} \rangle
                    }

```

---

Each  $\langle relation \rangle$  consists of a non-empty string of  $<$ ,  $=$ ,  $>$ , and  $?$ , optionally preceded by  $!$ , and may not start with  $?$ . This evaluates to  $+1$  if all comparisons  $\langle operand_i \rangle \langle relation_j \rangle$  are true, and  $+0$  otherwise. All  $\langle operands \rangle$  are evaluated in all cases. See `\fp_compare:nTF` for details.

---

```

+ \fp_eval:n { \langle operand_1 \rangle + \langle operand_2 \rangle }
- \fp_eval:n { \langle operand_1 \rangle - \langle operand_2 \rangle }

```

---

Computes the sum or the difference of its two  $\langle operands \rangle$ . The “invalid operation” exception occurs for  $\infty - \infty$ . “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate.

---

```

* \fp_eval:n { \langle operand_1 \rangle * \langle operand_2 \rangle }
/ \fp_eval:n { \langle operand_1 \rangle / \langle operand_2 \rangle }

```

---

Computes the product or the ratio of its two  $\langle operands \rangle$ . The “invalid operation” exception occurs for  $\infty/\infty$ ,  $0/0$ , or  $0 * \infty$ . “Division by zero” occurs when dividing a finite non-zero number by  $\pm 0$ . “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate.

---

```

+ \fp_eval:n { + \langle operand \rangle }
- \fp_eval:n { - \langle operand \rangle }
! \fp_eval:n { ! \langle operand \rangle }

```

---

The unary  $+$  does nothing, the unary  $-$  changes the sign of the  $\langle operand \rangle$ , and  $!$   $\langle operand \rangle$  evaluates to 1 if  $\langle operand \rangle$  is false and 0 otherwise (this is the `not` boolean function). Those operations never raise exceptions.

---

```

** \fp_eval:n { \langle operand_1 \rangle ** \langle operand_2 \rangle }
^ \fp_eval:n { \langle operand_1 \rangle ^ \langle operand_2 \rangle }

```

---

Raises  $\langle operand_1 \rangle$  to the power  $\langle operand_2 \rangle$ . This operation is right associative, hence  $2 ** 2 ** 3$  equals  $2^{2^3} = 256$ . The “invalid operation” exception occurs if  $\langle operand_1 \rangle$  is negative or  $-0$ , and  $\langle operand_2 \rangle$  is not an integer, unless the result is zero (in that case, the sign is chosen arbitrarily to be  $+0$ ). “Division by zero” occurs when raising  $\pm 0$  to a strictly negative power. “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate.

---

```

abs \fp_eval:n { abs( \langle fpexpr \rangle ) }

```

---

Computes the absolute value of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$ . This function does not raise any exception beyond those raised when computing its operand  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$ . See also `\fp_abs:n`.

---

```

exp \fp_eval:n { exp( \langle fpexpr \rangle ) }

```

---

Computes the exponential of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$ . “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate.



---

**ln**    \fp\_eval:n { ln(  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$  ) }

---

Computes the natural logarithm of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$ . Negative numbers have no (real) logarithm, hence the “invalid operation” is raised in that case, including for  $\ln(-0)$ . “Division by zero” occurs when evaluating  $\ln(+0) = -\infty$ . “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate.

---

**max**    \fp\_eval:n { max(  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$  ,  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$  , ... ) }

---

**min**    \fp\_eval:n { min(  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$  ,  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$  , ... ) }

---

Evaluates each  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$  and computes the largest (smallest) of those. If any of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$  is a NaN, the result is NaN. Those operations do not raise exceptions.

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**round**    \fp\_eval:n { round (  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$  ) }

---

**trunc**    \fp\_eval:n { round (  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$  ,  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$  ) }

---

**ceil**    \fp\_eval:n { round (  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$  ,  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$  ,  $\langle fpexpr_3 \rangle$  ) }

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**floor**    \fp\_eval:n { round (  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$  ,  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$  ,  $\langle fpexpr_3 \rangle$  ) }

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Updated: 2015-08-08

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Only **round** accepts a third argument. Evaluates  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle = x$  and  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle = n$  and  $\langle fpexpr_3 \rangle = t$  then rounds  $x$  to  $n$  places. If  $n$  is an integer, this rounds  $x$  to a multiple of  $10^{-n}$ ; if  $n = +\infty$ , this always yields  $x$ ; if  $n = -\infty$ , this yields one of  $\pm 0$ ,  $\pm\infty$ , or NaN; if  $n$  is neither  $\pm\infty$  nor an integer, then an “invalid operation” exception is raised. When  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$  is omitted,  $n = 0$ , i.e.,  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$  is rounded to an integer. The rounding direction depends on the function.

- **round** yields the multiple of  $10^{-n}$  closest to  $x$ , with ties ( $x$  half-way between two such multiples) rounded as follows. If  $t$  is **nan** or not given the even multiple is chosen (“ties to even”), if  $t = \pm 0$  the multiple closest to 0 is chosen (“ties to zero”), if  $t$  is positive/negative the multiple closest to  $\infty/-\infty$  is chosen (“ties towards positive/negative infinity”).
- **floor**, or the deprecated **round-**, yields the largest multiple of  $10^{-n}$  smaller or equal to  $x$  (“round towards negative infinity”);
- **ceil**, or the deprecated **round+**, yields the smallest multiple of  $10^{-n}$  greater or equal to  $x$  (“round towards positive infinity”);
- **trunc**, or the deprecated **round0**, yields a multiple of  $10^{-n}$  with the same sign as  $x$  and with the largest absolute value less than that of  $x$  (“round towards zero”).

“Overflow” occurs if  $x$  is finite and the result is infinite (this can only happen if  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle < -9984$ ).

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<code>sin</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { sin( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>cos</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { cos( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>tan</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { tan( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>cot</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { cot( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>csc</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { csc( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>sec</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { sec( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>

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Updated: 2013-11-17

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Computes the sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent, cosecant, or secant of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$  given in radians. For arguments given in degrees, see `sind`, `cosd`, *etc.* Note that since  $\pi$  is irrational,  $\sin(8\pi)$  is not quite zero, while its analog  $\text{sind}(8 \times 180)$  is exactly zero. The trigonometric functions are undefined for an argument of  $\pm\infty$ , leading to the “invalid operation” exception. Additionally, evaluating tangent, cotangent, cosecant, or secant at one of their poles leads to a “division by zero” exception. “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate.

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<code>sind</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { sind( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>cosd</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { cosd( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>tand</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { tand( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>cotd</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { cotd( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>cscd</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { cscd( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>secd</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { secd( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>

---

New: 2013-11-02

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Computes the sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent, cosecant, or secant of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$  given in degrees. For arguments given in radians, see `sin`, `cos`, *etc.* Note that since  $\pi$  is irrational,  $\sin(8\pi)$  is not quite zero, while its analog  $\text{sind}(8 \times 180)$  is exactly zero. The trigonometric functions are undefined for an argument of  $\pm\infty$ , leading to the “invalid operation” exception. Additionally, evaluating tangent, cotangent, cosecant, or secant at one of their poles leads to a “division by zero” exception. “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate.

---

<code>asin</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { asin( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>acos</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { acos( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>acsc</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { acsc( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>asec</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { asec( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>

---

New: 2013-11-02

---

Computes the arcsine, arccosine, arccosecant, or arcsecant of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$  and returns the result in radians, in the range  $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$  for `asin` and `acsc` and  $[0, \pi]$  for `acos` and `asec`. For a result in degrees, use `asind`, *etc.* If the argument of `asin` or `acos` lies outside the range  $[-1, 1]$ , or the argument of `acsc` or `asec` inside the range  $(-1, 1)$ , an “invalid operation” exception is raised. “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate.

---

<code>asind</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { asind( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>acosd</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { acosd( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>acscd</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { acscd( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>asecd</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { asecd( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>

---

New: 2013-11-02

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Computes the arcsine, arccosine, arccosecant, or arcsecant of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$  and returns the result in degrees, in the range  $[-90, 90]$  for `asin` and `acsc` and  $[0, 180]$  for `acos` and `asec`. For a result in radians, use `asin`, *etc.* If the argument of `asin` or `acos` lies outside the range  $[-1, 1]$ , or the argument of `acsc` or `asec` inside the range  $(-1, 1)$ , an “invalid operation” exception is raised. “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate.

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<code>atan</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { atan( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>acot</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { atan( &lt;fpexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt; , &lt;fpexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt; ) }</code>
	<code>\fp_eval:n { acot( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
New: 2013-11-02	<code>\fp_eval:n { acot( &lt;fpexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt; , &lt;fpexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt; ) }</code>

---

Those functions yield an angle in radians: `atand` and `acotd` are their analogs in degrees. The one-argument versions compute the arctangent or arccotangent of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$ : arctangent takes values in the range  $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$ , and arccotangent in the range  $[0, \pi]$ . The two-argument arctangent computes the angle in polar coordinates of the point with Cartesian coordinates  $(\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle, \langle fpexpr_1 \rangle)$ : this is the arctangent of  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle / \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ , possibly shifted by  $\pi$  depending on the signs of  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ . The two-argument arccotangent computes the angle in polar coordinates of the point  $(\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle, \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle)$ , equal to the arccotangent of  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle / \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ , possibly shifted by  $\pi$ . Both two-argument functions take values in the wider range  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . The ratio  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle / \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$  need not be defined for the two-argument arctangent: when both expressions yield  $\pm 0$ , or when both yield  $\pm \infty$ , the resulting angle is one of  $\{\pm \pi/4, \pm 3\pi/4\}$  depending on signs. Only the “underflow” exception can occur.

---

<code>atand</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { atand( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<code>acotd</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { atand( &lt;fpexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt; , &lt;fpexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt; ) }</code>
	<code>\fp_eval:n { acotd( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
New: 2013-11-02	<code>\fp_eval:n { acotd( &lt;fpexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt; , &lt;fpexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt; ) }</code>

---

Those functions yield an angle in degrees: `atand` and `acotd` are their analogs in radians. The one-argument versions compute the arctangent or arccotangent of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$ : arctangent takes values in the range  $[-90, 90]$ , and arccotangent in the range  $[0, 180]$ . The two-argument arctangent computes the angle in polar coordinates of the point with Cartesian coordinates  $(\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle, \langle fpexpr_1 \rangle)$ : this is the arctangent of  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle / \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ , possibly shifted by 180 depending on the signs of  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ . The two-argument arccotangent computes the angle in polar coordinates of the point  $(\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle, \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle)$ , equal to the arccotangent of  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle / \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ , possibly shifted by 180. Both two-argument functions take values in the wider range  $[-180, 180]$ . The ratio  $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle / \langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$  need not be defined for the two-argument arctangent: when both expressions yield  $\pm 0$ , or when both yield  $\pm \infty$ , the resulting angle is one of  $\{\pm 45, \pm 135\}$  depending on signs. Only the “underflow” exception can occur.

<hr/> <b>sqrt</b> <hr/>	<code>\fp_eval:n { sqrt( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
<hr/> New: 2013-12-14 <hr/>	Computes the square root of the <i>&lt;fpexpr&gt;</i> . The “invalid operation” is raised when the <i>&lt;fpexpr&gt;</i> is negative; no other exception can occur. Special values yield $\sqrt{-0} = -0$ , $\sqrt{+0} = +0$ , $\sqrt{+\infty} = +\infty$ and $\sqrt{\text{NaN}} = \text{NaN}$ .
<hr/> <b>inf</b> <b>nan</b> <hr/>	The special values $+\infty$ , $-\infty$ , and NaN are represented as <code>inf</code> , <code>-inf</code> and <code>nan</code> (see <code>\c_-inf_fp</code> , <code>\c_minus_inf_fp</code> and <code>\c_nan_fp</code> ).
<hr/> <b>pi</b> <hr/>	The value of $\pi$ (see <code>\c_pi_fp</code> ).
<hr/> <b>deg</b> <hr/>	The value of $1^\circ$ in radians (see <code>\c_one_degree_fp</code> ).
<hr/> <b>em</b> <b>ex</b> <b>in</b> <b>pt</b> <b>pc</b> <b>cm</b> <b>mm</b> <b>dd</b> <b>cc</b> <b>nd</b> <b>nc</b> <b>bp</b> <b>sp</b> <hr/>	Those units of measurement are equal to their values in <code>pt</code> , namely <div style="margin-left: 100px;"> <math>1\text{in} = 72.27\text{pt}</math>  <math>1\text{pt} = 1\text{pt}</math>  <math>1\text{pc} = 12\text{pt}</math>  <math>1\text{cm} = \frac{1}{2.54}\text{in} = 28.45275590551181\text{pt}</math>  <math>1\text{mm} = \frac{1}{25.4}\text{in} = 2.845275590551181\text{pt}</math>  <math>1\text{dd} = 0.376065\text{mm} = 1.07000856496063\text{pt}</math>  <math>1\text{cc} = 12\text{dd} = 12.84010277952756\text{pt}</math>  <math>1\text{nd} = 0.375\text{mm} = 1.066978346456693\text{pt}</math>  <math>1\text{nc} = 12\text{nd} = 12.80374015748031\text{pt}</math>  <math>1\text{bp} = \frac{1}{72}\text{in} = 1.00375\text{pt}</math>  <math>1\text{sp} = 2^{-16}\text{pt} = 1.52587890625e - 5\text{pt}</math>. </div>
	The values of the (font-dependent) units <code>em</code> and <code>ex</code> are gathered from T <sub>E</sub> X when the surrounding floating point expression is evaluated.
<hr/> <b>true</b> <b>false</b> <hr/>	Other names for 1 and +0.
<hr/> <b>\fp_abs:n</b> ★ <hr/>	<code>\fp_abs:n {&lt;floating point expression&gt;}</code>
<hr/> New: 2012-05-14 Updated: 2012-07-08 <hr/>	Evaluates the <i>&lt;floating point expression&gt;</i> as described for <code>\fp_eval:n</code> and leaves the absolute value of the result in the input stream. This function does not raise any exception beyond those raised when evaluating its argument. Within floating point expressions, <code>abs()</code> can be used.

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<code>\fp_max:nn</code> ★	<code>\fp_max:nn {&lt;fp expression 1&gt;} {&lt;fp expression 2&gt;}</code>
<code>\fp_min:nn</code> ★	Evaluates the <i>&lt;floating point expressions&gt;</i> as described for <code>\fp_eval:n</code> and leaves the resulting larger ( <b>max</b> ) or smaller ( <b>min</b> ) value in the input stream. This function does not raise any exception beyond those raised when evaluating its argument. Within floating point expressions, <code>max()</code> and <code>min()</code> can be used.
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New: 2012-09-26	

## 10 Disclaimer and roadmap

The package may break down if the escape character is among 0123456789\_+; if it receives a T<sub>E</sub>X primitive conditional affected by `\exp_not:N`.

The following need to be done. I'll try to time-order the items.

- Decide what exponent range to consider.
- Support signalling **nan**.
- Modulo and remainder, and rounding functions `quantize`, `quantize0`, `quantize+`, `quantize-`, `quantize=`, `round=`. Should the modulo also be provided as (catcode 12) %?
- `\fp_format:nn {<fpexpr>} {<format>}`, but what should *<format>* be? More general pretty printing?
- Add **and**, **or**, **xor**? Perhaps under the names **all**, **any**, and **xor**?
- Add  $\log(x, b)$  for logarithm of  $x$  in base  $b$ .
- **hypot** (Euclidean length). Cartesian-to-polar transform.
- Hyperbolic functions **cosh**, **sinh**, **tanh**.
- Inverse hyperbolics.
- Base conversion, input such as 0xAB.CDEF.
- Random numbers (pgfmath provides **rnd**, **rand**, **random**), with seed reset at every `\fp_set:Nn`.
- Factorial (not with !), gamma function.
- Improve coefficients of the **sin** and **tan** series.
- Treat upper and lower case letters identically in identifiers, and ignore underscores.
- Add an `array(1,2,3)` and `i=complex(0,1)`.
- Provide an experimental **map** function? Perhaps easier to implement if it is a single character, `@sin(1,2)`?
- Provide `\fp_if_nan:nTF`, and an **isnan** function?

- Support keyword arguments?

`Pgfmath` also provides box-measurements (depth, height, width), but boxes are not possible expandably.

Bugs. (Exclamation points mark important bugs.)

- Check that functions are monotonic when they should.
- Add exceptions to `?:`, `!<=>?`, `&&`, `||`, and `!`.
- Logarithms of numbers very close to 1 are inaccurate.
- When rounding towards  $-\infty$ , `\dim_to_fp:n {0pt}` should return  $-0$ , not  $+0$ .
- The result of  $(\pm 0) + (\pm 0)$ , of  $x + (-x)$ , and of  $(-x) + x$  should depend on the rounding mode.
- `0e9999999999` gives a T<sub>E</sub>X “number too large” error.
- Subnormals are not implemented.
- The overflow trap receives the wrong argument in `l3fp-expo` (see `exp(1e5678)` in `m3fp-traps001`).

Possible optimizations/improvements.

- Document that `l3trial/l3fp-types` introduces tools for adding new types.
- In subsection 9.1, write a grammar.
- Fix the `TWO BARS` business with the index.
- It would be nice if the `parse` auxiliaries for each operation were set up in the corresponding module, rather than centralizing in `l3fp-parse`.
- Some functions should get an `_o` ending to indicate that they expand after their result.
- More care should be given to distinguish expandable/restricted expandable (auxiliary and internal) functions.
- The code for the `ternary` set of functions is ugly.
- There are many `~` missing in the doc to avoid bad line-breaks.
- The algorithm for computing the logarithm of the significand could be made to use a 5 terms Taylor series instead of 10 terms by taking  $c = 2000/(\lfloor 200x \rfloor + 1) \in [10, 95]$  instead of  $c \in [1, 10]$ . Also, it would then be possible to simplify the computation of  $t$ . However, we would then have to hard-code the logarithms of 44 small integers instead of 9.
- Improve notations in the explanations of the division algorithm (`l3fp-basics`).

- Understand and document `\_fp\_basics\_pack\_weird\_low:NNNNw` and `\_fp\_basics\_pack\_weird\_high:NNNNNNNNw` better. Move the other `basics\_pack` auxiliaries to `l3fp-aux` under a better name.
- Find out if underflow can really occur for trigonometric functions, and redoc as appropriate.
- Add bibliography. Some of Kahan’s articles, some previous T<sub>E</sub>X fp packages, the international standards,...
- Also take into account the “inexact” exception?
- Support multi-character prefix operators (*e.g.*, `@/` or whatever)? Perhaps for including comments inside the computation itself??

## Part XXIII

# The l3candidates package

## Experimental additions to l3kernel

### 1 Important notice

This module provides a space in which functions can be added to l3kernel (expl3) while still being experimental.

**As such, the functions here may not remain in their current form, or indeed at all, in l3kernel in the future.**

In contrast to the material in l3experimental, the functions here are all *small* additions to the kernel. We encourage programmers to test them out and report back on the LaTeX-L mailing list.

Thus, if you intend to use any of these functions from the candidate module in a public package offered to others for productive use (e.g., being placed on CTAN) please consider the following points carefully:

- Be prepared that your public packages might require updating when such functions are being finalized.
- Consider informing us that you use a particular function in your public package, e.g., by discussing this on the LaTeX-L mailing list. This way it becomes easier to coordinate any updates necessary without a issues for the users of your package.
- Discussing and understanding use cases for a particular addition or concept also helps to ensure that we provide the right interfaces in the final version so please give us feedback if you consider a certain candidate function useful (or not).

We only add functions in this space if we consider them being serious candidates for a final inclusion into the kernel. However, real use sometimes leads to better ideas, so functions from this module are **not necessarily stable** and we may have to adjust them!

### 2 Additions to l3basics

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```
\cs_log:N  
\cs_log:c
```

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New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2015-08-03

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```
\cs_log:N <control sequence>
```

Writes the definition of the <control sequence> in the log file. See also \cs\_show:N which displays the result in the terminal.

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```
\__kernel_register_log:N  
\__kernel_register_log:c
```

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Updated: 2015-08-03

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```
\__kernel_register_log:N <register>
```

Used to write the contents of a TeX register to the log file in a form similar to \\_\_kernel\_register\_show:N.



## 3 Additions to l3box

### 3.1 Affine transformations

Affine transformations are changes which (informally) preserve straight lines. Simple translations are affine transformations, but are better handled in T<sub>E</sub>X by doing the translation first, then inserting an unmodified box. On the other hand, rotation and resizing of boxed material can best be handled by modifying boxes. These transformations are described here.

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<code>\box_resize:Nnn</code> <code>\box_resize:cnn</code>	<code>\box_resize:Nnn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;x-size&gt;} {&lt;y-size&gt;}</code>
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Resize the  $\langle box \rangle$  to  $\langle x-size \rangle$  horizontally and  $\langle y-size \rangle$  vertically (both of the sizes are dimension expressions). The  $\langle y-size \rangle$  is the vertical size (height plus depth) of the box. The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  will be an hbox, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the resizing is applied. Negative sizes will cause the material in the  $\langle box \rangle$  to be reversed in direction, but the reference point of the  $\langle box \rangle$  will be unchanged. Thus negative  $y$ -sizes will result in a box a depth dependent on the height of the original box a height dependent on the depth. The resizing applies within the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level.

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<code>\box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:Nn</code> <code>\box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:cn</code>	<code>\box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:Nn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;y-size&gt;}</code>
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Resize the  $\langle box \rangle$  to  $\langle y-size \rangle$  vertically, scaling the horizontal size by the same amount ( $\langle y-size \rangle$  is a dimension expression). The  $\langle y-size \rangle$  is the vertical size (height plus depth) of the box. The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  will be an hbox, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the resizing is applied. A negative size will cause the material in the  $\langle box \rangle$  to be reversed in direction, but the reference point of the  $\langle box \rangle$  will be unchanged. Thus negative  $y$ -sizes will result in a box with depth dependent on the height of the original box and height dependent on the depth of the original. The resizing applies within the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level.

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<code>\box_resize_to_ht:Nn</code> <code>\box_resize_to_ht:cn</code>	<code>\box_resize_to_ht:Nn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;y-size&gt;}</code>
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Resize the  $\langle box \rangle$  to  $\langle y-size \rangle$  vertically, scaling the horizontal size by the same amount ( $\langle y-size \rangle$  is a dimension expression). The  $\langle y-size \rangle$  is the height only, not including depth, of the box. The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  will be an hbox, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the resizing is applied. A negative size will cause the material in the  $\langle box \rangle$  to be reversed in direction, but the reference point of the  $\langle box \rangle$  will be unchanged. Thus negative  $y$ -sizes will result in a box with depth dependent on the height of the original box and height dependent on the depth of the original. The resizing applies within the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level.

<hr/> <code>\box_resize_to_wd:Nn</code> <hr/>	<code>\box_resize_to_wd:Nn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;x-size&gt;}</code>
<code>\box_resize_to_wd:cn</code> <hr/>	Resize the $\langle box \rangle$ to $\langle x-size \rangle$ horizontally, scaling the vertical size by the same amount ( $\langle x-size \rangle$ is a dimension expression). The updated $\langle box \rangle$ will be an hbox, irrespective of the nature of the $\langle box \rangle$ before the resizing is applied. A negative size will cause the material in the $\langle box \rangle$ to be reversed in direction, but the reference point of the $\langle box \rangle$ will be unchanged. Thus negative $y$ -sizes will result in a box a depth dependent on the height of the original box a height dependent on the depth. The resizing applies within the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level.

<hr/> <code>\box_resize_to_wd_and_ht:Nnn</code> <hr/>	<code>\box_resize_to_wd_and_ht:Nnn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;x-size&gt;} {&lt;y-size&gt;}</code>
<code>\box_resize_to_wd_and_ht:cnn</code> <hr/>	
New: 2014-07-03	

Resize the  $\langle box \rangle$  to a *height* of  $\langle x-size \rangle$  horizontally and  $\langle y-size \rangle$  vertically (both of the sizes are dimension expressions). The  $\langle y-size \rangle$  is the *height* of the box, ignoring any depth. The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  will be an hbox, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the resizing is applied. Negative sizes will cause the material in the  $\langle box \rangle$  to be reversed in direction, but the reference point of the  $\langle box \rangle$  will be unchanged.

<hr/> <code>\box_rotate:Nn</code> <hr/>	<code>\box_rotate:Nn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;angle&gt;}</code>
<code>\box_rotate:cn</code> <hr/>	Rotates the $\langle box \rangle$ by $\langle angle \rangle$ (in degrees) anti-clockwise about its reference point. The reference point of the updated box will be moved horizontally such that it is at the left side of the smallest rectangle enclosing the rotated material. The updated $\langle box \rangle$ will be an hbox, irrespective of the nature of the $\langle box \rangle$ before the rotation is applied. The rotation applies within the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level.

<hr/> <code>\box_scale:Nnn</code> <hr/>	<code>\box_scale:Nnn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;x-scale&gt;} {&lt;y-scale&gt;}</code>
<code>\box_scale:cnn</code> <hr/>	Scales the $\langle box \rangle$ by factors $\langle x-scale \rangle$ and $\langle y-scale \rangle$ in the horizontal and vertical directions, respectively (both scales are integer expressions). The updated $\langle box \rangle$ will be an hbox, irrespective of the nature of the $\langle box \rangle$ before the scaling is applied. Negative scalings will cause the material in the $\langle box \rangle$ to be reversed in direction, but the reference point of the $\langle box \rangle$ will be unchanged. Thus negative $y$ -scales will result in a box a depth dependent on the height of the original box a height dependent on the depth. The resizing applies within the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level.

## 3.2 Viewing part of a box

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<code>\box_clip:N</code>	<code>\box_clip:N &lt;box&gt;</code>
<code>\box_clip:c</code>	

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Clips the  $\langle box \rangle$  in the output so that only material inside the bounding box is displayed in the output. The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  will be an hbox, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the clipping is applied. The clipping applies within the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level.

**These functions require the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 native drivers: they will not work with the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> graphics drivers!**

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** Clipping is implemented by the driver, and as such the full content of the box is placed in the output file. Thus clipping does not remove any information from the raw output, and hidden material can therefore be viewed by direct examination of the file.

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<code>\box_trim:Nnnnn</code>	<code>\box_trim:Nnnnn &lt;box&gt; {\left} {\bottom} {\right} {\top}</code>
<code>\box_trim:cnnnn</code>	

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Adjusts the bounding box of the  $\langle box \rangle$   $\langle left \rangle$  is removed from the left-hand edge of the bounding box,  $\langle right \rangle$  from the right-hand edge and so fourth. All adjustments are *dimension expressions*. Material output of the bounding box will still be displayed in the output unless `\box_clip:N` is subsequently applied. The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  will be an hbox, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the trim operation is applied. The adjustment applies within the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level. The behavior of the operation where the trims requested is greater than the size of the box is undefined.

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<code>\box_viewport:Nnnnn</code>	<code>\box_viewport:Nnnnn &lt;box&gt; {\llx} {\lly} {\urx} {\ury}</code>
<code>\box_viewport:cnnnn</code>	

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Adjusts the bounding box of the  $\langle box \rangle$  such that it has lower-left co-ordinates ( $\langle llx \rangle$ ,  $\langle lly \rangle$ ) and upper-right co-ordinates ( $\langle urx \rangle$ ,  $\langle ury \rangle$ ). All four co-ordinate positions are *dimension expressions*. Material output of the bounding box will still be displayed in the output unless `\box_clip:N` is subsequently applied. The updated  $\langle box \rangle$  will be an hbox, irrespective of the nature of the  $\langle box \rangle$  before the viewport operation is applied. The adjustment applies within the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level.

## 3.3 Internal variables

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<code>\l__box_angle_fp</code>
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The angle through which a box is rotated by `\box_rotate:Nn`, given in degrees counter-clockwise. This value is required by the underlying driver code in `l3driver` to carry out the driver-dependent part of box rotation.

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<code>\l__box_cos_fp</code>
<code>\l__box_sin_fp</code>

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The sine and cosine of the angle through which a box is rotated by `\box_rotate:Nn`: the values refer to the angle counter-clockwise. These values are required by the underlying driver code in `l3driver` to carry out the driver-dependent part of box rotation.

<hr/> <code>\l__box_scale_x_fp</code> <hr/>	The scaling factors by which a box is scaled by <code>\box_scale:Nnn</code> or <code>\box_resize:Nnn</code> . These values are required by the underlying driver code in <code>l3driver</code> to carry out the driver-dependent part of box rotation.
<code>\l__box_scale_y_fp</code> <hr/>	

<hr/> <code>\l__box_internal_box</code> <hr/>	Box used for affine transformations, which is used to contain rotated material when applying <code>\box_rotate:Nn</code> . This box must be correctly constructed for the driver-dependent code in <code>l3driver</code> to function correctly.
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## 4 Additions to `l3clist`

<hr/> <code>\clist_log:N</code> <hr/>	<code>\clist_log:N</code> <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i>
<code>\clist_log:c</code> <hr/>	Writes the entries in the <i>&lt;comma list&gt;</i> in the log file. See also <code>\clist_show:N</code> which displays the result in the terminal.
New: 2014-08-22	

<hr/> <code>\clist_log:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\clist_log:n</code> <i>{&lt;tokens&gt;}</i>
New: 2014-08-22	Writes the entries in the comma list in the log file. See also <code>\clist_show:n</code> which displays the result in the terminal.

## 5 Additions to `l3coffins`

<hr/> <code>\coffin_resize:Nnn</code> <hr/>	<code>\coffin_resize:Nnn</code> <i>&lt;coffin&gt;</i> <i>{&lt;width&gt;}</i> <i>{&lt;total-height&gt;}</i>
<code>\coffin_resize:cnn</code> <hr/>	Resized the <i>&lt;coffin&gt;</i> to <i>&lt;width&gt;</i> and <i>&lt;total-height&gt;</i> , both of which should be given as dimension expressions.

<hr/> <code>\coffin_rotate:Nn</code> <hr/>	<code>\coffin_rotate:Nn</code> <i>&lt;coffin&gt;</i> <i>{&lt;angle&gt;}</i>
<code>\coffin_rotate:cn</code> <hr/>	Rotates the <i>&lt;coffin&gt;</i> by the given <i>&lt;angle&gt;</i> (given in degrees counter-clockwise). This process will rotate both the coffin content and poles. Multiple rotations will not result in the bounding box of the coffin growing unnecessarily.

<hr/> <code>\coffin_scale:Nnn</code> <hr/>	<code>\coffin_scale:Nnn</code> <i>&lt;coffin&gt;</i> <i>{&lt;x-scale&gt;}</i> <i>{&lt;y-scale&gt;}</i>
<code>\coffin_scale:cnn</code> <hr/>	Scales the <i>&lt;coffin&gt;</i> by a factors <i>&lt;x-scale&gt;</i> and <i>&lt;y-scale&gt;</i> in the horizontal and vertical directions, respectively. The two scale factors should be given as real numbers.

<hr/> <code>\coffin_log_structure:N</code> <hr/>	<code>\coffin_log_structure:N</code> <i>&lt;coffin&gt;</i>
<code>\coffin_log_structure:c</code> <hr/>	This function writes the structural information about the <i>&lt;coffin&gt;</i> in the log file. The width, height and depth of the typeset material are given, along with the location of all of the poles of the coffin. See also <code>\coffin_show_structure:N</code> which displays the result in the terminal.
New: 2014-08-22	

## 6 Additions to l3file

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`\file_if_exist_input:nTF`

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New: 2014-07-02

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`\file_if_exist_input:n {⟨file name⟩}`  
`\file_if_exist_input:nTF {⟨file name⟩} {⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}`

Searches for `⟨file name⟩` using the current `TeX` search path and the additional paths controlled by `\file_path_include:n`. If found, inserts the `⟨true code⟩` then reads in the file as additional `LaTeX` source as described for `\file_input:n`. Note that `\file_if_exist_input:n` does not raise an error if the file is not found, in contrast to `\file_input:n`.

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`\ior_map_inline:Nn`

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New: 2012-02-11

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`\ior_map_inline:Nn ⟨stream⟩ {⟨inline function⟩}`

Applies the `⟨inline function⟩` to `⟨lines⟩` obtained by reading one or more lines (until an equal number of left and right braces are found) from the `⟨stream⟩`. The `⟨inline function⟩` should consist of code which will receive the `⟨line⟩` as `#1`. Note that `TeX` removes trailing space and tab characters (character codes 32 and 9) from every line upon input. `TeX` also ignores any trailing new-line marker from the file it reads.

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`\ior_str_map_inline:Nn`

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New: 2012-02-11

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`\ior_str_map_inline:Nn {⟨stream⟩} {⟨inline function⟩}`

Applies the `⟨inline function⟩` to every `⟨line⟩` in the `⟨stream⟩`. The material is read from the `⟨stream⟩` as a series of tokens with category code 12 (other), with the exception of space characters which are given category code 10 (space). The `⟨inline function⟩` should consist of code which will receive the `⟨line⟩` as `#1`. Note that `TeX` removes trailing space and tab characters (character codes 32 and 9) from every line upon input. `TeX` also ignores any trailing new-line marker from the file it reads.

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`\ior_map_break:`

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New: 2012-06-29

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`\ior_map_break:`

Used to terminate a `\ior_map...` function before all lines from the `⟨stream⟩` have been processed. This will normally take place within a conditional statement, for example

```
\ior_map_inline:Nn \l_my_ior
{
  \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { bingo }
  { \ior_map_break: }
  {
    % Do something useful
  }
}
```

Use outside of a `\ior_map...` scenario will lead to low level `TeX` errors.

**TeXhackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted by the internal macro `\__prg_break_point:Nn` before further items are taken from the input stream. This will depend on the design of the mapping function.

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`\ior_map_break:n`

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New: 2012-06-29

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`\ior_map_break:n {<tokens>}`

Used to terminate a `\ior_map_...` function before all lines in the *<stream>* have been processed, inserting the *<tokens>* after the mapping has ended. This will normally take place within a conditional statement, for example

```
\ior_map_inline:Nn \l_my_ior
{
  \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { bingo }
  { \ior_map_break:n { <tokens> } }
  {
    % Do something useful
  }
}
```

Use outside of a `\ior_map_...` scenario will lead to low level TeX errors.

**TeXhackers note:** When the mapping is broken, additional tokens may be inserted by the internal macro `\__prg_break_point:Nn` before the *<tokens>* are inserted into the input stream. This will depend on the design of the mapping function.

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`\ior_log_streams:``\iow_log_streams:`

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New: 2014-08-22

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`\ior_log_streams:``\iow_log_streams:`

Writes in the log file a list of the file names associated with each open stream: intended for tracking down problems.

## 7 Additions to l3fp

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`\fp_log:N``\fp_log:c``\fp_log:n`

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New: 2014-08-22

Updated: 2015-08-07

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`\fp_log:N <fp var>``\fp_log:n {<floating point expression>}`

Evaluates the *<floating point expression>* and writes the result in the log file.

## 8 Additions to l3int

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`\int_log:N``\int_log:c`

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New: 2014-08-22

Updated: 2015-08-03

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`\int_log:N <integer>`

Writes the value of the *<integer>* in the log file.

<hr/>	<code>\int_log:n</code>	<code>\int_log:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
<hr/>	New: 2014-08-22	Writes the result of evaluating the <i>⟨integer expression⟩</i> in the log file.
<hr/>	Updated: 2015-08-07	

## 9 Additions to l3keys

<hr/>	<code>\keys_log:nn</code>	<code>\keys_log:nn {⟨module⟩} {⟨key⟩}</code>
<hr/>	New: 2014-08-22	Writes in the log file the function which is used to actually implement a <i>⟨key⟩</i> for a <i>⟨module⟩</i> .

## 10 Additions to l3msg

In very rare cases it may be necessary to produce errors in an expansion-only context. The functions in this section should only be used if there is no alternative approach using `\msg_error:nnnnnn` or other non-expandable commands from the previous section. Despite having a similar interface as non-expandable messages, expandable errors must be handled internally very differently from normal error messages, as none of the tools to print to the terminal or the log file are expandable. As a result, the message text and arguments are not expanded, and messages must be very short (with default settings, they are truncated after approximately 50 characters). It is advisable to ensure that the message is understandable even when truncated. Another particularity of expandable messages is that they cannot be redirected or turned off by the user.

<code>\msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn</code>	★	<code>\msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn {⟨module⟩} {⟨message⟩} {⟨arg one⟩} {⟨arg</code>
<code>\msg_expandable_error:nnffff</code>	★	<code>two⟩} {⟨arg three⟩} {⟨arg four⟩}</code>
<code>\msg_expandable_error:nnnnn</code>	★	
<code>\msg_expandable_error:nnfff</code>	★	
<code>\msg_expandable_error:nnnn</code>	★	
<code>\msg_expandable_error:nnff</code>	★	
<code>\msg_expandable_error:nnn</code>	★	
<code>\msg_expandable_error:nnf</code>	★	
<code>\msg_expandable_error:nn</code>	★	

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New: 2015-08-06

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Issues an “Undefined error” message from T<sub>E</sub>X itself using the undefined control sequence `\::error` then prints “! *⟨module⟩*: ”*⟨error message⟩*”, which should be short. With default settings, anything beyond approximately 60 characters long (or bytes in some engines) is cropped. A leading space might be removed as well.

## 11 Additions to l3prg

Minimal (lazy) evaluation can be obtained using the functions `\bool_all_p:n`, `\bool_and_p:nn`, `\bool_any_p:n`, or `\bool_or_p:nn`, which only evaluate their boolean ex-

pression arguments when they are needed to determine the resulting truth value. For example, when evaluating the boolean expression

```
\bool_and_p:nn
{
  \bool_any_p:n
  {
    { \int_compare_p:n { 2 = 3 } }
    { \int_compare_p:n { 4 <= 4 } }
    { \int_compare_p:n { 1 = \error } } % is skipped
  }
}
{ ! \int_compare_p:n { 2 = 4 } }
```

the line marked with `is skipped` is not expanded because the result of `\bool_any_p:n` is known once the second boolean expression is found to be logically `true`. On the other hand, the last line is expanded because its logical value is needed to determine the result of `\bool_and_p:nn`.

<hr/> <code>\bool_all_p:n</code> ★ New: 2015-09-28	<code>\bool_all_p:n { {&lt;boolean expr1&gt;} {&lt;boolean expr2&gt;} ... {&lt;boolean exprN&gt;} }</code> Implements the “And” operation on the <i>&lt;boolean expressions&gt;</i> , hence is <code>true</code> if all of them are <code>true</code> and <code>false</code> if any of them is <code>false</code> . Contrarily to the infix operator <code>&amp;&amp;</code> , only the <i>&lt;boolean expressions&gt;</i> which are needed to determine the result of <code>\bool_all_p:n</code> will be evaluated. See also <code>\bool_and_p:nn</code> when there are only two <i>&lt;boolean expressions&gt;</i> .
<hr/> <code>\bool_and_p:nn</code> ★ New: 2015-09-28	<code>\bool_and_p:nn {&lt;boolean expr1&gt;} {&lt;boolean expr2&gt;}</code> Implements the “And” operation between two boolean expressions, hence is <code>true</code> if both are <code>true</code> . Contrarily to the infix operator <code>&amp;&amp;</code> , the <i>&lt;boolean expr2&gt;</i> will only be evaluated if it is needed to determine the result of <code>\bool_and_p:nn</code> . See also <code>\bool_all_p:n</code> when there are more than two <i>&lt;boolean expressions&gt;</i> .
<hr/> <code>\bool_any_p:n</code> ★ New: 2015-09-28	<code>\bool_any_p:n { {&lt;boolean expr1&gt;} {&lt;boolean expr2&gt;} ... {&lt;boolean exprN&gt;} }</code> Implements the “Or” operation on the <i>&lt;boolean expressions&gt;</i> , hence is <code>true</code> if any of them is <code>true</code> and <code>false</code> if all of them are <code>false</code> . Contrarily to the infix operator <code>  </code> , only the <i>&lt;boolean expressions&gt;</i> which are needed to determine the result of <code>\bool_any_p:n</code> will be evaluated. See also <code>\bool_or_p:nn</code> when there are only two <i>&lt;boolean expressions&gt;</i> .
<hr/> <code>\bool_not_p:n</code> ★ Updated: 2012-07-08	<code>\bool_not_p:n {&lt;boolean expression&gt;}</code> Function version of <code>!(&lt;boolean expression&gt;)</code> within a boolean expression.
<hr/> <code>\bool_or_p:nn</code> ★ New: 2015-09-28	<code>\bool_or_p:nn {&lt;boolean expr1&gt;} {&lt;boolean expr2&gt;}</code> Implements the “Or” operation between two boolean expressions, hence is <code>true</code> if either one is <code>true</code> . Contrarily to the infix operator <code>  </code> , the <i>&lt;boolean expr2&gt;</i> will only be evaluated if it is needed to determine the result of <code>\bool_or_p:nn</code> . See also <code>\bool_any_p:n</code> when there are more than two <i>&lt;boolean expressions&gt;</i> .



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<code>\bool_xor_p:nn</code> ☆	<code>\bool_xor_p:nn {&lt;boolexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;boolexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2012-07-08	Implements an “exclusive or” operation between two boolean expressions. There is no infix operation for this logical operator.

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<code>\bool_log:N</code>	<code>\bool_log:N &lt;boolean&gt;</code>
<code>\bool_log:c</code>	Writes the logical truth of the <i>&lt;boolean&gt;</i> in the log file.
New: 2014-08-22	
Updated: 2015-08-03	

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<code>\bool_log:n</code>	<code>\bool_log:n {&lt;boolean expression&gt;}</code>
New: 2014-08-22	Writes the logical truth of the <i>&lt;boolean expression&gt;</i> in the log file.
Updated: 2015-08-07	

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## 12 Additions to l3prop

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<code>\prop_map_tokens:Nn</code> ☆	<code>\prop_map_tokens:Nn &lt;property list&gt; {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
<code>\prop_map_tokens:cn</code> ☆	Analogue of <code>\prop_map_function:NN</code> which maps several tokens instead of a single function. The <i>&lt;code&gt;</i> receives each key–value pair in the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> as two trailing brace groups. For instance,

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```
\prop_map_tokens:Nn \l_my_prop { \str_if_eq:nnT { mykey } }
```

will expand to the value corresponding to `mykey`: for each pair in `\l_my_prop` the function `\str_if_eq:nnT` receives `mykey`, the *<key>* and the *<value>* as its three arguments. For that specific task, `\prop_item:Nn` is faster.

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<code>\prop_log:N</code>	<code>\prop_log:N &lt;property list&gt;</code>
<code>\prop_log:c</code>	Writes the entries in the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> in the log file.
New: 2014-08-12	

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## 13 Additions to l3seq

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<code>\seq_mapthread_function:NNN</code> ☆	<code>\seq_mapthread_function:NNN &lt;seq<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;seq<sub>2</sub>&gt; &lt;function&gt;</code>
<code>\seq_mapthread_function:(NcN cNN ccN)</code> ☆	

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Applies *<function>* to every pair of items *<seq<sub>1</sub>-item>*–*<seq<sub>2</sub>-item>* from the two sequences, returning items from both sequences from left to right. The *<function>* will receive two *n*-type arguments for each iteration. The mapping will terminate when the end of either sequence is reached (*i.e.* whichever sequence has fewer items determines how many iterations occur).

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`\seq_set_filter:NNn`  
`\seq_gset_filter:NNn`

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`\seq_set_filter:NNn`  $\langle sequence_1 \rangle$   $\langle sequence_2 \rangle$   $\{ \langle inline\ boolexpr \rangle \}$

Evaluates the  $\langle inline\ boolexpr \rangle$  for every  $\langle item \rangle$  stored within the  $\langle sequence_2 \rangle$ . The  $\langle inline\ boolexpr \rangle$  will receive the  $\langle item \rangle$  as #1. The sequence of all  $\langle items \rangle$  for which the  $\langle inline\ boolexpr \rangle$  evaluated to **true** is assigned to  $\langle sequence_1 \rangle$ .

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** Contrarily to other mapping functions, `\seq_map_break:` cannot be used in this function, and will lead to low-level T<sub>E</sub>X errors.

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`\seq_set_map:NNn`  
`\seq_gset_map:NNn`

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New: 2011-12-22

`\seq_set_map:NNn`  $\langle sequence_1 \rangle$   $\langle sequence_2 \rangle$   $\{ \langle inline\ function \rangle \}$

Applies  $\langle inline\ function \rangle$  to every  $\langle item \rangle$  stored within the  $\langle sequence_2 \rangle$ . The  $\langle inline\ function \rangle$  should consist of code which will receive the  $\langle item \rangle$  as #1. The sequence resulting from x-expanding  $\langle inline\ function \rangle$  applied to each  $\langle item \rangle$  is assigned to  $\langle sequence_1 \rangle$ . As such, the code in  $\langle inline\ function \rangle$  should be expandable.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** Contrarily to other mapping functions, `\seq_map_break:` cannot be used in this function, and will lead to low-level T<sub>E</sub>X errors.

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`\seq_log:N`  
`\seq_log:c`

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New: 2014-08-12

`\seq_log:N`  $\langle sequence \rangle$

Writes the entries in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  in the log file.

## 14 Additions to l3skip

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`\skip_split_finite_else_action:nnNN`

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`\skip_split_finite_else_action:nnNN`  $\{ \langle skipexpr \rangle \}$   $\{ \langle action \rangle \}$   
 $\langle dimen_1 \rangle$   $\langle dimen_2 \rangle$

Checks if the  $\langle skipexpr \rangle$  contains finite glue. If it does then it assigns  $\langle dimen_1 \rangle$  the stretch component and  $\langle dimen_2 \rangle$  the shrink component. If it contains infinite glue set  $\langle dimen_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle dimen_2 \rangle$  to 0pt and place #2 into the input stream: this is usually an error or warning message of some sort.

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`\dim_log:N`  
`\dim_log:c`

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New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2015-08-03

`\dim_log:N`  $\langle dimension \rangle$

Writes the value of the  $\langle dimension \rangle$  in the log file.

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`\dim_log:n`

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New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2015-08-07

`\dim_log:n`  $\{ \langle dimension\ expression \rangle \}$

Writes the result of evaluating the  $\langle dimension\ expression \rangle$  in the log file.

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`\skip_log:N`  
`\skip_log:c`

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New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2015-08-03

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`\skip_log:N`  $\langle skip \rangle$   
Writes the value of the  $\langle skip \rangle$  in the log file.

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`\skip_log:n`

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New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2015-08-07

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`\skip_log:n`  $\{\langle skip\ expression \rangle\}$   
Writes the result of evaluating the  $\langle skip\ expression \rangle$  in the log file.

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`\muskip_log:N`  
`\muskip_log:c`

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New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2015-08-03

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`\muskip_log:N`  $\langle muskip \rangle$   
Writes the value of the  $\langle muskip \rangle$  in the log file.

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`\muskip_log:n`

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New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2015-08-07

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`\muskip_log:n`  $\{\langle muskip\ expression \rangle\}$   
Writes the result of evaluating the  $\langle muskip\ expression \rangle$  in the log file.

## 15 Additions to l3tl

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`\tl_if_single_token_p:n` ★  
`\tl_if_single_token:nTF` ★

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`\tl_if_single_token_p:n`  $\{\langle token\ list \rangle\}$   
`\tl_if_single_token:nTF`  $\{\langle token\ list \rangle\} \{\langle true\ code \rangle\} \{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$

Tests if the token list consists of exactly one token, *i.e.* is either a single space character or a single “normal” token. Token groups  $\{\dots\}$  are not single tokens.

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`\tl_reverse_tokens:n` ★

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`\tl_reverse_tokens:n`  $\{\langle tokens \rangle\}$

This function, which works directly on T<sub>E</sub>X tokens, reverses the order of the  $\langle tokens \rangle$ : the first will be the last and the last will become first. Spaces are preserved. The reversal also operates within brace groups, but the braces themselves are not exchanged, as this would lead to an unbalanced token list. For instance, `\tl_reverse_tokens:n {a~{b()}}` leaves `{() (b)~a` in the input stream. This function requires two steps of expansion.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the token list will not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

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`\tl_count_tokens:n` ★

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`\tl_count_tokens:n`  $\{\langle tokens \rangle\}$

Counts the number of T<sub>E</sub>X tokens in the  $\langle tokens \rangle$  and leaves this information in the input stream. Every token, including spaces and braces, contributes one to the total; thus for instance, the token count of `a~{bc}` is 6. This function requires three expansions, giving an *integer denotation*.

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<code>\tl_lower_case:n</code>	★	<code>\tl_upper_case:n</code>	<code>{\tokens}</code>
<code>\tl_lower_case:nn</code>	★	<code>\tl_upper_case:nn</code>	<code>{\language}{\tokens}</code>
<code>\tl_upper_case:n</code>	★	These functions are intended to be applied to input which may be regarded broadly as “text”. They traverse the <code>\tokens</code> and change the case of characters as discussed below. The character code of the characters replaced may be arbitrary: the replacement characters will have standard document-level category codes (11 for letters, 12 for letter-like characters which can also be case-changed). Begin-group and end-group characters in the <code>\tokens</code> are normalized and become <code>{</code> and <code>}</code> , respectively.	
<code>\tl_upper_case:nn</code>	★		
<code>\tl_mixed_case:n</code>	★		
<code>\tl_mixed_case:nn</code>	★		

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New: 2014-06-30  
Updated: 2015-05-07

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Importantly, notice that these functions are intended for working with user text for typesetting. For case changing programmatic data see the `l3str` module and discussion there of `\str_lower_case:n`, `\str_upper_case:n` and `\str_fold_case:n`.

The functions perform expansion on the input in most cases. In particular, input in the form of token lists or expandable functions will be expanded *unless* it falls within one of the special handling classes described below. This expansion approach means that in general the result of case changing will match the “natural” outcome expected from a “functional” approach to case modification. For example

```
\tl_set:Nn \l_tmpa_tl { hello }
\tl_upper_case:n { \l_tmpa_tl \c_space_tl world }
```

will produce

```
HELLO WORLD
```

The expansion approach taken means that in package mode any L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> “robust” commands which may appear in the input should be converted to engine-protected versions using for example the `\robustify` command from the `etoolbox` package.

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`\l_tl_case_change_math_tl`

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Case changing will not take place within math mode material so for example

```
\tl_upper_case:n { Some~text~$y = mx + c$~with~{Braces} }
```

will become

```
SOME TEXT $y = mx + c$ WITH {BRACES}
```

Material inside math mode is left entirely unchanged: in particular, no expansion is undertaken.

Detection of math mode is controlled by the list of tokens in `\l_tl_case_change_math_tl`, which should be in open-close pairs. In package mode the standard settings is

```
$ $ \ ( \)
```

Note that while expansion occurs when searching the text it does not apply to math mode material (which should be unaffected by case changing). As such, whilst the opening token for math mode may be “hidden” inside a command/macro, the closing one cannot be as this is being searched for in math mode. Typically, in the types of “text” the case changing functions are intended to apply to this should not be an issue.

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`\l_tl_case_change_exclude_tl`

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Case changing can be prevented by using any command on the list `\l_tl_case_change_exclude_tl`. Each entry should be a function to be followed by one argument: the latter will be preserved as-is with no expansion. Thus for example following

```
\tl_put_right:Nn \l_tl_case_change_exclude_tl { \NoChangeCase }
```

the input

```
\tl_upper_case:n  
  { Some~text~$y = mx + c$~with~\NoChangeCase {Protection} }
```

will result in

```
SOME TEXT $y = mx + c$ WITH \NoChangeCase {Protection}
```

Notice that the case changing mapping preserves the inclusion of the escape functions: it is left to other code to provide suitable definitions (typically equivalent to `\use:n`). In particular, the result of case changing is returned protected by `\exp_not:n`.

When used with  $\text{\LaTeX 2}_{\epsilon}$  the commands `\cite`, `\ensuremath`, `\label` and `\ref` are automatically included in the list for exclusion from case changing.

In package mode, the case change system will also convert text stored using the  $\text{\LaTeX 2}_{\epsilon}$  “LICR” approach. This will upper/lower case tokens as implemented for the font encodings T1, T2, T5 and LGR (see the behaviour of the  $\text{\LaTeX 2}_{\epsilon}$  command `\MakeUppercase`). Note that these commands will automatically be protected from expansion.

“Mixed” case conversion may be regarded informally as converting the first character of the *tokens* to upper case and the rest to lower case. However, the process is more complex than this as there are some situations where a single lower case character maps to a special form, for example *ij* in Dutch which becomes *IJ*. As such, `\tl_mixed_case:n(n)` implement a more sophisticated mapping which accounts for this and for modifying accents on the first letter. Spaces at the start of the *tokens* are ignored when finding the first “letter” for conversion.

```
\tl_mixed_case:n { hello~WORLD }    % => "Hello world"  
\tl_mixed_case:n { ~hello~WORLD }   % => " Hello world"  
\tl_mixed_case:n { {hello}~WORLD }  % => "{Hello} world"
```

When finding the first “letter” for this process, any content in math mode or covered by `\l_tl_case_change_exclude_tl` is ignored.

(Note that the Unicode Consortium describe this as “title case”, but that in English title case applies on a word-by-word basis. The “mixed” case implemented here is a lower level concept needed for both “title” and “sentence” casing of text.)

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`\l_tl_mixed_case_ignore_tl`

The list of characters to ignore when searching for the first “letter” in mixed-casing is determined by `\l_tl_mixed_change_ignore_tl`. This has the standard setting

`( [ { ‘ -`

where comparisons are made on a character basis.

As is generally true for `expl3`, these functions are designed to work with Unicode input only. As such, when used with `pdfTeX` *only* the characters `a–zA–Z` are modified. When used with `XYTeX` or `LuaTeX` a full range of Unicode transformations are enabled. Specifically, the standard mappings here follow those defined by the [Unicode Consortium](#) in `UnicodeData.txt` and `SpecialCasing.txt`. Note that in some cases, `pdfTeX` can interpret the input to a case change but not generate the correct output (for example in the mapping `i` to `I-dot` in Turkish): in these cases the input is left unchanged.

Context-sensitive mappings are enabled: language-dependent cases are discussed below. Context detection will expand input but treats any unexpandable control sequences as “failures” to match a context.

Language-sensitive conversions are enabled using the `<language>` argument, and follow Unicode Consortium guidelines. Currently, the languages recognised for special handling are as follows.

- Azeri and Turkish (`az` and `tr`). The case pairs `I/i-dotless` and `I-dot/i` are activated for these languages. The combining dot mark is removed when lower casing `I-dot` and introduced when upper casing `i-dotless`.
- German (`de-alt`). An alternative mapping for German in which the lower case *Eszett* maps to a *großes Eszett*.
- Lithuanian (`lt`). The lower case letters `i` and `j` should retain a dot above when the accents grave, acute or tilde are present. This is implemented for lower casing of the relevant upper case letters both when input as single Unicode codepoints and when using combining accents. The combining dot is removed when upper casing in these cases. Note that *only* the accents used in Lithuanian are covered: the behaviour of other accents are not modified.
- Dutch (`nl`). Capitalisation of `ij` at the beginning of mixed cased input produces `IJ` rather than `Ij`. The output retains two separate letters, thus this transformation *is* available using `pdfTeX`.

Creating additional context-sensitive mappings requires knowledge of the underlying mapping implementation used here. The team are happy to add these to the kernel where they are well-documented (*e.g.* in Unicode Consortium or relevant government publications).

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`\tl_set_from_file:Nnn`  
`\tl_set_from_file:cnn`  
`\tl_gset_from_file:Nnn`  
`\tl_gset_from_file:cnn`

`\tl_set_from_file:Nnn <tl> {<setup>} {<filename>}`

Defines `<tl>` to the contents of `<filename>`. Category codes may need to be set appropriately via the `<setup>` argument.

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New: 2014-06-25

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```
\tl_set_from_file_x:Nnn
\tl_set_from_file_x:cnn
\tl_gset_from_file_x:Nnn
\tl_gset_from_file_x:cnn
```

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New: 2014-06-25

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```
\tl_log:N
\tl_log:c
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New: 2014-08-22  
Updated: 2015-08-01

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```
\tl_log:n
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New: 2014-08-22

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```
\tl_set_from_file_x:Nnn <tl> {<setup>} {<filename>}
```

Defines  $\langle tl \rangle$  to the contents of  $\langle filename \rangle$ , expanding the contents of the file as it is read. Category codes and other definitions may need to be set appropriately via the  $\langle setup \rangle$  argument.

```
\tl_log:N <tl var>
```

Writes the content of the  $\langle tl var \rangle$  in the log file. See also  $\backslash tl\_show:N$  which displays the result in the terminal.

```
\tl_log:n <token list>
```

Writes the  $\langle token list \rangle$  in the log file. See also  $\backslash tl\_show:n$  which displays the result in the terminal.

## 16 Additions to l3tokens

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```
\char_set_active_eq:NN
\char_gset_active_eq:NN
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Updated: 2015-09-01

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```
\char_set_active_eq:nN
\char_gset_active_eq:nN
```

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New: 2015-09-02

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```
\char_set_active_eq:NN <char> <function>
```

Sets the behaviour of the  $\langle char \rangle$  in situations where it is active (category code 13) to be equivalent to that of the  $\langle function \rangle$ . The category code of the  $\langle char \rangle$  is *unchanged* by this process. The  $\langle function \rangle$  may itself be an active character.

```
\char_set_active_eq:nN {<integer expression>} <function>
```

Sets the behaviour of the  $\langle char \rangle$  which has character code as given by the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$  in situations where it is active (category code 13) to be equivalent to that of the  $\langle function \rangle$ . The category code of the  $\langle char \rangle$  is *unchanged* by this process. The  $\langle function \rangle$  may itself be an active character.

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**`\char_generate:nn`** ★

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New: 2015-09-09

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**`\char_generate:nn`**  $\{\langle charcode \rangle\}$   $\{\langle catcode \rangle\}$ 

Generates a character token of the given  $\langle charcode \rangle$  and  $\langle catcode \rangle$  (both of which may be integer expressions). The  $\langle catcode \rangle$  may be one of

- 1 (begin group)
- 2 (end group)
- 3 (math toggle)
- 4 (alignment)
- 6 (parameter)
- 7 (math superscript)
- 8 (math subscript)
- 11 (letter)
- 12 (other)

and other values will raise an error.

The  $\langle charcode \rangle$  may be any one valid for the engine in use. Note however that for X<sub>Y</sub>TeX releases prior to 0.99992 only the 8-bit range (0 to 255) is accepted due to engine limitations.

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**`\peek_N_type:TF`**

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Updated: 2012-12-20

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**`\peek_N_type:TF`**  $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$ 

Tests if the next  $\langle token \rangle$  in the input stream can be safely grabbed as an N-type argument. The test will be  $\langle false \rangle$  if the next  $\langle token \rangle$  is either an explicit or implicit begin-group or end-group token (with any character code), or an explicit or implicit space character (with character code 32 and category code 10), or an outer token (never used in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3) and  $\langle true \rangle$  in all other cases. Note that a  $\langle true \rangle$  result ensures that the next  $\langle token \rangle$  is a valid N-type argument. However, if the next  $\langle token \rangle$  is for instance `\c_space_token`, the test will take the  $\langle false \rangle$  branch, even though the next  $\langle token \rangle$  is in fact a valid N-type argument. The  $\langle token \rangle$  will be left in the input stream after the  $\langle true\ code \rangle$  or  $\langle false\ code \rangle$  (as appropriate to the result of the test).



## Part XXIV

# The l3sys package System/runtime functions

## 1 The name of the job

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`\c_sys_jobname_str`

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New: 2015-09-19

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Constant that gets the “job name” assigned when T<sub>E</sub>X starts.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This copies the contents of the primitive `\jobname`. It is a constant that is set by T<sub>E</sub>X and should not be overwritten by the package.

## 2 Date and time

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`\c_sys_minute_int`  
`\c_sys_hour_int`  
`\c_sys_day_int`  
`\c_sys_month_int`  
`\c_sys_year_int`

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New: 2015-09-22

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The date and time at which the current job was started: these are all reported as integers.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** Whilst the underlying primitives can be altered by the user, this interface to the time and date is intended to be the “real” values.

### 2.1 Engine

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`\sys_if_engine luatex_p: *`  
`\sys_if_engine luatex: TF *`  
`\sys_if_engine pdftex_p: *`  
`\sys_if_engine pdftex: TF *`  
`\sys_if_engine ptex_p: *`  
`\sys_if_engine ptex: TF *`  
`\sys_if_engine uptex_p: *`  
`\sys_if_engine uptex: TF *`  
`\sys_if_engine xetex_p: *`  
`\sys_if_engine xetex: TF *`

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New: 2015-09-07

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`\c_sys_engine_str`

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New: 2015-09-19

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`\sys_if_engine pdftex:TF {<true code>} {<false code>}`

Conditionals which allow engine-specific code to be used. The names follow naturally from those of the engine binaries: note that the (u)**ptex** tests are for  $\varepsilon$ -pT<sub>E</sub>X and  $\varepsilon$ -upT<sub>E</sub>X as expl3 requires the  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X extensions. Each conditional is true for *exactly one* supported engine. In particular, `\sys_if_engine ptex_p:` is true for  $\varepsilon$ -pT<sub>E</sub>X but false for  $\varepsilon$ -upT<sub>E</sub>X.

The current engine given as a lower case string: will be one of `luatex`, `pdftex`, `ptex`, `uptex` or `xetex`.

## 2.2 Output format

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<code>\sys_if_output_dvi_p:</code>	★	<code>\sys_if_output_dvi:TF</code>	<code>{\true code}\}{\false code}\}</code>
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<code>\sys_if_output_dvi:TF</code>	★
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<code>\sys_if_output_pdf_p:</code>	★
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<code>\sys_if_output_pdf:TF</code>	★
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New: 2015-09-19

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Conditionals which give the current output mode the `TeX` run is operating in. This will always be one of two outcomes, DVI mode or PDF mode. The two sets of conditionals are thus complementary and are both provided to allow the programmer to emphasise the most appropriate case.

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<code>\c_sys_output_str</code>
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New: 2015-09-19

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The current output mode given as a lower case string: will be one of `dvi` or `pdf`.

## Part XXV

# The l3luatex package

## LuaTeX-specific functions

### 1 Breaking out to Lua

The LuaTeX engine provides access to the Lua programming language, and with it access to the “internals” of TeX. In order to use this within the framework provided here, a family of functions is available. When used with pdfTeX or XeTeX these will raise an error: use `\sys_if_engine_luatex:T` to avoid this. Details of coding the LuaTeX engine are detailed in the LuaTeX manual.

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<code>\lua_now_x:n</code>	★	<code>\lua_now:n {⟨token list⟩}</code>
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<code>\lua_now:n</code>	★
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New: 2015-06-29

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The `⟨token list⟩` is first tokenized by TeX, which will include converting line ends to spaces in the usual TeX manner and which respects currently-applicable TeX category codes. The resulting `⟨Lua input⟩` is passed to the Lua interpreter for processing. Each `\lua_now:n` block is treated by Lua as a separate chunk. The Lua interpreter will execute the `⟨Lua input⟩` immediately, and in an expandable manner.

In the case of the `\lua_now_x:n` version the input is fully expanded by TeX in an x-type manner *but* the function remains fully expandable.

**TeXhackers note:** `\lua_now_x:n` is a macro wrapper around `\directlua:` when LuaTeX is in use two expansions will be required to yield the result of the Lua code.

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<code>\lua_shipout_x:n</code>	<code>\lua_shipout:n {⟨token list⟩}</code>
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<code>\lua_shipout:n</code>
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New: 2015-06-30

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The `⟨token list⟩` is first tokenized by TeX, which will include converting line ends to spaces in the usual TeX manner and which respects currently-applicable TeX category codes. The resulting `⟨Lua input⟩` is passed to the Lua interpreter when the current page is finalised (*i.e.* at shipout). Each `\lua_shipout:n` block is treated by Lua as a separate chunk. The Lua interpreter will execute the `⟨Lua input⟩` during the page-building routine: no TeX expansion of the `⟨Lua input⟩` will occur at this stage.

In the case of the `\lua_shipout_x:n` version the input is fully expanded by TeX in an x-type manner during the shipout operation.

**TeXhackers note:** At a TeX level, the `⟨Lua input⟩` is stored as a “whatsit”.

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<code>\lua_escape_x:n</code>	★	<code>\lua_escape:n {⟨<i>token list</i>⟩}</code>
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<code>\lua_escape:n</code>	★
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New: 2015-06-29
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Converts the *⟨token list⟩* such that it can safely be passed to Lua: embedded backslashes, double and single quotes, and newlines and carriage returns are escaped. This is done by prepending an extra token consisting of a backslash with category code 12, and for the line endings, converting them to `\n` and `\r`, respectively.

In the case of the `\lua_escape_x:n` version the input is fully expanded by `TeX` in an `x`-type manner *but* the function remains fully expandable.

**TeXhackers note:** `\lua_escape_x:n` is a macro wrapper around `\luaescapestring:` when `LuaTeX` is in use two expansions will be required to yield the result of the Lua code.

## Part XXVI

# The l3drivers package

## Drivers

TeX relies on drivers in order to carry out a number of tasks, such as using color, including graphics and setting up hyper-links. The nature of the code required depends on the exact driver in use. Currently, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 is aware of the following drivers:

- **pdfmode**: The “driver” for direct PDF output by *both* pdfTeX and LuaTeX (no separate driver is used in this case: the engine deals with PDF creation itself).
- **dvips**: The dvips program, which works in conjugation with pdfTeX or LuaTeX in DVI mode.
- **dvipdfmx**: The dvipdfmx program, which works in conjugation with pdfTeX or LuaTeX in DVI mode.
- **xdvipdfmx**: The driver used by X<sub>Y</sub>TeX.

The code here is all very low-level, and should not in general be used outside of the kernel. It is also important to note that many of the functions here are closely tied to the immediate level “up”: several variable values must be in the correct locations for the driver code to function.

## 1 Box clipping

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`\_driver_box_use_clip:N`

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New: 2011-11-11

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`\_driver_box_use_clip:N`  $\langle box \rangle$

Inserts the content of the  $\langle box \rangle$  at the current insertion point such that any material outside of the bounding box will not be displayed by the driver. The material in the  $\langle box \rangle$  is still placed in the output stream: the clipping takes place at a driver level.

This function should only be used within a surrounding horizontal box construct.

## 2 Box rotation and scaling

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<code>\__driver_box_rotate_begin:</code>	<code>\__driver_box_rotate_begin:</code>
<code>\__driver_box_rotate_end:</code>	<code>\box_use:N \l__box_internal_box</code>
	<code>\__driver_box_rotate_end:</code>

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New: 2011-09-01

Updated: 2013-12-27

Rotates the  $\langle box\ material \rangle$  anti-clockwise around the current insertion point. The angle of rotation (in degrees counter-clockwise) and the sine and cosine of this angle should be stored in `\l__box_angle_fp`, `\l__box_sin_fp` and `\l__box_cos_fp`, respectively. Typically, the box material inserted between the beginning and end markers will be stored in `\l__box_internal_box`: this fact is required by some drivers to obtain the correct output.

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<code>\__driver_box_scale_begin:</code>	<code>\__driver_box_scale_begin:</code>
<code>\__driver_box_scale_end:</code>	$\langle box\ material \rangle$
	<code>\__driver_box_scale_end:</code>

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New: 2011-09-02

Updated: 2013-12-27

Scales the  $\langle box\ material \rangle$  (which should be either a `\box_use:N` or `\hbox:n` construct). The  $\langle box\ material \rangle$  is scaled by the values stored in `\l__box_scale_x_fp` and `\l__box_scale_y_fp` in the horizontal and vertical directions, respectively. This function is also reused when resizing boxes: at a driver level, only scalings are supported and so the higher-level code must convert the absolute sizes to scale factors.

## 3 Color support

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<code>\__driver_color_ensure_current:</code>	<code>\__driver_color_ensure_current:</code>
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Ensures that the color used to typeset material is that which was set when the material was placed in a box. This function is therefore required inside any “color safe” box to ensure that the box may be inserted in a location where the foreground color has been altered, while preserving the color used in the box.

## Part XXVII

# Implementation

## 1 l3bootstrap implementation

- <sup>1</sup>  $\langle *initex | package \rangle$
- <sup>2</sup>  $\langle @@=expl \rangle$

## 1.1 Format-specific code

The very first thing to do is to bootstrap the  $\text{\texttt{iniT\TeX}}$  system so that everything else will actually work.  $\text{\texttt{T\TeX}}$  does not start with some pretty basic character codes set up.

```
3 <*initex>
4 \catcode '\{ = 1 \relax
5 \catcode '\} = 2 \relax
6 \catcode '\# = 6 \relax
7 \catcode '\^ = 7 \relax
8 </initex>
```

Tab characters should not show up in the code, but to be on the safe side.

```
9 <*initex>
10 \catcode '\^^I = 10 \relax
11 </initex>
```

For  $\text{\texttt{LuaT\TeX}}$ , the extra primitives need to be enabled. This is not needed in package mode: plain  $\text{\texttt{T\TeX}}$  and  $\text{\texttt{ConT\TeX}}$  have the primitives enabled while  $\text{\texttt{L\AT\TeX}}_{2\epsilon}$  has them with the prefix  $\text{\texttt{luatex}}$  (which is handled in  $\text{\texttt{l3names}}$ ).

```
12 <*initex>
13 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
14 \expandafter\ifx\csname directlua\endcsname\relax
15 \else
16 \directlua{tex.enableprimitives("", tex.extraprimatives())}
17 \fi
18 </initex>
```

Depending on the versions available, the  $\text{\texttt{L\AT\TeX}}$  format may not have the raw  $\text{\texttt{\Umath}}$  primitive names available. We fix that globally: it should cause no issues. Older  $\text{\texttt{LuaT\TeX}}$  versions do not have a pre-built table of the primitive names here so sort one out ourselves. These end up globally-defined but at that is true with a newer format anyway and as they all start  $\text{\texttt{\U}}$  this should be reasonably safe.

```
19 <*package>
20 \begingroup
21 \expandafter\ifx\csname directlua\endcsname\relax
22 \else
23 \directlua{%
24     local i
25     local t = { }
26     for _,i in pairs(tex.extraprimatives("luatex")) do
27         if string.match(i,"^U") then
28             if not string.match(i,"^Uchar$") then
29                 table.insert(t,i)
30             end
31         end
32     end
33     tex.enableprimitives("", t)
34 }%
35 \fi
36 \endgroup
37 </package>
```

## 1.2 The `\pdfstrcmp` primitive with $\text{\XeTeX}$ and $\text{\LuaTeX}$

Only  $\text{\pdfTeX}$  has a primitive called `\pdfstrcmp`. The  $\text{\XeTeX}$  version is just `\strcmp`, so there is some shuffling to do. As this is still a real primitive, using the  $\text{\pdfTeX}$  name is “safe”.

```
38 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
39 \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfstrcmp\endcsname\relax
40 \let\pdfstrcmp\strcmp
41 \fi
```

If  $\text{\LuaTeX}$  is in use then no primitive `\pdfstrcmp` is available. However, it can be emulated using some Lua code. In earlier versions of the code, the `pdftexcmds` package was loaded to do this task. However, that raises some issues in “generic” (it fails with  $\text{\ConTeXt MkIV}$ ), and also adds a hardly-needed dependency. Note that  $\text{\LuaTeX}$  prior to version 0.36 is not supported by `expl3`: here that means simply skipping the definition, which will then be picked up later. This definition may need to be done twice: one “now” and once at the start of every job. The latter can occur in package mode if for example a custom format is being constructed. To achieve this while not requiring a separate file, the Lua code is saved into a macro then used twice. (In the long term, the Lua code here may be best moved to a separate file.)

No macro definition is given just yet: that is left until `l3basics`.

```
42 \begingroup
43 \expandafter\ifx\csname directlua\endcsname\relax
44 \else
45   \ifnum\luaTeXversion<36 %
46   \else
47     \catcode'\_ =11 %
48     \catcode'\:=11 %
49     \def\tempa
50     {%
51       l3kernel = l3kernel or { }
52       function l3kernel.strptime(A, B)
53         if A == B then
54           tex.write("0")
55         elseif A < B then
56           tex.write("-1")
57         else
58           tex.write("1")
59         end
60       end
61     }
62     \directlua{\tempa}
```

A test for  $\text{\LuaTeX}$  in  $\text{\IniTeX}$  mode.

```
63 \ifnum 0%
64 \directlua
65 {%
66   if status.ini_version then
67     tex.write("1")
```



```

68         end
69     }>0 %
70     \global\everyjob\expandafter
71     {%
72         \the\expandafter\everyjob
73         \expandafter\lua_now_x:n\expandafter{\tempa}%
74     }
75 \fi
76 \fi
77 \fi
78 \endgroup

```

### 1.3 Emulating \Ucharchar in LuaTeX

Expandably creating character tokens can be done in macros but for the full Unicode range requires engine support in practical terms. That is available in XeTeX as `\Ucharcat` but in LuaTeX some Lua code is required. That is set up here, following the model above. Note that we do not try to emulate the syntax of the primitive (doable with LuaTeX 0.80 or later, but not required by our use case).

One minor wrinkle is that a catcode table is needed to return values. For format mode, long-term we can simply take an arbitrary one and make sure this is never allocated. In package mode use the same approach (and table) as `ucharcat`: look for an allocator and use it if available, or use a table unlikely to clash with any other use. We use the same table as `ucharcat` but as this is “disposable” we are safe.

```

79 \begingroup
80 \expandafter\ifx\csname directlua\endcsname\relax
81 \else
82     \ifnum\luatexversion<70 %
83     \else
84     <*initex>
85         % TEMP
86         \catcode'\@=11 %
87         \chardef\ucharcat@table="8000 %
88     </initex>
89     <*package>
90         \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
91         \expandafter\ifx\csname newcatcodetable\endcsname\relax
92             \directlua{tex.enableprimitives("",{"initcatcodetable"})}
93             \chardef\ucharcat@table"7000 %
94             \initcatcodetable\ucharcat@table
95         \else
96             \newcatcodetable\ucharcat@table
97         \fi
98     </package>
99     \catcode'\_ =11 %
100    \catcode'\: =11 %
101    \def\tempa
102        {%

```

```

103         l3kernel = l3kernel or { }
104         local utf8_char = unicode.utf8.char
105         function l3kernel.charcat(charcode, catcode)
106             tex.setcatcode(\number\ucharcat@table, charcode, catcode)
107             tex.sprint(\number\ucharcat@table, utf8_char(charcode))
108         end
109     }
110     \directlua{\tempa}
111     \ifnum 0%
112         \directlua
113         {%
114             if status.ini_version then
115                 tex.write("1")
116             end
117         }>0 %
118     \global\everyjob\expandafter
119     {%
120         \the\expandafter\everyjob
121         \expandafter\lua_now_x:n\expandafter{\tempa}%
122     }
123     \fi
124     \fi
125     \fi
126 \endgroup

```

## 1.4 Engine requirements

The code currently requires functionality equivalent to `\pdfstrcmp` in addition to  $\varepsilon$ -TeX. This is picked up by testing for the `\pdfstrcmp` primitive or a version of LuaTeX capable of emulating it.

```

127 \begingroup
128   \def\next{\endgroup}%
129   \def\ShortText{Required primitives not found}%
130   \def\LongText%
131   {%
132     LaTeX3 requires the e-TeX primitives and \string\pdfstrcmp.\LineBreak
133     \LineBreak
134     These are available in the engines\LineBreak
135     - pdfTeX v1.30\LineBreak
136     - XeTeX v0.9994\LineBreak
137     - LuaTeX v0.40\LineBreak
138     - e-(u)pTeX mid-2012\LineBreak
139     or later.\LineBreak
140     \LineBreak
141   }%
142   \ifnum0%
143     \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfstrcmp\endcsname\relax\else 1\fi
144     \expandafter\ifx\csname directlua\endcsname\relax
145     \else

```

```

146     \ifnum\luatexversion<36 \else 1\fi
147     \fi
148     =0 %
149     \newlinechar'\^^J %
150 <*initex>
151     \def\LineBreak{^^J}%
152     \edef\next
153     {%
154         \errhelp
155         {%
156             \LongText
157             For pdfTeX and XeTeX the '-etex' command-line switch is also
158             needed.\LineBreak
159             \LineBreak
160             Format building will abort!\LineBreak
161         }%
162         \errmessage{\ShortText}%
163         \endgroup
164         \noexpand\end
165     }%
166 </initex>
167 <*package>
168     \def\LineBreak{\noexpand\MessageBreak}%
169     \expandafter\ifx\csname PackageError\endcsname\relax
170     \def\LineBreak{^^J}%
171     \def\PackageError#1#2#3%
172     {%
173         \errhelp{#3}%
174         \errmessage{#1 Error: #2}
175     }%
176     \fi
177     \edef\next
178     {%
179         \noexpand\PackageError{expl3}{\ShortText}
180         {\LongText Loading of expl3 will abort!}%
181         \endgroup
182         \noexpand\endinput
183     }%
184 </package>
185     \fi
186     \next

```

## 1.5 Extending allocators

In format mode, allocating registers is handled by `l3alloc`. However, in package mode it's much safer to rely on more general code. For example, the ability to extend  $\TeX$ 's allocation routine to allow for  $\varepsilon\text{-}\TeX$  has been around since 1997 in the `etex` package.

Loading this support is delayed until here as we are now sure that the  $\varepsilon\text{-}\TeX$  extensions and `\pdfstrcmp` or equivalent are available. Thus there is no danger of an

“uncontrolled” error if the engine requirements are not met.

For  $\text{\LaTeX}2_{\varepsilon}$  we need to make sure that the extended pool is being used: `expl3` uses a lot of registers. For formats from 2015 onward there is nothing to do as this is automatic. For older formats, the `etex` package needs to be loaded to do the job. In that case, some inserts are reserved also as these have to be from the standard pool. Note that `\reserveinserts` is `\outer` and so is accessed here by `csname`. In earlier versions, loading `etex` was done directly and so `\reserveinserts` appeared in the code: this then required a `\relax` after `\RequirePackage` to prevent an error with “unsafe” definitions as seen for example with `capoptions`. The optional loading here is done using a group and `\ifx` test as we are not quite in the position to have a single name for `\pdfstrcmp` just yet.

```

187 <*package>
188 \begingroup
189   \def\@tempa{LaTeX2e}
190   \def\next{}
191   \ifx\fmtname\@tempa
192     \expandafter\ifx\csname extrafloats\endcsname\relax
193       \def\next
194         {%
195           \RequirePackage{etex}%
196           \csname reserveinserts\endcsname{32}%
197         }
198     \fi
199   \fi
200 \expandafter\endgroup
201 \next
202 </package>

```

## 1.6 The $\text{\LaTeX}3$ code environment

The code environment is now set up.

**`\ExplSyntaxOff`** Before changing any category codes, in package mode we need to save the situation before loading. Note the set up here means that once applied `\ExplSyntaxOff` will be a “do nothing” command until `\ExplSyntaxOn` is used. For format mode, there is no need to save category codes so that step is skipped.

```

203 \protected\def\ExplSyntaxOff{}
204 <*package>
205 \protected\edef\ExplSyntaxOff
206   {%
207     \protected\def\ExplSyntaxOff{}%
208     \catcode 9 = \the\catcode 9\relax
209     \catcode 32 = \the\catcode 32\relax
210     \catcode 34 = \the\catcode 34\relax
211     \catcode 38 = \the\catcode 38\relax
212     \catcode 58 = \the\catcode 58\relax
213     \catcode 94 = \the\catcode 94\relax
214     \catcode 95 = \the\catcode 95\relax

```

```

215 \catcode 124 = \the\catcode 124\relax
216 \catcode 126 = \the\catcode 126\relax
217 \endlinechar = \the\endlinechar\relax
218 \chardef\csname\detokenize{l__kernel_expl_bool}\endcsname = 0\relax
219 }
220 </package>

```

(End definition for \ExplSyntaxOff. This function is documented on page 7.)

The code environment is now set up.

```

221 \catcode 9 = 9\relax
222 \catcode 32 = 9\relax
223 \catcode 34 = 12\relax
224 \catcode 38 = 4\relax
225 \catcode 58 = 11\relax
226 \catcode 94 = 7\relax
227 \catcode 95 = 11\relax
228 \catcode 124 = 12\relax
229 \catcode 126 = 10\relax
230 \endlinechar = 32\relax

```

**\l\_\_kernel\_expl\_bool** The status for experimental code syntax: this is on at present.

```

231 \chardef\l__kernel_expl_bool = 1 ~

```

(End definition for \l\_\_kernel\_expl\_bool. This variable is documented on page 8.)

**\ExplSyntaxOn** The idea here is that multiple \ExplSyntaxOn calls are not going to mess up category codes, and that multiple calls to \ExplSyntaxOff are also not wasting time. Applying \ExplSyntaxOn will alter the definition of \ExplSyntaxOff and so in package mode this function should not be used until after the end of the loading process!

```

232 \protected \def \ExplSyntaxOn
233 {
234   \bool_if:NF \l__kernel_expl_bool
235   {
236     \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx \ExplSyntaxOff
237     {
238       \char_set_catcode:nn { 9 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 9 } }
239       \char_set_catcode:nn { 32 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 32 } }
240       \char_set_catcode:nn { 34 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 34 } }
241       \char_set_catcode:nn { 38 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 38 } }
242       \char_set_catcode:nn { 58 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 58 } }
243       \char_set_catcode:nn { 94 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 94 } }
244       \char_set_catcode:nn { 95 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 95 } }
245       \char_set_catcode:nn { 124 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 124 } }
246       \char_set_catcode:nn { 126 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 126 } }
247       \tex_endlinechar:D =
248       \tex_the:D \tex_endlinechar:D \scan_stop:
249       \bool_set_false:N \l__kernel_expl_bool
250       \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \ExplSyntaxOff { }
251     }
252   }

```

```

253 \char_set_catcode_ignore:n { 9 } % tab
254 \char_set_catcode_ignore:n { 32 } % space
255 \char_set_catcode_other:n { 34 } % double quote
256 \char_set_catcode_alignment:n { 38 } % ampersand
257 \char_set_catcode_letter:n { 58 } % colon
258 \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:n { 94 } % circumflex
259 \char_set_catcode_letter:n { 95 } % underscore
260 \char_set_catcode_other:n { 124 } % pipe
261 \char_set_catcode_space:n { 126 } % tilde
262 \tex_endlinechar:D = 32 \scan_stop:
263 \bool_set_true:N \l__kernel_expl_bool
264 }

```

(End definition for `\ExplSyntaxOn`. This function is documented on page 7.)

```

265 </initex | package>

```

## 2 l3names implementation

```

266 <*initex | package>

```

No prefix substitution here.

```

267 <@@=>

```

The code here simply renames all of the primitives to new, internal, names. In format mode, it also deletes all of the existing names (although some do come back later).

`\tex_undefined:D` This function does not exist at all, but is the name used by the plain T<sub>E</sub>X format for an undefined function. So it should be marked here as “taken”.

(End definition for `\tex_undefined:D`. This function is documented on page ??.)

The `\let` primitive is renamed by hand first as it is essential for the entire process to follow. This also uses `\global`, as that way we avoid leaving an unneeded csname in the hash table.

```

268 \let \tex_global:D \global
269 \let \tex_let:D \let

```

Everything is inside a (rather long) group, which keeps `\__kernel_primitive:NN` trapped.

```

270 \begingroup

```

`\__kernel_primitive:NN` A temporary function to actually do the renaming. This also allows the original names to be removed in format mode.

```

271 \long \def \__kernel_primitive:NN #1#2
272 {
273   \tex_global:D \tex_let:D #2 #1
274 <*initex>
275   \tex_global:D \tex_let:D #1 \tex_undefined:D
276 </initex>
277 }

```

(End definition for `\_kernel\_primitive:NN`.)

To allow extracting “just the names”, a bit of DocStrip fiddling.

```
278 </initex | package>
279 <*initex | names | package>
```

In the current incarnation of this package, all TeX primitives are given a new name of the form `\tex_oldname:D`. But first three special cases which have symbolic original names. These are given modified new names, so that they may be entered without catcode tricks.

```
280 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \                \tex_space:D
281 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \/              \tex_italiccorrection:D
282 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \-              \tex_hyphen:D
```

Now all the other primitives.

```
283 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \above          \tex_above:D
284 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \abovedisplayshortskip \tex_abovedisplayshortskip:D
285 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \abovedisplayskip    \tex_abovedisplayskip:D
286 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \abovewithdelims     \tex_abovewithdelims:D
287 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \accent             \tex_accent:D
288 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \adjdemerits        \tex_adjdemerits:D
289 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \advance            \tex_advance:D
290 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \afterassignment     \tex_afterassignment:D
291 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \aftergroup         \tex_aftergroup:D
292 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \atop              \tex_atop:D
293 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \atopwithdelims     \tex_atopwithdelims:D
294 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \badness           \tex_badness:D
295 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \baselineskip       \tex_baselineskip:D
296 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \batchmode         \tex_batchmode:D
297 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \begingroup        \tex_begingroup:D
298 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \belowdisplayshortskip \tex_belowdisplayshortskip:D
299 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \belowdisplayskip    \tex_belowdisplayskip:D
300 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \binoppenalty       \tex_binoppenalty:D
301 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \botmark           \tex_botmark:D
302 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \box               \tex_box:D
303 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \boxmaxdepth       \tex_boxmaxdepth:D
304 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \brokenpenalty     \tex_brokenpenalty:D
305 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \catcode           \tex_catcode:D
306 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \char             \tex_char:D
307 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \chardef          \tex_chardef:D
308 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \cleaders         \tex_cleaders:D
309 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \closein         \tex_closein:D
310 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \closeout        \tex_closeout:D
311 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \clubpenalty     \tex_clubpenalty:D
312 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \copy            \tex_copy:D
313 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \count           \tex_count:D
314 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \countdef        \tex_countdef:D
315 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \cr              \tex_cr:D
316 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \crrcr          \tex_crrcr:D
317 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \csname         \tex_csname:D
318 \_kernel\_primitive:NN \day             \tex_day:D
```

319	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\deadcycles	\tex\_deadcycles:D
320	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\def	\tex\_def:D
321	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\defaultthyphenchar	\tex\_defaultthyphenchar:D
322	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\defaultskewchar	\tex\_defaultskewchar:D
323	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\delcode	\tex\_delcode:D
324	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\delimiter	\tex\_delimiter:D
325	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\delimiterfactor	\tex\_delimiterfactor:D
326	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\delimitershortfall	\tex\_delimitershortfall:D
327	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\dimen	\tex\_dimen:D
328	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\dimendef	\tex\_dimendef:D
329	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\discretionary	\tex\_discretionary:D
330	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\displayindent	\tex\_displayindent:D
331	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\displaylimits	\tex\_displaylimits:D
332	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\displaystyle	\tex\_displaystyle:D
333	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\displaywidowpenalty	\tex\_displaywidowpenalty:D
334	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\displaywidth	\tex\_displaywidth:D
335	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\divide	\tex\_divide:D
336	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\doublehyphendemerits	\tex\_doublehyphendemerits:D
337	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\dp	\tex\_dp:D
338	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\dump	\tex\_dump:D
339	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\edef	\tex\_edef:D
340	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\else	\tex\_else:D
341	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\emergencystretch	\tex\_emergencystretch:D
342	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\end	\tex\_end:D
343	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\endcsname	\tex\_endcsname:D
344	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\endgroup	\tex\_endgroup:D
345	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\endinput	\tex\_endinput:D
346	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\endlinechar	\tex\_endlinechar:D
347	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\eqno	\tex\_eqno:D
348	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\errhelp	\tex\_errhelp:D
349	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\errmessage	\tex\_errmessage:D
350	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\errorcontextlines	\tex\_errorcontextlines:D
351	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\errorstopmode	\tex\_errorstopmode:D
352	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\escapechar	\tex\_escapechar:D
353	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\everycr	\tex\_everycr:D
354	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\everydisplay	\tex\_everydisplay:D
355	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\everyhbox	\tex\_everyhbox:D
356	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\everyjob	\tex\_everyjob:D
357	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\everymath	\tex\_everymath:D
358	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\everypar	\tex\_everypar:D
359	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\everyvbox	\tex\_everyvbox:D
360	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\exhyphenpenalty	\tex\_exhyphenpenalty:D
361	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\expandafter	\tex\_expandafter:D
362	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\fam	\tex\_fam:D
363	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\fi	\tex\_fi:D
364	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\finalhyphendemerits	\tex\_finalhyphendemerits:D
365	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\firstmark	\tex\_firstmark:D
366	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\floatingpenalty	\tex\_floatingpenalty:D
367	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\font	\tex\_font:D
368	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\fontdimen	\tex\_fontdimen:D



369	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\fontname	\tex\_fontname:D
370	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\futurelet	\tex\_futurelet:D
371	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\gdef	\tex\_gdef:D
372	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\global	\tex\_global:D
373	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\globaldefs	\tex\_globaldefs:D
374	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\halign	\tex\_halign:D
375	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hangingafter	\tex\_hangingafter:D
376	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hangindent	\tex\_hangindent:D
377	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hbadness	\tex\_hbadness:D
378	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hbox	\tex\_hbox:D
379	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hfil	\tex\_hfil:D
380	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hfill	\tex\_hfill:D
381	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hfilneg	\tex\_hfilneg:D
382	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hfuzz	\tex\_hfuzz:D
383	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hoffset	\tex\_hoffset:D
384	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\holdinginserts	\tex\_holdinginserts:D
385	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hrule	\tex\_hrule:D
386	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hsize	\tex\_hsize:D
387	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hskip	\tex\_hskip:D
388	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hss	\tex\_hss:D
389	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ht	\tex\_ht:D
390	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hyphenation	\tex\_hyphenation:D
391	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hyphenchar	\tex\_hyphenchar:D
392	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hyphenpenalty	\tex\_hyphenpenalty:D
393	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\if	\tex\_if:D
394	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ifcase	\tex\_ifcase:D
395	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ifcat	\tex\_ifcat:D
396	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ifdim	\tex\_ifdim:D
397	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ifeof	\tex\_ifeof:D
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401	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ifinner	\tex\_ifinner:D
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409	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ifx	\tex\_ifx:D
410	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ignorespaces	\tex\_ignorespaces:D
411	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\immediate	\tex\_immediate:D
412	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\indent	\tex\_indent:D
413	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\input	\tex\_input:D
414	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\inputlineno	\tex\_inputlineno:D
415	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\insert	\tex\_insert:D
416	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\insertpenalties	\tex\_insertpenalties:D
417	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\interlinepenalty	\tex\_interlinepenalty:D
418	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\jobname	\tex\_jobname:D

419	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\kern	\tex\_kern:D
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421	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\lastbox	\tex\_lastbox:D
422	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\lastkern	\tex\_lastkern:D
423	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\lastpenalty	\tex\_lastpenalty:D
424	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\lastskip	\tex\_lastskip:D
425	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\lccode	\tex\_lccode:D
426	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\leaders	\tex\_leaders:D
427	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\left	\tex\_left:D
428	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\lefthyphenmin	\tex\_lefthyphenmin:D
429	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\leftskip	\tex\_leftskip:D
430	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\leqno	\tex\_leqno:D
431	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\let	\tex\_let:D
432	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\limits	\tex\_limits:D
433	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\linepenalty	\tex\_linepenalty:D
434	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\lineskip	\tex\_lineskip:D
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437	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\looseness	\tex\_looseness:D
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439	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\lowercase	\tex\_lowercase:D
440	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\mag	\tex\_mag:D
441	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\mark	\tex\_mark:D
442	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\mathaccent	\tex\_mathaccent:D
443	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\mathbin	\tex\_mathbin:D
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449	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\mathinner	\tex\_mathinner:D
450	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\mathop	\tex\_mathop:D
451	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\mathopen	\tex\_mathopen:D
452	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\mathord	\tex\_mathord:D
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488	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\overfullrule	\tex\_overfullrule:D
489	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\overline	\tex\_overline:D
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518	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\right	\tex\_right:D

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524	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\scriptscriptstyle	\tex_scriptscriptstyle:D
525	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\scriptspace	\tex_scriptspace:D
526	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\scriptstyle	\tex_scriptstyle:D
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528	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\setbox	\tex_setbox:D
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535	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\showboxdepth	\tex_showboxdepth:D
536	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\showlists	\tex_showlists:D
537	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\showthe	\tex_showthe:D
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545	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\splitbotmark	\tex_splitbotmark:D
546	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\splitfirstmark	\tex_splitfirstmark:D
547	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\splitmaxdepth	\tex_splitmaxdepth:D
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563	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\tracinglostchars	\tex_tracinglostchars:D
564	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\tracingmacros	\tex_tracingmacros:D
565	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\tracingonline	\tex_tracingonline:D
566	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\tracingoutput	\tex_tracingoutput:D
567	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\tracingpages	\tex_tracingpages:D
568	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\tracingparagraphs	\tex_tracingparagraphs:D

569	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\tracingrestores	\tex\_tracingrestores:D
570	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\tracingstats	\tex\_tracingstats:D
571	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\uccode	\tex\_uccode:D
572	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\uchyph	\tex\_uchyph:D
573	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\underline	\tex\_underline:D
574	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\unhbox	\tex\_unhbox:D
575	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\unhcopy	\tex\_unhcopy:D
576	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\unkern	\tex\_unkern:D
577	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\unpenalty	\tex\_unpenalty:D
578	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\unskip	\tex\_unskip:D
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588	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\vfill	\tex\_vfill:D
589	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\vfilneg	\tex\_vfilneg:D
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591	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\voffset	\tex\_voffset:D
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593	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\vsize	\tex\_vsize:D
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596	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\vss	\tex\_vss:D
597	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\vtop	\tex\_vtop:D
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601	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\xdef	\tex\_xdef:D
602	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\xleaders	\tex\_xleaders:D
603	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\xspaceskip	\tex\_xspaceskip:D
604	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\year	\tex\_year:D

Since L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 requires at least the  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X extensions, we also rename the additional primitives. These are all given the prefix `\etex_`.

605	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\beginL	\etex\_beginL:D
606	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\beginR	\etex\_beginR:D
607	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\botmarks	\etex\_botmarks:D
608	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\clubpenalties	\etex\_clubpenalties:D
609	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\currentgrouplevel	\etex\_currentgrouplevel:D
610	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\currentgrouptype	\etex\_currentgrouptype:D
611	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\currentifbranch	\etex\_currentifbranch:D
612	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\currentiflevel	\etex\_currentiflevel:D
613	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\currentifttype	\etex\_currentifttype:D
614	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\detokenize	\etex\_detokenize:D
615	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\dimexpr	\etex\_dimexpr:D

616	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\displaywidowpenalties	\etex\_displaywidowpenalties:D
617	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\endL	\etex\_endL:D
618	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\endR	\etex\_endR:D
619	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\eTeXrevision	\etex\_eTeXrevision:D
620	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\eTeXversion	\etex\_eTeXversion:D
621	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\everyeof	\etex\_everyeof:D
622	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\firstmarks	\etex\_firstmarks:D
623	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\fontchardp	\etex\_fontchardp:D
624	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\fontcharht	\etex\_fontcharht:D
625	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\fontcharic	\etex\_fontcharic:D
626	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\fontcharwd	\etex\_fontcharwd:D
627	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\glueexpr	\etex\_glueexpr:D
628	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\glueshrink	\etex\_glueshrink:D
629	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\glueshrinkorder	\etex\_glueshrinkorder:D
630	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\gluestretch	\etex\_gluestretch:D
631	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\gluestretchorder	\etex\_gluestretchorder:D
632	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\gluetomu	\etex\_gluetomu:D
633	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ifcsname	\etex\_ifcsname:D
634	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ifdefined	\etex\_ifdefined:D
635	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\iffontchar	\etex\_iffontchar:D
636	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\interactionmode	\etex\_interactionmode:D
637	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\interlinepenalties	\etex\_interlinepenalties:D
638	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\lastlinefit	\etex\_lastlinefit:D
639	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\lastnodetype	\etex\_lastnodetype:D
640	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\marks	\etex\_marks:D
641	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\middle	\etex\_middle:D
642	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\muexpr	\etex\_muexpr:D
643	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\mutoglu	\etex\_mutoglu:D
644	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\numexpr	\etex\_numexpr:D
645	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pagediscards	\etex\_pagediscards:D
646	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\parshapedimen	\etex\_parshapedimen:D
647	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\parshapeindent	\etex\_parshapeindent:D
648	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\parshapelength	\etex\_parshapelength:D
649	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\predisplaydirection	\etex\_predisplaydirection:D
650	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\protected	\etex\_protected:D
651	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\readline	\etex\_readline:D
652	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\savinghyphcodes	\etex\_savinghyphcodes:D
653	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\savingvdiscards	\etex\_savingvdiscards:D
654	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\scantokens	\etex\_scantokens:D
655	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\showgroups	\etex\_showgroups:D
656	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\showifs	\etex\_showifs:D
657	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\showtokens	\etex\_showtokens:D
658	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\splitbotmarks	\etex\_splitbotmarks:D
659	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\splitdiscards	\etex\_splitdiscards:D
660	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\splitfirstmarks	\etex\_splitfirstmarks:D
661	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\TeXXeTstate	\etex\_TeXXeTstate:D
662	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\topmarks	\etex\_topmarks:D
663	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\tracingassigns	\etex\_tracingassigns:D
664	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\tracinggroups	\etex\_tracinggroups:D
665	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\tracingifs	\etex\_tracingifs:D

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666 \__kernel_primitive:NN \tracingnesting \etex_tracingnesting:D
667 \__kernel_primitive:NN \tracingscantokens \etex_tracingscantokens:D
668 \__kernel_primitive:NN \unexpanded \etex_unexpanded:D
669 \__kernel_primitive:NN \unless \etex_unless:D
670 \__kernel_primitive:NN \widowpenalties \etex_widowpenalties:D

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The newer primitives are more complex: there are an awful lot of them, and we don't use them all at the moment. So the following is selective, based on those also available in LuaTeX or used in expl3. In the case of the pdfTeX primitives, we retain `pdf` at the start of the names *only* for directly PDF-related primitives, as there are a lot of pdfTeX primitives that start `\pdf...` but are not related to PDF output. These ones related to PDF output or only work in PDF mode.

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671 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfannot \pdfTEX_pdfannot:D
672 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfcatalog \pdfTEX_pdfcatalog:D
673 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfcompresslevel \pdfTEX_pdfcompresslevel:D
674 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfcolorstack \pdfTEX_pdfcolorstack:D
675 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfcolorstackinit \pdfTEX_pdfcolorstackinit:D
676 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfcreationdate \pdfTEX_pdfcreationdate:D
677 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfdecimaldigits \pdfTEX_pdfdecimaldigits:D
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682 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdffontattr \pdfTEX_pdffontattr:D
683 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdffontname \pdfTEX_pdffontname:D
684 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdffontobjnum \pdfTEX_pdffontobjnum:D
685 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfgamma \pdfTEX_pdfgamma:D
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701 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdflastximage \pdfTEX_pdflastximage:D
702 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdflastximagecolordepth \pdfTEX_pdflastximagecolordepth:D
703 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdflastximagepages \pdfTEX_pdflastximagepages:D
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705 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfliteral \pdfTEX_pdfliteral:D
706 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfminorversion \pdfTEX_pdfminorversion:D
707 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfnames \pdfTEX_pdfnames:D
708 \__kernel_primitive:NN \pdfobj \pdfTEX_pdfobj:D

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715	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfpageresources	\pdftex\_pdfpageresources:D
716	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfpagesattr	\pdftex\_pdfpagesattr:D
717	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfrefobj	\pdftex\_pdfrefobj:D
718	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfrefxform	\pdftex\_pdfrefxform:D
719	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfrefximage	\pdftex\_pdfrefximage:D
720	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfrestore	\pdftex\_pdfrestore:D
721	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfretval	\pdftex\_pdfretval:D
722	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfsave	\pdftex\_pdfsave:D
723	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfsetmatrix	\pdftex\_pdfsetmatrix:D
724	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfstartlink	\pdftex\_pdfstartlink:D
725	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfstartthread	\pdftex\_pdfstartthread:D
726	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfthread	\pdftex\_pdfthread:D
727	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfthreadmargin	\pdftex\_pdfthreadmargin:D
728	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdftrailer	\pdftex\_pdftrailer:D
729	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfuniquestring	\pdftex\_pdfuniquestring:D
730	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfvorigin	\pdftex\_pdfvorigin:D
731	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfxform	\pdftex\_pdfxform:D
732	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfxformattr	\pdftex\_pdfxformattr:D
733	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfxformname	\pdftex\_pdfxformname:D
734	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfxformresources	\pdftex\_pdfxformresources:D
735	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfximage	\pdftex\_pdfximage:D
736	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfximagebbox	\pdftex\_pdfximagebbox:D

While these are not.

737	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ifpdfabsdim	\pdftex\_ifpdfabsdim:D
738	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ifpdfabsnum	\pdftex\_ifpdfabsnum:D
739	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\ifpdfprimitive	\pdftex\_ifpdfprimitive:D
740	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfadjustspacing	\pdftex\_adjustspacing:D
741	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfcopyfont	\pdftex\_copyfont:D
742	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfdraftmode	\pdftex\_draftmode:D
743	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfeachlinedepth	\pdftex\_eachlinedepth:D
744	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfeachlineheight	\pdftex\_eachlineheight:D
745	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdffirstlineheight	\pdftex\_firstlineheight:D
746	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdffontexpand	\pdftex\_fontexpand:D
747	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdffontsize	\pdftex\_fontsize:D
748	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfignoreddimen	\pdftex\_ignoreddimen:D
749	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfinserttht	\pdftex\_inserttht:D
750	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdflastlinedepth	\pdftex\_lastlinedepth:D
751	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdflastxpos	\pdftex\_lastxpos:D
752	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdflastypos	\pdftex\_lastypos:D
753	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfmapfile	\pdftex\_mapfile:D
754	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfmapline	\pdftex\_mapline:D
755	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfnoligatures	\pdftex\_noligatures:D
756	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pdfnormaldeviate	\pdftex\_normaldeviate:D



757	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdfpageheight</code>	<code>\pdftex_pageheight:D</code>
758	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdfpagewidth</code>	<code>\pdftex_pagewidth:D</code>
759	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdfpkmode</code>	<code>\pdftex_pkmode:D</code>
760	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdfpkresolution</code>	<code>\pdftex_pkresolution:D</code>
761	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdfprimitive</code>	<code>\pdftex_primitive:D</code>
762	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdfprotrudechars</code>	<code>\pdftex_protrudechars:D</code>
763	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdfpxdimen</code>	<code>\pdftex_pxdimen:D</code>
764	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdfrandomseed</code>	<code>\pdftex_randomseed:D</code>
765	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdfsavepos</code>	<code>\pdftex_savepos:D</code>
766	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdfstrcmp</code>	<code>\pdftex_strcmp:D</code>
767	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdfsetrandomseed</code>	<code>\pdftex_setrandomseed:D</code>
768	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdfshellescape</code>	<code>\pdftex_shellescape:D</code>
769	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdftracingfonts</code>	<code>\pdftex_tracingfonts:D</code>
770	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdfuniformdeviate</code>	<code>\pdftex_uniformdeviate:D</code>

The version primitives are not related to PDF mode but are related to pdfTeX so retain the full prefix.

771	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdftexbanner</code>	<code>\pdftex_pdftexbanner:D</code>
772	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdftexrevision</code>	<code>\pdftex_pdftexrevision:D</code>
773	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\pdftexversion</code>	<code>\pdftex_pdftexversion:D</code>

These ones appear in pdfTeX but don't have pdf in the name at all. (\synctex is odd as it's really not from pdfTeX but from SyncTeX!)

774	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\efcode</code>	<code>\pdftex_efcode:D</code>
775	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\ifincsname</code>	<code>\pdftex_ifincsname:D</code>
776	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\leftmarginkern</code>	<code>\pdftex_leftmarginkern:D</code>
777	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\letterspacefont</code>	<code>\pdftex_letterspacefont:D</code>
778	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\lpcode</code>	<code>\pdftex_lpcode:D</code>
779	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\quitvmode</code>	<code>\pdftex_quitvmode:D</code>
780	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\rightmarginkern</code>	<code>\pdftex_rightmarginkern:D</code>
781	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\rpcode</code>	<code>\pdftex_rpcode:D</code>
782	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\synctex</code>	<code>\pdftex_synctex:D</code>
783	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\tagcode</code>	<code>\pdftex_tagcode:D</code>

X<sub>q</sub>TeX-specific primitives. Note that X<sub>q</sub>TeX's `\strcmp` is handled earlier and is “rolled up” into `\pdfstrcmp`. With the exception of the version primitives these don't carry XeTeX through into the “base” name. A few cross-compatibility names which lack the pdf of the original are handled later.

784	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\suppressfontnotfounderror</code>	<code>\xetex_suppressfontnotfounderror:D</code>
785	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\XeTeXcharclass</code>	<code>\xetex_charclass:D</code>
786	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\XeTeXcharglyph</code>	<code>\xetex_charglyph:D</code>
787	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\XeTeXcountfeatures</code>	<code>\xetex_countfeatures:D</code>
788	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\XeTeXcountglyphs</code>	<code>\xetex_countglyphs:D</code>
789	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\XeTeXcountselectors</code>	<code>\xetex_countselectors:D</code>
790	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\XeTeXcountvariations</code>	<code>\xetex_countvariations:D</code>
791	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\XeTeXdefaultencoding</code>	<code>\xetex_defaultencoding:D</code>
792	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\XeTeXdashbreakstate</code>	<code>\xetex_dashbreakstate:D</code>
793	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\XeTeXfeaturecode</code>	<code>\xetex_featurecode:D</code>
794	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\XeTeXfeaturename</code>	<code>\xetex_featurename:D</code>
795	<code>\__kernel_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\XeTeXfindfeaturebyname</code>	<code>\xetex_findfeaturebyname:D</code>

796	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXfindselectorbyname	\xetex\_findselectorbyname:D
797	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXfindvariationbyname	\xetex\_findvariationbyname:D
798	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXfirstfontchar	\xetex\_firstfontchar:D
799	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXfonttype	\xetex\_fonttype:D
800	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXglyph	\xetex\_glyph:D
801	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXglyphbounds	\xetex\_glyphbounds:D
802	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXglyphindex	\xetex\_glyphindex:D
803	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXglyphname	\xetex\_glyphname:D
804	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXinputencoding	\xetex\_inputencoding:D
805	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXinputnormalization	\xetex\_inputnormalization:D
806	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXinterchartokenstate	\xetex\_interchartokenstate:D
807	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXinterchartoks	\xetex\_interchartoks:D
808	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXisdefaultselector	\xetex\_isdefaultselector:D
809	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXisexclusivefeature	\xetex\_isexclusivefeature:D
810	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXlastfontchar	\xetex\_lastfontchar:D
811	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXlinebreakskip	\xetex\_linebreakskip:D
812	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXlinebreaklocale	\xetex\_linebreaklocale:D
813	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXlinebreakpenalty	\xetex\_linebreakpenalty:D
814	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXOTcountfeatures	\xetex\_OTcountfeatures:D
815	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXOTcountlanguages	\xetex\_OTcountlanguages:D
816	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXOTcountscripts	\xetex\_OTcountscripts:D
817	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXOTfeaturetag	\xetex\_OTfeaturetag:D
818	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXOTlanguagetag	\xetex\_OTlanguagetag:D
819	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXOTscripttag	\xetex\_OTscripttag:D
820	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXpdffile	\xetex\_pdffile:D
821	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXpdfpagecount	\xetex\_pdfpagecount:D
822	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXpicfile	\xetex\_picfile:D
823	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXselectorname	\xetex\_selectorname:D
824	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXtracingfonts	\xetex\_tracingfonts:D
825	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXupwardsmode	\xetex\_upwardsmode:D
826	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXuseglyphmetrics	\xetex\_useglyphmetrics:D
827	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXvariation	\xetex\_variation:D
828	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXvariationdefault	\xetex\_variationdefault:D
829	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXvariationmax	\xetex\_variationmax:D
830	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXvariationmin	\xetex\_variationmin:D
831	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXvariationname	\xetex\_variationname:D

The version primitives retain XeTeX.

832	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXrevision	\xetex\_XeTeXrevision:D
833	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\XeTeXversion	\xetex\_XeTeXversion:D

Primitives from LuaTeX, some of which have been ported back to XeTeX. Notice that `\expanded` was intended for pdfTeX 1.50 but as that was not released we call this a LuaTeX primitive.

834	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\alignmark	\luatex\_alignmark:D
835	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\aligntab	\luatex\_aligntab:D
836	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\attribute	\luatex\_attribute:D
837	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\attributedef	\luatex\_attributedef:D
838	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\catcodetable	\luatex\_catcodetable:D
839	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\clearmarks	\luatex\_clearmarks:D

840	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\crampeddisplaystyle	\luatex\_crampeddisplaystyle:D
841	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\crampedscriptscriptstyle	\luatex\_crampedscriptscriptstyle:D
842	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\crampedscriptstyle	\luatex\_crampedscriptstyle:D
843	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\crampedtextstyle	\luatex\_crampedtextstyle:D
844	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\directlua	\luatex\_directlua:D
845	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\expanded	\luatex\_expanded:D
846	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\fontid	\luatex\_fontid:D
847	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\formatname	\luatex\_formatname:D
848	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\hyphenationmin	\luatex\_hyphenationmin:D
849	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\gleaders	\luatex\_gleaders:D
850	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\initcatcodetable	\luatex\_initcatcodetable:D
851	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\latelua	\luatex\_latelua:D
852	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\luaescapestring	\luatex\_luaescapestring:D
853	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\luafunction	\luatex\_luafunction:D
854	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\luastartup	\luatex\_luastartup:D
855	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\luatexdatestamp	\luatex\_luatexdatestamp:D
856	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\luatexrevision	\luatex\_luatexrevision:D
857	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\luatexversion	\luatex\_luatexversion:D
858	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\mathstyle	\luatex\_mathstyle:D
859	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\nokerns	\luatex\_nokerns:D
860	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\noligs	\luatex\_noligs:D
861	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\outputbox	\luatex\_outputbox:D
862	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pageleftoffset	\luatex\_pageleftoffset:D
863	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pagetopoffset	\luatex\_pagetopoffset:D
864	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\postexhyphenchar	\luatex\_postexhyphenchar:D
865	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\posthyphenchar	\luatex\_posthyphenchar:D
866	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\preexhyphenchar	\luatex\_preexhyphenchar:D
867	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\prehyphenchar	\luatex\_prehyphenchar:D
868	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\savecatcodetable	\luatex\_savecatcodetable:D
869	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\scantextokens	\luatex\_scantextokens:D
870	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\suppressifcsnameerror	\luatex\_suppressifcsnameerror:D
871	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\suppresslongerror	\luatex\_suppresslongerror:D
872	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\suppressmathparerror	\luatex\_suppressmathparerror:D
873	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\suppressoutererror	\luatex\_suppressoutererror:D

Slightly more awkward are the directional primitives in LuaTeX. These come from Omega/Aleph, but we do not support those engines and so it seems most sensible to treat them as LuaTeX primitives for prefix purposes.

874	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\bodydir	\luatex\_bodydir:D
875	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\boxdir	\luatex\_boxdir:D
876	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\leftghost	\luatex\_leftghost:D
877	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\localbrokenpenalty	\luatex\_localbrokenpenalty:D
878	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\localinterlinepenalty	\luatex\_localinterlinepenalty:D
879	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\lcalleftbox	\luatex\_lcalleftbox:D
880	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\lcalrightbox	\luatex\_lcalrightbox:D
881	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\mathdir	\luatex\_mathdir:D
882	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pagebottomoffset	\luatex\_pagebottomoffset:D
883	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pagedir	\luatex\_pagedir:D
884	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pagerightoffset	\luatex\_pagerightoffset:D
885	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\pardir	\luatex\_pardir:D

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886 \__kernel_primitive:NN \rightghost \luatex_rightghost:D
887 \__kernel_primitive:NN \textdir \luatex_textdir:D

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The set of Unicode math primitives were introduced by X<sub>Y</sub>TeX and LuaTeX in a somewhat complex fashion: a few first as \XeTeX... which were then renamed with LuaTeX having a lot more. These names now all start \U... and mainly \Umath.... To keep things somewhat clear we therefore prefix all of these as \utex... (introduced by a Unicode T<sub>E</sub>X engine) and drop \U(math) from the names. Where there is a related T<sub>E</sub>X90 primitive or where it really seems required we keep the **math** part of the name.

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888 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Uchar \utex_char:D
889 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Ucharcat \utex_charcat:D
890 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Udelcode \utex_delcode:D
891 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Udelcodenum \utex_delcodenum:D
892 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Udelimiter \utex_delimiter:D
893 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Udelimiterover \utex_delimiterover:D
894 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Udelimiterunder \utex_delimiterunder:D
895 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathaccent \utex_mathaccent:D
896 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathaxis \utex_mathaxis:D
897 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbinbinspacing \utex_binbinspacing:D
898 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbinclonespacing \utex_binclonespacing:D
899 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbininnerspacing \utex_bininnerspacing:D
900 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbinopenspacing \utex_binopenspacing:D
901 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbinopspacing \utex_binopspacing:D
902 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbinordspacing \utex_binordspacing:D
903 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbinpunctspacing \utex_binpunctspacing:D
904 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathbinrelspacing \utex_binrelspacing:D
905 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathchar \utex_mathchar:D
906 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathchardef \utex_mathchardef:D
907 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathcharnum \utex_mathcharnum:D
908 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathcharnumdef \utex_mathcharnumdef:D
909 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathclosebinspacing \utex_closebinspacing:D
910 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathcloseclonespacing \utex_closeclonespacing:D
911 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathcloseinnerspacing \utex_closeinnerspacing:D
912 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathcloseopenspacing \utex_closeopenspacing:D
913 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathcloseopspacing \utex_closeopspacing:D
914 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathcloseordspacing \utex_closeordspacing:D
915 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathclosepunctspacing \utex_closepunctspacing:D
916 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathcloserelspacing \utex_closerelspacing:D
917 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathcode \utex_mathcode:D
918 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathcodenum \utex_mathcodenum:D
919 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathconnectoroverlapmin \utex_connectoroverlapmin:D
920 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathfractiondelsize \utex_fractiondelsize:D
921 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathfractiondenomdown \utex_fractiondenomdown:D
922 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathfractiondenomvgap \utex_fractiondenomvgap:D
923 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathfractionnumup \utex_fractionnumup:D
924 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathfractionnumvgap \utex_fractionnumvgap:D
925 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathfractionrule \utex_fractionrule:D
926 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathinnerbinspacing \utex_innerbinspacing:D
927 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathinnerclonespacing \utex_innerclonespacing:D
928 \__kernel_primitive:NN \Umathinnerinnerspacing \utex_innerinnerspacing:D

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929	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathinneropenspacing	\utex\_inneropenspacing:D
930	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathinneropspacing	\utex\_inneropspacing:D
931	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathinnerordspacing	\utex\_innerordspacing:D
932	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathinnerpunctspacing	\utex\_innerpunctspacing:D
933	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathinnerrelspacing	\utex\_innerrelspacing:D
934	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathlimitabovebgap	\utex\_limitabovebgap:D
935	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathlimitabovekern	\utex\_limitabovekern:D
936	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathlimitabovevgap	\utex\_limitabovevgap:D
937	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathlimitbelowbgap	\utex\_limitbelowbgap:D
938	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathlimitbelowkern	\utex\_limitbelowkern:D
939	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathlimitbelowvgap	\utex\_limitbelowvgap:D
940	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopbinspacing	\utex\_opbinspacing:D
941	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopclospacespacing	\utex\_opclospacespacing:D
942	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopenbinspacing	\utex\_openbinspacing:D
943	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopenclspacespacing	\utex\_openclspacespacing:D
944	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopeninnerspacing	\utex\_openinnerspacing:D
945	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopenopenspacing	\utex\_openopenspacing:D
946	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopenopspacing	\utex\_openopspacing:D
947	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopenordspacing	\utex\_openordspacing:D
948	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopenpunctspacing	\utex\_openpunctspacing:D
949	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopenrelspacing	\utex\_openrelspacing:D
950	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoperatorsize	\utex\_operatorsize:D
951	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopinnerspacing	\utex\_opinnerspacing:D
952	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopopenspacing	\utex\_opopenspacing:D
953	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopopspacing	\utex\_opopspacing:D
954	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathopordspacing	\utex\_opordspacing:D
955	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoppunctspacing	\utex\_oppunctspacing:D
956	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoprelspacing	\utex\_oprelspacing:D
957	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordbinspacing	\utex\_ordbinspacing:D
958	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordclospacespacing	\utex\_ordclospacespacing:D
959	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordinnerspacing	\utex\_ordinnerspacing:D
960	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordopenspacing	\utex\_ordopenspacing:D
961	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordopspacing	\utex\_ordopspacing:D
962	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordordspacing	\utex\_ordordspacing:D
963	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordpunctspacing	\utex\_ordpunctspacing:D
964	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathordrelspacing	\utex\_ordrelspacing:D
965	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoverbarkern	\utex\_overbarkern:D
966	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoverbarrule	\utex\_overbarrule:D
967	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoverbarvgap	\utex\_overbarvgap:D
968	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoverdelimiterbgap	\utex\_overdelimiterbgap:D
969	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathoverdelimitervgap	\utex\_overdelimitervgap:D
970	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpunctbinspacing	\utex\_punctbinspacing:D
971	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpunctclospacespacing	\utex\_punctclospacespacing:D
972	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpunctinnerspacing	\utex\_punctinnerspacing:D
973	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpunctopenspacing	\utex\_punctopenspacing:D
974	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpunctopspacing	\utex\_punctopspacing:D
975	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpunctordspacing	\utex\_punctordspacing:D
976	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpunctpunctspacing	\utex\_punctpunctspacing:D
977	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathpunctrelspacing	\utex\_punctrelspacing:D
978	\_kernel\_primitive:NN	\Umathquad	\utex\_quad:D

979	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathradicaldegreeafter	\utex_radicaldegreeafter:D
980	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathradicaldegreebefore	\utex_radicaldegreebefore:D
981	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathradicaldegreeraise	\utex_radicaldegreeraise:D
982	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathradicalkern	\utex_radicalkern:D
983	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathradicalrule	\utex_radicalrule:D
984	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathradicalvgap	\utex_radicalvgap:D
985	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathrelbinspacing	\utex_relbinspacing:D
986	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathrelclosespacing	\utex_relclosespacing:D
987	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathrelinnerspacing	\utex_relinnerspacing:D
988	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathrelopenspacing	\utex_reloopenspacing:D
989	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathrelopspacing	\utex_relospacing:D
990	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathrelordspacing	\utex_relordspacing:D
991	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathrelpunctspacing	\utex_relpunctspacing:D
992	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathrelrelspacing	\utex_relrelspacing:D
993	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathspaceafterscript	\utex_spaceafterscript:D
994	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathstackdenomdown	\utex_stackdenomdown:D
995	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathstacknumup	\utex_stacknumup:D
996	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathstackvgap	\utex_stackvgap:D
997	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathsubshiftdown	\utex_subshiftdown:D
998	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathsubshiftdrop	\utex_subshiftdrop:D
999	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathsubsupshiftdown	\utex_subsupshiftdown:D
1000	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathsubsupvgap	\utex_subsupvgap:D
1001	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathsubtopmax	\utex_subtopmax:D
1002	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathsupbottommin	\utex_supbottommin:D
1003	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathsupshiftdrop	\utex_supshiftdrop:D
1004	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathsupshiftup	\utex_supshiftup:D
1005	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathsupsubbottommax	\utex_supsubbottommax:D
1006	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathunderbarkern	\utex_underbarkern:D
1007	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathunderbarrule	\utex_underbarrule:D
1008	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathunderbarvgap	\utex_underbarvgap:D
1009	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathunderdelimiterbgap	\utex_underdelimiterbgap:D
1010	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Umathunderdelimitervgap	\utex_underdelimitervgap:D
1011	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Uoverdelimiter	\utex_overdelimiter:D
1012	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Uradical	\utex_radical:D
1013	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Uroot	\utex_root:D
1014	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Ustack	\utex_stack:D
1015	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Ustartdisplaymath	\utex_startdisplaymath:D
1016	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Ustartmath	\utex_startmath:D
1017	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Ustopdisplaymath	\utex_stopdisplaymath:D
1018	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Ustopmath	\utex_stopmath:D
1019	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Usubscript	\utex_subscript:D
1020	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Usuperscript	\utex_superscript:D
1021	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\Uunderdelimiter	\utex_underdelimiter:D

Primitives from pTeX.

1022	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\autospacing	\ptex_autospacing:D
1023	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\autoxspacing	\ptex_autoxspacing:D
1024	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\dtou	\ptex_dtou:D
1025	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\euc	\ptex_euc:D
1026	\__kernel_primitive:NN	\ifdbbox	\ptex_ifdbbox:D

1027	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \ifddir</code>	<code>\ptex\_ifddir:D</code>
1028	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \ifmdir</code>	<code>\ptex\_ifmdir:D</code>
1029	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \iftbox</code>	<code>\ptex\_iftbox:D</code>
1030	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \iftdir</code>	<code>\ptex\_iftdir:D</code>
1031	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \ifybox</code>	<code>\ptex\_ifybox:D</code>
1032	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \ifydir</code>	<code>\ptex\_ifydir:D</code>
1033	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \inhibitglue</code>	<code>\ptex\_inhibitglue:D</code>
1034	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \inhibitxspcode</code>	<code>\ptex\_inhibitxspcode:D</code>
1035	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \jcharwidowpenalty</code>	<code>\ptex\_jcharwidowpenalty:D</code>
1036	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \jfam</code>	<code>\ptex\_jfam:D</code>
1037	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \jfont</code>	<code>\ptex\_jfont:D</code>
1038	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \jis</code>	<code>\ptex\_jis:D</code>
1039	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \kanjiskip</code>	<code>\ptex\_kanjiskip:D</code>
1040	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \kansuji</code>	<code>\ptex\_kansuji:D</code>
1041	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \kansujichar</code>	<code>\ptex\_kansujichar:D</code>
1042	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \kcatcode</code>	<code>\ptex\_kcatcode:D</code>
1043	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \kuten</code>	<code>\ptex\_kuten:D</code>
1044	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \noautospace</code>	<code>\ptex\_noautospace:D</code>
1045	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \noautoxspace</code>	<code>\ptex\_noautoxspace:D</code>
1046	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \postbreakpenalty</code>	<code>\ptex\_postbreakpenalty:D</code>
1047	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \prebreakpenalty</code>	<code>\ptex\_prebreakpenalty:D</code>
1048	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \showmode</code>	<code>\ptex\_showmode:D</code>
1049	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \sjis</code>	<code>\ptex\_sjis:D</code>
1050	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \tate</code>	<code>\ptex\_tate:D</code>
1051	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \tbaselineshift</code>	<code>\ptex\_tbaselineshift:D</code>
1052	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \tfont</code>	<code>\ptex\_tfont:D</code>
1053	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \xkanjiskip</code>	<code>\ptex\_xkanjiskip:D</code>
1054	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \xspcode</code>	<code>\ptex\_xspcode:D</code>
1055	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \ybaselineshift</code>	<code>\ptex\_ybaselineshift:D</code>
1056	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \yoko</code>	<code>\ptex\_yoko:D</code>

Primitives from upTeX.

1057	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \disablecjktoken</code>	<code>\uptex\_disablecjktoken:D</code>
1058	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \enablecjktoken</code>	<code>\uptex\_enablecjktoken:D</code>
1059	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \forcecjktoken</code>	<code>\uptex\_forcecjktoken:D</code>
1060	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \kchar</code>	<code>\uptex\_kchar:D</code>
1061	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \kchardef</code>	<code>\uptex\_kchardef:D</code>
1062	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \kuten</code>	<code>\uptex\_kuten:D</code>
1063	<code>\_kernel\_primitive:NN \ucs</code>	<code>\uptex\_ucs:D</code>

End of the “just the names” part of the source.

```

1064 </initex | names | package>
1065 <*initex | package>

```

The job is done: close the group (using the primitive renamed!).

```

1066 \tex_endgroup:D

```

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> will have moved a few primitives, so these are sorted out. A convenient test for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> is the `\@@end` saved primitive.

```

1067 <*package>
1068 \etex_ifdefined:D \@@end

```

```

1069 \tex_let:D \tex_end:D \@@end
1070 \tex_let:D \tex_everydisplay:D \frozen@everydisplay
1071 \tex_let:D \tex_everymath:D \frozen@everymath
1072 \tex_let:D \tex_hyphen:D \@@hyph
1073 \tex_let:D \tex_input:D \@@input
1074 \tex_let:D \tex_italiccorrection:D \@@italiccorr
1075 \tex_let:D \tex_underline:D \@@underline
1076 \tex_fi:D

```

That is also true for the LuaTeX primitives under L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> (depending on the format-building date). There are a few primitives that get the right names anyway so are missing here!

```

1077 \etex_ifdefined:D \luatexsuppressfontnotfounderror
1078 \tex_let:D \luatex_alignmark:D \luatexalignmark
1079 \tex_let:D \luatex_aligntab:D \luatexaligntab
1080 \tex_let:D \luatex_attribute:D \luatexattribute
1081 \tex_let:D \luatex_attributedef:D \luatexattributedef
1082 \tex_let:D \luatex_catcodetable:D \luatexcatcodetable
1083 \tex_let:D \luatex_clearmarks:D \luatexclearmarks
1084 \tex_let:D \luatex_crampeddisplaystyle:D \luatexcrampeddisplaystyle
1085 \tex_let:D \luatex_crampedscriptscriptstyle:D \luatexcrampedscriptscriptstyle
1086 \tex_let:D \luatex_crampedscriptstyle:D \luatexcrampedscriptstyle
1087 \tex_let:D \luatex_crampedtextstyle:D \luatexcrampedtextstyle
1088 \tex_let:D \luatex_fontid:D \luatexfontid
1089 \tex_let:D \luatex_formatname:D \luatexformatname
1090 \tex_let:D \luatex_gleaders:D \luatexgleaders
1091 \tex_let:D \luatex_initcatcodetable:D \luatexinitcatcodetable
1092 \tex_let:D \luatex_latelua:D \luatexlatelua
1093 \tex_let:D \luatex_luaescapestring:D \luatexluaescapestring
1094 \tex_let:D \luatex_luafunction:D \luatexluafunction
1095 \tex_let:D \luatex_luastartup:D \luatexluastartup
1096 \tex_let:D \luatex_mathstyle:D \luatexmathstyle
1097 \tex_let:D \luatex_nokerns:D \luatexnokerns
1098 \tex_let:D \luatex_noligs:D \luatexnoligs
1099 \tex_let:D \luatex_outputbox:D \luatexoutputbox
1100 \tex_let:D \luatex_pageleftoffset:D \luatexpageleftoffset
1101 \tex_let:D \luatex_pagetopoffset:D \luatexpagetopoffset
1102 \tex_let:D \luatex_postexhyphenchar:D \luatexpostexhyphenchar
1103 \tex_let:D \luatex_posthyphenchar:D \luatexposthyphenchar
1104 \tex_let:D \luatex_preexhyphenchar:D \luatexpreexhyphenchar
1105 \tex_let:D \luatex_prehyphenchar:D \luatexprehyphenchar
1106 \tex_let:D \luatex_savecatcodetable:D \luatexsavecatcodetable
1107 \tex_let:D \luatex_scantextokens:D \luatexscantextokens
1108 \tex_let:D \luatex_suppressifcsnameerror:D \luatexsuppressifcsnameerror
1109 \tex_let:D \luatex_suppresslongerror:D \luatexsuppresslongerror
1110 \tex_let:D \luatex_suppressmathparerror:D \luatexsuppressmathparerror
1111 \tex_let:D \luatex_suppressoutererror:D \luatexsuppressoutererror
1112 \tex_let:D \utex_char:D \luatexUchar
1113 \tex_let:D \xetex_suppressfontnotfounderror:D \luatexsuppressfontnotfounderror

```



Which also covers those slightly odd ones.

```

1114 \tex_let:D \luatex_bodydir:D \luatexbodydir
1115 \tex_let:D \luatex_boxdir:D \luatexboxdir
1116 \tex_let:D \luatex_leftghost:D \luatexleftghost
1117 \tex_let:D \luatex_localbrokenpenalty:D \luatexlocalbrokenpenalty
1118 \tex_let:D \luatex_localinterlinepenalty:D \luatexlocalinterlinepenalty
1119 \tex_let:D \luatex_localleftbox:D \luatexlocalleftbox
1120 \tex_let:D \luatex_localrightbox:D \luatexlocalrightbox
1121 \tex_let:D \luatex_mathdir:D \luatexmathdir
1122 \tex_let:D \luatex_pagebottomoffset:D \luatexpagebottomoffset
1123 \tex_let:D \luatex_pagedir:D \luatexpagedir
1124 \tex_let:D \luatex_pageheight:D \luatexpageheight
1125 \tex_let:D \luatex_pagerightoffset:D \luatexpagerightoffset
1126 \tex_let:D \luatex_pagewidth:D \luatexpagewidth
1127 \tex_let:D \luatex_pardir:D \luatexpardir
1128 \tex_let:D \luatex_rightghost:D \luatexrightghost
1129 \tex_let:D \luatex_textdir:D \luatextextdir
1130 \tex_fi:D

```

Tidy up some X<sub>Ǝ</sub>TeX renames and the fact that some format-building processes leave a couple of questionable decisions about. (There may at some stage be LuaTeX renames of the same sort to address.)

```

1131 \etex_unless:D \etex_ifdefined:D \pdfTeX_ifprimitive:D
1132 \tex_expandafter:D \tex_let:D
1133 \tex_csname:D pdfTeX_ifprimitive:D \tex_expandafter:D \tex_endcsname:D
1134 \tex_csname:D ifprimitive \tex_endcsname:D
1135 \tex_let:D pdfTeX_primitive:D \primitive
1136 \tex_let:D pdfTeX_shellEscape:D \shellEscape
1137 \tex_fi:D

```

Only pdfTeX and LuaTeX define \pdfmapfile and \pdfmapline.

```

1138 \tex_ifnum:D 0
1139 \etex_ifdefined:D \pdfTeX_pdfTeXversion:D 1 \tex_fi:D
1140 \etex_ifdefined:D \luatex_luaTeXversion:D 1 \tex_fi:D
1141 = 0 %
1142 \tex_let:D \pdfTeX_mapfile:D \tex_undefined:D
1143 \tex_let:D \pdfTeX_mapline:D \tex_undefined:D
1144 \tex_fi:D

```

Older X<sub>Ǝ</sub>TeX versions use \XeTeX as the prefix for the Unicode math primitives it knows. That is tidied up here (we support X<sub>Ǝ</sub>TeX versions from 0.9994 but this change was in 0.9999).

```

1145 \etex_ifdefined:D \XeTeXdelcode
1146 \tex_let:D \utex_delcode:D \XeTeXdelcode
1147 \tex_let:D \utex_delcodenum:D \XeTeXdelcodenum
1148 \tex_let:D \utex_delimiter:D \XeTeXdelimiter
1149 \tex_let:D \utex_mathaccent:D \XeTeXmathaccent
1150 \tex_let:D \utex_mathchar:D \XeTeXmathchar
1151 \tex_let:D \utex_mathchardef:D \XeTeXmathchardef
1152 \tex_let:D \utex_mathcharnum:D \XeTeXmathcharnum

```

```

1153 \tex_let:D \utex_mathcharnumdef:D \XeTeXmathcharnumdef
1154 \tex_let:D \utex_mathcode:D \XeTeXmathcode
1155 \tex_let:D \utex_mathcodenum:D \XeTeXmathcodenum
1156 \tex_fi:D

```

Up to v0.80, LuaTeX defines the pdfTeX version data: rather confusing. Removing them means that `\pdfTeXpdfTeXversion:D` is a marker for pdfTeX alone: useful in engine-dependent code later.

```

1157 \etex_ifdefined:D \luatex luatexversion:D
1158 \tex_let:D \pdfTeXpdfTeXbanner:D \tex_undefined:D
1159 \tex_let:D \pdfTeXpdfTeXrevision:D \tex_undefined:D
1160 \tex_let:D \pdfTeXpdfTeXversion:D \tex_undefined:D
1161 \tex_fi:D

```

From v0.81, LuaTeX drops the pdf prefix in some cases.

```

1162 \etex_ifdefined:D \lastxpos
1163 \tex_let:D \pdfTeXlastxpos:D \lastxpos
1164 \tex_let:D \pdfTeXlastypos:D \lastypos
1165 \tex_let:D \pdfTeXnormaldeviate:D \normaldeviate
1166 \tex_let:D \pdfTeXpageheight:D \pageheight
1167 \tex_let:D \pdfTeXpagewidth:D \pagewidth
1168 \tex_let:D \pdfTeXrandomseed:D \randomseed
1169 \tex_let:D \pdfTeXsetrandomseed:D \setrandomseed
1170 \tex_let:D \pdfTeXsavepos:D \savepos
1171 \tex_let:D \pdfTeXuniformdeviate:D \uniformdeviate
1172 \tex_fi:D

```

For ConTeXt, two tests are needed. Both Mark II and Mark IV move several primitives: these are all covered by the first test, again using `\end` as a marker. For Mark IV, a few more primitives are moved: they are implemented using some Lua code in the current ConTeXt.

```

1173 \etex_ifdefined:D \normalend
1174 \tex_let:D \tex_end:D \normalend
1175 \tex_let:D \tex_everyjob:D \normaleveryjob
1176 \tex_let:D \tex_input:D \normalinput
1177 \tex_let:D \tex_language:D \normallanguage
1178 \tex_let:D \tex_mathop:D \normalmathop
1179 \tex_let:D \tex_month:D \normalmonth
1180 \tex_let:D \tex_outer:D \normalouter
1181 \tex_let:D \tex_over:D \normalover
1182 \tex_let:D \tex_vcenter:D \normalvcenter
1183 \tex_let:D \etex_unexpanded:D \normalunexpanded
1184 \tex_let:D \luatex_expanded:D \normalexpanded
1185 \tex_fi:D
1186 \etex_ifdefined:D \normallitaliccorrection
1187 \tex_let:D \tex_hoffset:D \normalhoffset
1188 \tex_let:D \tex_italiccorrection:D \normallitaliccorrection
1189 \tex_let:D \tex_voffset:D \normalvoffset
1190 \tex_let:D \etex_showtokens:D \normalshowtokens
1191 \tex_let:D \luatex_bodydir:D \spac_directions_normal_body_dir

```

```

1192 \tex_let:D \luatex_pagedir:D \spac_directions_normal_page_dir
1193 \tex_fi:D
1194 \etex_ifdefined:D \normalleft
1195 \tex_let:D \tex_left:D \normalleft
1196 \tex_let:D \tex_middle:D \normalmiddle
1197 \tex_let:D \tex_right:D \normalright
1198 \tex_fi:D
1199 </package>
1200 </initex | package>

```

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```
1201 <*initex | package>
```

#### 3.1 Renaming some T<sub>E</sub>X primitives (again)

Having given all the T<sub>E</sub>X primitives a consistent name, we need to give sensible names to the ones we actually want to use. These will be defined as needed in the appropriate modules, but do a few now, just to get started.<sup>4</sup>

```

\if_true: Then some conditionals.
\if_false: 1202 \tex_let:D \if_true: \tex_iftrue:D
\or: 1203 \tex_let:D \if_false: \tex_iffalse:D
\else: 1204 \tex_let:D \or: \tex_or:D
\fi: 1205 \tex_let:D \else: \tex_else:D
\reverse_if:N 1206 \tex_let:D \fi: \tex_fi:D
\if:w 1207 \tex_let:D \reverse_if:N \etex_unless:D
\if_charcode:w 1208 \tex_let:D \if:w \tex_if:D
\if_catcode:w 1209 \tex_let:D \if_charcode:w \tex_if:D
\if_meaning:w 1210 \tex_let:D \if_catcode:w \tex_ifcat:D
1211 \tex_let:D \if_meaning:w \tex_ifx:D

```

(End definition for `\if_true:` and others. These functions are documented on page 23.)

```

\if_mode_math: TEX lets us detect some if its modes.
\if_mode_horizontal: 1212 \tex_let:D \if_mode_math: \tex_ifmmode:D
\if_mode_vertical: 1213 \tex_let:D \if_mode_horizontal: \tex_ifhmode:D
\if_mode_inner: 1214 \tex_let:D \if_mode_vertical: \tex_ifvmode:D
1215 \tex_let:D \if_mode_inner: \tex_ifinner:D

```

(End definition for `\if_mode_math:` and others. These functions are documented on page 24.)

```

\if_cs_exist:N Building csnames and testing if control sequences exist.
\if_cs_exist:w 1216 \tex_let:D \if_cs_exist:N \etex_ifdefined:D
\cs:w 1217 \tex_let:D \if_cs_exist:w \etex_ifcsname:D
\cs_end: 1218 \tex_let:D \cs:w \tex_csname:D
1219 \tex_let:D \cs_end: \tex_endcsname:D

```

<sup>4</sup>This renaming gets expensive in terms of csname usage, an alternative scheme would be to just use the `\tex...:D` name in the cases where no good alternative exists.

(End definition for `\if_cs_exist:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 24.)

`\exp_after:wN` The five `\exp_` functions are used in the `l3expan` module where they are described.

```

\exp_not:N      1220 \tex_let:D \exp_after:wN      \tex_expandafter:D
\exp_not:n      1221 \tex_let:D \exp_not:N      \tex_noexpand:D
                1222 \tex_let:D \exp_not:n      \etex_unexpanded:D
                1223 \tex_let:D \exp:w      \tex_romannumeral:D
                1224 \tex_chardef:D \exp_end: = 0 ~

```

(End definition for `\exp_after:wN`, `\exp_not:N`, and `\exp_not:n`. These functions are documented on page 32.)

`\token_to_meaning:N` Examining a control sequence or token.

```

\cs_meaning:N   1225 \tex_let:D \token_to_meaning:N \tex_meaning:D
                1226 \tex_let:D \cs_meaning:N      \tex_meaning:D

```

(End definition for `\token_to_meaning:N` and `\cs_meaning:N`. These functions are documented on page 55.)

`\tl_to_str:n` Making strings.

```

\token_to_str:N 1227 \tex_let:D \tl_to_str:n      \etex_detokenize:D
                1228 \tex_let:D \token_to_str:N     \tex_string:D

```

(End definition for `\tl_to_str:n` and `\token_to_str:N`. These functions are documented on page 101.)

`\scan_stop:` The next three are basic functions for which there also exist versions that are safe inside alignments. These safe versions are defined in the `l3prg` module.

```

\group_begin:   1229 \tex_let:D \scan_stop:      \tex_relax:D
\group_end:     1230 \tex_let:D \group_begin:      \tex_begingroup:D
                1231 \tex_let:D \group_end:      \tex_endgroup:D

```

(End definition for `\scan_stop:`, `\group_begin:`, and `\group_end:`. These functions are documented on page 10.)

`\if_int_compare:w` For integers.

```

\__int_to_roman:w 1232 \tex_let:D \if_int_compare:w \tex_ifnum:D
                  1233 \tex_let:D \__int_to_roman:w \tex_romannumeral:D

```

(End definition for `\if_int_compare:w` and `\__int_to_roman:w`. These functions are documented on page 76.)

`\group_insert_after:N` Adding material after the end of a group.

```

1234 \tex_let:D \group_insert_after:N \tex_aftergroup:D

```

(End definition for `\group_insert_after:N`. This function is documented on page 10.)

`\exp_args:Nc` Discussed in `l3expan`, but needed much earlier.

```

\exp_args:cc      1235 \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \exp_args:Nc #1#2
                  1236 { \exp_after:wN #1 \cs:w #2 \cs_end: }
                  1237 \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \exp_args:cc #1#2
                  1238 { \cs:w #1 \exp_after:wN \cs_end: \cs:w #2 \cs_end: }

```

(End definition for `\exp_args:Nc` and `\exp_args:cc`. These functions are documented on page 29.)

`\token_to_meaning:c` A small number of variants defined by hand. Some of the necessary functions (`\use_i:nn`, `\use_ii:nn`, and `\exp_args:Nc`) are not defined at that point yet, but will be defined before those variants are used. The `\cs_meaning:c` command must check for an undefined control sequence to avoid defining it mistakenly.

```

1239 \tex_def:D \token_to_str:c { \exp_args:Nc \token_to_str:N }
1240 \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \cs_meaning:c #1
1241 {
1242   \if_cs_exist:w #1 \cs_end:
1243   \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
1244   \else:
1245   \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
1246   \fi:
1247   { \exp_args:Nc \cs_meaning:N {#1} }
1248   { \tl_to_str:n {undefined} }
1249 }
1250 \tex_let:D \token_to_meaning:c = \cs_meaning:c

```

(End definition for `\token_to_meaning:c`, `\token_to_str:c`, and `\cs_meaning:c`. These functions are documented on page ??.)

### 3.2 Defining some constants

`\c_minus_one` We need the constants `\c_minus_one` and `\c_sixteen` now for writing information to the log and the terminal and `\c_zero` which is used by some functions in the `l3alloc` module. The rest are defined in the `l3int` module – at least for the ones that can be defined with `\tex_chardef:D` or `\tex_mathchardef:D`. For other constants the `l3int` module is required but it can't be used until the allocation has been set up properly! The actual allocation mechanism is in `l3alloc`, and works such that the first available count register is 10.

```

1251 <*package>
1252 \tex_let:D \c_minus_one \m@ne
1253 </package>
1254 <*initex>
1255 \tex_countdef:D \c_minus_one = 10 ~
1256 \c_minus_one = -1 ~
1257 </initex>
1258 \tex_chardef:D \c_sixteen = 16 ~
1259 \tex_chardef:D \c_zero = 0 ~

```

(End definition for `\c_minus_one`, `\c_zero`, and `\c_sixteen`. These variables are documented on page 75.)

`\c_max_register_int` This is here as this particular integer is needed both in package mode and to bootstrap `l3alloc`, and is documented in `l3int`.

```

1260 \etex_ifdefined:D \luatex luatexversion:D
1261 \tex_chardef:D \c_max_register_int = 65 535 ~
1262 \tex_else:D

```

```

1263 \tex_mathchardef:D \c_max_register_int = 32 767 ~
1264 \tex_fi:D

```

(End definition for `\c_max_register_int`. This variable is documented on page 75.)

### 3.3 Defining functions

We start by providing functions for the typical definition functions. First the local ones.

`\cs_set_nopar:Npn` All assignment functions in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 should be naturally protected; after all, the T<sub>E</sub>X primitives for assignments are and it can be a cause of problems if others aren't.

```

\cs_set_nopar:Npn
\cs_set_nopar:Npx
\cs_set:Npn
\cs_set:Npx
\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn
\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx
\cs_set_protected:Npn
\cs_set_protected:Npx
1265 \tex_let:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn \tex_def:D
1266 \tex_let:D \cs_set_nopar:Npx \tex_edef:D
1267 \etex_protected:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn \cs_set:Npn
1268 { \tex_long:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn }
1269 \etex_protected:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn \cs_set:Npx
1270 { \tex_long:D \cs_set_nopar:Npx }
1271 \etex_protected:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn
1272 { \etex_protected:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn }
1273 \etex_protected:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx
1274 { \etex_protected:D \cs_set_nopar:Npx }
1275 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_set_protected:Npn
1276 { \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn }
1277 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_set_protected:Npx
1278 { \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \cs_set_nopar:Npx }

```

(End definition for `\cs_set_nopar:Npn` and others. These functions are documented on page 13.)

`\cs_gset_nopar:Npn` Global versions of the above functions.

```

\cs_gset_nopar:Npn
\cs_gset_nopar:Npx
\cs_gset:Npn
\cs_gset:Npx
\cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npn
\cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npx
\cs_gset_protected:Npn
\cs_gset_protected:Npx
1279 \tex_let:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npn \tex_gdef:D
1280 \tex_let:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npx \tex_xdef:D
1281 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset:Npn
1282 { \tex_long:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npn }
1283 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset:Npx
1284 { \tex_long:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npx }
1285 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npn
1286 { \etex_protected:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npn }
1287 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npx
1288 { \etex_protected:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npx }
1289 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_protected:Npn
1290 { \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npn }
1291 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_protected:Npx
1292 { \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npx }

```

(End definition for `\cs_gset_nopar:Npn` and others. These functions are documented on page 13.)

### 3.4 Selecting tokens

**\l\_\_exp\_internal\_tl** Scratch token list variable for l3expan, used by \use:x, used in defining conditionals. We don't use tl methods because l3basics is loaded earlier.

```
1293 \cs_set_nopar:Npn \l__exp_internal_tl { }
```

(End definition for \l\_\_exp\_internal\_tl. This variable is documented on page 35.)

**\use:c** This macro grabs its argument and returns a csname from it.

```
1294 \cs_set:Npn \use:c #1 { \cs:w #1 \cs_end: }
```

(End definition for \use:c. This function is documented on page 18.)

**\use:x** Fully expands its argument and passes it to the input stream. Uses the reserved \l\_\_exp\_internal\_tl which will be set up in l3expan.

```
1295 \cs_set_protected:Npn \use:x #1
1296 {
1297   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \l__exp_internal_tl {#1}
1298   \l__exp_internal_tl
1299 }
```

(End definition for \use:x. This function is documented on page 21.)

**\use:n** These macros grab their arguments and returns them back to the input (with outer braces removed).

```
\use:nnn 1300 \cs_set:Npn \use:n #1 {#1}
\use:nnnn 1301 \cs_set:Npn \use:nn #1#2 {#1#2}
1302 \cs_set:Npn \use:nnn #1#2#3 {#1#2#3}
1303 \cs_set:Npn \use:nnnn #1#2#3#4 {#1#2#3#4}
```

(End definition for \use:n and others. These functions are documented on page 19.)

**\use\_i:nn** The equivalent to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X<sub>2 $\epsilon$</sub> 's \@firstoftwo and \@secondoftwo.

```
\use_ii:nn 1304 \cs_set:Npn \use_i:nn #1#2 {#1}
1305 \cs_set:Npn \use_ii:nn #1#2 {#2}
```

(End definition for \use\_i:nn and \use\_ii:nn. These functions are documented on page 20.)

**\use\_i:nnn** We also need something for picking up arguments from a longer list.

```
\use_ii:nnn 1306 \cs_set:Npn \use_i:nnn #1#2#3 {#1}
\use_iii:nnn 1307 \cs_set:Npn \use_ii:nnn #1#2#3 {#2}
\use_i_ii:nnn 1308 \cs_set:Npn \use_iii:nnn #1#2#3 {#3}
\use_i:nnnn 1309 \cs_set:Npn \use_i_ii:nnn #1#2#3 {#1#2}
\use_ii:nnnn 1310 \cs_set:Npn \use_i:nnnn #1#2#3#4 {#1}
\use_iii:nnnn 1311 \cs_set:Npn \use_ii:nnnn #1#2#3#4 {#2}
\use_iv:nnnn 1312 \cs_set:Npn \use_iii:nnnn #1#2#3#4 {#3}
1313 \cs_set:Npn \use_iv:nnnn #1#2#3#4 {#4}
```

(End definition for \use\_i:nnn and others. These functions are documented on page 20.)

`\use_none_delimit_by_q_nil:w` Functions that gobble everything until they see either `\q_nil`, `\q_stop`, or `\q_recursion_stop`, respectively.

`\use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w`

`\use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w`

```

1314 \cs_set:Npn \use_none_delimit_by_q_nil:w #1 \q_nil { }
1315 \cs_set:Npn \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w #1 \q_stop { }
1316 \cs_set:Npn \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w #1 \q_recursion_stop { }

```

(End definition for `\use_none_delimit_by_q_nil:w`, `\use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w`, and `\use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w`. These functions are documented on page 21.)

`\use_i_delimit_by_q_nil:nw` Same as above but execute first argument after gobbling. Very useful when you need to skip the rest of a mapping sequence but want an easy way to control what should be expanded next.

`\use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw`

`\use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw`

```

1317 \cs_set:Npn \use_i_delimit_by_q_nil:nw #1#2 \q_nil {#1}
1318 \cs_set:Npn \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw #1#2 \q_stop {#1}
1319 \cs_set:Npn \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop {#1}

```

(End definition for `\use_i_delimit_by_q_nil:nw`, `\use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw`, and `\use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw`. These functions are documented on page 21.)

### 3.5 Gobbling tokens from input

`\use_none:n` To gobble tokens from the input we use a standard naming convention: the number of tokens gobbled is given by the number of n's following the `:` in the name. Although we could define functions to remove ten arguments or more using separate calls of `\use_none:nnnnn`, this is very non-intuitive to the programmer who will assume that expanding such a function once will take care of gobbling all the tokens in one go.

`\use_none:nn`

`\use_none:nnn`

`\use_none:nnnn`

`\use_none:nnnnn`

`\use_none:nnnnnn`

`\use_none:nnnnnnn`

`\use_none:nnnnnnnn`

`\use_none:nnnnnnnnn`

```

1320 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:n #1 { }
1321 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nn #1#2 { }
1322 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnn #1#2#3 { }
1323 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnn #1#2#3#4 { }
1324 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5 { }
1325 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6 { }
1326 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7 { }
1327 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8 { }
1328 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9 { }

```

(End definition for `\use_none:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 21.)

### 3.6 Conditional processing and definitions

Underneath any predicate function (`_p`) or other conditional forms (TF, etc.) is a built-in logic saying that it after all of the testing and processing must return the *state* this leaves  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  in. Therefore, a simple user interface could be something like

```

\if_meaning:w #1#2
\prg_return_true:
\else:
\if_meaning:w #1#3
\prg_return_true:

```



```

\else:
  \prg_return_false:
\fi:
\fi:

```

Usually, a T<sub>E</sub>X programmer would have to insert a number of `\exp_after:wN`s to ensure the state value is returned at exactly the point where the last conditional is finished. However, that obscures the code and forces the T<sub>E</sub>X programmer to prove that he/she knows the  $2^n - 1$  table. We therefore provide the simpler interface.

`\prg_return_true:` The idea here is that `\exp:w` will expand fully any `\else:` and the `\fi:` that are waiting to be discarded, before reaching the `\exp_end:` which will leave the expansion null. The code can then leave either the first or second argument in the input stream. This means that all of the branching code has to contain at least two tokens: see how the logical tests are actually implemented to see this.

```

1329 \cs_set_nopar:Npn \prg_return_true:
1330 { \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn \exp:w }
1331 \cs_set_nopar:Npn \prg_return_false:
1332 { \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn \exp:w}

```

An extended state space could be implemented by including a more elaborate function in place of `\use_i:nn/\use_ii:nn`. Provided two arguments are absorbed then the code will work.

*(End definition for \prg\_return\_true: and \prg\_return\_false:. These functions are documented on page 39.)*

`\prg_set_conditional:Npnn` The user functions for the types using parameter text from the programmer. The various functions only differ by which function is used for the assignment. For those `Npnn` type functions, we must grab the parameter text, reading everything up to a left brace before continuing. Then split the base function into name and signature, and feed `{<name>}{<signature>}{<boolean>}{<set or new>}{<maybe protected>}{<parameters>}{TF,...}{<code>}` to the auxiliary function responsible for defining all conditionals.

```

1333 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_set_conditional:Npnn
1334 { \__prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn { set } { } }
1335 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_new_conditional:Npnn
1336 { \__prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn { new } { } }
1337 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_set_protected_conditional:Npnn
1338 { \__prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn { set } { _protected } }
1339 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn
1340 { \__prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn { new } { _protected } }
1341 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn #1#2#3#4#
1342 {
1343   \__cs_split_function:NN #3 \__prg_generate_conditional:nnNnnnnn
1344   {#1} {#2} {#4}
1345 }

```

*(End definition for \prg\_set\_conditional:Npnn and others. These functions are documented on page 37.)*

```

\prg_set_conditional:Nnn
\prg_new_conditional:Nnn
\prg_set_protected_conditional:Nnn
\prg_new_protected_conditional:Nnn
__prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn
__prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnnnn

```

The user functions for the types automatically inserting the correct parameter text based on the signature. The various functions only differ by which function is used for the assignment. Split the base function into name and signature. The second auxiliary generates the parameter text from the number of letters in the signature. Then feed  $\{\langle name \rangle\} \{\langle signature \rangle\} \langle boolean \rangle \{\langle set \text{ or } new \rangle\} \{\langle maybe \text{ protected} \rangle\} \{\langle parameters \rangle\} \{\text{TF}, \dots\} \{\langle code \rangle\}$  to the auxiliary function responsible for defining all conditionals. If the  $\langle signature \rangle$  has more than 9 letters, the definition is aborted since T<sub>E</sub>X macros have at most 9 arguments. The erroneous case where the function name contains no colon is captured later.

```

1346 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_set_conditional:Nnn
1347 { \__prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn { set } { } }
1348 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_new_conditional:Nnn
1349 { \__prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn { new } { } }
1350 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_set_protected_conditional:Nnn
1351 { \__prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn { set } { _protected } }
1352 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_new_protected_conditional:Nnn
1353 { \__prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn { new } { _protected } }
1354 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn #1#2#3
1355 {
1356   \cs_split_function:NN #3 \__prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnnnn
1357   {#1} {#2}
1358 }
1359 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
1360 {
1361   \__cs_parm_from_arg_count:nnF
1362   { \__prg_generate_conditional:nnNnnnnn {#1} {#2} #3 {#4} {#5} }
1363   { \tl_count:n {#2} }
1364   {
1365     \__msg_kernel_error:nnxx { kernel } { bad-number-of-arguments }
1366     { \token_to_str:c { #1 : #2 } }
1367     { \tl_count:n {#2} }
1368     \use_none:nn
1369   }
1370 }

```

(End definition for `\prg_set_conditional:Nnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 37.)

```

__prg_generate_conditional:nnNnnnnn
__prg_generate_conditional:nnNnnnnw

```

The workhorse here is going through a list of desired forms, *i.e.*, p, TF, T and F. The first three arguments come from splitting up the base form of the conditional, which gives the name, signature and a boolean to signal whether or not there was a colon in the name. In the absence of a colon, we throw an error and don't define any conditional. The fourth and fifth arguments build up the defining function. The sixth is the parameters to use (possibly empty), the seventh is the list of forms to define, the eighth is the replacement text which we will augment when defining the forms. The use of `\tl_to_str:n` makes the later loop more robust.

```

1371 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_conditional:nnNnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
1372 {

```

```

1373 \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #3
1374 \__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { missing-colon }
1375 { \token_to_str:c {#1} }
1376 \exp_after:wN \use_none:nn
1377 \fi:
1378 \use:x
1379 {
1380 \exp_not:N \__prg_generate_conditional:nnnnnnw
1381 \exp_not:n { {#4} {#5} {#1} {#2} {#6} {#8} }
1382 \tl_to_str:n {#7}
1383 \exp_not:n { , \q_recursion_tail , \q_recursion_stop }
1384 }
1385 }

```

Looping through the list of desired forms. First are six arguments and seventh is the form. Use the form to call the correct type. If the form does not exist, the `\use:c` construction results in `\relax`, and the error message is displayed (unless the form is empty, to allow for {T, , F}), then `\use_none:nnnnnnn` cleans up. Otherwise, the error message is removed by the variant form.

```

1386 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_conditional:nnnnnnw #1#2#3#4#5#6#7 ,
1387 {
1388 \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #7
1389 \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
1390 \fi:
1391 \use:c { __prg_generate_ #7 _form:wnnnnnnn }
1392 \tl_if_empty:nF {#7}
1393 {
1394 \__msg_kernel_error:nnxx
1395 { kernel } { conditional-form-unknown }
1396 {#7} { \token_to_str:c { #3 : #4 } }
1397 }
1398 \use_none:nnnnnnn
1399 \q_stop
1400 {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
1401 \__prg_generate_conditional:nnnnnnw {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
1402 }

```

(End definition for `\__prg_generate_conditional:nnNnnnnn` and `\__prg_generate_conditional:nnnnnnw`.)

```

\__prg_generate_p_form:wnnnnnnn
\__prg_generate_TF_form:wnnnnnnn
\__prg_generate_T_form:wnnnnnnn
\__prg_generate_F_form:wnnnnnnn

```

How to generate the various forms. Those functions take the following arguments: 1: **set** or **new**, 2: empty or `_protected`, 3: function name 4: signature, 5: parameter text (or empty), 6: replacement. Remember that the logic-returning functions expect two arguments to be present after `\exp_end::` notice the construction of the different variants relies on this, and that the TF variant will be slightly faster than the T version. The **p** form is only valid for expandable tests, we check for that by making sure that the second argument is empty.

```

1403 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_p_form:wnnnnnnn
1404 #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6#7
1405 {

```

```

1406 \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #3 \scan_stop:
1407 \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
1408 \else:
1409 \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
1410 \fi:
1411 {
1412 \exp_args:cc { cs_ #2 #3 :Npn } { #4 _p: #5 } #6
1413 { #7 \exp_end: \c_true_bool \c_false_bool }
1414 }
1415 {
1416 \_msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { protected-predicate }
1417 { \token_to_str:c { #4 _p: #5 } }
1418 }
1419 }
1420 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_prg_generate_T_form:wnnnnnnn
1421 #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6#7
1422 {
1423 \exp_args:cc { cs_ #2 #3 :Npn } { #4 : #5 T } #6
1424 { #7 \exp_end: \use:n \use_none:n }
1425 }
1426 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_prg_generate_F_form:wnnnnnnn
1427 #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6#7
1428 {
1429 \exp_args:cc { cs_ #2 #3 :Npn } { #4 : #5 F } #6
1430 { #7 \exp_end: { } }
1431 }
1432 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_prg_generate_TF_form:wnnnnnnn
1433 #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6#7
1434 {
1435 \exp_args:cc { cs_ #2 #3 :Npn } { #4 : #5 TF } #6
1436 { #7 \exp_end: }
1437 }

```

(End definition for \\_prg\_generate\_p\_form:wnnnnnnn and others.)

**\prg\_set\_eq\_conditional:NNn** The setting-equal functions. Split both functions and feed  $\{\langle name_1 \rangle\} \{\langle signature_1 \rangle\}$   
**\prg\_new\_eq\_conditional:NNn**  $\langle boolean_1 \rangle \{\langle name_2 \rangle\} \{\langle signature_2 \rangle\} \langle boolean_2 \rangle \langle copying\ function \rangle \langle conditions \rangle$ , \q\_  
\\_prg\_set\_eq\_conditional:NNn recursion\_tail , \q\_recursion\_stop to a first auxiliary.

```

1438 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_set_eq_conditional:NNn
1439 { \_prg_set_eq_conditional:NNNn \cs_set_eq:cc }
1440 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn
1441 { \_prg_set_eq_conditional:NNNn \cs_new_eq:cc }
1442 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_prg_set_eq_conditional:NNNn #1#2#3#4
1443 {
1444 \use:x
1445 {
1446 \exp_not:N \_prg_set_eq_conditional:nnNnnNNw
1447 \_cs_split_function:NN #2 \prg_do_nothing:
1448 \_cs_split_function:NN #3 \prg_do_nothing:
1449 \exp_not:N #1

```

```

1450         \tl_to_str:n {#4}
1451         \exp_not:n { , \q_recursion_tail , \q_recursion_stop }
1452     }
1453 }

```

(End definition for `\prg_set_eq_conditional:NNn` and `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn`. These functions are documented on page 39.)

`\_prg_set_eq_conditional:nnNnnNW` Split the function to be defined, and setup a manual clist loop over argument #6 of the first auxiliary. The second auxiliary receives twice three arguments coming from splitting the function to be defined and the function to copy. Make sure that both functions contained a colon, otherwise we don't know how to build conditionals, hence abort. Call the looping macro, with arguments  $\{\langle name_1 \rangle\} \{\langle signature_1 \rangle\} \{\langle name_2 \rangle\} \{\langle signature_2 \rangle\} \langle copying\ function \rangle$  and followed by the comma list. At each step in the loop, make sure that the conditional form we copy is defined, and copy it, otherwise abort.

```

1454 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_prg_set_eq_conditional:nnNnnNW #1#2#3#4#5#6
1455 {
1456     \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #3
1457     \__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { missing-colon }
1458     { \token_to_str:c {#1} }
1459     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
1460     \fi:
1461     \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #6
1462     \__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { missing-colon }
1463     { \token_to_str:c {#4} }
1464     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
1465     \fi:
1466     \_prg_set_eq_conditional_loop:nnnnNW {#1} {#2} {#4} {#5}
1467 }
1468 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_prg_set_eq_conditional_loop:nnnnNW #1#2#3#4#5#6 ,
1469 {
1470     \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #6
1471     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
1472     \fi:
1473     \use:c { \_prg_set_eq_conditional_ #6 _form:wNnnnn }
1474     \tl_if_empty:nF {#6}
1475     {
1476         \__msg_kernel_error:nnxx
1477         { kernel } { conditional-form-unknown }
1478         {#6} { \token_to_str:c { #1 : #2 } }
1479     }
1480     \use_none:nnnnnn
1481     \q_stop
1482     #5 {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4}
1483     \_prg_set_eq_conditional_loop:nnnnNW {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} #5
1484 }
1485 \cs_set:Npn \_prg_set_eq_conditional_p_form:wNnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6
1486 {
1487     \__chk_if_exist_cs:c { #5 _p : #6 }
1488     #2 { #3 _p : #4 } { #5 _p : #6 }

```

```

1489 }
1490 \cs_set:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional_TF_form:wNnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6
1491 {
1492   \__chk_if_exist_cs:c { #5      : #6 TF }
1493   #2 { #3      : #4 TF } { #5      : #6 TF }
1494 }
1495 \cs_set:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional_T_form:wNnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6
1496 {
1497   \__chk_if_exist_cs:c { #5      : #6 T  }
1498   #2 { #3      : #4 T  } { #5      : #6 T  }
1499 }
1500 \cs_set:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional_F_form:wNnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6
1501 {
1502   \__chk_if_exist_cs:c { #5      : #6 F  }
1503   #2 { #3      : #4 F  } { #5      : #6 F  }
1504 }

```

(End definition for `\__prg_set_eq_conditional:nnNnnNNw` and `\__prg_set_eq_conditional_loop:nnnnNw`.)

All that is left is to define the canonical boolean true and false. I think Michael originated the idea of expandable boolean tests. At first these were supposed to expand into either TT or TF to be tested using `\if:w` but this was later changed to 00 and 01, so they could be used in logical operations. Later again they were changed to being numerical constants with values of 1 for true and 0 for false. We need this from the get-go.

```

\c_true_bool Here are the canonical boolean values.
\c_false_bool
1505 \tex_chardef:D \c_true_bool = 1 ~
1506 \tex_chardef:D \c_false_bool = 0 ~

```

(End definition for `\c_true_bool` and `\c_false_bool`. These variables are documented on page 22.)

### 3.7 Dissecting a control sequence

```

\cs_to_str:N This converts a control sequence into the character string of its name, removing the
\__cs_to_str:N leading escape character. This turns out to be a non-trivial matter as there are different
\__cs_to_str:w cases:

```

- The usual case of a printable escape character;
- the case of a non-printable escape characters, e.g., when the value of the `\escapechar` is negative;
- when the escape character is a space.

One approach to solve this is to test how many tokens result from `\token_to_str:N \a`. If there are two tokens, then the escape character is printable, while if it is non-printable then only one is present.

However, there is an additional complication: the control sequence itself may start with a space. Clearly that should *not* be lost in the process of converting to a string. So

the approach adopted is a little more intricate still. When the escape character is printable, `\token_to_str:N\_\_` yields the escape character itself and a space. The character codes are different, thus the `\if:w` test is false, and TeX reads `\__cs_to_str:N` after turning the following control sequence into a string; this auxiliary removes the escape character, and stops the expansion of the initial `\tex_romannumeral:D`. The second case is that the escape character is not printable. Then the `\if:w` test is unfinished after reading a the space from `\token_to_str:N\_\_`, and the auxiliary `\__cs_to_str:w` is expanded, feeding – as a second character for the test; the test is false, and TeX skips to `\fi:`, then performs `\token_to_str:N`, and stops the `\tex_romannumeral:D` with `\c_zero`. The last case is that the escape character is itself a space. In this case, the `\if:w` test is true, and the auxiliary `\__cs_to_str:w` comes into play, inserting `-\__int_value:w`, which expands `\c_zero` to the character 0. The initial `\tex_romannumeral:D` then sees 0, which is not a terminated number, followed by the escape character, a space, which is removed, terminating the expansion of `\tex_romannumeral:D`. In all three cases, `\cs_to_str:N` takes two expansion steps to be fully expanded.

```
1507 \cs_set_nopar:Npn \cs_to_str:N
1508 {
```

We implement the expansion scheme using `\tex_romannumeral:D` terminating it with `\c_zero` rather than using `\exp:w` and `\exp_end:` as we normally do. The reason is that the code heavily depends on terminating the expansion with `\c_zero` so we make this dependency explicit.

```
1509 \tex_romannumeral:D
1510 \if:w \token_to_str:N \ \__cs_to_str:w \fi:
1511 \exp_after:wN \__cs_to_str:N \token_to_str:N
1512 }
1513 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_to_str:N #1 { \c_zero }
1514 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_to_str:w #1 \__cs_to_str:N
1515 { - \__int_value:w \fi: \exp_after:wN \c_zero }
```

(End definition for `\cs_to_str:N`. This function is documented on page 19.)

```
\__cs_split_function:NN
\__cs_split_function_auxi:w
\__cs_split_function_auxii:w
```

This function takes a function name and splits it into name with the escape char removed and argument specification. In addition to this, a third argument, a boolean `<true>` or `<false>` is returned with `<true>` for when there is a colon in the function and `<false>` if there is not. Lastly, the second argument of `\__cs_split_function:NN` is supposed to be a function taking three variables, one for name, one for signature, and one for the boolean. For example, `\__cs_split_function:NN \foo_bar:cnx \use_i:nnn` as input becomes `\use_i:nnn {foo_bar} {cnx} \c_true_bool`.

We cannot use `:` directly as it has the wrong category code so an `x`-type expansion is used to force the conversion.

First ensure that we actually get a properly evaluated string by expanding `\cs_to_str:N` twice. If the function contained a colon, the auxiliary takes as `#1` the function name, delimited by the first colon, then the signature `#2`, delimited by `\q_mark`, then `\c_true_bool` as `#3`, and `#4` cleans up until `\q_stop`. Otherwise, the `#1` contains the function name and `\q_mark \c_true_bool`, `#2` is empty, `#3` is `\c_false_bool`, and `#4`

cleans up. In both cases, #5 is the  $\langle processor \rangle$ . The second auxiliary trims the trailing  $\backslash q\_mark$  from the function name if present (that is, if the original function had no colon).

```

1516 \cs_set:Npx \__cs_split_function:NN #1
1517 {
1518   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN
1519   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \__cs_split_function_auxi:w
1520   \exp_not:N \cs_to_str:N #1 \exp_not:N \q_mark \c_true_bool
1521   \token_to_str:N : \exp_not:N \q_mark \c_false_bool
1522   \exp_not:N \q_stop
1523 }
1524 \use:x
1525 {
1526   \cs_set:Npn \exp_not:N \__cs_split_function_auxi:w
1527   ##1 \token_to_str:N : ##2 \exp_not:N \q_mark ##3##4 \exp_not:N \q_stop ##5
1528 }
1529 { \__cs_split_function_auxii:w #5 #1 \q_mark \q_stop {#2} #3 }
1530 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_split_function_auxii:w #1#2 \q_mark #3 \q_stop
1531 { #1 {#2} }

```

(End definition for  $\backslash\_cs\_split\_function:NN$ .)

$\backslash\_cs\_get\_function\_name:N$  Simple wrappers.

```

\__cs_get_function_signature:N
1532 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_get_function_name:N #1
1533 { \__cs_split_function:NN #1 \use_i:nnn }
1534 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_get_function_signature:N #1
1535 { \__cs_split_function:NN #1 \use_ii:nnn }

```

(End definition for  $\backslash\_cs\_get\_function\_name:N$  and  $\backslash\_cs\_get\_function\_signature:N$ .)

### 3.8 Exist or free

A control sequence is said to *exist* (to be used) if has an entry in the hash table and its meaning is different from the primitive  $\backslash relax$  token. A control sequence is said to be *free* (to be defined) if it does not already exist.

$\backslash cs\_if\_exist\_p:N$  Two versions for checking existence. For the N form we firstly check for  $\backslash scan\_stop:$  and then if it is in the hash table. There is no problem when inputting something like  $\backslash else:$  or  $\backslash fi:$  as T<sub>E</sub>X will only ever skip input in case the token tested against is  $\backslash scan\_stop:$ .

```

\cs_if_exist:NTF
\cs_if_exist:cTF
1536 \prg_set_conditional:Npnn \cs_if_exist:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
1537 {
1538   \if_meaning:w #1 \scan_stop:
1539     \prg_return_false:
1540   \else:
1541     \if_cs_exist:N #1
1542     \prg_return_true:
1543   \else:
1544     \prg_return_false:
1545   \fi:
1546 \fi:
1547 }

```



For the `c` form we firstly check if it is in the hash table and then for `\scan_stop:` so that we do not add it to the hash table unless it was already there. Here we have to be careful as the text to be skipped if the first test is false may contain tokens that disturb the scanner. Therefore, we ensure that the second test is performed after the first one has concluded completely.

```

1548 \prg_set_conditional:Npnn \cs_if_exist:c #1 { p , T , F , TF }
1549 {
1550   \if_cs_exist:w #1 \cs_end:
1551   \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
1552   \else:
1553   \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
1554   \fi:
1555   {
1556     \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \cs:w #1 \cs_end: \scan_stop:
1557     \prg_return_false:
1558     \else:
1559     \prg_return_true:
1560     \fi:
1561   }
1562   \prg_return_false:
1563 }

```

(End definition for `\cs_if_exist:NTF` and `\cs_if_exist:cTF`. These functions are documented on page 23.)

`\cs_if_free_p:N` The logical reversal of the above.

```

\cs_if_free_p:c
\cs_if_free:NTF
\cs_if_free:cTF
1564 \prg_set_conditional:Npnn \cs_if_free:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
1565 {
1566   \if_meaning:w #1 \scan_stop:
1567   \prg_return_true:
1568   \else:
1569   \if_cs_exist:N #1
1570   \prg_return_false:
1571   \else:
1572   \prg_return_true:
1573   \fi:
1574   \fi:
1575 }
1576 \prg_set_conditional:Npnn \cs_if_free:c #1 { p , T , F , TF }
1577 {
1578   \if_cs_exist:w #1 \cs_end:
1579   \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
1580   \else:
1581   \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
1582   \fi:
1583   {
1584     \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \cs:w #1 \cs_end: \scan_stop:
1585     \prg_return_true:
1586     \else:

```

```

1587         \prg_return_false:
1588     \fi:
1589 }
1590 { \prg_return_true: }
1591 }

```

(End definition for `\cs_if_free:NTF` and `\cs_if_free:cTF`. These functions are documented on page 23.)

`\cs_if_exist_use:NTF` The `\cs_if_exist_use:...` functions cannot be implemented as conditionals because  
`\cs_if_exist_use:cTF` the true branch must leave both the control sequence itself and the true code in the input  
`\cs_if_exist_use:N` stream. For the c variants, we are careful not to put the control sequence in the hash  
`\cs_if_exist_use:c` table if it does not exist.

```

1592 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:NTF #1#2
1593 { \cs_if_exist:NTF #1 { #1 #2 } }
1594 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:NF #1
1595 { \cs_if_exist:NTF #1 { #1 } }
1596 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:NT #1 #2
1597 { \cs_if_exist:NTF #1 { #1 #2 } { } }
1598 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:N #1
1599 { \cs_if_exist:NTF #1 { #1 } { } }
1600 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:cTF #1#2
1601 { \cs_if_exist:cTF {#1} { \use:c {#1} #2 } }
1602 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:cF #1
1603 { \cs_if_exist:cTF {#1} { \use:c {#1} } }
1604 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:cT #1#2
1605 { \cs_if_exist:cTF {#1} { \use:c {#1} #2 } { } }
1606 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:c #1
1607 { \cs_if_exist:cTF {#1} { \use:c {#1} } { } }

```

(End definition for `\cs_if_exist_use:NTF` and `\cs_if_exist_use:cTF`. These functions are documented on page 18.)

### 3.9 Defining and checking (new) functions

We provide two kinds of functions that can be used to define control sequences. On the one hand we have functions that check if their argument doesn't already exist, they are called `\..._new`. The second type of defining functions doesn't check if the argument is already defined.

Before we can define them, we need some auxiliary macros that allow us to generate error messages. The definitions here are only temporary, they will be redefined later on.

`\iow_log:x` We define a routine to write only to the log file. And a similar one for writing to both  
`\iow_term:x` the log file and the terminal. These will be redefined later by `l3io`.

```

1608 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \iow_log:x
1609 { \tex_immediate:D \tex_write:D \c_minus_one }
1610 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \iow_term:x
1611 { \tex_immediate:D \tex_write:D \c_sixteen }

```

(End definition for `\iow_log:x` and `\iow_term:x`. These functions are documented on page ??.)

`__chk_log:x` This function is used to write some information to the log file in case the `log-function` option is set. Otherwise its argument is ignored. Using this function rather than directly using `\iow_log:x` allows for `__chk_suspend_log:` which disables such messages until the matching `__chk_resume_log:`. These two commands are used to improve the logging for complicated datatypes. They should come in pairs, which can be nested. The function `\exp_not:o` is defined in `l3expan` later on but `__chk_suspend_log:` and `__chk_resume_log:` are not used before that point.

```

1612 <*initex>
1613 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn __chk_log:x { \use_none:n }
1614 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn __chk_suspend_log: { }
1615 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn __chk_resume_log: { }
1616 </initex>
1617 <*package>
1618 \tex_ifodd:D \l@expl@log@functions@bool
1619 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn __chk_log:x { \iow_log:x }
1620 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn __chk_suspend_log:
1621 {
1622   \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx __chk_resume_log:
1623   {
1624     \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn __chk_resume_log:
1625     { \exp_not:o { __chk_resume_log: } }
1626     \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn __chk_log:x
1627     { \exp_not:o { __chk_log:x } }
1628   }
1629   \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn __chk_log:x { \use_none:n }
1630 }
1631 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn __chk_resume_log: { }
1632 \else:
1633 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn __chk_log:x { \use_none:n }
1634 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn __chk_suspend_log: { }
1635 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn __chk_resume_log: { }
1636 \fi:
1637 </package>

```

(End definition for `__chk_log:x`, `__chk_suspend_log:`, and `__chk_resume_log:`.)

`__msg_kernel_error:nxx` If an internal error occurs before L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 has loaded `l3msg` then the code should issue a usable if terse error message and halt. This can only happen if a coding error is made by the team, so this is a reasonable response. Setting the `\newlinechar` is needed, to turn `^^J` into a proper line break in plain T<sub>E</sub>X.

```

1638 \cs_set_protected:Npn __msg_kernel_error:nxx #1#2#3#4
1639 {
1640   \tex_newlinechar:D = ‘^^J \tex_relax:D
1641   \tex_errmessage:D
1642   {
1643     !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!~! ^^J
1644     Argh,~internal~LaTeX3~error! ^^J ^^J
1645     Module ~ #1 , ~ message~name~"#2": ^^J
1646     Arguments~’#3’~and~’#4’ ^^J ^^J

```

```

1647         This~is~one~for~The~LaTeX3~Project::~bailing~out
1648     }
1649     \tex_end:D
1650 }
1651 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_error:nnx #1#2#3
1652 { \__msg_kernel_error:nnxx {#1} {#2} {#3} { } }
1653 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_error:nn #1#2
1654 { \__msg_kernel_error:nnxx {#1} {#2} { } { } }

```

(End definition for `\__msg_kernel_error:nnxx`, `\__msg_kernel_error:nnx`, and `\__msg_kernel_error:nn`.)

`\msg_line_context:` Another one from `l3msg` which will be altered later.

```

1655 \cs_set_nopar:Npn \msg_line_context:
1656 { on~line~ \tex_the:D \tex_inputlineno:D }

```

(End definition for `\msg_line_context:`. This function is documented on page 160.)

`\__chk_if_free_cs:N` This command is called by `\cs_new_nopar:Npn` and `\cs_new_eq:NN` etc. to make sure that the argument sequence is not already in use. If it is, an error is signalled. It checks if `<csname>` is undefined or `\scan_stop:`. Otherwise an error message is issued. We have to make sure we don't put the argument into the conditional processing since it may be an `\if...` type function!

`\__chk_if_free_cs:c`

```

1657 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
1658 {
1659     \cs_if_free:NF #1
1660     {
1661         \__msg_kernel_error:nnxx { kernel } { command-already-defined }
1662         { \token_to_str:N #1 } { \token_to_meaning:N #1 }
1663     }
1664 }
1665 <*package>
1666 \tex_ifodd:D \l@expl@log@functions@bool
1667 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
1668 {
1669     \cs_if_free:NF #1
1670     {
1671         \__msg_kernel_error:nnxx { kernel } { command-already-defined }
1672         { \token_to_str:N #1 } { \token_to_meaning:N #1 }
1673     }
1674     \__chk_log:x { Defining~\token_to_str:N #1~ \msg_line_context: }
1675 }
1676 \fi:
1677 </package>
1678 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \__chk_if_free_cs:c
1679 { \exp_args:Nc \__chk_if_free_cs:N }

```

(End definition for `\__chk_if_free_cs:N` and `\__chk_if_free_cs:c`.)

`\__chk_if_exist_var:N` Create the checking function for variable definitions when the option is set.

```

1680 <*package>

```

```

1681 \tex_ifodd:D \l@expl@check@declarations@bool
1682 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__chk_if_exist_var:N #1
1683 {
1684   \cs_if_exist:NF #1
1685   {
1686     \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { check } { non-declared-variable }
1687     { \token_to_str:N #1 }
1688   }
1689 }
1690 \fi:
1691 \</package>

```

(End definition for \\_\_chk\_if\_exist\_var:N.)

**\\_\_chk\_if\_exist\_cs:N** This function issues an error message when the control sequence in its argument does not exist.

**\\_\_chk\_if\_exist\_cs:c**

```

1692 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__chk_if_exist_cs:N #1
1693 {
1694   \cs_if_exist:NF #1
1695   {
1696     \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { command-not-defined }
1697     { \token_to_str:N #1 }
1698   }
1699 }
1700 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \__chk_if_exist_cs:c
1701 { \exp_args:Nc \__chk_if_exist_cs:N }

```

(End definition for \\_\_chk\_if\_exist\_cs:N and \\_\_chk\_if\_exist\_cs:c.)

### 3.10 More new definitions

**\cs\_new\_nopar:Npn** Function which check that the control sequence is free before defining it.

**\cs\_new\_nopar:Npx**

**\cs\_new:Npn**

**\cs\_new:Npx**

**\cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:Npn**

**\cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:Npx**

**\cs\_new\_protected:Npn**

**\cs\_new\_protected:Npx**

**\\_\_cs\_tmp:w**

```

1702 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_tmp:w #1#2
1703 {
1704   \cs_set_protected:Npn #1 ##1
1705   {
1706     \__chk_if_free_cs:N ##1
1707     #2 ##1
1708   }
1709 }
1710 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_nopar:Npn
1711 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_nopar:Npx \cs_gset_nopar:Npx
1712 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new:Npn \cs_gset:Npn
1713 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new:Npx \cs_gset:Npx
1714 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npn
1715 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npx
1716 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_gset_protected:Npn
1717 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected:Npx \cs_gset_protected:Npx

```

(End definition for \cs\_new\_nopar:Npn and others. These functions are documented on page 12.)

`\cs_set_nopar:cpn` Like `\cs_set_nopar:Npn` and `\cs_new_nopar:Npn`, except that the first argument consists of the sequence of characters that should be used to form the name of the desired control sequence (the `c` stands for `csname` argument, see the expansion module). Global versions are also provided.  
`\cs_set_nopar:cpx`  
`\cs_gset_nopar:cpn`  
`\cs_gset_nopar:cpx`  
`\cs_new_nopar:cpn` `\cs_set_nopar:cpn⟨string⟩⟨rep-text⟩` will turn `⟨string⟩` into a `csname` and then assign `⟨rep-text⟩` to it by using `\cs_set_nopar:Npn`. This means that there might be a parameter string between the two arguments.  
`\cs_new_nopar:cpx`

```

1718 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_tmp:w #1#2
1719 { \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn #1 { \exp_args:Nc #2 } }
1720 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_nopar:cpn \cs_set_nopar:Npn
1721 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_nopar:cpx \cs_set_nopar:Npx
1722 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_nopar:cpn \cs_gset_nopar:Npn
1723 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_nopar:cpx \cs_gset_nopar:Npx
1724 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_nopar:cpn \cs_new_nopar:Npn
1725 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_nopar:cpx \cs_new_nopar:Npx

```

(End definition for `\cs_set_nopar:cpn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\cs_set:cpn` Variants of the `\cs_set:Npn` versions which make a `csname` out of the first arguments.  
`\cs_set:cpx` We may also do this globally.

```

1726 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set:cpn \cs_set:Npn
1727 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set:cpx \cs_set:Npx
1728 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset:cpn \cs_gset:Npn
1729 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset:cpx \cs_gset:Npx
1730 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new:cpn \cs_new:Npn
1731 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new:cpx \cs_new:Npx

```

(End definition for `\cs_set:cpn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\cs_set_protected_nopar:cpn` Variants of the `\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn` versions which make a `csname` out of the first arguments. We may also do this globally.  
`\cs_set_protected_nopar:cpx`

```

1732 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_protected_nopar:cpn \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn
1733 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_protected_nopar:cpx \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx
1734 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_protected_nopar:cpn \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npn
1735 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_protected_nopar:cpx \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npx
1736 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpn \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn
1737 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpx \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx

```

(End definition for `\cs_set_protected_nopar:cpn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\cs_set_protected:cpn` Variants of the `\cs_set_protected:Npn` versions which make a `csname` out of the first arguments. We may also do this globally.  
`\cs_set_protected:cpx`

```

1738 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_protected:cpn \cs_set_protected:Npn
1739 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_protected:cpx \cs_set_protected:Npx
1740 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_protected:cpn \cs_gset_protected:Npn
1741 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_protected:cpx \cs_gset_protected:Npx
1742 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected:cpn \cs_new_protected:Npn
1743 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected:cpx \cs_new_protected:Npx

```

(End definition for `\cs_set_protected:cpn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

### 3.11 Copying definitions

`\cs_set_eq:NN` These macros allow us to copy the definition of a control sequence to another control sequence.

`\cs_set_eq:cN` The = sign allows us to define funny char tokens like = itself or `\_` with this function.

`\cs_set_eq:Nc` For the definition of `\c_space_char{~}` to work we need the ~ after the =.

`\cs_set_eq:cc` `\cs_set_eq:NN` is long to avoid problems with a literal argument of `\par`. While

`\cs_gset_eq:NN` `\cs_new_eq:NN` will probably never be correct with a first argument of `\par`, define it

`\cs_gset_eq:cN` long in order to throw an “already defined” error rather than “runaway argument”.

`\cs_gset_eq:Nc`

`\cs_gset_eq:cc`

`\cs_new_eq:NN`

`\cs_new_eq:cN`

`\cs_new_eq:Nc`

`\cs_new_eq:cc`

```

1744 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_set_eq:NN #1 { \tex_let:D #1 =~ }
1745 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_set_eq:cN { \exp_args:Nc \cs_set_eq:NN }
1746 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_set_eq:Nc { \exp_args:Nnc \cs_set_eq:NN }
1747 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_set_eq:cc { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_set_eq:NN }
1748 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_eq:NN { \tex_global:D \cs_set_eq:NN }
1749 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_eq:Nc { \exp_args:Nnc \cs_gset_eq:NN }
1750 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_eq:cN { \exp_args:Nc \cs_gset_eq:NN }
1751 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_eq:cc { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_gset_eq:NN }
1752 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_new_eq:NN #1
1753 {
1754   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
1755   \tex_global:D \cs_set_eq:NN #1
1756 }
1757 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_new_eq:cN { \exp_args:Nc \cs_new_eq:NN }
1758 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_new_eq:Nc { \exp_args:Nnc \cs_new_eq:NN }
1759 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_new_eq:cc { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_new_eq:NN }

```

(End definition for `\cs_set_eq:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 17.)

### 3.12 Undefined functions

`\cs_undefine:N` The following function is used to free the main memory from the definition of some

`\cs_undefine:c` function that isn’t in use any longer. The c variant is careful not to add the control sequence to the hash table if it isn’t there yet, and it also avoids nesting TeX conditionals in case #1 is unbalanced in this matter.

```

1760 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_undefine:N #1
1761 { \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \tex_undefined:D }
1762 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_undefine:c #1
1763 {
1764   \if_cs_exist:w #1 \cs_end:
1765     \exp_after:wN \use:n
1766   \else:
1767     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
1768   \fi:
1769   { \cs_gset_eq:cN {#1} \tex_undefined:D }
1770 }

```

(End definition for `\cs_undefine:N` and `\cs_undefine:c`. These functions are documented on page 17.)

### 3.13 Generating parameter text from argument count

`\_cs_parm_from_arg_count:nnF`  
`\_cs_parm_from_arg_count_test:nnF`

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 provides shorthands to define control sequences and conditionals with a simple parameter text, derived directly from the signature, or more generally from knowing the number of arguments, between 0 and 9. This function expands to its first argument, untouched, followed by a brace group containing the parameter text `{#1...#n}`, where  $n$  is the result of evaluating the second argument (as described in `\int_eval:n`). If the second argument gives a result outside the range  $[0, 9]$ , the third argument is returned instead, normally an error message. Some of the functions use here are not defined yet, but will be defined before this function is called.

```

1771 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_cs_parm_from_arg_count:nnF #1#2
1772 {
1773   \exp_args:Nx \_cs_parm_from_arg_count_test:nnF
1774   {
1775     \exp_after:wN \exp_not:n
1776     \if_case:w \_int_eval:w #2 \_int_eval_end:
1777       { }
1778       \or: { ##1 }
1779       \or: { ##1##2 }
1780       \or: { ##1##2##3 }
1781       \or: { ##1##2##3##4 }
1782       \or: { ##1##2##3##4##5 }
1783       \or: { ##1##2##3##4##5##6 }
1784       \or: { ##1##2##3##4##5##6##7 }
1785       \or: { ##1##2##3##4##5##6##7##8 }
1786       \or: { ##1##2##3##4##5##6##7##8##9 }
1787       \else: { \c_false_bool }
1788       \fi:
1789     }
1790     {#1}
1791   }
1792 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_cs_parm_from_arg_count_test:nnF #1#2
1793 {
1794   \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #1
1795     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
1796   \else:
1797     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
1798   \fi:
1799   { #2 {#1} }
1800 }
```

(End definition for `\_cs_parm_from_arg_count:nnF`.)

### 3.14 Defining functions from a given number of arguments

`\_cs_count_signature:N`  
`\_cs_count_signature:c`  
`\_cs_count_signature:nnN`

Counting the number of tokens in the signature, *i.e.*, the number of arguments the function should take. Since this is not used in any time-critical function, we simply use `\tl_count:n` if there is a signature, otherwise  $-1$  arguments to signal an error. We need a variant form right away.



```

1801 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_count_signature:N #1
1802 { \int_eval:n { \__cs_split_function:NN #1 \__cs_count_signature:nnN } }
1803 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_count_signature:nnN #1#2#3
1804 {
1805   \if_meaning:w \c_true_bool #3
1806     \tl_count:n {#2}
1807   \else:
1808     \c_minus_one
1809   \fi:
1810 }
1811 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__cs_count_signature:c
1812 { \exp_args:Nc \__cs_count_signature:N }

```

(End definition for `\__cs_count_signature:N` and `\__cs_count_signature:c`.)

```

\cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn
\cs_generate_from_arg_count:cNnn
\cs_generate_from_arg_count:Ncnn

```

We provide a constructor function for defining functions with a given number of arguments. For this we need to choose the correct parameter text and then use that when defining. Since  $\text{\TeX}$  supports from zero to nine arguments, we use a simple switch to choose the correct parameter text, ensuring the result is returned after finishing the conditional. If it is not between zero and nine, we throw an error.

1: function to define, 2: with what to define it, 3: the number of args it requires and 4: the replacement text

```

1813 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn #1#2#3#4
1814 {
1815   \__cs_parm_from_arg_count:nnF { \use:nnn #2 #1 } {#3}
1816   {
1817     \__msg_kernel_error:nnxx { kernel } { bad-number-of-arguments }
1818     { \token_to_str:N #1 } { \int_eval:n {#3} }
1819   }
1820   {#4}
1821 }

```

A variant form we need right away, plus one which is used elsewhere but which is most logically created here.

```

1822 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_generate_from_arg_count:cNnn
1823 { \exp_args:Nc \cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn }
1824 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_generate_from_arg_count:Ncnn
1825 { \exp_args:Nnc \cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn }

```

(End definition for `\cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn`, `\cs_generate_from_arg_count:cNnn`, and `\cs_generate_from_arg_count:Ncnn`. These functions are documented on page 16.)

### 3.15 Using the signature to define functions

We can now combine some of the tools we have to provide a simple interface for defining functions, where the number of arguments is read from the signature. For instance, `\cs_set:Nn \foo_bar:nn {#1,#2}`.

We want to define `\cs_set:Nn` as

```

\cs_set:Nn
\cs_set:Nx
\cs_set_nopar:Nn
\cs_set_nopar:Nx
\cs_set_protected:Nn
\cs_set_protected:Nx
\cs_set_protected_nopar:Nn
\cs_set_protected_nopar:Nx
\cs_gset:Nn
\cs_gset:Nx
\cs_gset_nopar:Nn
\cs_gset_nopar:Nx

```

```

\cs_set_protected:Npn \cs_set:Nn #1#2
{
  \cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn #1 \cs_set:Npn
  { \__cs_count_signature:N #1 } {#2}
}

```

In short, to define `\cs_set:Nn` we need just use `\cs_set:Npn`, everything else is the same for each variant. Therefore, we can make it simpler by temporarily defining a function to do this for us.

```

1826 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_tmp:w #1#2#3
1827 {
1828   \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpx { cs_ #1 : #2 }
1829   {
1830     \exp_not:N \__cs_generate_from_signature:NNn
1831     \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \cs:w cs_ #1 : #3 \cs_end:
1832   }
1833 }
1834 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_from_signature:NNn #1#2
1835 {
1836   \__cs_split_function:NN #2 \__cs_generate_from_signature:nnNNNn
1837   #1 #2
1838 }
1839 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_from_signature:nnNNNn #1#2#3#4#5#6
1840 {
1841   \bool_if:NTF #3
1842   {
1843     \cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn
1844     #5 #4 { \tl_count:n {#2} } {#6}
1845   }
1846   {
1847     \__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { missing-colon }
1848     { \token_to_str:N #5 }
1849   }
1850 }

```

Then we define the 24 variants beginning with N.

```

1851 \__cs_tmp:w { set } { Nn } { Npn }
1852 \__cs_tmp:w { set } { Nx } { Npx }
1853 \__cs_tmp:w { set_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
1854 \__cs_tmp:w { set_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }
1855 \__cs_tmp:w { set_protected } { Nn } { Npn }
1856 \__cs_tmp:w { set_protected } { Nx } { Npx }
1857 \__cs_tmp:w { set_protected_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
1858 \__cs_tmp:w { set_protected_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }
1859 \__cs_tmp:w { gset } { Nn } { Npn }
1860 \__cs_tmp:w { gset } { Nx } { Npx }
1861 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
1862 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }
1863 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_protected } { Nn } { Npn }
1864 \__cs_tmp:w { gset_protected } { Nx } { Npx }

```

```

1865 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_protected_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
1866 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_protected_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }
1867 \_cs_tmp:w { new } { Nn } { Npn }
1868 \_cs_tmp:w { new } { Nx } { Npx }
1869 \_cs_tmp:w { new_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
1870 \_cs_tmp:w { new_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }
1871 \_cs_tmp:w { new_protected } { Nn } { Npn }
1872 \_cs_tmp:w { new_protected } { Nx } { Npx }
1873 \_cs_tmp:w { new_protected_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
1874 \_cs_tmp:w { new_protected_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }

```

(End definition for \cs\_set:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page 15.)

```

\cs_set:cn The 24 c variants simply use \exp_args:Nc.
\cs_set:cx
\cs_set_nopar:cn
\cs_set_nopar:cx
\cs_set_protected:cn
\cs_set_protected:cx
\cs_set_protected_nopar:cn
\cs_set_protected_nopar:cx
\cs_gset:cn
\cs_gset:cx
\cs_gset_nopar:cn
\cs_gset_nopar:cx
\cs_gset_protected:cn
\cs_gset_protected:cx
\cs_gset_protected_nopar:cn
\cs_gset_protected_nopar:cx
\cs_new:cn
\cs_new:cx
\cs_new_nopar:cn
\cs_new_nopar:cx
\cs_new_protected:cn
\cs_new_protected:cx
\cs_new_protected_nopar:cn
\cs_new_protected_nopar:cx
1875 \cs_set:Npn \_cs_tmp:w #1#2
1876 {
1877   \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpx { cs_ #1 : c #2 }
1878   {
1879     \exp_not:N \exp_args:Nc
1880     \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \cs:w cs_ #1 : N #2 \cs_end:
1881   }
1882 }
1883 \_cs_tmp:w { set } { n }
1884 \_cs_tmp:w { set } { x }
1885 \_cs_tmp:w { set_nopar } { n }
1886 \_cs_tmp:w { set_nopar } { x }
1887 \_cs_tmp:w { set_protected } { n }
1888 \_cs_tmp:w { set_protected } { x }
1889 \_cs_tmp:w { set_protected_nopar } { n }
1890 \_cs_tmp:w { set_protected_nopar } { x }
1891 \_cs_tmp:w { gset } { n }
1892 \_cs_tmp:w { gset } { x }
1893 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_nopar } { n }
1894 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_nopar } { x }
1895 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_protected } { n }
1896 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_protected } { x }
1897 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_protected_nopar } { n }
1898 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_protected_nopar } { x }
1899 \_cs_tmp:w { new } { n }
1900 \_cs_tmp:w { new } { x }
1901 \_cs_tmp:w { new_nopar } { n }
1902 \_cs_tmp:w { new_nopar } { x }
1903 \_cs_tmp:w { new_protected } { n }
1904 \_cs_tmp:w { new_protected } { x }
1905 \_cs_tmp:w { new_protected_nopar } { n }
1906 \_cs_tmp:w { new_protected_nopar } { x }

```

(End definition for \cs\_set:cn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

### 3.16 Checking control sequence equality

`\cs_if_eq_p:NN` Check if two control sequences are identical.

```

1907 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \cs_if_eq:NN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
1908 {
1909     \if_meaning:w #1#2
1910     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
1911 }
1912 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq_p:cN { \exp_args:Nc \cs_if_eq_p:NN }
1913 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:cNTF { \exp_args:Nc \cs_if_eq:NNTF }
1914 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:cNT { \exp_args:Nc \cs_if_eq:NNT }
1915 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:cNF { \exp_args:Nc \cs_if_eq:NNF }
1916 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq_p:Nc { \exp_args:NNc \cs_if_eq_p:NN }
1917 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:NcTF { \exp_args:NNc \cs_if_eq:NNTF }
1918 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:NcT { \exp_args:NNc \cs_if_eq:NNT }
1919 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:NcF { \exp_args:NNc \cs_if_eq:NNF }
1920 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq_p:cc { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_if_eq_p:NN }
1921 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:ccTF { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_if_eq:NNTF }
1922 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:ccT { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_if_eq:NNT }
1923 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:ccF { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_if_eq:NNF }

```

(End definition for `\cs_if_eq:NNTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 23.)

### 3.17 Diagnostic functions

`\__kernel_register_show:N` Simply using the `\showthe` primitive does not allow for line-wrapping, so instead use `\__msg_show_variable:NNNnn` (defined in `l3msg`). This checks that the variable exists (using `\cs_if_exist:NNTF`), then displays the third argument, namely `>~⟨variable⟩=⟨value⟩`.

```

1924 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__kernel_register_show:N #1
1925 {
1926     \__msg_show_variable:NNNnn #1 \cs_if_exist:NNTF ? { }
1927     { > ~ \token_to_str:N #1 = \tex_the:D #1 }
1928 }
1929 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__kernel_register_show:c
1930 { \exp_args:Nc \__kernel_register_show:N }

```

(End definition for `\__kernel_register_show:N` and `\__kernel_register_show:c`.)

`\cs_show:N` Some control sequences have a very long name or meaning. Thus, simply using TeX's primitive `\show` could lead to overlong lines. The output of this primitive is mimicked to some extent, then the re-built string is given to `\iow_wrap:nnnN` for line-wrapping. The `\cs_show:c` command converts its argument to a control sequence within a group to avoid showing `\relax` for undefined control sequences.

```

1931 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_show:N #1
1932 { \__msg_show_wrap:n { > ~ \token_to_str:N #1 = \cs_meaning:N #1 } }
1933 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_show:c
1934 { \group_begin: \exp_args:NNc \group_end: \cs_show:N }

```

(End definition for `\cs_show:N` and `\cs_show:c`. These functions are documented on page 17.)

### 3.18 Doing nothing functions

`\prg_do_nothing:` This does not fit anywhere else!

```
1935 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \prg_do_nothing: { }
```

(End definition for `\prg_do_nothing:`. This function is documented on page 10.)

### 3.19 Breaking out of mapping functions

`\__prg_break_point:Nn` In inline mappings, the nesting level must be reset at the end of the mapping, even when the user decides to break out. This is done by putting the code that must be performed as an argument of `\__prg_break_point:Nn`. The breaking functions are then defined to jump to that point and perform the argument of `\__prg_break_point:Nn`, before the user's code (if any). There is a check that we close the correct loop, otherwise we continue breaking.

```
1936 \cs_new_eq:NN \__prg_break_point:Nn \use_ii:nn
1937 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_map_break:Nn #1#2#3 \__prg_break_point:Nn #4#5
1938 {
1939     #5
1940     \if_meaning:w #1 #4
1941         \exp_after:wN \use_iii:nnn
1942     \fi:
1943     \__prg_map_break:Nn #1 {#2}
1944 }
```

(End definition for `\__prg_break_point:Nn` and `\__prg_map_break:Nn`. These functions are documented on page 44.)

`\__prg_break_point:` Very simple analogues of `\__prg_break_point:Nn` and `\__prg_map_break:Nn`, for use in fast short-term recursions which are not mappings, do not need to support nesting, and in which nothing has to be done at the end of the loop.

`\__prg_break:`  
`\__prg_break:n`

```
1945 \cs_new_eq:NN \__prg_break_point: \prg_do_nothing:
1946 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_break: #1 \__prg_break_point: { }
1947 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_break:n #1#2 \__prg_break_point: {#1}
```

(End definition for `\__prg_break_point:`. This function is documented on page 44.)

```
1948 </initex | package>
```

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```
1949 <*initex | package>
```

```
1950 <@@=exp>
```

`\exp_after:wN` These are defined in l3basics.

`\exp_not:N`  
`\exp_not:n`

(End definition for `\exp_after:wN`. This function is documented on page 32.)

## 4.1 General expansion

In this section a general mechanism for defining functions to handle argument handling is defined. These general expansion functions are expandable unless `x` is used. (Any version of `x` is going to have to use one of the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 names for `\cs_set_nopar:Npx` at some point, and so is never going to be expandable.)

The definition of expansion functions with this technique happens in section 4.3. In section 4.2 some common cases are coded by a more direct method for efficiency, typically using calls to `\exp_after:wN`.

`\l__exp_internal_tl` This scratch token list variable is defined in `l3basics`, as it is needed “early”. This is just a reminder that is the case!

*(End definition for `\l__exp_internal_tl`. This variable is documented on page 35.)*

This code uses internal functions with names that start with `\:` to perform the expansions. All macros are `long` as this turned out to be desirable since the tokens undergoing expansion may be arbitrary user input.

An argument manipulator `\:<Z>` always has signature `#1\:::#2#3` where `#1` holds the remaining argument manipulations to be performed, `\:::` serves as an end marker for the list of manipulations, `#2` is the carried over result of the previous expansion steps and `#3` is the argument about to be processed. One exception to this rule is `\::p`, which has to grab an argument delimited by a left brace.

`\__exp_arg_next:nnn` `#1` is the result of an expansion step, `#2` is the remaining argument manipulations and `#3` is the current result of the expansion chain. This auxiliary function moves `#1` back after `#3` in the input stream and checks if any expansion is left to be done by calling `#2`. In by far the most cases we will require to add a set of braces to the result of an argument manipulation so it is more effective to do it directly here. Actually, so far only the `c` of the final argument manipulation variants does not require a set of braces.

```
1951 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_arg_next:nnn #1#2#3 { #2 \::: { #3 {#1} } }
1952 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_arg_next:Nnn #1#2#3 { #2 \::: { #3 #1 } }
```

*(End definition for `\__exp_arg_next:nnn`.)*

`\:::` The end marker is just another name for the identity function.

```
1953 \cs_new:Npn \::: #1 {#1}
```

*(End definition for `\:::`.)*

`\::n` This function is used to skip an argument that doesn’t need to be expanded.

```
1954 \cs_new:Npn \::n #1 \::: #2#3 { #1 \::: { #2 {#3} } }
```

*(End definition for `\::n`.)*

`\::N` This function is used to skip an argument that consists of a single token and doesn’t need to be expanded.

```
1955 \cs_new:Npn \::N #1 \::: #2#3 { #1 \::: {#2#3} }
```

*(End definition for `\::N`.)*

**\::p** This function is used to skip an argument that is delimited by a left brace and doesn't need to be expanded. It should not be wrapped in braces in the result.

```
1956 \cs_new:Npn \::p #1 \:: #2#3# { #1 \:: {#2#3} }
```

(End definition for \::p.)

**\::c** This function is used to skip an argument that is turned into a control sequence without expansion.

```
1957 \cs_new:Npn \::c #1 \:: #2#3
1958 { \exp_after:wN \_exp_arg_next:nnn \cs:w #3 \cs_end: {#1} {#2} }
```

(End definition for \::c.)

**\::o** This function is used to expand an argument once.

```
1959 \cs_new:Npn \::o #1 \:: #2#3
1960 { \exp_after:wN \_exp_arg_next:nnn \exp_after:wN {#3} {#1} {#2} }
```

(End definition for \::o.)

**\::f** This function is used to expand a token list until the first unexpandable token is found. This is achieved through `\exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w` that expands everything in its way following it. This scanning procedure is terminated once the expansion hits something non-expandable or a space. We introduce `\exp_stop_f:` to mark such an end of expansion marker. In the example shown earlier the scanning was stopped once  $\text{\TeX}$  had fully expanded `\cs_set_eq:Nc \aaa { b \l_tmpa_tl b }` into `\cs_set_eq:NN \aaa = \blurb` which then turned out to contain the non-expandable token `\cs_set_eq:NN`. Since the expansion of `\exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w` is *null*, we wind up with a fully expanded list, only  $\text{\TeX}$  has not tried to execute any of the non-expandable tokens. This is what differentiates this function from the `x` argument type.

```
1961 \cs_new:Npn \::f #1 \:: #2#3
1962 {
1963   \exp_after:wN \_exp_arg_next:nnn
1964   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #3 }
1965   {#1} {#2}
1966 }
1967 \use:nn { \cs_new_eq:NN \exp_stop_f: } { ~ }
```

(End definition for \::f.)

**\::x** This function is used to expand an argument fully.

```
1968 \cs_new_protected:Npn \::x #1 \:: #2#3
1969 {
1970   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \l_exp_internal_tl { {#3} }
1971   \exp_after:wN \_exp_arg_next:nnn \l_exp_internal_tl {#1} {#2}
1972 }
```

(End definition for \::x.)

**\::v** These functions return the value of a register, i.e., one of `tl`, `clist`, `int`, `skip`, `dim` and `muskip`. The **V** version expects a single token whereas **v** like **c** creates a `cname` from its argument given in braces and then evaluates it as if it was a **V**. The `\exp:w` sets off an expansion similar to an **f** type expansion, which we will terminate using `\exp_end:`. The argument is returned in braces.

```

1973 \cs_new:Npn \::V #1 \::: #2#3
1974 {
1975   \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_next:nnn
1976   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:N #3 }
1977   {#1} {#2}
1978 }
1979 \cs_new:Npn \::v # 1\::: #2#3
1980 {
1981   \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_next:nnn
1982   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:c {#3} }
1983   {#1} {#2}
1984 }

```

(End definition for `\::v`.)

`\__exp_eval_register:N` This function evaluates a register. Now a register might exist as one of two things: A parameter-less macro or a built-in  $\text{\TeX}$  register such as `\count`. For the  $\text{\TeX}$  registers we have to utilize a `\the` whereas for the macros we merely have to expand them once. The trick is to find out when to use `\the` and when not to. What we do here is try to find out whether the token will expand to something else when hit with `\exp_after:wN`. The technique is to compare the meaning of the register in question when it has been prefixed with `\exp_not:N` and the register itself. If it is a macro, the prefixed `\exp_not:N` will temporarily turn it into the primitive `\scan_stop:`.

```

1985 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_eval_register:N #1
1986 {
1987   \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_not:N #1 #1

```

If the token was not a macro it may be a malformed variable from a `c` expansion in which case it is equal to the primitive `\scan_stop:`. In that case we throw an error. We could let  $\text{\TeX}$  do it for us but that would result in the rather obscure

! You can't use '`\relax`' after `\the`.

which while quite true doesn't give many hints as to what actually went wrong. We provide something more sensible.

```

1988   \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #1
1989   \__exp_eval_error_msg:w
1990   \fi:

```

The next bit requires some explanation. The function must be initiated by `\exp:w` and we want to terminate this expansion chain by inserting the `\exp_end:` token. However, we have to expand the register `#1` before we do that. If it is a  $\text{\TeX}$  register, we need to execute the sequence `\exp_after:wN \exp_end: \tex_the:D #1` and if it is a macro



we need to execute `\exp_after:wN \exp_end: #1`. We therefore issue the longer of the two sequences and if the register is a macro, we remove the `\tex_the:D`.

```

1991     \else:
1992       \exp_after:wN \use_i_ii:nnn
1993     \fi:
1994     \exp_after:wN \exp_end: \tex_the:D #1
1995   }
1996 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_eval_register:c #1
1997 { \exp_after:wN \__exp_eval_register:N \cs:w #1 \cs_end: }

```

Clean up nicely, then call the undefined control sequence. The result is an error message looking like this:

```

! Undefined control sequence.
<argument> \LaTeX3 error:
                               Erroneous variable used!
1.55 \tl_set:Nv \l_tmpa_tl {undefined_tl}

1998 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_eval_error_msg:w #1 \tex_the:D #2
1999 {
2000   \fi:
2001   \fi:
2002   \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { bad-variable } {#2}
2003   \exp_end:
2004 }

```

*(End definition for `\__exp_eval_register:N` and `\__exp_eval_register:c`.)*

## 4.2 Hand-tuned definitions

One of the most important features of these functions is that they are fully expandable and therefore allow to prefix them with `\tex_global:D` for example.

```

\exp_args:No Those lovely runs of expansion!
\exp_args:NNo 2005 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:No #1#2 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN {#2} }
\exp_args:NNNo 2006 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNo #1#2#3
                2007 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2 \exp_after:wN {#3} }
                2008 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNNo #1#2#3#4
                2009 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN#2 \exp_after:wN #3 \exp_after:wN {#4} }

```

*(End definition for `\exp_args:No`. This function is documented on page 29.)*

`\exp_args:Nc` In l3basics.

```

\exp_args:cc
(End definition for \exp_args:Nc and \exp_args:cc. These functions are documented on page 29.)

```

`\exp_args:NNc` Here are the functions that turn their argument into csnames but are expandable.

```

\exp_args:Ncc 2010 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNc #1#2#3
\exp_args:Nccc 2011 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2 \cs:w # 3\cs_end: }
                2012 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Ncc #1#2#3
                2013 { \exp_after:wN #1 \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end: \cs:w #3 \cs_end: }

```

```

2014 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nccc #1#2#3#4
2015 {
2016   \exp_after:wN #1
2017   \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2018   \cs:w #3 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2019   \cs:w #4 \cs_end:
2020 }

```

(End definition for `\exp_args:NNc`, `\exp_args:Ncc`, and `\exp_args:Nccc`. These functions are documented on page 30.)

`\exp_args:Nf`  
`\exp_args:Nv`  
`\exp_args:Nv`

```

2021 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nf #1#2
2022 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #2 } }
2023 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nv #1#2
2024 {
2025   \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN
2026   { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:c {#2} }
2027 }
2028 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nv #1#2
2029 {
2030   \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN
2031   { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:N #2 }
2032 }

```

(End definition for `\exp_args:Nf`, `\exp_args:Nv`, and `\exp_args:Nv`. These functions are documented on page 29.)

`\exp_args:NNV` Some more hand-tuned function with three arguments. If we forced that an `o` argument  
`\exp_args:NNv` always has braces, we could implement `\exp_args:Nco` with less tokens and only two  
`\exp_args:NNf` arguments.

```

\exp_args:NNV 2033 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNf #1#2#3
\exp_args:Ncf 2034 {
\exp_args:Nco 2035   \exp_after:wN #1
2036   \exp_after:wN #2
2037   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #3 }
2038 }
2039 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNv #1#2#3
2040 {
2041   \exp_after:wN #1
2042   \exp_after:wN #2
2043   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:c {#3} }
2044 }
2045 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNV #1#2#3
2046 {
2047   \exp_after:wN #1
2048   \exp_after:wN #2
2049   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:N #3 }
2050 }
2051 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nco #1#2#3

```

```

2052 {
2053     \exp_after:wN #1
2054     \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2055     \exp_after:wN {#3}
2056 }
2057 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Ncf #1#2#3
2058 {
2059     \exp_after:wN #1
2060     \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2061     \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #3 }
2062 }
2063 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNV #1#2#3
2064 {
2065     \exp_after:wN #1
2066     \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \exp_after:wN
2067         \__exp_eval_register:N \exp_after:wN #2 \exp_after:wN }
2068     \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:N #3 }
2069 }

```

(End definition for \exp\_args:NNV and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

\exp\_args:Ncco A few more that we can hand-tune.

```

\exp_args:NcNc 2070 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNNV #1#2#3#4
\exp_args:NcNo 2071 {
\exp_args:NNNV 2072     \exp_after:wN #1
2073     \exp_after:wN #2
2074     \exp_after:wN #3
2075     \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:N #4 }
2076 }
2077 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NcNc #1#2#3#4
2078 {
2079     \exp_after:wN #1
2080     \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2081     \exp_after:wN #3
2082     \cs:w #4 \cs_end:
2083 }
2084 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NcNo #1#2#3#4
2085 {
2086     \exp_after:wN #1
2087     \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2088     \exp_after:wN #3
2089     \exp_after:wN {#4}
2090 }
2091 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Ncco #1#2#3#4
2092 {
2093     \exp_after:wN #1
2094     \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2095     \cs:w #3 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2096     \exp_after:wN {#4}
2097 }

```

(End definition for `\exp_args:Ncco` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

### 4.3 Definitions with the automated technique

Some of these could be done more efficiently, but the complexity of coding then becomes an issue. Notice that the auto-generated functions are all not long: they don't actually take any arguments themselves.

`\exp_args:Nx`

2098 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nx { \::x \::: }`

(End definition for `\exp_args:Nx`. This function is documented on page 30.)

`\exp_args:Nnc`

Here are the actual function definitions, using the helper functions above.

<code>\exp_args:Nfo</code>	2099 <code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nnc { \::n \::c \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Nff</code>	2100 <code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nfo { \::f \::o \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Nnf</code>	2101 <code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nff { \::f \::f \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Nno</code>	2102 <code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nnf { \::n \::f \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:NnV</code>	2103 <code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nno { \::n \::o \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Noo</code>	2104 <code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:NnV { \::n \::V \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Nof</code>	2105 <code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Noo { \::o \::o \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Noc</code>	2106 <code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nof { \::o \::f \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:NNx</code>	2107 <code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Noc { \::o \::c \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Ncx</code>	2108 <code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:NNx { \::N \::x \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Nnx</code>	2109 <code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Ncx { \::c \::x \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Nox</code>	2110 <code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nnx { \::n \::x \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Nxo</code>	2111 <code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nox { \::o \::x \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Nxx</code>	2112 <code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nxo { \::x \::o \::: }</code>
	2113 <code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nxx { \::x \::x \::: }</code>

(End definition for `\exp_args:Nnc` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\exp_args:NNno`

<code>\exp_args:NNoo</code>	2114 <code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:NNno { \::N \::n \::o \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Nnnc</code>	2115 <code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:NNoo { \::N \::o \::o \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Nnno</code>	2116 <code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nnnc { \::n \::n \::c \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Nooo</code>	2117 <code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nnno { \::n \::n \::o \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:NNNx</code>	2118 <code>\cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nooo { \::o \::o \::o \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:NNnx</code>	2119 <code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:NNNx { \::N \::N \::x \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:NNox</code>	2120 <code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:NNnx { \::N \::n \::x \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Nnnx</code>	2121 <code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:NNox { \::N \::o \::x \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Nnox</code>	2122 <code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nnnx { \::n \::n \::x \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Nccx</code>	2123 <code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nnox { \::n \::o \::x \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Ncnx</code>	2124 <code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nccx { \::c \::c \::x \::: }</code>
<code>\exp_args:Noox</code>	2125 <code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Ncnx { \::c \::n \::x \::: }</code>
	2126 <code>\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Noox { \::o \::o \::x \::: }</code>

(End definition for `\exp_args:NNno` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 4.4 Last-unbraced versions

There are a few places where the last argument needs to be available unbraced. First some helper macros.

```

\__exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn
\::f_unbraced
\::o_unbraced
\::V_unbraced
\::v_unbraced
\::x_unbraced
2127 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn #1#2 { #2#1 }
2128 \cs_new:Npn \::f_unbraced \::: #1#2
2129 {
2130   \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn
2131   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #2 } {#1}
2132 }
2133 \cs_new:Npn \::o_unbraced \::: #1#2
2134 { \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn \exp_after:wN {#2} {#1} }
2135 \cs_new:Npn \::V_unbraced \::: #1#2
2136 {
2137   \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn
2138   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:N #2 } {#1}
2139 }
2140 \cs_new:Npn \::v_unbraced \::: #1#2
2141 {
2142   \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn
2143   \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:c {#2} } {#1}
2144 }
2145 \cs_new_protected:Npn \::x_unbraced \::: #1#2
2146 {
2147   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \l__exp_internal_tl { \exp_not:n {#1} #2 }
2148   \l__exp_internal_tl
2149 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_exp\_arg\_last\_unbraced:nn.)

Now the business end: most of these are hand-tuned for speed, but the general system is in place.

```

\exp_last_unbraced:Nv
\exp_last_unbraced:Nv
\exp_last_unbraced:Nf
\exp_last_unbraced:Nc
\exp_last_unbraced:NcV
\exp_last_unbraced:NNV
\exp_last_unbraced:NNo
\exp_last_unbraced:Nno
\exp_last_unbraced:Noo
\exp_last_unbraced:Nfo
\exp_last_unbraced:NnNo
\exp_last_unbraced:Nx
2150 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nv #1#2
2151 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:N #2 }
2152 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nv #1#2
2153 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:c {#2} }
2154 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nc #1#2 { \exp_after:wN #1 #2 }
2155 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nf #1#2
2156 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #2 }
2157 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nc #1#2#3
2158 { \exp_after:wN #1 \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end: #3 }
2159 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NcV #1#2#3
2160 {
2161   \exp_after:wN #1
2162   \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
2163   \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:N #3
2164 }
2165 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NNV #1#2#3
2166 {
2167   \exp_after:wN #1

```

```

2168 \exp_after:wN #2
2169 \exp:w \_\exp_eval_register:N #3
2170 }
2171 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NNo #1#2#3
2172 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2 #3 }
2173 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NNNV #1#2#3#4
2174 {
2175 \exp_after:wN #1
2176 \exp_after:wN #2
2177 \exp_after:wN #3
2178 \exp:w \_\exp_eval_register:N #4
2179 }
2180 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NNNo #1#2#3#4
2181 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2 \exp_after:wN #3 #4 }
2182 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nno { \::n \::o_unbraced \:: }
2183 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Noo { \::o \::o_unbraced \:: }
2184 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nfo { \::f \::o_unbraced \:: }
2185 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NnNo { \::n \::N \::o_unbraced \:: }
2186 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nx { \::x_unbraced \:: }

```

(End definition for `\exp_last_unbraced:NV`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo`  
`\_\exp_last_two_unbraced:noN`

If #2 is a single token then this can be implemented as

```

\cs_new:Npn \exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo #1 #2 #3
{ \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2 #3 }

```

However, for robustness this is not suitable. Instead, a bit of a shuffle is used to ensure that #2 can be multiple tokens.

```

2187 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo #1#2#3
2188 { \exp_after:wN \_\exp_last_two_unbraced:noN \exp_after:wN {#3} {#2} #1 }
2189 \cs_new:Npn \_\exp_last_two_unbraced:noN #1#2#3
2190 { \exp_after:wN #3 #2 #1 }

```

(End definition for `\exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo`. This function is documented on page 32.)

## 4.5 Preventing expansion

```

\exp_not:o
\exp_not:c
\exp_not:f
\exp_not:V
\exp_not:v
2191 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:o #1 { \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN {#1} }
2192 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:c #1 { \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \cs:w #1 \cs_end: }
2193 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:f #1
2194 { \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #1 } }
2195 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:V #1
2196 {
2197 \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
2198 { \exp:w \_\exp_eval_register:N #1 }
2199 }
2200 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:v #1
2201 {

```

```

2202 \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
2203 { \exp:w \__exp_eval_register:c {#1} }
2204 }

```

(End definition for `\exp_not:o`. This function is documented on page 33.)

## 4.6 Controlled expansion

`\exp:w` To trigger a sequence of “arbitrary” many expansions we need a method to invoke T<sub>E</sub>X’s expansion mechanism in such a way that a) we are able to stop it in a controlled manner and b) that the result of what triggered the expansion in the first place is null, i.e., that we do not get any unwanted side effects. There aren’t that many possibilities in T<sub>E</sub>X; in fact the one explained below might well be the only one (as normally the result of expansion is not null).

The trick here is to make use of the fact that `\tex_romannumeral:D` expands the tokens following it when looking for a number and that its expansion is null if that number turns out to be zero or negative. So we use that to start the expansion sequence.

```

2205 %\cs_new_eq:NN \exp:w \tex_romannumeral:D

```

So to stop the expansion sequence in a controlled way all we need to provide is `\c_zero` as part of expanded tokens. As this is an integer constant it will immediately stop `\tex_romannumeral:D`’s search for a number.

```

2206 %\cs_new_eq:NN \exp_end: \c_zero

```

(Note that according to our specification all tokens we expand initiated by `\exp:w` are supposed to be expandable (as well as their replacement text in the expansion) so we will not encounter a “number” that actually result in a roman numeral being generated. Or if we do then the programmer made a mistake.)

If on the other hand we want to stop the initial expansion sequence but continue with an f-type expansion we provide the alphabetic constant `^^@` that also represents 0 but this time T<sub>E</sub>X’s syntax for a *⟨number⟩* will continue searching for an optional space (and it will continue expansion doing that) — see T<sub>E</sub>Xbook page 269 for details.

```

2207 \tex_catcode:D ‘^^@=13
2208 \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_end_continue_f:w {‘^^@}

```

If the above definition ever appears outside its proper context the active character `^^@` will be executed so we turn this into an error.<sup>5</sup>

```

2209 \cs_new:Npn ^^@{\expansionERROR}

2210 \cs_new:Npn \exp_end_continue_f:nw #1 { ‘^^@ #1 }
2211 \tex_catcode:D ‘^^@=15

```

(End definition for `\exp:w`. This function is documented on page 35.)

---

<sup>5</sup>Need to get a real error message.

## 4.7 Defining function variants

2212 `<@@=cs>`

`\cs_generate_variant:Nn` #1 : Base form of a function; e.g., `\tl_set:Nn`  
 #2 : One or more variant argument specifiers; e.g., `{Nx,c,cx}`

After making sure that the base form exists, test whether it is protected or not and define `\__cs_tmp:w` as either `\cs_new_nopar:Npx` or `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx`, which is then used to define all the variants (except those involving x-expansion, always protected). Split up the original base function only once, to grab its name and signature. Then we wish to iterate through the comma list of variant argument specifiers, which we first convert to a string: the reason is explained later.

```
2213 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_generate_variant:Nn #1#2
2214 {
2215   \__chk_if_exist_cs:N #1
2216   \__cs_generate_variant:N #1
2217   \exp_after:wN \__cs_split_function:NN
2218   \exp_after:wN #1
2219   \exp_after:wN \__cs_generate_variant:nnNN
2220   \exp_after:wN #1
2221   \tl_to_str:n {#2} , \scan_stop: , \q_recursion_stop
2222 }
```

(End definition for `\cs_generate_variant:Nn`. This function is documented on page 27.)

```
\__cs_generate_variant:N
\__cs_generate_variant:ww
\__cs_generate_variant:wwNw
```

The goal here is to pick up protected parent functions. There are four cases: the parent function can be a primitive or a macro, and can be expandable or not. For non-expandable primitives, all variants should be protected; skipping the `\else:` branch is safe because all primitive TeX conditionals are expandable.

The other case where variants should be protected is when the parent function is a protected macro: then `protected` appears in the meaning before the first occurrence of `macro`. The `ww` auxiliary removes everything in the meaning string after the first `ma`. We use `ma` rather than the full `macro` because the meaning of the `\firstmark` primitive (and four others) can contain an arbitrary string after a leading `firstmark:`. Then, look for `pr` in the part we extracted: no need to look for anything longer: the only strings we can have are an empty string, `\long_`, `\protected_`, `\protected\long_`, `\first`, `\top`, `\bot`, `\splittop`, or `\splitbot`, with `\` replaced by the appropriate escape character. If `pr` appears in the part before `ma`, the first `\q_mark` is taken as an argument of the `wwNw` auxiliary, and #3 is `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx`, otherwise it is `\cs_new_nopar:Npx`.

```
2223 \cs_new_protected:Npx \__cs_generate_variant:N #1
2224 {
2225   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \if_meaning:w
2226   \exp_not:N \exp_not:N #1 #1
2227   \cs_set_eq:NN \exp_not:N \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx
2228   \exp_not:N \else:
2229   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \__cs_generate_variant:ww
2230   \exp_not:N \token_to_meaning:N #1 \tl_to_str:n { ma }
2231   \exp_not:N \q_mark
2232   \exp_not:N \q_mark \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx
```



```

2233         \tl_to_str:n { pr }
2234         \exp_not:N \q_mark \cs_new_nopar:Npx
2235         \exp_not:N \q_stop
2236     \exp_not:N \fi:
2237 }
2238 \use:x
2239 {
2240     \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_not:N \__cs_generate_variant:ww
2241     ##1 \tl_to_str:n { ma } ##2 \exp_not:N \q_mark
2242 }
2243 { \__cs_generate_variant:wwNw #1 }
2244 \use:x
2245 {
2246     \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_not:N \__cs_generate_variant:wwNw
2247     ##1 \tl_to_str:n { pr } ##2 \exp_not:N \q_mark
2248     ##3 ##4 \exp_not:N \q_stop
2249 }
2250 { \cs_set_eq:NN \__cs_tmp:w #3 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_cs\_generate\_variant:N.)

\\_\_cs\_generate\_variant:nnNN

- #1 : Base name.
- #2 : Base signature.
- #3 : Boolean.
- #4 : Base function.

If the boolean is \c\_false\_bool, the base function has no colon and we abort with an error; otherwise, set off a loop through the desired variant forms. The original function is retained as #4 for efficiency.

```

2251 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant:nnNN #1#2#3#4
2252 {
2253     \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #3
2254     \__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { missing-colon }
2255     { \token_to_str:c {#1} }
2256     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
2257     \fi:
2258     \__cs_generate_variant:Nnnw #4 {#1}{#2}
2259 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_cs\_generate\_variant:nnNN.)

\\_\_cs\_generate\_variant:Nnnw

- #1 : Base function.
- #2 : Base name.
- #3 : Base signature.
- #4 : Beginning of variant signature.

First check whether to terminate the loop over variant forms. Then, for each variant form, construct a new function name using the original base name, the variant signature consisting of  $l$  letters and the last  $k - l$  letters of the base signature (of length  $k$ ). For example, for a base function \prop\_put:Nnn which needs a cV variant form, we want the new signature to be cVn.

There are further subtleties:

- In `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \foo:nnTF {xxTF}`, it would be better to define `\foo:xxTF` using `\exp_args:Nxx`, rather than a hypothetical `\exp_args:NxxTF`. Thus, we wish to trim a common trailing part from the base signature and the variant signature.
- In `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \foo:on {ox}`, the function `\foo:ox` should be defined using `\exp_args:Nxx`, not `\exp_args:Nox`, to avoid double o expansion.
- Lastly, `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \foo:on {xn}` should trigger an error, because we do not have a means to replace o-expansion by x-expansion.

All this boils down to a few rules. Only `n` and `N`-type arguments can be replaced by `\cs_generate_variant:Nn`. Other argument types are allowed to be passed unchanged from the base form to the variant: in the process they are changed to `n` (except for two cases: `N` and `p`-type arguments). A common trailing part is ignored.

We compare the base and variant signatures one character at a time within `x`-expansion. The result is given to `\__cs_generate_variant:wwNN` in the form `<processed variant signature> \q_mark <errors> \q_stop <base function> <new function>`. If all went well, `<errors>` is empty; otherwise, it is a kernel error message, followed by some clean-up code (`\use_none:nnnn`).

Note the space after `#3` and after the following brace group. Those are ignored by `TeX` when fetching the last argument for `\__cs_generate_variant_loop:nNwN`, but can be used as a delimiter for `\__cs_generate_variant_loop_end:nwwwNNnn`.

```

2260 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant:Nnnw #1#2#3#4 ,
2261 {
2262   \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #4
2263     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
2264   \fi:
2265   \use:x
2266   {
2267     \exp_not:N \__cs_generate_variant:wwNN
2268     \__cs_generate_variant_loop:nNwN { }
2269     #4
2270     \__cs_generate_variant_loop_end:nwwwNNnn
2271     \q_mark
2272     #3 ~
2273     { ~ { } \fi: \__cs_generate_variant_loop_long:wNNnn } ~
2274     { }
2275     \q_stop
2276     \exp_not:N #1 {#2} {#4}
2277   }
2278   \__cs_generate_variant:Nnnw #1 {#2} {#3}
2279 }
```

(End definition for `\__cs_generate_variant:Nnnw`.)

<pre> \__cs_generate_variant_loop:nNwN \__cs_generate_variant_loop_same:w \__cs_generate_variant_loop_end:nwwwNNnn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_long:wNNnn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_invalid:NNwNNnn </pre>	<p><b>#1</b> : Last few (consecutive) letters common between the base and variant (in fact, <code>\__cs_generate_variant_same:N</code> <code>&lt;letter&gt;</code> for each letter).</p> <p><b>#2</b> : Next variant letter.</p>
--	--

#3 : Remainder of variant form.

#4 : Next base letter.

The first argument is populated by `\_cs_generate_variant_loop_same:w` when a variant letter and a base letter match. It is flushed into the input stream whenever the two letters are different: if the loop ends before, the argument is dropped, which means that trailing common letters are ignored.

The case where the two letters are different is only allowed with a base letter of `N` or `n`. Otherwise, call `\_cs_generate_variant_loop_invalid:NNwNNnn` to remove the end of the loop, get arguments at the end of the loop, and place an appropriate error message as a second argument of `\_cs_generate_variant:wwNN`. If the letters are distinct and the base letter is indeed `n` or `N`, leave in the input stream whatever argument was collected, and the next variant letter #2, then loop by calling `\_cs_generate_variant_loop:nNwN`.

The loop can stop in three ways.

- If the end of the variant form is encountered first, #2 is `\_cs_generate_variant_loop_end:nwwwNNnn` (expanded by the conditional `\if:w`), which inserts some tokens to end the conditional; grabs the *base name* as #7, the *variant signature* #8, the *next base letter* #1 and the part #3 of the base signature that wasn't read yet; and combines those into the *new function* to be defined.
- If the end of the base form is encountered first, #4 is `~{}\fi:` which ends the conditional (with an empty expansion), followed by `\_cs_generate_variant_loop_long:wNNnn`, which places an error as the second argument of `\_cs_generate_variant:wwNN`.
- The loop can be interrupted early if the requested expansion is unavailable, namely when the variant and base letters differ and the base is neither `n` nor `N`. Again, an error is placed as the second argument of `\_cs_generate_variant:wwNN`.

Note that if the variant form has the same length as the base form, #2 is as described in the first point, and #4 as described in the second point above. The `\_cs_generate_variant_loop_end:nwwwNNnn` breaking function takes the empty brace group in #4 as its first argument: this empty brace group produces the correct signature for the full variant.

```
2280 \cs_new:Npn \_cs_generate_variant_loop:nNwN #1#2#3 \q_mark #4
2281 {
2282   \if:w #2 #4
2283     \exp_after:wN \_cs_generate_variant_loop_same:w
2284   \else:
2285     \if:w N #4 \else:
2286       \if:w n #4 \else:
2287         \_cs_generate_variant_loop_invalid:NNwNNnn #4#2
2288       \fi:
2289     \fi:
2290   \fi:
2291   #1
2292   \prg_do_nothing:
```

```

2293     #2
2294     \_cs_generate_variant_loop:nNwN { } #3 \q_mark
2295 }
2296 \cs_new:Npn \_cs_generate_variant_loop_same:w
2297   #1 \prg_do_nothing: #2#3#4
2298 {
2299   #3 { #1 \_cs_generate_variant_same:N #2 }
2300 }
2301 \cs_new:Npn \_cs_generate_variant_loop_end:nwwwNNnn
2302   #1#2 \q_mark #3 ~ #4 \q_stop #5#6#7#8
2303 {
2304   \scan_stop: \scan_stop: \fi:
2305   \exp_not:N \q_mark
2306   \exp_not:N \q_stop
2307   \exp_not:N #6
2308   \exp_not:c { #7 : #8 #1 #3 }
2309 }
2310 \cs_new:Npn \_cs_generate_variant_loop_long:wNNnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5
2311 {
2312   \exp_not:n
2313   {
2314     \q_mark
2315     \_msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { variant-too-long }
2316     {#5} { \token_to_str:N #3 }
2317     \use_none:nnnn
2318     \q_stop
2319     #3
2320     #3
2321   }
2322 }
2323 \cs_new:Npn \_cs_generate_variant_loop_invalid:NNwNNnn
2324   #1#2 \fi: \fi: \fi: #3 \q_stop #4#5#6#7
2325 {
2326   \fi: \fi: \fi:
2327   \exp_not:n
2328   {
2329     \q_mark
2330     \_msg_kernel_error:nxxxx { kernel } { invalid-variant }
2331     {#7} { \token_to_str:N #5 } {#1} {#2}
2332     \use_none:nnnn
2333     \q_stop
2334     #5
2335     #5
2336   }
2337 }

```

(End definition for \\_cs\_generate\_variant\_loop:nNwN and others.)

\\_cs\_generate\_variant\_same:N When the base and variant letters are identical, don't do any expansion. For most argument types, we can use the n-type no-expansion, but the N and p types require a

slightly different behaviour with respect to braces.

```

2338 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_same:N #1
2339 {
2340   \if:w N #1
2341     N
2342   \else:
2343     \if:w p #1
2344       p
2345     \else:
2346       n
2347     \fi:
2348   \fi:
2349 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_cs\_generate\_variant\_same:N.)

\\_\_cs\_generate\_variant:wwNN If the variant form has already been defined, log its existence. Otherwise, make sure that the \exp\_args:N #3 form is defined, and if it contains x, change \\_\_cs\_tmp:w locally to \cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:Npx. Then define the variant by combining the \exp\_args:N #3 variant and the base function.

```

2350 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant:wwNN
2351   #1 \q_mark #2 \q_stop #3#4
2352 {
2353   #2
2354   \cs_if_free:NTF #4
2355   {
2356     \group_begin:
2357     \__cs_generate_internal_variant:n {#1}
2358     \__cs_tmp:w #4 { \exp_not:c { exp_args:N #1 } \exp_not:N #3 }
2359     \group_end:
2360   }
2361   {
2362     \__chk_log:x
2363     {
2364       Variant~\token_to_str:N #4~%
2365       already~defined;~ not~ changing~ it~ \msg_line_context:
2366     }
2367   }
2368 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_cs\_generate\_variant:wwNN.)

\\_cs\_generate\_internal\_variant:n Test if \exp\_args:N #1 is already defined and if not define it via the \: commands using the chars in #1. If #1 contains an x (this is the place where having converted the original comma-list argument to a string is very important), the result should be protected, and the next variant to be defined using that internal variant should be protected.

```

2369 \cs_new_protected:Npx \__cs_generate_internal_variant:n #1
2370 {
2371   \exp_not:N \__cs_generate_internal_variant:wnNwnn

```

```

2372     #1 \exp_not:N \q_mark
2373     { \cs_set_eq:NN \exp_not:N \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx }
2374     \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpx
2375     \token_to_str:N x \exp_not:N \q_mark
2376     { }
2377     \cs_new_nopar:cpx
2378     \exp_not:N \q_stop
2379     { exp_args:N #1 }
2380     {
2381       \exp_not:N \__cs_generate_internal_variant_loop:n #1
2382       { : \exp_not:N \use_i:nn }
2383     }
2384   }
2385   \use:x
2386   {
2387     \cs_new_protected:Npn \exp_not:N \__cs_generate_internal_variant:wwnNwnn
2388     ##1 \token_to_str:N x ##2 \exp_not:N \q_mark
2389     ##3 ##4 ##5 \exp_not:N \q_stop ##6 ##7
2390   }
2391   {
2392     #3
2393     \cs_if_free:cT {#6} { #4 {#6} {#7} }
2394   }

```

This command grabs char by char outputting `\::#1` (not expanded further). We avoid tests by putting a trailing `: \use_i:nn`, which leaves `\cs_end:` and removes the looping macro. The colon is in fact also turned into `\::` so that the required structure for `\exp_args:N...` commands is correctly terminated.

```

2395   \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_internal_variant_loop:n #1
2396   {
2397     \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \cs:w :: #1 \cs_end:
2398     \__cs_generate_internal_variant_loop:n
2399   }

```

(End definition for `\__cs_generate_internal_variant:n`.)

```

2400 </initex | package>

```

## 5 l3prg implementation

The following test files are used for this code: `m3prg001.lvt,m3prg002.lvt,m3prg003.lvt`.

```

2401 <*initex | package>

```

### 5.1 Primitive conditionals

`\if_bool:N` Those two primitive T<sub>E</sub>X conditionals are synonyms.  
`\if_predicate:w`

```

2402   \cs_new_eq:NN \if_bool:N      \tex_ifodd:D
2403   \cs_new_eq:NN \if_predicate:w \tex_ifodd:D

```

(End definition for `\if_bool:N`. This function is documented on page 43.)

## 5.2 Defining a set of conditional functions

These are all defined in `l3basics`, as they are needed “early”. This is just a reminder!

*(End definition for `\prg_set_conditional:Npnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 37.)*

## 5.3 The boolean data type

2404 `<@@=bool>`

Boolean variables have to be initiated when they are created. Other than that there is not much to say here.

2405 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_new:N #1 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \c_false_bool }`  
2406 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_new:N { c }`

*(End definition for `\bool_new:N` and `\bool_new:c`. These functions are documented on page 40.)*

Setting is already pretty easy.

2407 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_set_true:N #1`  
2408 `{ \cs_set_eq:NN #1 \c_true_bool }`  
2409 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_set_false:N #1`  
2410 `{ \cs_set_eq:NN #1 \c_false_bool }`  
2411 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_gset_true:N #1`  
2412 `{ \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_true_bool }`  
2413 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_gset_false:N #1`  
2414 `{ \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_false_bool }`  
2415 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_set_true:N { c }`  
2416 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_set_false:N { c }`  
2417 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_gset_true:N { c }`  
2418 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_gset_false:N { c }`

*(End definition for `\bool_set_true:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 40.)*

The usual copy code.

2419 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_set_eq:NN \cs_set_eq:NN`  
2420 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_set_eq:Nc \cs_set_eq:Nc`  
2421 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_set_eq:cN \cs_set_eq:cN`  
2422 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_set_eq:cc \cs_set_eq:cc`  
2423 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_gset_eq:NN \cs_gset_eq:NN`  
2424 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_gset_eq:Nc \cs_gset_eq:Nc`  
2425 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_gset_eq:cN \cs_gset_eq:cN`  
2426 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_gset_eq:cc \cs_gset_eq:cc`

*(End definition for `\bool_set_eq:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 40.)*

This function evaluates a boolean expression and assigns the first argument the meaning `\c_true_bool` or `\c_false_bool`.

2427 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_set:Nn #1#2`  
2428 `{ \tex_chardef:D #1 = \bool_if_p:n {#2} }`  
2429 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_gset:Nn #1#2`

```

2430 { \tex_global:D \tex_chardef:D #1 = \bool_if_p:n {#2} }
2431 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_set:Nn { c }
2432 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_gset:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\bool_set:Nn` and `\bool_set:cn`. These functions are documented on page 40.)

Booleans are not based on token lists but do need checking: this code complements similar material in `l3tl`.

```

2433 \*package
2434 \if_bool:N \l@expl@check@declarations@bool
2435   \cs_set_protected:Npn \bool_set_true:N #1
2436     {
2437       \__chk_if_exist_var:N #1
2438       \cs_set_eq:NN #1 \c_true_bool
2439     }
2440   \cs_set_protected:Npn \bool_set_false:N #1
2441     {
2442       \__chk_if_exist_var:N #1
2443       \cs_set_eq:NN #1 \c_false_bool
2444     }
2445   \cs_set_protected:Npn \bool_gset_true:N #1
2446     {
2447       \__chk_if_exist_var:N #1
2448       \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_true_bool
2449     }
2450   \cs_set_protected:Npn \bool_gset_false:N #1
2451     {
2452       \__chk_if_exist_var:N #1
2453       \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_false_bool
2454     }
2455   \cs_set_protected:Npn \bool_set_eq:NN #1
2456     {
2457       \__chk_if_exist_var:N #1
2458       \cs_set_eq:NN #1
2459     }
2460   \cs_set_protected:Npn \bool_gset_eq:NN #1
2461     {
2462       \__chk_if_exist_var:N #1
2463       \cs_gset_eq:NN #1
2464     }
2465   \cs_set_protected:Npn \bool_set:Nn #1#2
2466     {
2467       \__chk_if_exist_var:N #1
2468       \tex_chardef:D #1 = \bool_if_p:n {#2}
2469     }
2470   \cs_set_protected:Npn \bool_gset:Nn #1#2
2471     {
2472       \__chk_if_exist_var:N #1
2473       \tex_global:D \tex_chardef:D #1 = \bool_if_p:n {#2}
2474     }
2475 \fi:

```



2476 `</package>`

`\bool_if_p:N` Straight forward here. We could optimize here if we wanted to as the boolean can just  
`\bool_if_p:c` be input directly.

```
\bool_if:NTF 2477 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \bool_if:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
\bool_if:cTF 2478 {
2479   \if_meaning:w \c_true_bool #1
2480   \prg_return_true:
2481   \else:
2482   \prg_return_false:
2483   \fi:
2484 }
2485 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_if_p:N { c }
2486 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_if:NT { c }
2487 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_if:NF { c }
2488 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_if:NTF { c }
```

(End definition for `\bool_if:NTF` and `\bool_if:cTF`. These functions are documented on page 40.)

```
\bool_show:N Show the truth value of the boolean, as true or false.
\bool_show:c 2489 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_show:N #1
\bool_show:n 2490 {
2491   \__msg_show_variable:NNNnn #1 \bool_if_exist:NTF ? { }
2492   { > ~ \token_to_str:N #1 = \__bool_to_str:n {#1} }
2493 }
2494 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \bool_show:n
2495 { \__msg_show_wrap:Nn \__bool_to_str:n }
2496 \cs_new:Npn \__bool_to_str:n #1
2497 { \bool_if:nTF {#1} { true } { false } }
2498 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_show:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\bool_show:N`, `\bool_show:c`, and `\bool_show:n`. These functions are documented on page 40.)

`\l_tmpa_bool` A few booleans just if you need them.

```
\l_tmpb_bool 2499 \bool_new:N \l_tmpa_bool
\g_tmpa_bool 2500 \bool_new:N \l_tmpb_bool
\g_tmpb_bool 2501 \bool_new:N \g_tmpa_bool
2502 \bool_new:N \g_tmpb_bool
```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_bool` and others. These variables are documented on page 41.)

```
\bool_if_exist_p:N Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.
\bool_if_exist_p:c 2503 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \bool_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N
\bool_if_exist:NTF 2504 { TF , T , F , p }
\bool_if_exist:cTF 2505 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \bool_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c
2506 { TF , T , F , p }
```

(End definition for `\bool_if_exist:NTF` and `\bool_if_exist:cTF`. These functions are documented on page 41.)

## 5.4 Boolean expressions

`\bool_if_p:n` Evaluating the truth value of a list of predicates is done using an input syntax somewhat similar to the one found in other programming languages with ( and ) for grouping, ! for logical “Not”, && for logical “And” and || for logical “Or”. We shall use the terms Not, And, Or, Open and Close for these operations.

`\bool_if:nTF`

Any expression is terminated by a Close operation. Evaluation happens from left to right in the following manner using a GetNext function:

- If an Open is seen, start evaluating a new expression using the Eval function and call GetNext again.
- If a Not is seen, remove the ! and call a GetNotNext function, which eventually reverses the logic compared to GetNext.
- If none of the above, reinsert the token found (this is supposed to be a predicate function) in front of an Eval function, which evaluates it to the boolean value  $\langle true \rangle$  or  $\langle false \rangle$ .

The Eval function then contains a post-processing operation which grabs the instruction following the predicate. This is either And, Or or Close. In each case the truth value is used to determine where to go next. The following situations can arise:

$\langle true \rangle$ **And** Current truth value is true, logical And seen, continue with GetNext to examine truth value of next boolean (sub-)expression.

$\langle false \rangle$ **And** Current truth value is false, logical And seen, stop evaluating the predicates within this sub-expression and break to the nearest Close. Then return  $\langle false \rangle$ .

$\langle true \rangle$ **Or** Current truth value is true, logical Or seen, stop evaluating the predicates within this sub-expression and break to the nearest Close. Then return  $\langle true \rangle$ .

$\langle false \rangle$ **Or** Current truth value is false, logical Or seen, continue with GetNext to examine truth value of next boolean (sub-)expression.

$\langle true \rangle$ **Close** Current truth value is true, Close seen, return  $\langle true \rangle$ .

$\langle false \rangle$ **Close** Current truth value is false, Close seen, return  $\langle false \rangle$ .

We introduce an additional Stop operation with the same semantics as the Close operation.

$\langle true \rangle$ **Stop** Current truth value is true, return  $\langle true \rangle$ .

$\langle false \rangle$ **Stop** Current truth value is false, return  $\langle false \rangle$ .

The reasons for this follow below.

```

2507 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \bool_if:n #1 { T , F , TF }
2508 {
2509   \if_predicate:w \bool_if_p:n {#1}
2510   \prg_return_true:

```

```

2511     \else:
2512         \prg_return_false:
2513     \fi:
2514 }

```

(End definition for `\bool_if:nTF`. This function is documented on page 41.)

```

\bool_if_p:n
\_bool_if_left_parentheses:wwwn
\_bool_if_right_parentheses:wwwn
\_bool_if_or:wwwn

```

First issue a `\group_align_safe_begin:` as we are using `&&` as syntax shorthand for the And operation and we need to hide it for  $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{E}}\mathrm{X}$ . This will be closed at the end of the expression parsing (see S below).

Minimal (“short-circuit”) evaluation of boolean expressions requires skipping to the end of the current parenthesized group when  $\langle true \rangle ||$  is seen, but to the next `||` or closing parenthesis when  $\langle false \rangle \&\&$  is seen. To avoid having separate functions for the two cases, we transform the boolean expression by doubling each parenthesis and adding parenthesis around each `||`. This ensures that `&&` will bind tighter than `||`.

The replacement is done in three passes, for left and right parentheses and for `||`. At each pass, the part of the expression that has been transformed is stored before `\q_nil`, the rest lies until the first `\q_mark`, followed by an empty brace group. A trailing marker ensures that the auxiliaries’ delimited arguments will not run-away. As long as the delimiter matches inside the expression, material is moved before `\q_nil` and we continue. Afterwards, the trailing marker is taken as a delimiter, `#4` is the next auxiliary, immediately followed by a new `\q_nil` delimiter, which indicates that nothing has been treated at this pass. The last step calls `\_bool_if_parse:NNNww` which cleans up and triggers the evaluation of the expression itself.

```

2515 \cs_new:Npn \bool_if_p:n #1
2516 {
2517     \group_align_safe_begin:
2518     \_bool_if_left_parentheses:wwwn \q_nil
2519     #1 \q_mark { }
2520     ( \q_mark { \_bool_if_right_parentheses:wwwn \q_nil }
2521     ) \q_mark { \_bool_if_or:wwwn \q_nil }
2522     || \q_mark \_bool_if_parse:NNNww
2523     \q_stop
2524 }
2525 \cs_new:Npn \_bool_if_left_parentheses:wwwn #1 \q_nil #2 ( #3 \q_mark #4
2526 { #4 \_bool_if_left_parentheses:wwwn #1 #2 (( \q_nil #3 \q_mark {#4} }
2527 \cs_new:Npn \_bool_if_right_parentheses:wwwn #1 \q_nil #2 ) #3 \q_mark #4
2528 { #4 \_bool_if_right_parentheses:wwwn #1 #2 )) \q_nil #3 \q_mark {#4} }
2529 \cs_new:Npn \_bool_if_or:wwwn #1 \q_nil #2 || #3 \q_mark #4
2530 { #4 \_bool_if_or:wwwn #1 #2 )||( \q_nil #3 \q_mark {#4} }

```

(End definition for `\bool_if_p:n`. This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\_bool_if_parse:NNNww

```

After removing extra tokens from the transformation phase, start evaluating. At the end, we will need to finish the special `align_safe` group before finally returning a `\c_true_bool` or `\c_false_bool` as there might otherwise be something left in front in the input stream. For this we call the Stop operation, denoted simply by a S following the last Close operation.

```

2531 \cs_new:Npn \__bool_if_parse:NNNww #1#2#3#4 \q_mark #5 \q_stop
2532 {
2533   \__bool_get_next:NN \use_i:nn (( #4 )) S
2534 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_bool\_if\_parse:NNNww.)

\\_\_bool\_get\_next:NN The GetNext operation. This is a switch: if what follows is neither ! nor (, we assume it is a predicate. The first argument is \use\_ii:nn if the logic must eventually be reversed (after a !), otherwise it is \use\_i:nn. This function eventually expand to the truth value \c\_true\_bool or \c\_false\_bool of the expression which follows until the next unmatched closing parenthesis.

```

2535 \cs_new:Npn \__bool_get_next:NN #1#2
2536 {
2537   \use:c
2538   {
2539     __bool_
2540     \if_meaning:w !#2 ! \else: \if_meaning:w (#2 ( \else: p \fi: \fi:
2541     :Nw
2542   }
2543   #1 #2
2544 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_bool\_get\_next:NN.)

\\_\_bool\_!:Nw The Not operation reverses the logic: discard the ! token and call the GetNext operation with its first argument reversed.

```

2545 \cs_new:cpn { __bool_!:Nw } #1#2
2546 { \exp_after:wN \__bool_get_next:NN #1 \use_ii:nn \use_i:nn }

```

(End definition for \\_\_bool\_!:Nw.)

\\_\_bool\_(:Nw The Open operation starts a sub-expression after discarding the token. This is done by calling GetNext, with a post-processing step which looks for And, Or or Close afterwards.

```

2547 \cs_new:cpn { __bool_(:Nw } #1#2
2548 {
2549   \exp_after:wN \__bool_choose:NNN \exp_after:wN #1
2550   \__int_value:w \__bool_get_next:NN \use_i:nn
2551 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_bool\_(:Nw.)

\\_\_bool\_p:Nw If what follows GetNext is neither ! nor (, evaluate the predicate using the primitive \\_\_int\_value:w. The canonical true and false values have numerical values 1 and 0 respectively. Look for And, Or or Close afterwards.

```

2552 \cs_new:cpn { __bool_p:Nw } #1
2553 { \exp_after:wN \__bool_choose:NNN \exp_after:wN #1 \__int_value:w }

```

(End definition for \\_\_bool\_p:Nw.)

`\__bool_choose:NNN` Branching the eight-way switch. The arguments are 1: `\use_i:nn` or `\use_ii:nn`, 2: 0 or 1 encoding the current truth value, 3: the next operation, And, Or, Close or Stop. If #1 is `\use_ii:nn`, the logic of #2 must be reversed.

```

2554 \cs_new:Npn \__bool_choose:NNN #1#2#3
2555 {
2556   \use:c
2557   {
2558     __bool_ #3 _
2559     #1 #2 { \if_meaning:w 0 #2 1 \else: 0 \fi: }
2560     :w
2561   }
2562 }

```

(End definition for `\__bool_choose:NNN`.)

`\__bool_)_0:w` Closing a group is just about returning the result. The Stop operation is similar except it closes the special alignment group before returning the boolean.

```

\__bool_)_1:w
\__bool_S_0:w
\__bool_S_1:w
2563 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __bool_)_0:w } { \c_false_bool }
2564 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __bool_)_1:w } { \c_true_bool }
2565 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __bool_S_0:w } { \group_align_safe_end: \c_false_bool }
2566 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __bool_S_1:w } { \group_align_safe_end: \c_true_bool }

```

(End definition for `\__bool_)_0:w` and others.)

`\__bool_&_1:w` Two cases where we simply continue scanning. We must remove the second `&` or `|`.

```

\__bool_&_0:w
\__bool_|_0:w
2567 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __bool_&_1:w } & { \__bool_get_next:NN \use_i:nn }
2568 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __bool_|_0:w } | { \__bool_get_next:NN \use_i:nn }

```

(End definition for `\__bool_&_1:w`.)

`\__bool_&_0:w` When the truth value has already been decided, we have to throw away the remainder of the current group as we are doing minimal evaluation. This is slightly tricky as there are no braces so we have to play match the `()` manually.

```

\__bool_|_1:w
\__bool_eval_skip_to_end_auxi:Nw
\__bool_eval_skip_to_end_auxii:Nw
\__bool_eval_skip_to_end_auxiii:Nw
2569 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __bool_&_0:w } &
2570 { \__bool_eval_skip_to_end_auxi:Nw \c_false_bool }
2571 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __bool_|_1:w } |
2572 { \__bool_eval_skip_to_end_auxi:Nw \c_true_bool }

```

There is always at least one `)` waiting, namely the outer one. However, we are facing the problem that there may be more than one that need to be finished off and we have to detect the correct number of them. Here is a complicated example showing how this is done. After evaluating the following, we realize we must skip everything after the first And. Note the extra Close at the end.

```
\c_false_bool && ((abc) && xyz) && ((xyz) && (def)))
```

First read up to the first Close. This gives us the list we first read up until the first right parenthesis so we are looking at the token list

```
((abc
```

This contains two Open markers so we must remove two groups. Since no evaluation of the contents is to be carried out, it doesn't matter how we remove the groups as long as we wind up with the correct result. We therefore first remove a () pair and what preceded the Open – but leave the contents as it may contain Open tokens itself – leaving

```
(abc && xyz) && ((xyz) && (def)))
```

Another round of this gives us

```
(abc && xyz
```

which still contains an Open so we remove another () pair, giving us

```
abc && xyz && ((xyz) && (def)))
```

Again we read up to a Close and again find Open tokens:

```
abc && xyz && ((xyz
```

Further reduction gives us

```
(xyz && (def)))
```

and then

```
(xyz && (def
```

with reduction to

```
xyz && (def))
```

and ultimately we arrive at no Open tokens being skipped and we can finally close the group nicely.

```
2573 %% (
2574 \cs_new:Npn \__bool_eval_skip_to_end_auxi:Nw #1#2 )
2575 {
2576   \__bool_eval_skip_to_end_auxii:Nw #1#2 ( % )
2577   \q_no_value \q_stop
2578   {#2}
2579 }
```

If no right parenthesis, then #3 is no\_value and we are done, return the boolean #1. If there is, we need to grab a () pair and then recurse

```
2580 \cs_new:Npn \__bool_eval_skip_to_end_auxii:Nw #1#2 ( #3#4 \q_stop #5 % )
2581 {
2582   \quark_if_no_value:NTF #3
2583   {#1}
2584   { \__bool_eval_skip_to_end_auxiii:Nw #1 #5 }
2585 }
```

Keep the boolean, throw away anything up to the ( as it is irrelevant, remove a () pair but remember to reinsert #3 as it may contain ( tokens!

```
2586 \cs_new:Npn \__bool_eval_skip_to_end_auxiii:Nw #1#2 ( #3 )
2587 { % (
2588   \__bool_eval_skip_to_end_auxi:Nw #1#3 )
2589 }
```

(End definition for \\_\_bool\_&\_0:w.)

## 5.5 Logical loops

`\bool_while_do:Nn` A while loop where the boolean is tested before executing the statement. The “while” version executes the code as long as the boolean is true; the “until” version executes the code as long as the boolean is false.

```
\bool_while_do:cn
\bool_while_do:Nn
\bool_until_do:Nn
\bool_until_do:cn
2590 \cs_new:Npn \bool_while_do:Nn #1#2
2591   { \bool_if:NT #1 { #2 \bool_while_do:Nn #1 {#2} } }
2592 \cs_new:Npn \bool_until_do:Nn #1#2
2593   { \bool_if:NF #1 { #2 \bool_until_do:Nn #1 {#2} } }
2594 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_while_do:Nn { c }
2595 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_until_do:Nn { c }
```

(End definition for `\bool_while_do:Nn` and `\bool_while_do:cn`. These functions are documented on page 42.)

`\bool_do_while:Nn` A do-while loop where the body is performed at least once and the boolean is tested after executing the body. Otherwise identical to the above functions.

```
\bool_do_while:cn
\bool_do_while:Nn
\bool_do_until:Nn
\bool_do_until:cn
2596 \cs_new:Npn \bool_do_while:Nn #1#2
2597   { #2 \bool_if:NT #1 { \bool_do_while:Nn #1 {#2} } }
2598 \cs_new:Npn \bool_do_until:Nn #1#2
2599   { #2 \bool_if:NF #1 { \bool_do_until:Nn #1 {#2} } }
2600 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_do_while:Nn { c }
2601 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_do_until:Nn { c }
```

(End definition for `\bool_do_while:Nn` and `\bool_do_while:cn`. These functions are documented on page 42.)

`\bool_while_do:nn` Loop functions with the test either before or after the first body expansion.

```
\bool_do_while:nn
\bool_until_do:nn
\bool_do_until:nn
2602 \cs_new:Npn \bool_while_do:nn #1#2
2603   {
2604     \bool_if:nT {#1}
2605     {
2606       #2
2607       \bool_while_do:nn {#1} {#2}
2608     }
2609   }
2610 \cs_new:Npn \bool_do_while:nn #1#2
2611   {
2612     #2
2613     \bool_if:nT {#1} { \bool_do_while:nn {#1} {#2} }
2614   }
2615 \cs_new:Npn \bool_until_do:nn #1#2
2616   {
2617     \bool_if:nF {#1}
2618     {
2619       #2
2620       \bool_until_do:nn {#1} {#2}
2621     }
2622   }
2623 \cs_new:Npn \bool_do_until:nn #1#2
```

```

2624 {
2625     #2
2626     \bool_if:nF {#1} { \bool_do_until:nn {#1} {#2} }
2627 }

```

(End definition for `\bool_while_do:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 43.)

## 5.6 Producing multiple copies

```

2628 <@@=prg>

```

**\prg\_replicate:nn** This function uses a cascading csname technique by David Kastrup (who else :-)

The idea is to make the input 25 result in first adding five, and then 20 copies of the code to be replicated. The technique uses cascading csnames which means that we start building several csnames so we end up with a list of functions to be called in reverse order. This is important here (and other places) because it means that we can for instance make the function that inserts five copies of something to also hand down ten to the next function in line. This is exactly what happens here: in the example with 25 then the next function is the one that inserts two copies but it sees the ten copies handed down by the previous function. In order to avoid the last function to insert say, 100 copies of the original argument just to gobble them again we define separate functions to be inserted first. These functions also close the expansion of `\exp:w`, which ensures that `\prg_replicate:nn` only requires two steps of expansion.

This function has one flaw though: Since it constantly passes down ten copies of its previous argument it will severely affect the main memory once you start demanding hundreds of thousands of copies. Now I don't think this is a real limitation for any ordinary use, and if necessary, it is possible to write `\prg_replicate:nn {1000} { \prg_replicate:nn {1000} { \code } }`. An alternative approach is to create a string of `m`'s with `\exp:w` which can be done with just four macros but that method has its own problems since it can exhaust the string pool. Also, it is considerably slower than what we use here so the few extra csnames are well spent I would say.

```

2629 \cs_new:Npn \prg_replicate:nn #1
2630 {
2631     \exp:w
2632     \exp_after:wN \__prg_replicate_first:N
2633     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end:
2634     \cs_end:
2635 }
2636 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_replicate:N #1
2637 { \cs:w \__prg_replicate_#1 :n \__prg_replicate:N }
2638 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_replicate_first:N #1
2639 { \cs:w \__prg_replicate_first_#1 :n \__prg_replicate:N }

```

Then comes all the functions that do the hard work of inserting all the copies. The first function takes `:n` as a parameter.

```

2640 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_replicate_ :n #1 { \cs_end: }
2641 \cs_new:cpn { \__prg_replicate_0:n } #1
2642 { \cs_end: {#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1} }
2643 \cs_new:cpn { \__prg_replicate_1:n } #1

```



```

2644 { \cs_end: {#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1} #1 }
2645 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_2:n } #1
2646 { \cs_end: {#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1} #1#1 }
2647 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_3:n } #1
2648 { \cs_end: {#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1} #1#1#1 }
2649 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_4:n } #1
2650 { \cs_end: {#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1} #1#1#1#1 }
2651 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_5:n } #1
2652 { \cs_end: {#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1} #1#1#1#1#1 }
2653 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_6:n } #1
2654 { \cs_end: {#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1} #1#1#1#1#1#1 }
2655 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_7:n } #1
2656 { \cs_end: {#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1} #1#1#1#1#1#1#1 }
2657 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_8:n } #1
2658 { \cs_end: {#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1} #1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1 }
2659 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_9:n } #1
2660 { \cs_end: {#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1} #1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1 }

```

Users shouldn't ask for something to be replicated once or even not at all but...

```

2661 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_-:n } #1
2662 {
2663   \exp_end:
2664   \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { negative-replication }
2665 }
2666 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_0:n } #1 { \exp_end: }
2667 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_1:n } #1 { \exp_end: #1 }
2668 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_2:n } #1 { \exp_end: #1#1 }
2669 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_3:n } #1 { \exp_end: #1#1#1 }
2670 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_4:n } #1 { \exp_end: #1#1#1#1 }
2671 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_5:n } #1 { \exp_end: #1#1#1#1#1 }
2672 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_6:n } #1 { \exp_end: #1#1#1#1#1#1 }
2673 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_7:n } #1 { \exp_end: #1#1#1#1#1#1#1 }
2674 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_8:n } #1 { \exp_end: #1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1 }
2675 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_9:n } #1 { \exp_end: #1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1 }

```

(End definition for `\prg_replicate:nn`. This function is documented on page 43.)

## 5.7 Detecting TeX's mode

`\mode_if_vertical_p:` For testing vertical mode. Strikes me here on the bus with David, that as long as we are just talking about returning true and false states, we can just use the primitive conditionals for this and gobbling the `\exp_end:` in the input stream. However this requires knowledge of the implementation so we keep things nice and clean and use the return statements.

```

2676 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \mode_if_vertical: { p , T , F , TF }
2677 { \if_mode_vertical: \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }

```

(End definition for `\mode_if_vertical:TF`. This function is documented on page 43.)

`\mode_if_horizontal_p:` For testing horizontal mode.

```
\mode_if_horizontal:TF 2678 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \mode_if_horizontal: { p , T , F , TF }  
2679 { \if_mode_horizontal: \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }
```

(End definition for `\mode_if_horizontal:TF`. This function is documented on page 43.)

`\mode_if_inner_p:` For testing inner mode.

```
\mode_if_inner:TF 2680 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \mode_if_inner: { p , T , F , TF }  
2681 { \if_mode_inner: \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }
```

(End definition for `\mode_if_inner:TF`. This function is documented on page 43.)

`\mode_if_math_p:` For testing math mode. At the beginning of an alignment cell, this should be used only inside a non-expandable function.

```
\mode_if_math:TF 2682 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \mode_if_math: { p , T , F , TF }  
2683 { \if_mode_math: \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }
```

(End definition for `\mode_if_math:TF`. This function is documented on page 43.)

## 5.8 Internal programming functions

`\group_align_safe_begin:` `\group_align_safe_end:` T<sub>E</sub>X's alignment structures present many problems. As Knuth says himself in *T<sub>E</sub>X: The Program*: “It’s sort of a miracle whenever `\halign` or `\valign` work, [...]” One problem relates to commands that internally issues a `\cr` but also peek ahead for the next character for use in, say, an optional argument. If the next token happens to be a `&` with category code 4 we will get some sort of weird error message because the underlying `\futurelet` will store the token at the end of the alignment template. This could be a `&_4` giving a message like `! Misplaced \cr.` or even worse: it could be the `\endtemplate` token causing even more trouble! To solve this we have to open a special group so that T<sub>E</sub>X still thinks it’s on safe ground but at the same time we don’t want to introduce any brace group that may find its way to the output. The following functions help with this by using code documented only in Appendix D of *The T<sub>E</sub>Xbook*... We place the `\if_false: { \fi: }` part at that place so that the successive expansions of `\group_align_safe_begin/end:` are always brace balanced.

```
2684 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \group_align_safe_begin:  
2685 { \if_int_compare:w \if_false: { \fi: ‘} = \c_zero \fi: }  
2686 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \group_align_safe_end:  
2687 { \if_int_compare:w ‘{ = \c_zero } \fi: }
```

(End definition for `\group_align_safe_begin:` and `\group_align_safe_end:.`)

```
2688 <@@=prg>
```

`\g__prg_map_int` A nesting counter for mapping.

```
2689 \int_new:N \g__prg_map_int
```

(End definition for `\g__prg_map_int`. This variable is documented on page 44.)

`\__prg_break_point:Nn` `\__prg_map_break:Nn` These are defined in `l3basics`, as they are needed “early”. This is just a reminder that is the case!

(End definition for `\_prg_break_point:Nn`. This function is documented on page 44.)

`\_prg_break_point:` Also done in `l3basics` as in format mode these are needed within `l3alloc`.  
`\_prg_break:`  
`\_prg_break:n` (End definition for `\_prg_break_point:.`. This function is documented on page 44.)

## 5.9 Deprecated functions

`\scan_align_safe_stop:` Deprecated 2015-08-01 for removal after 2016-12-31.  
2690 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \scan_align_safe_stop: { }`  
(End definition for `\scan_align_safe_stop:.`)  
2691 `\</initex | package>`

## 6 l3quark implementation

The following test files are used for this code: `m3quark001.lvt`.

2692 `\*initex | package>`

### 6.1 Quarks

2693 `\@@=quark>`

`\quark_new:N` Allocate a new quark.  
2694 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \quark_new:N #1 { \tl_const:Nn #1 {#1} }`  
(End definition for `\quark_new:N`. This function is documented on page 46.)

`\q_nil` Some “public” quarks. `\q_stop` is an “end of argument” marker, `\q_nil` is a empty value  
`\q_mark` and `\q_no_value` marks an empty argument.  
`\q_no_value` 2695 `\quark_new:N \q_nil`  
`\q_stop` 2696 `\quark_new:N \q_mark`  
2697 `\quark_new:N \q_no_value`  
2698 `\quark_new:N \q_stop`

(End definition for `\q_nil` and others. These variables are documented on page 46.)

`\q_recursion_tail` Quarks for ending recursions. Only ever used there! `\q_recursion_tail` is appended to  
`\q_recursion_stop` whatever list structure we are doing recursion on, meaning it is added as a proper list  
item with whatever list separator is in use. `\q_recursion_stop` is placed directly after  
the list.

2699 `\quark_new:N \q_recursion_tail`  
2700 `\quark_new:N \q_recursion_stop`

(End definition for `\q_recursion_tail` and `\q_recursion_stop`. These variables are documented on page 47.)

`\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N`  
`\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn`

When doing recursions, it is easy to spend a lot of time testing if the end marker has been found. To avoid this, a dedicated end marker is used each time a recursion is set up. Thus if the marker is found everything can be wrapper up and finished off. The simple case is when the test can guarantee that only a single token is being tested. In this case, there is just a dedicated copy of the standard quark test. Both a gobbling version and one inserting end code are provided.

```

2701 \cs_new:Npn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N #1
2702 {
2703   \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #1
2704   \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
2705   \fi:
2706 }
2707 \cs_new:Npn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #1
2708 {
2709   \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #1
2710   \exp_after:wN \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw
2711   \else:
2712     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
2713   \fi:
2714 }
```

(End definition for `\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N`. This function is documented on page 47.)

`\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n`  
`\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:o`  
`\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn`  
`\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:on`  
`\__quark_if_recursion_tail:w`

See `\quark_if_nil:nTF` for the details. Expanding `\__quark_if_recursion_tail:w` once in front of the tokens chosen here gives an empty result if and only if #1 is exactly `\q_recursion_tail`.

```

2715 \cs_new:Npn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n #1
2716 {
2717   \tl_if_empty:oTF
2718   { \__quark_if_recursion_tail:w {} #1 {} ?! \q_recursion_tail ??! }
2719   { \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w }
2720   { }
2721 }
2722 \cs_new:Npn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn #1
2723 {
2724   \tl_if_empty:oTF
2725   { \__quark_if_recursion_tail:w {} #1 {} ?! \q_recursion_tail ??! }
2726   { \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw }
2727   { \use_none:n }
2728 }
2729 \cs_new:Npn \__quark_if_recursion_tail:w
2730 #1 \q_recursion_tail #2 ? #3 ?! { #1 #2 }
2731 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n { o }
2732 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn { o }
```

(End definition for `\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n` and `\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:o`. These functions are documented on page 47.)

`\_quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN`  
`\_quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN`

Analog of the `\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop...` functions. Break the mapping using #2.

```

2733 \cs_new:Npn \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN #1#2
2734 {
2735   \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #1
2736   \exp_after:wN #2
2737   \fi:
2738 }
2739 \cs_new:Npn \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN #1#2
2740 {
2741   \tl_if_empty:oTF
2742   { \__quark_if_recursion_tail:w {} #1 {} ?! \q_recursion_tail ??! }
2743   {#2}
2744   { }
2745 }

```

(End definition for `\__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN`. This function is documented on page 48.)

`\quark_if_nil_p:N` Here we test if we found a special quark as the first argument. We better start with `\quark_if_nil:NTF` `\q_no_value` as the first argument since the whole thing may otherwise loop if #1 is wrongly given a string like `aabc` instead of a single token.<sup>6</sup>

```

\quark_if_no_value_p:N
\quark_if_no_value_p:c
\quark_if_no_value:NTF
\quark_if_no_value:cTF
2746 \prg_new_conditional:Nnn \quark_if_nil:N { p, T, F, TF }
2747 {
2748   \if_meaning:w \q_nil #1
2749   \prg_return_true:
2750   \else:
2751   \prg_return_false:
2752   \fi:
2753 }
2754 \prg_new_conditional:Nnn \quark_if_no_value:N { p, T, F, TF }
2755 {
2756   \if_meaning:w \q_no_value #1
2757   \prg_return_true:
2758   \else:
2759   \prg_return_false:
2760   \fi:
2761 }
2762 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_no_value_p:N { c }
2763 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_no_value:NT { c }
2764 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_no_value:NF { c }
2765 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_no_value:NTF { c }

```

(End definition for `\quark_if_nil:NTF`. This function is documented on page 46.)

`\quark_if_nil_p:n` Let us explain `\quark_if_nil:n(TF)`. Expanding `\__quark_if_nil:w` once is safe  
`\quark_if_nil_p:V` thanks to the trailing `\q_nil ?!.` The result of expanding once is empty if and only  
`\quark_if_nil_p:o` if both delimited arguments #1 and #2 are empty and #3 is delimited by the last to-  
`\quark_if_nil:nTF` kens ?!. Thanks to the leading `{}`, the argument #1 is empty if and only if the argument  
`\quark_if_nil:VTF` of `\quark_if_nil:n` starts with `\q_nil`. The argument #2 is empty if and only if this  
`\quark_if_nil:oTF` `\q_nil` is followed immediately by `?` or by `{}`?, coming either from the trailing tokens in

---

<sup>6</sup>It may still loop in special circumstances however!

```

\__quark_if_nil:w
\__quark_if_no_value:w

```

the definition of `\quark_if_nil:n`, or from its argument. In the first case, `\__quark_if_nil:w` is followed by `{}\q_nil {}? !\q_nil ? ? !`, hence `#3` is delimited by the final `?!`, and the test returns `true` as wanted. In the second case, the result is not empty since the first `?!` in the definition of `\quark_if_nil:n` stop `#3`.

```

2766 \prg_new_conditional:Nnn \quark_if_nil:n { p, T , F , TF }
2767 {
2768   \__tl_if_empty_return:o
2769   { \__quark_if_nil:w {} #1 {} ? ! \q_nil ? ? ! }
2770 }
2771 \cs_new:Npn \__quark_if_nil:w #1 \q_nil #2 ? #3 ? ! { #1 #2 }
2772 \prg_new_conditional:Nnn \quark_if_no_value:n { p, T , F , TF }
2773 {
2774   \__tl_if_empty_return:o
2775   { \__quark_if_no_value:w {} #1 {} ? ! \q_no_value ? ? ! }
2776 }
2777 \cs_new:Npn \__quark_if_no_value:w #1 \q_no_value #2 ? #3 ? ! { #1 #2 }
2778 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_nil_p:n { V , o }
2779 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_nil:nTF { V , o }
2780 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_nil:nT { V , o }
2781 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_nil:nF { V , o }

```

(End definition for `\quark_if_nil:nTF`, `\quark_if_nil:VTF`, and `\quark_if_nil:oTF`. These functions are documented on page 46.)

`\q__tl_act_mark` These private quarks are needed by `l3tl`, but that is loaded before the quark module, hence their definition is deferred.

`\q__tl_act_stop`

```

2782 \quark_new:N \q__tl_act_mark
2783 \quark_new:N \q__tl_act_stop

```

(End definition for `\q__tl_act_mark` and `\q__tl_act_stop`. These variables are documented on page ??.)

## 6.2 Scan marks

```

2784 <@@=scan>

```

`\g__scan_marks_tl` The list of all scan marks currently declared.

```

2785 \tl_new:N \g__scan_marks_tl

```

(End definition for `\g__scan_marks_tl`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\__scan_new:N` Check whether the variable is already a scan mark, then declare it to be equal to `\scan_stop`: globally.

```

2786 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__scan_new:N #1
2787 {
2788   \tl_if_in:NnTF \g__scan_marks_tl { #1 }
2789   {
2790     \__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { scanmark-already-defined }
2791     { \token_to_str:N #1 }
2792   }

```

```

2793     {
2794         \tl_gput_right:Nn \g__scan_marks_tl {#1}
2795         \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \scan_stop:
2796     }
2797 }

```

(End definition for `\__scan_new:N`.)

**`\s__stop`** We only declare one scan mark here, more can be defined by specific modules.

```

2798 \__scan_new:N \s__stop

```

(End definition for `\s__stop`. This variable is documented on page 49.)

**`\__use_none_delimit_by_s__stop:w`** Similar to `\use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w`.

```

2799 \cs_new:Npn \__use_none_delimit_by_s__stop:w #1 \s__stop { }

```

(End definition for `\__use_none_delimit_by_s__stop:w`.)

**`\s__seq`** This private scan mark is needed by `l3seq`, but that is loaded before the quark module, hence its definition is deferred.

```

2800 \__scan_new:N \s__seq

```

(End definition for `\s__seq`. This variable is documented on page 129.)

```

2801 </initex | package>

```

## 7 l3token implementation

```

2802 <*initex | package>

```

```

2803 <@@=char>

```

### 7.1 Character tokens

**`\char_set_catcode:n`** Category code changes. Besides setting the catcode using `\tex_catcode:D`, this function keeps up to date the sequences `\l_char_active_seq`, `\l_char_special_seq`, and in package mode `\dospecials` (for plain T<sub>E</sub>X and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>) and `\@sanitize` (L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> only) as well. The first list contains active characters, and the other three contain a single-character control sequence. These are constructed from the given character code **#1** using the `\lowercase` primitive. In package mode there are difficulties because `\+` and the active `^~L` are `\outer` macros. This pushes us to only construct the single-character control sequence and the active character with character code **#1** if they are necessary for the update. As a start, construct an “other” (catcode 12) with character code **#1**. The second part of the `:Nn` auxiliary takes care of `\l_char_active_seq`: if the new catcode is 13 (active), then the active character is constructed through `\lowercase` and added to the sequence unless it is already in there. The first part is more intricate and distinguishes the case where the original catcode is special (different from letter or other, since for  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X’s `\numexpr`,  $11/2 = 12/2 = 6$ ) or not. If it the catcode was special, the single-character control sequence may need to be removed from the token lists and sequence, otherwise it may need to be added to the lists.

The addition or removal is done by the :NnNNN auxiliary, which performs the catcode assignment (note here that the arguments of `\char_set_catcode:n` are each evaluated exactly once), then tests whether the new catcode is special or not. If that changed compared to the previous catcode, then some work is needed: pass to the :NNN auxiliary the single-character control sequence, a function acting on token lists, and a function acting on sequences. Defining this auxiliary is tricky: the odd f-expansion expands the two `\tl_if_exist:NT` before the definition is performed, and the macro parameter token # (we are not yet doing a definition) stops the f-expansion. In  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$ , `\@sanitize` differs from `\dospecials` in that it should not list begin-group and end-group character tokens. For this, patch `\__char_set_catcode:Nn` by copying its code using its o-expansion with arguments #1 and #2 (braces are needed because each argument is literally two tokens, a macro parameter character and a digit), and appending to it some code that removes the single-character control sequence from `\@sanitize` if the (new) catcode is 1 or 2.

```

2804 \group_begin:
2805 \tex_catcode:D '@ = \c_eleven
2806 \tex_catcode:D \c_zero = \c_twelve
2807 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode:n #1#2
2808 {
2809   \group_begin:
2810   \char_set_lccode:n { 0 } {#1}
2811   \tex_lowercase:D
2812   { \group_end: \__char_set_catcode:Nn ^^@ } {#2}
2813 }
2814 \tex_catcode:D \c_zero = \c_thirteen
2815 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__char_set_catcode:Nn #1#2
2816 {
2817   \int_compare:nNnTF { \tex_catcode:D '#1 / \c_two } = \c_six
2818   {
2819     \__char_set_catcode:NnNNN #1 {#2} \int_compare:nNnF
2820     \tl_put_right:Nn \seq_put_right:Nn
2821   }
2822   {
2823     \__char_set_catcode:NnNNN #1 {#2} \int_compare:nNnT
2824     \tl_remove_all:Nn \seq_remove_all:Nn
2825   }
2826   \int_compare:nNnT { \tex_catcode:D '#1 } = \c_thirteen
2827   {
2828     \group_begin:
2829     \char_set_lccode:n { 0 } { '#1 }
2830     \tex_lowercase:D
2831     {
2832       \group_end:
2833       \seq_if_in:NnF \l_char_active_seq { ^^@ }
2834       { \seq_put_right:Nn \l_char_active_seq { ^^@ } }
2835     }
2836   }
2837 }
2838 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__char_set_catcode:NnNNN #1#2#3#4#5

```



```

2839 {
2840   \tex_catcode:D '#1 = \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end:
2841   #3 { \tex_catcode:D '#1 / \c_two } = \c_six
2842   {
2843     \group_begin: \exp_args:Nnc \group_end:
2844     \__char_set_catcode:NNN {#1} #4 #5
2845   }
2846 }
2847 \exp_args:Nnf \use:n
2848 { \cs_new_protected:Npn \__char_set_catcode:NNN #1#2#3 }
2849 {
2850 <*package>
2851   \tl_if_exist:NT \dospecials
2852   {
2853     \tl_if_exist:NT \@sanitize { #2 \@sanitize { \@makeother #1 } }
2854     #2 \dospecials { \do #1 }
2855   }
2856 </package>
2857   #3 \l_char_special_seq {#1}
2858 }
2859 <*package>
2860 \tl_if_exist:NT \@sanitize
2861 {
2862   \exp_args:Nno \use:n
2863   { \cs_gset_protected:Npn \__char_set_catcode:Nn #1#2 }
2864   {
2865     \__char_set_catcode:Nn {#1} {#2}
2866     \int_compare:nNnT { \tex_catcode:D '#1 / \c_two } = \c_one
2867     {
2868       \group_begin: \exp_args:NNNx \group_end:
2869       \tl_remove_all:Nn \@sanitize
2870       { \exp_not:N \@makeother \exp_not:c {#1} }
2871     }
2872   }
2873 }
2874 </package>
2875 \cs_new:Npn \char_value_catcode:n #1
2876 { \tex_the:D \tex_catcode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
2877 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_show_value_catcode:n #1
2878 { \_msg_show_wrap:n { > ~ \char_value_catcode:n {#1} } }
2879 \group_end:

```

(End definition for \char\_set\_catcode:nn. This function is documented on page 52.)

```

\char_set_catcode_escape:N
\char_set_catcode_group_begin:N
\char_set_catcode_group_end:N
\char_set_catcode_math_toggle:N
\char_set_catcode_alignment:N
\char_set_catcode_end_line:N
\char_set_catcode_parameter:N
\char_set_catcode_math_superscript:N
\char_set_catcode_math_subscript:N
\char_set_catcode_ignore:N
\char_set_catcode_space:N
\char_set_catcode_letter:N
\char_set_catcode_other:N
\char_set_catcode_active:N
\char_set_catcode_comment:N
\char set catcode invalid:N
2880 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_escape:N #1
2881 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_zero }
2882 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_group_begin:N #1
2883 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_one }
2884 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_group_end:N #1

```

```

2885 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_two }
2886 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_toggle:N #1
2887 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_three }
2888 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_alignment:N #1
2889 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_four }
2890 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_end_line:N #1
2891 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_five }
2892 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_parameter:N #1
2893 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_six }
2894 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:N #1
2895 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_seven }
2896 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:N #1
2897 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_eight }
2898 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_ignore:N #1
2899 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_nine }
2900 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_space:N #1
2901 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_ten }
2902 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_letter:N #1
2903 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_eleven }
2904 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_other:N #1
2905 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_twelve }
2906 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_active:N #1
2907 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_thirteen }
2908 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_comment:N #1
2909 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_fourteen }
2910 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_invalid:N #1
2911 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_fifteen }

```

(End definition for `\char_set_catcode_escape:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 51.)

```

\char_set_catcode_escape:n
\char_set_catcode_group_begin:n
\char_set_catcode_group_end:n
\char_set_catcode_math_toggle:n
\char_set_catcode_alignment:n
\char_set_catcode_end_line:n
\char_set_catcode_parameter:n
\char_set_catcode_math_superscript:n
\char_set_catcode_math_subscript:n
\char_set_catcode_ignore:n
\char_set_catcode_space:n
\char_set_catcode_letter:n
\char_set_catcode_other:n
\char_set_catcode_active:n
\char_set_catcode_comment:n
\char_set_catcode_invalid:n
2912 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_escape:n #1
2913 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_zero }
2914 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_group_begin:n #1
2915 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_one }
2916 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_group_end:n #1
2917 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_two }
2918 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_toggle:n #1
2919 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_three }
2920 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_alignment:n #1
2921 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_four }
2922 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_end_line:n #1
2923 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_five }
2924 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_parameter:n #1
2925 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_six }
2926 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:n #1
2927 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_seven }
2928 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:n #1
2929 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_eight }

```

```

2930 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_ignore:n #1
2931 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_nine }
2932 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_space:n #1
2933 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_ten }
2934 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_letter:n #1
2935 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_eleven }
2936 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_other:n #1
2937 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_twelve }
2938 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_active:n #1
2939 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_thirteen }
2940 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_comment:n #1
2941 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_fourteen }
2942 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_invalid:n #1
2943 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_fifteen }

```

(End definition for `\char_set_catcode_escape:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 52.)

```

\char_set_mathcode:nn Pretty repetitive, but necessary!
\char_value_mathcode:n
\char_show_value_mathcode:n
\char_set_lccode:nn
\char_value_lccode:n
\char_show_value_lccode:n
\char_set_uccode:nn
\char_value_uccode:n
\char_show_value_uccode:n
\char_set_sfcode:nn
\char_value_sfcode:n
\char_show_value_sfcode:n
2944 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_mathcode:nn #1#2
2945 {
2946   \tex_mathcode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end:
2947   = \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end:
2948 }
2949 \cs_new:Npn \char_value_mathcode:n #1
2950 { \tex_the:D \tex_mathcode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
2951 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_show_value_mathcode:n #1
2952 { \__msg_show_wrap:n { > ~ \char_value_mathcode:n {#1} } }
2953 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_lccode:nn #1#2
2954 {
2955   \tex_lccode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end:
2956   = \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end:
2957 }
2958 \cs_new:Npn \char_value_lccode:n #1
2959 { \tex_the:D \tex_lccode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
2960 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_show_value_lccode:n #1
2961 { \__msg_show_wrap:n { > ~ \char_value_lccode:n {#1} } }
2962 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_uccode:nn #1#2
2963 {
2964   \tex_uccode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end:
2965   = \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end:
2966 }
2967 \cs_new:Npn \char_value_uccode:n #1
2968 { \tex_the:D \tex_uccode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
2969 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_show_value_uccode:n #1
2970 { \__msg_show_wrap:n { > ~ \char_value_uccode:n {#1} } }
2971 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_sfcode:nn #1#2
2972 {
2973   \tex_sfcode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end:
2974   = \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end:

```

```

2975 }
2976 \cs_new:Npn \char_value_sfcode:n #1
2977 { \tex_the:D \tex_sfcode:D \__int_eval:w #1\__int_eval_end: }
2978 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_show_value_sfcode:n #1
2979 { \__msg_show_wrap:n { > ~ \char_value_sfcode:n {#1} } }

```

(End definition for `\char_set_mathcode:nn`. This function is documented on page 53.)

`\l_char_active_seq` `\l_char_special_seq` Two sequences for dealing with special characters. They must be defined before `\char_set_catcode:nn` can be used. The first is characters which may be active, and contains the active characters themselves to allow easy redefinition. The second longer list is for “special” characters more generally, and these are escaped so that for example bulk code assignments can be carried out. In both cases, the order is by ASCII character code (as is done in for example `\ExplSyntaxOn`). The only complication is dealing with `_`, which requires the use of `\use:n` and `\use:nn`.

```

2980 \seq_new:N \l_char_special_seq
2981 \seq_set_split:Nnn \l_char_special_seq { }
2982 { \ \ " \# \$ \% \& \^ \_ \{ \} \~ }
2983 \seq_new:N \l_char_active_seq
2984 \use:n
2985 {
2986   \group_begin:
2987   \char_set_catcode_active:N \ "
2988   \char_set_catcode_active:N \$
2989   \char_set_catcode_active:N &
2990   \char_set_catcode_active:N ^
2991   \char_set_catcode_active:N _
2992   \char_set_catcode_active:N ~
2993   \use:nn
2994   {
2995     \group_end:
2996     \seq_set_split:Nnn \l_char_active_seq { }
2997   }
2998 }
2999 { { " $ & ^ _ ~ } } %$

```

(End definition for `\l_char_active_seq` and `\l_char_special_seq`. These variables are documented on page 54.)

## 7.2 Generic tokens

```

3000 <@@=token>

```

`\token_to_meaning:N` These are all defined in `l3basics`, as they are needed “early”. This is just a reminder!

`\token_to_meaning:c`

(End definition for `\token_to_meaning:N` and `\token_to_meaning:c`. These functions are documented on page 55.)

`\token_to_str:N`

`\token_to_str:c`

`\token_new:Nn`

Creates a new token.

```

3001 \cs_new_protected:Npn \token_new:Nn #1#2 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 #2 }

```

(End definition for `\token_new:Nn`. This function is documented on page 54.)

```

\c_group_begin_token We define these useful tokens. For the brace and space tokens things have to be done
\c_group_end_token by hand: the formal argument spec. for \cs_new_eq:NN does not cover them so we do
\c_math_toggle_token things by hand. (As currently coded it would work with \cs_new_eq:NN but that's not
\c_alignment_token really a great idea to show off: we want people to stick to the defined interfaces and that
\c_parameter_token includes us.) So that these few odd names go into the log when appropriate there is a
\c_math_superscript_token need to hand-apply the \__chk_if_free_cs:N check.
\c_math_subscript_token
\c_space_token
\c_catcode_letter_token
\c_catcode_other_token
3002 \group_begin:
3003 \__chk_if_free_cs:N \c_group_begin_token
3004 \tex_global:D \tex_let:D \c_group_begin_token {
3005 \__chk_if_free_cs:N \c_group_end_token
3006 \tex_global:D \tex_let:D \c_group_end_token }
3007 \char_set_catcode_math_toggle:N \*
3008 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_math_toggle_token *
3009 \char_set_catcode_alignment:N \*
3010 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_alignment_token *
3011 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_parameter_token #
3012 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_math_superscript_token ^
3013 \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:N \*
3014 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_math_subscript_token *
3015 \__chk_if_free_cs:N \c_space_token
3016 \use:n { \tex_global:D \tex_let:D \c_space_token = ~ } ~
3017 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_catcode_letter_token a
3018 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_catcode_other_token 1
3019 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\c_group_begin_token` and others. These functions are documented on page 55.)

```

\c_catcode_active_tl Not an implicit token!
3020 \group_begin:
3021 \char_set_catcode_active:N \*
3022 \tl_const:Nn \c_catcode_active_tl { \exp_not:N * }
3023 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\c_catcode_active_tl`. This variable is documented on page 55.)

## 7.3 Token conditionals

`\token_if_group_begin_p:N` Check if token is a begin group token. We use the constant `\c_group_begin_token` for this.

```

3024 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_group_begin:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3025 {
3026 \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_group_begin_token
3027 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
3028 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_group_begin:N`. This function is documented on page 55.)

`\token_if_group_end_p:N` Check if token is a end group token. We use the constant `\c_group_end_token` for this.

```
\token_if_group_end:NTF
3029 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_group_end:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3030 {
3031   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_group_end_token
3032   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
3033 }
```

(End definition for `\token_if_group_end:NTF`. This function is documented on page 56.)

`\token_if_math_toggle_p:N` Check if token is a math shift token. We use the constant `\c_math_toggle_token` for this.

```
\token_if_math_toggle:NTF
3034 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_math_toggle:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3035 {
3036   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_math_toggle_token
3037   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
3038 }
```

(End definition for `\token_if_math_toggle:NTF`. This function is documented on page 56.)

`\token_if_alignment_p:N` Check if token is an alignment tab token. We use the constant `\c_alignment_token` for this.

```
\token_if_alignment:NTF
3039 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_alignment:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3040 {
3041   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_alignment_token
3042   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
3043 }
```

(End definition for `\token_if_alignment:NTF`. This function is documented on page 56.)

`\token_if_parameter_p:N` Check if token is a parameter token. We use the constant `\c_parameter_token` for this.

`\token_if_parameter:NTF` We have to trick  $\TeX$  a bit to avoid an error message: within a group we prevent `\c_parameter_token` from behaving like a macro parameter character. The definitions of `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn` are global, so they will remain after the group.

```
3044 \group_begin:
3045 \cs_set_eq:NN \c_parameter_token \scan_stop:
3046 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_parameter:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3047 {
3048   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_parameter_token
3049   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
3050 }
3051 \group_end:
```

(End definition for `\token_if_parameter:NTF`. This function is documented on page 56.)

`\token_if_math_superscript_p:N` Check if token is a math superscript token. We use the constant `\c_math_superscript_`

`\token_if_math_superscript:NTF` token for this.

```
3052 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_math_superscript:N #1
3053 { p , T , F , TF }
3054 {
3055   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_math_superscript_token
```

```

3056     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
3057 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_math_superscript:NTF`. This function is documented on page 56.)

`\token_if_math_subscript_p:N` Check if token is a math subscript token. We use the constant `\c_math_subscript_token` for this.

`\token_if_math_subscript:NTF`

```

3058 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_math_subscript:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3059 {
3060     \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_math_subscript_token
3061     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
3062 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_math_subscript:NTF`. This function is documented on page 56.)

`\token_if_space_p:N` Check if token is a space token. We use the constant `\c_space_token` for this.

`\token_if_space:NTF`

```

3063 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_space:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3064 {
3065     \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_space_token
3066     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
3067 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_space:NTF`. This function is documented on page 56.)

`\token_if_letter_p:N` Check if token is a letter token. We use the constant `\c_catcode_letter_token` for this.

`\token_if_letter:NTF`

```

3068 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_letter:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3069 {
3070     \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_catcode_letter_token
3071     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
3072 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_letter:NTF`. This function is documented on page 56.)

`\token_if_other_p:N` Check if token is an other char token. We use the constant `\c_catcode_other_token` for this.

`\token_if_other:NTF`

```

3073 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_other:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3074 {
3075     \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_catcode_other_token
3076     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
3077 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_other:NTF`. This function is documented on page 56.)

`\token_if_active_p:N` Check if token is an active char token. We use the constant `\c_catcode_active_tl` for this. A technical point is that `\c_catcode_active_tl` is in fact a macro expanding to `\exp_not:N *`, where `*` is active.

`\token_if_active:NTF`

```

3078 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_active:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3079 {
3080     \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_catcode_active_tl
3081     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
3082 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_active:NNTF`. This function is documented on page 57.)

```
\token_if_eq_meaning_p:NN Check if the tokens #1 and #2 have same meaning.
\token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF 3083 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_eq_meaning:NN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
                          3084 {
                          3085   \if_meaning:w #1 #2
                          3086     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
                          3087   }
```

(End definition for `\token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF`. This function is documented on page 57.)

```
\token_if_eq_catcode_p:NN Check if the tokens #1 and #2 have same category code.
\token_if_eq_catcode:NNTF 3088 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_eq_catcode:NN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
                          3089 {
                          3090   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \exp_not:N #2
                          3091     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
                          3092   }
```

(End definition for `\token_if_eq_catcode:NNTF`. This function is documented on page 57.)

```
\token_if_eq_charcode_p:NN Check if the tokens #1 and #2 have same character code.
\token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF 3093 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_eq_charcode:NN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
                          3094 {
                          3095   \if_charcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \exp_not:N #2
                          3096     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
                          3097   }
```

(End definition for `\token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF`. This function is documented on page 57.)

```
\token_if_macro_p:N When a token is a macro, \token_to_meaning:N will always output something like
\token_if_macro:NNTF \long macro:#1->#1 so we could naively check to see if the meaning contains ->.
\__token_if_macro_p:w However, this can fail the five \...mark primitives, whose meaning has the form
...mark:<user material>. The problem is that the <user material> can contain ->.
```

However, only characters, macros, and marks can contain the colon character. The idea is thus to grab until the first `:`, and analyse what is left. However, macros can have any combination of `\long`, `\protected` or `\outer` (not used in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3) before the string `macro:.` We thus only select the part of the meaning between the first `ma` and the first following `:`. If this string is `cro`, then we have a macro. If the string is `rk`, then we have a mark. The string can also be `cro parameter character` for a colon with a weird category code (namely the usual category code of `#`). Otherwise, it is empty.

This relies on the fact that `\long`, `\protected`, `\outer` cannot contain `ma`, regardless of the escape character, even if the escape character is `m...`

Both `ma` and `:` must be of category code 12 (other), so are detokenized.

```
3098 \use:x
3099 {
3100   \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \exp_not:N \token_if_macro:N ##1
3101     { p , T , F , TF }
3102   {
3103     \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \__token_if_macro_p:w
```



```

3104         \exp_not:N \token_to_meaning:N ##1 \tl_to_str:n { ma : }
3105         \exp_not:N \q_stop
3106     }
3107 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \__token_if_macro_p:w
3108   ##1 \tl_to_str:n { ma } ##2 \c_colon_str ##3 \exp_not:N \q_stop
3109 }
3110 {
3111   \if_int_compare:w \__str_if_eq_x:nn { #2 } { cro } = \c_zero
3112   \prg_return_true:
3113   \else:
3114     \prg_return_false:
3115   \fi:
3116 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_macro:NTF`. This function is documented on page 57.)

`\token_if_cs_p:N` Check if token has same catcode as a control sequence. This follows the same pattern as `\token_if_letter:N` etc. We use `\scan_stop:` for this.

`\token_if_cs:NTF`

```

3117 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_cs:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3118 {
3119   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \scan_stop:
3120   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
3121 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_cs:NTF`. This function is documented on page 57.)

`\token_if_expandable_p:N` Check if token is expandable. We use the fact that T<sub>E</sub>X will temporarily convert `\exp_not:N`  $\langle token \rangle$  into `\scan_stop:` if  $\langle token \rangle$  is expandable. An undefined token is not considered as expandable. No problem nesting the conditionals, since the third #1 is only skipped if it is non-expandable (hence not part of T<sub>E</sub>X's conditional apparatus).

`\token_if_expandable:NTF`

```

3122 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_expandable:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3123 {
3124   \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_not:N #1 #1
3125   \prg_return_false:
3126   \else:
3127     \if_cs_exist:N #1
3128     \prg_return_true:
3129   \else:
3130     \prg_return_false:
3131   \fi:
3132   \fi:
3133 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_expandable:NTF`. This function is documented on page 57.)

`\__token_delimit_by_char:w` These auxiliary functions are used below to define some conditionals which detect whether the `\meaning` of their argument begins with a particular string. Each auxiliary takes an argument delimited by a string, a second one delimited by `\q_stop`, and returns the first one and its delimiter. This result will eventually be compared to another string.

```

\__token_delimit_by_count:w
\__token_delimit_by_dimen:w
\__token_delimit_by_macro:w
\__token_delimit_by_muskip:w
\__token_delimit_by_skip:w
\__token_delimit_by_toks:w

```

```

3134 \group_begin:

```

```

3135 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__token_tmp:w #1
3136 {
3137   \use:x
3138   {
3139     \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:c { __token_delimit_by_ #1 :w }
3140     #####1 \tl_to_str:n {#1} #####2 \exp_not:N \q_stop
3141     { #####1 \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
3142   }
3143 }
3144 \__token_tmp:w { char" }
3145 \__token_tmp:w { count }
3146 \__token_tmp:w { dimen }
3147 \__token_tmp:w { macro }
3148 \__token_tmp:w { muskip }
3149 \__token_tmp:w { skip }
3150 \__token_tmp:w { toks }
3151 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\__token_delimit_by_char":w` and others.)

```

\token_if_chardef_p:N
\token_if_mathchardef_p:N
\token_if_long_macro_p:N
\token_if_protected_macro_p:N
\token_if_protected_long_macro_p:N
\token_if_dim_register_p:N
\token_if_int_register_p:N
\token_if_muskip_register_p:N
\token_if_skip_register_p:N
\token_if_toks_register_p:N
\token_if_chardef:NTF
\token_if_mathchardef:NTF
\token_if_long_macro:NTF
\token_if_protected_macro:NTF
\token_if_protected_long_macro:NTF
\token_if_dim_register:NTF
\token_if_int_register:NTF
\token_if_muskip_register:NTF
\token_if_skip_register:NTF
\token_if_toks_register:NTF

```

Each of these conditionals tests whether its argument's `\meaning` starts with a given string. This is essentially done by having an auxiliary grab an argument delimited by the string and testing whether the argument was empty. Of course, a copy of this string must first be added to the end of the `\meaning` to avoid a runaway argument in case it does not contain the string. Two complications arise. First, the escape character is not fixed, and cannot be included in the delimiter of the auxiliary function (this function cannot be defined on the fly because tests must remain expandable): instead the first argument of the auxiliary (plus the delimiter to avoid complications with trailing spaces) is compared using `\__str_if_eq_x_return:nn` to the result of applying `\token_to_str:N` to a control sequence. Second, the `\meaning` of primitives such as `\dimen` or `\dimendef` starts in the same way as registers such as `\dimen123`, so they must be tested for.

Characters used as delimiters must have catcode 12 and are obtained through `\tl_to_str:n`. This requires doing all definitions within `x`-expansion. The temporary function `\__token_tmp:w` used to define each conditional receives three arguments: the name of the conditional, the auxiliary's delimiter (also used to name the auxiliary), and the string to which one compares the auxiliary's result. Note that the `\meaning` of a protected long macro starts with `\protected\long macro`, with no space after `\protected` but a space after `\long`, hence the mixture of `\token_to_str:N` and `\tl_to_str:n`.

For the first five conditionals, `\cs_if_exist:cT` turns out to be `false`, and the code boils down to a string comparison between the result of the auxiliary on the `\meaning` of the conditional's argument `#####1`, and `#3`. Both are evaluated at run-time, as this is important to get the correct escape character.

The other five conditionals have additional code that compares the argument `#####1` to two TeX primitives which would wrongly be recognized as registers otherwise. Despite using TeX's primitive conditional construction, this does not break when `#####1` is itself a conditional, because branches of the conditionals are only skipped if `#####1` is one of the two primitives that are tested for (which are not TeX conditionals).

```

3152 \group_begin:
3153 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__token_tmp:w #1#2#3
3154 {
3155   \use:x
3156   {
3157     \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \exp_not:c { token_if_ #1 :N } ####1
3158     { p , T , F , TF }
3159     {
3160       \cs_if_exist:cT { tex_ #2 :D }
3161       {
3162         \exp_not:N \if_meaning:w ####1 \exp_not:c { tex_ #2 :D }
3163         \exp_not:N \prg_return_false:
3164         \exp_not:N \else:
3165         \exp_not:N \if_meaning:w ####1 \exp_not:c { tex_ #2 def:D }
3166         \exp_not:N \prg_return_false:
3167         \exp_not:N \else:
3168         }
3169       \exp_not:N \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn
3170       {
3171         \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN
3172         \exp_not:c { __token_delimit_by_ #2 :w }
3173         \exp_not:N \token_to_meaning:N ####1
3174         ? \tl_to_str:n {#2} \exp_not:N \q_stop
3175       }
3176       { \exp_not:n {#3} }
3177     \cs_if_exist:cT { tex_ #2 :D }
3178     {
3179       \exp_not:N \fi:
3180       \exp_not:N \fi:
3181     }
3182   }
3183 }
3184 }
3185 \__token_tmp:w { chardef } { char" } { \token_to_str:N \char" }
3186 \__token_tmp:w { mathchardef } { char" } { \token_to_str:N \mathchar" }
3187 \__token_tmp:w { long_macro } { macro } { \tl_to_str:n { \long } macro }
3188 \__token_tmp:w { protected_macro } { macro }
3189 { \tl_to_str:n { \protected } macro }
3190 \__token_tmp:w { protected_long_macro } { macro }
3191 { \token_to_str:N \protected \tl_to_str:n { \long } macro }
3192 \__token_tmp:w { dim_register } { dimen } { \token_to_str:N \dimen }
3193 \__token_tmp:w { int_register } { count } { \token_to_str:N \count }
3194 \__token_tmp:w { muskip_register } { muskip } { \token_to_str:N \muskip }
3195 \__token_tmp:w { skip_register } { skip } { \token_to_str:N \skip }
3196 \__token_tmp:w { toks_register } { toks } { \token_to_str:N \toks }
3197 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\token_if_chardef:NTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 58.)

`\token_if_primitive_p:N` We filter out macros first, because they cause endless trouble later otherwise.

`\token_if_primitive:NTF`

`\__token_if_primitive:NNw`

`\__token_if_primitive_space:w`

`\__token_if_primitive_nullfont:N`

`\__token_if_primitive_loop:N`

`\__token_if_primitive:Nw`

`\__token_if_primitive_undefined:N`

Primitives are almost distinguished by the fact that the result of `\token_to_meaning:N` is formed from letters only. Every other token has either a space (e.g., the letter A), a digit (e.g., `\count123`) or a double quote (e.g., `\char"A`).

Ten exceptions: on the one hand, `\tex_undefined:D` is not a primitive, but its meaning is `undefined`, only letters; on the other hand, `\space`, `\italiccorr`, `\hyphen`, `\firstmark`, `\topmark`, `\botmark`, `\splitfirstmark`, `\splitbotmark`, and `\nullfont` are primitives, but have non-letters in their meaning.

We start by removing the two first (non-space) characters from the meaning. This removes the escape character (which may be inexistent depending on `\endlinechar`), and takes care of three of the exceptions: `\space`, `\italiccorr` and `\hyphen`, whose meaning is at most two characters. This leaves a string terminated by some `:`, and `\q_stop`.

The meaning of each one of the five `\...mark` primitives has the form *<letters>:<user material>*. In other words, the first non-letter is a colon. We remove everything after the first colon.

We are now left with a string, which we must analyze. For primitives, it contains only letters. For non-primitives, it contains either `"`, or a space, or a digit. Two exceptions remain: `\tex_undefined:D`, which is not a primitive, and `\nullfont`, which is a primitive.

Spaces cannot be grabbed in an undelimited way, so we check them separately. If there is a space, we test for `\nullfont`. Otherwise, we go through characters one by one, and stop at the first character less than `'A` (this is not quite a test for “only letters”, but is close enough to work in this context). If this first character is `:` then we have a primitive, or `\tex_undefined:D`, and if it is `"` or a digit, then the token is not a primitive.

```

3198 \tex_chardef:D \c__token_A_int = 'A ~ %
3199 \use:x
3200 {
3201   \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \exp_not:N \token_if_primitive:N ##1
3202   { p , T , F , TF }
3203   {
3204     \exp_not:N \token_if_macro:NTF ##1
3205     \exp_not:N \prg_return_false:
3206     {
3207       \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \__token_if_primitive:NNw
3208       \exp_not:N \token_to_meaning:N ##1
3209       \tl_to_str:n { : : : } \exp_not:N \q_stop ##1
3210     }
3211   }
3212   \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \__token_if_primitive:NNw
3213   ##1##2 ##3 \c_colon_str ##4 \exp_not:N \q_stop
3214   {
3215     \exp_not:N \tl_if_empty:oTF
3216     { \exp_not:N \__token_if_primitive_space:w ##3 ~ }
3217     {
3218       \exp_not:N \__token_if_primitive_loop:N ##3
3219       \c_colon_str \exp_not:N \q_stop
3220     }
3221     { \exp_not:N \__token_if_primitive_nullfont:N }

```

```

3222     }
3223   }
3224   \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive_space:w #1 ~ { }
3225   \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive_nullfont:N #1
3226   {
3227     \if_meaning:w \tex_nullfont:D #1
3228     \prg_return_true:
3229   \else:
3230     \prg_return_false:
3231   \fi:
3232 }
3233 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive_loop:N #1
3234 {
3235   \if_int_compare:w '#1 < \c__token_A_int %
3236   \exp_after:wN \__token_if_primitive:Nw
3237   \exp_after:wN #1
3238   \else:
3239     \exp_after:wN \__token_if_primitive_loop:N
3240   \fi:
3241 }
3242 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive:Nw #1 #2 \q_stop
3243 {
3244   \if:w : #1
3245   \exp_after:wN \__token_if_primitive_undefined:N
3246   \else:
3247     \prg_return_false:
3248     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
3249   \fi:
3250 }
3251 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive_undefined:N #1
3252 {
3253   \if_cs_exist:N #1
3254   \prg_return_true:
3255   \else:
3256     \prg_return_false:
3257   \fi:
3258 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_primitive:NTF`. This function is documented on page 59.)

## 7.4 Peeking ahead at the next token

```

3259 <@@=peek>

```

Peeking ahead is implemented using a two part mechanism. The outer level provides a defined interface to the lower level material. This allows a large amount of code to be shared. There are four cases:

1. peek at the next token;
2. peek at the next non-space token;

3. peek at the next token and remove it;
4. peek at the next non-space token and remove it.

`\l_peek_token` Storage tokens which are publicly documented: the token peeked.

`\g_peek_token` 3260 `\cs_new_eq:NN \l_peek_token ?`  
 3261 `\cs_new_eq:NN \g_peek_token ?`

(End definition for `\l_peek_token`. This variable is documented on page 59.)

`\l__peek_search_token` The token to search for as an implicit token: cf. `\l__peek_search_tl`.

3262 `\cs_new_eq:NN \l__peek_search_token ?`

(End definition for `\l__peek_search_token`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l__peek_search_tl` The token to search for as an explicit token: cf. `\l__peek_search_token`.

3263 `\tl_new:N \l__peek_search_tl`

(End definition for `\l__peek_search_tl`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\__peek_true:w` Functions used by the branching and space-stripping code.

`\__peek_true_aux:w` 3264 `\cs_new_nopar:Npn \__peek_true:w { }`  
`\__peek_false:w` 3265 `\cs_new_nopar:Npn \__peek_true_aux:w { }`  
`\__peek_tmp:w` 3266 `\cs_new_nopar:Npn \__peek_false:w { }`  
 3267 `\cs_new:Npn \__peek_tmp:w { }`

(End definition for `\__peek_true:w` and others.)

`\peek_after:Nw` Simple wrappers for `\futurelet`: no arguments absorbed here.

`\peek_gafter:Nw` 3268 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \peek_after:Nw`  
 3269 `{ \tex_futurelet:D \l_peek_token }`  
 3270 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \peek_gafter:Nw`  
 3271 `{ \tex_global:D \tex_futurelet:D \g_peek_token }`

(End definition for `\peek_after:Nw`. This function is documented on page 59.)

`\__peek_true_remove:w` A function to remove the next token and then regain control.

3272 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_true_remove:w`  
 3273 `{`  
 3274 `\group_align_safe_end:`  
 3275 `\tex_afterassignment:D \__peek_true_aux:w`  
 3276 `\cs_set_eq:NN \__peek_tmp:w`  
 3277 `}`

(End definition for `\__peek_true_remove:w`.)

`\__peek_token_generic:NNTF` The generic function stores the test token in both implicit and explicit modes, and the **true** and **false** code as token lists, more or less. The two branches have to be absorbed here as the input stream needs to be cleared for the peek function itself.

```

3278 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_generic:NNTF #1#2#3#4
3279 {
3280   \cs_set_eq:NN \l__peek_search_token #2
3281   \tl_set:Nn \l__peek_search_tl {#2}
3282   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \__peek_true:w
3283   {
3284     \exp_not:N \group_align_safe_end:
3285     \exp_not:n {#3}
3286   }
3287   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \__peek_false:w
3288   {
3289     \exp_not:N \group_align_safe_end:
3290     \exp_not:n {#4}
3291   }
3292   \group_align_safe_begin:
3293   \peek_after:Nw #1
3294 }
3295 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_generic:NNT #1#2#3
3296 { \__peek_token_generic:NNTF #1 #2 {#3} { } }
3297 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_generic:NNF #1#2#3
3298 { \__peek_token_generic:NNTF #1 #2 { } {#3} }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_peek\_token\_generic:NNTF. This function is documented on page ??.)*

`\__peek_token_remove_generic:NNTF` For token removal there needs to be a call to the auxiliary function which does the work.

```

3299 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_remove_generic:NNTF #1#2#3#4
3300 {
3301   \cs_set_eq:NN \l__peek_search_token #2
3302   \tl_set:Nn \l__peek_search_tl {#2}
3303   \cs_set_eq:NN \__peek_true:w \__peek_true_remove:w
3304   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \__peek_true_aux:w { \exp_not:n {#3} }
3305   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \__peek_false:w
3306   {
3307     \exp_not:N \group_align_safe_end:
3308     \exp_not:n {#4}
3309   }
3310   \group_align_safe_begin:
3311   \peek_after:Nw #1
3312 }
3313 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_remove_generic:NNT #1#2#3
3314 { \__peek_token_remove_generic:NNTF #1 #2 {#3} { } }
3315 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_remove_generic:NNF #1#2#3
3316 { \__peek_token_remove_generic:NNTF #1 #2 { } {#3} }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_peek\_token\_remove\_generic:NNTF. This function is documented on page ??.)*

`\_peek_execute_branches_meaning:` The meaning test is straight forward.

```

3317 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \_peek_execute_branches_meaning:
3318 {
3319   \if_meaning:w \l_peek_token \l__peek_search_token
3320   \exp_after:wN \_peek_true:w
3321   \else:
3322     \exp_after:wN \_peek_false:w
3323   \fi:
3324 }
```

(End definition for `\_peek_execute_branches_meaning:`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\_peek_execute_branches_catcode:` The catcode and charcode tests are very similar, and in order to use the same auxiliaries we do something a little bit odd, firing `\if_catcode:w` and `\if_charcode:w` before finding the operands for those tests, which will only be given in the `auxii:N` and `auxiii:` auxiliaries. For our purposes, three kinds of tokens may follow the peeking function:

- control sequences which are not equal to a non-active character token (*e.g.*, macro, primitive);
- active characters which are not equal to a non-active character token (*e.g.*, macro, primitive);
- explicit non-active character tokens, or control sequences or active characters set equal to a non-active character token.

The first two cases are not distinguishable simply using  $\text{\TeX}$ 's `\futurelet`, because we can only access the `\meaning` of tokens in that way. In those cases, detected thanks to a comparison with `\scan_stop:`, we grab the following token, and compare it explicitly with the explicit search token stored in `\l__peek_search_tl`. The `\exp_not:N` prevents outer macros (coming from non- $\text{\LaTeX}$ 3 code) from blowing up. In the third case, `\l_peek_token` is good enough for the test, and we compare it again with the explicit search token. Just like the peek token, the search token may be of any of the three types above, hence the need to use the explicit token that was given to the peek function.

```

3325 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \_peek_execute_branches_catcode:
3326 { \if_catcode:w \_peek_execute_branches_catcode_aux: }
3327 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \_peek_execute_branches_charcode:
3328 { \if_charcode:w \_peek_execute_branches_catcode_aux: }
3329 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \_peek_execute_branches_catcode_aux:
3330 {
3331   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N \l_peek_token \scan_stop:
3332   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
3333   \exp_after:wN \_peek_execute_branches_catcode_auxii:N
3334   \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N
3335   \else:
3336     \exp_after:wN \_peek_execute_branches_catcode_auxiii:
3337   \fi:
3338 }
3339 \cs_new:Npn \_peek_execute_branches_catcode_auxii:N #1
```



```

3340 {
3341     \exp_not:N #1
3342     \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \l__peek_search_tl
3343     \exp_after:wN \__peek_true:w
3344     \else:
3345     \exp_after:wN \__peek_false:w
3346     \fi:
3347     #1
3348 }
3349 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__peek_execute_branches_catcode_auxiii:
3350 {
3351     \exp_not:N \l_peek_token
3352     \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \l__peek_search_tl
3353     \exp_after:wN \__peek_true:w
3354     \else:
3355     \exp_after:wN \__peek_false:w
3356     \fi:
3357 }

```

(End definition for `\__peek_execute_branches_catcode:` and `\__peek_execute_branches_charcode:`. These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches:` This function removes one space token at a time, and calls `\__peek_execute_branches:` when encountering the first non-space token. We directly use the primitive meaning test rather than `\token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF` because `\l_peek_token` may be an outer macro (coming from non-L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 packages). Spaces are removed using a side-effect of f-expansion: `\exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w` removes one space.

```

3358 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches:
3359 {
3360     \if_meaning:w \l_peek_token \c_space_token
3361     \exp_after:wN \peek_after:Nw
3362     \exp_after:wN \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches:
3363     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
3364     \else:
3365     \exp_after:wN \__peek_execute_branches:
3366     \fi:
3367 }

```

(End definition for `\__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches:`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\__peek_def:nnnn`    The public functions themselves cannot be defined using `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn`  
`\__peek_def:nnnnn`    and so a couple of auxiliary functions are used. As a result, everything is done inside a group. As a result things are a bit complicated.

```

3368 \group_begin:
3369 \cs_set:Npn \__peek_def:nnnn #1#2#3#4
3370 {
3371     \__peek_def:nnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} { TF }
3372     \__peek_def:nnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} { T }
3373     \__peek_def:nnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} { F }

```

```

3374     }
3375 \cs_set:Npn \__peek_def:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
3376 {
3377     \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpx { #1 #5 }
3378     {
3379         \tl_if_empty:nF {#2}
3380         { \exp_not:n { \cs_set_eq:NN \__peek_execute_branches: #2 } }
3381         \exp_not:c { #3 #5 }
3382         \exp_not:n {#4}
3383     }
3384 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_peek\_def:nnnn.)

**\peek\_catcode:NTF** With everything in place the definitions can take place. First for category codes.  
**\peek\_catcode\_ignore\_spaces:NTF**  
**\peek\_catcode\_remove:NTF**  
**\peek\_catcode\_remove\_ignore\_spaces:NTF**

```

3385 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_catcode:N }
3386 { }
3387 { __peek_token_generic:NN }
3388 { \__peek_execute_branches_catcode: }
3389 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_catcode_ignore_spaces:N }
3390 { \__peek_execute_branches_catcode: }
3391 { __peek_token_generic:NN }
3392 { \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }
3393 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_catcode_remove:N }
3394 { }
3395 { __peek_token_remove_generic:NN }
3396 { \__peek_execute_branches_catcode: }
3397 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_catcode_remove_ignore_spaces:N }
3398 { \__peek_execute_branches_catcode: }
3399 { __peek_token_remove_generic:NN }
3400 { \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }

```

(End definition for \peek\_catcode:NTF and others. These functions are documented on page 59.)

**\peek\_charcode:NTF** Then for character codes.  
**\peek\_charcode\_ignore\_spaces:NTF**  
**\peek\_charcode\_remove:NTF**  
**\peek\_charcode\_remove\_ignore\_spaces:NTF**

```

3401 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_charcode:N }
3402 { }
3403 { __peek_token_generic:NN }
3404 { \__peek_execute_branches_charcode: }
3405 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_charcode_ignore_spaces:N }
3406 { \__peek_execute_branches_charcode: }
3407 { __peek_token_generic:NN }
3408 { \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }
3409 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_charcode_remove:N }
3410 { }
3411 { __peek_token_remove_generic:NN }
3412 { \__peek_execute_branches_charcode: }
3413 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_charcode_remove_ignore_spaces:N }
3414 { \__peek_execute_branches_charcode: }
3415 { __peek_token_remove_generic:NN }
3416 { \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }

```

(End definition for `\peek_charcode:NTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 60.)

`\peek_meaning:NTF` Finally for meaning, with the group closed to remove the temporary definition functions.  
`\peek_meaning_ignore_spaces:NTF`  
`\peek_meaning_remove:NTF`  
`\peek_meaning_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF`

```

3417 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_meaning:N }
3418 { }
3419 { \__peek_token_generic:NN }
3420 { \__peek_execute_branches_meaning: }
3421 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_meaning_ignore_spaces:N }
3422 { \__peek_execute_branches_meaning: }
3423 { \__peek_token_generic:NN }
3424 { \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }
3425 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_meaning_remove:N }
3426 { }
3427 { \__peek_token_remove_generic:NN }
3428 { \__peek_execute_branches_meaning: }
3429 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_meaning_remove_ignore_spaces:N }
3430 { \__peek_execute_branches_meaning: }
3431 { \__peek_token_remove_generic:NN }
3432 { \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }
3433 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\peek_meaning:NTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 61.)

## 7.5 Decomposing a macro definition

`\token_get_prefix_spec:N` We sometimes want to test if a control sequence can be expanded to reveal a hidden value.  
`\token_get_arg_spec:N` However, we cannot just expand the macro blindly as it may have arguments and none  
`\token_get_replacement_spec:N` might be present. Therefore we define these functions to pick either the prefix(es), the  
`\__peek_get_prefix_arg_replacement:wN` argument specification, or the replacement text from a macro. All of this information is  
returned as characters with catcode 12. If the token in question isn't a macro, the token  
`\scan_stop:` is returned instead.

```

3434 \exp_args:Nno \use:nn
3435 { \cs_new:Npn \__peek_get_prefix_arg_replacement:wN #1 }
3436 { \tl_to_str:n { macro : } #2 -> #3 \q_stop #4 }
3437 { #4 {#1} {#2} {#3} }
3438 \cs_new:Npn \token_get_prefix_spec:N #1
3439 {
3440   \token_if_macro:NTF #1
3441   {
3442     \exp_after:wN \__peek_get_prefix_arg_replacement:wN
3443     \token_to_meaning:N #1 \q_stop \use_i:nnn
3444   }
3445   { \scan_stop: }
3446 }
3447 \cs_new:Npn \token_get_arg_spec:N #1
3448 {
3449   \token_if_macro:NTF #1
3450   {
3451     \exp_after:wN \__peek_get_prefix_arg_replacement:wN

```

```

3452         \token_to_meaning:N #1 \q_stop \use_ii:nnn
3453     }
3454     { \scan_stop: }
3455 }
3456 \cs_new:Npn \token_get_replacement_spec:N #1
3457 {
3458     \token_if_macro:NTF #1
3459     {
3460         \exp_after:wN \__peek_get_prefix_arg_replacement:wN
3461         \token_to_meaning:N #1 \q_stop \use_iii:nnn
3462     }
3463     { \scan_stop: }
3464 }

```

(End definition for \token\_get\_prefix\_spec:N. This function is documented on page 63.)

```

3465 \</initex | package>

```

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```

3466 \<*initex | package>
3467 \<@@=int>

```

The following test files are used for this code: m3int001,m3int002,m3int03.

**\c\_max\_register\_int** Done in l3basics.

(End definition for \c\_max\_register\_int. This variable is documented on page 75.)

**\\_\_int\_to\_roman:w** Done in l3basics.

**\if\_int\_compare:w** (End definition for \\_\_int\_to\_roman:w. This function is documented on page 76.)

**\or:** Done in l3basics.

(End definition for \or:. This function is documented on page 76.)

**\\_\_int\_value:w** Here are the remaining primitives for number comparisons and expressions.

<b>\__int_eval:w</b>	3468 \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_value:w	\tex_number:D
<b>\__int_eval_end:</b>	3469 \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_eval:w	\etex_numexpr:D
<b>\if_int_odd:w</b>	3470 \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_eval_end:	\tex_relax:D
<b>\if_case:w</b>	3471 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_int_odd:w	\tex_ifodd:D
	3472 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_case:w	\tex_ifcase:D

(End definition for \\_\_int\_value:w. This function is documented on page 77.)

## 8.1 Integer expressions

**\int\_eval:n** Wrapper for `\__int_eval:w`. Can be used in an integer expression or directly in the input stream. In format mode, there is already a definition in `l3alloc` for bootstrapping, which is therefore corrected to the “real” version here.

```

3473 <*initex>
3474 \cs_set:Npn \int_eval:n #1
3475 { \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
3476 </initex>
3477 <*package>
3478 \cs_new:Npn \int_eval:n #1
3479 { \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
3480 </package>

```

(End definition for `\int_eval:n`. This function is documented on page 64.)

**\int\_abs:n** Functions for min, max, and absolute value with only one evaluation. The absolute value is obtained by removing a leading sign if any. All three functions expand in two steps.

```

\__int_abs:N
\int_max:nn
\int_min:nn
\__int_maxmin:wwN
3481 \cs_new:Npn \int_abs:n #1
3482 {
3483   \__int_value:w \exp_after:wN \__int_abs:N
3484   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end:
3485   \exp_stop_f:
3486 }
3487 \cs_new:Npn \__int_abs:N #1
3488 { \if_meaning:w - #1 \else: \exp_after:wN #1 \fi: }
3489 \cs_set:Npn \int_max:nn #1#2
3490 {
3491   \__int_value:w \exp_after:wN \__int_maxmin:wwN
3492   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
3493   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #2 ;
3494   >
3495   \exp_stop_f:
3496 }
3497 \cs_set:Npn \int_min:nn #1#2
3498 {
3499   \__int_value:w \exp_after:wN \__int_maxmin:wwN
3500   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
3501   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #2 ;
3502   <
3503   \exp_stop_f:
3504 }
3505 \cs_new:Npn \__int_maxmin:wwN #1 ; #2 ; #3
3506 {
3507   \if_int_compare:w #1 #3 #2 ~
3508   #1
3509   \else:
3510   #2
3511   \fi:
3512 }

```

(End definition for `\int_abs:n`. This function is documented on page 64.)

`\int_div_truncate:nn` As `\__int_eval:w` rounds the result of a division we also provide a version that truncates  
`\int_div_round:nn` the result. We use an auxiliary to make sure numerator and denominator are only  
`\int_mod:nn` evaluated once: this comes in handy when those are more expressions are expensive  
`\__int_div_truncate:NwNw` to evaluate (e.g., `\tl_count:n`). If the numerator `#1#2` is 0, then we divide 0 by the  
`\__int_mod:ww` denominator (this ensures that 0/0 is correctly reported as an error). Otherwise, shift  
the numerator `#1#2` towards 0 by  $(| \#3\#4 | - 1)/2$ , which we round away from zero. It turns  
out that this quantity exactly compensates the difference between  $\varepsilon$ -TeX's rounding and  
the truncating behaviour that we want. The details are thanks to Heiko Oberdiek: getting  
things right in all cases is not so easy.

```

3513 \cs_new:Npn \int_div_truncate:nn #1#2
3514 {
3515   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
3516   \exp_after:wN \__int_div_truncate:NwNw
3517   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
3518   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #2 ;
3519   \__int_eval_end:
3520 }
3521 \cs_new:Npn \__int_div_truncate:NwNw #1#2; #3#4;
3522 {
3523   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
3524   \c_zero
3525   \else:
3526   (
3527     #1#2
3528     \if_meaning:w - #1 + \else: - \fi:
3529     ( \if_meaning:w - #3 - \fi: #3#4 - \c_one ) / \c_two
3530   )
3531   \fi:
3532   / #3#4
3533 }
```

For the sake of completeness:

```

3534 \cs_new:Npn \int_div_round:nn #1#2
3535 { \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w ( #1 ) / ( #2 ) \__int_eval_end: }
```

Finally there's the modulus operation.

```

3536 \cs_new:Npn \int_mod:nn #1#2
3537 {
3538   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w \exp_after:wN \__int_mod:ww
3539   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
3540   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #2 ;
3541   \__int_eval_end:
3542 }
3543 \cs_new:Npn \__int_mod:ww #1; #2;
3544 { #1 - ( \__int_div_truncate:NwNw #1 ; #2 ; ) * #2 }
```

(End definition for `\int_div_truncate:nn`. This function is documented on page 65.)

## 8.2 Creating and initialising integers

`\int_new:N` Two ways to do this: one for the format and one for the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> package. In plain T<sub>E</sub>X, `\newcount` (and other allocators) are `\outer:` to allow the code here to work in “generic” mode this is therefore accessed by name. (The same applies to `\newbox`, `\newdimen` and so on.)

```

3545 <*package>
3546 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_new:N #1
3547 {
3548   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
3549   \cs:w newcount \cs_end: #1
3550 }
3551 </package>
3552 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_new:N` and `\int_new:c`. These functions are documented on page 65.)

`\int_const:Nn` As stated, most constants can be defined as `\chardef` or `\mathchardef` but that’s engine dependent. As a result, there is some set up code to determine what can be done. No full engine testing just yet so everything is a little awkward.

```

\int_const:cn
\__int_constdef:Nw
\c__max_constdef_int
3553 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_const:Nn #1#2
3554 {
3555   \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} > \c_minus_one
3556   {
3557     \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} > \c__max_constdef_int
3558     {
3559       \int_new:N #1
3560       \int_gset:Nn #1 {#2}
3561     }
3562     {
3563       \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
3564       \tex_global:D \__int_constdef:Nw #1 =
3565       \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end:
3566     }
3567   }
3568   {
3569     \int_new:N #1
3570     \int_gset:Nn #1 {#2}
3571   }
3572 }
3573 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_const:Nn { c }
3574 \if_int_odd:w 0
3575   \cs_if_exist:NT \luatex luatexversion:D { 1 }
3576   \cs_if_exist:NT \uptex_disablecjktoken:D
3577   { \if_int_compare:w \ptex_jis:D "2121 = "3000 ~ 1 \fi: }
3578   \cs_if_exist:NT \xetex_XeTeXversion:D { 1 } ~
3579   \cs_if_exist:NTF \uptex_disablecjktoken:D
3580   { \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_constdef:Nw \uptex_kchardef:D }
3581   { \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_constdef:Nw \tex_chardef:D }
3582   \__int_constdef:Nw \c__max_constdef_int 1114111 ~

```

```

3583 \else:
3584   \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_constdef:Nw \tex_mathchardef:D
3585   \tex_mathchardef:D \c__max_constdef_int 32767 ~
3586 \fi:

```

(End definition for `\int_const:Nn` and `\int_const:cn`. These functions are documented on page 65.)

`\int_zero:N` Functions that reset an *integer* register to zero.

```

\int_zero:c      3587 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_zero:N #1 { #1 = \c_zero }
\int_gzero:N     3588 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_gzero:N #1 { \tex_global:D #1 = \c_zero }
\int_gzero:c     3589 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_zero:N { c }
                 3590 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gzero:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_zero:N` and `\int_zero:c`. These functions are documented on page 65.)

`\int_zero_new:N` Create a register if needed, otherwise clear it.

```

\int_zero_new:c  3591 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_zero_new:N #1
\int_gzero_new:N 3592 { \int_if_exist:NTF #1 { \int_zero:N #1 } { \int_new:N #1 } }
\int_gzero_new:c 3593 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_gzero_new:N #1
                 3594 { \int_if_exist:NTF #1 { \int_gzero:N #1 } { \int_new:N #1 } }
                 3595 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_zero_new:N { c }
                 3596 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gzero_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_zero_new:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 66.)

`\int_set_eq:NN` Setting equal means using one integer inside the set function of another.

```

\int_set_eq:cN   3597 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_set_eq:NN #1#2 { #1 = #2 }
\int_set_eq:Nc   3598 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_set_eq:NN { c }
\int_set_eq:cc   3599 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_set_eq:NN { Nc , cc }
\int_gset_eq:NN  3600 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_gset_eq:NN #1#2 { \tex_global:D #1 = #2 }
\int_gset_eq:cN  3601 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gset_eq:NN { c }
\int_gset_eq:Nc  3602 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gset_eq:NN { Nc , cc }
\int_gset_eq:cc

```

(End definition for `\int_set_eq:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 66.)

`\int_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.

```

\int_if_exist_p:c 3603 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \int_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N
\int_if_exist:NTF 3604 { TF , T , F , p }
\int_if_exist:cTF 3605 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \int_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c
                 3606 { TF , T , F , p }

```

(End definition for `\int_if_exist:NTF` and `\int_if_exist:cTF`. These functions are documented on page 66.)



## 8.3 Setting and incrementing integers

`\int_add:Nn` Adding and subtracting to and from a counter ...

```

\int_add:cn 3607 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_add:Nn #1#2
\int_gadd:Nn 3608 { \tex_advance:D #1 by \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end: }
\int_gadd:cn 3609 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_sub:Nn #1#2
\int_sub:Nn 3610 { \tex_advance:D #1 by - \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end: }
\int_sub:cn 3611 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \int_gadd:Nn
\int_gsub:Nn 3612 { \tex_global:D \int_add:Nn }
\int_gsub:cn 3613 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \int_gsub:Nn
3614 { \tex_global:D \int_sub:Nn }
3615 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_add:Nn { c }
3616 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gadd:Nn { c }
3617 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_sub:Nn { c }
3618 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gsub:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_add:Nn` and `\int_add:cn`. These functions are documented on page 66.)

`\int_incr:N` Incrementing and decrementing of integer registers is done with the following functions.

```

\int_incr:c 3619 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_incr:N #1
\int_gincr:N 3620 { \tex_advance:D #1 \c_one }
\int_gincr:c 3621 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_decr:N #1
\int_decr:N 3622 { \tex_advance:D #1 \c_minus_one }
\int_decr:c 3623 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \int_gincr:N
\int_gdecr:N 3624 { \tex_global:D \int_incr:N }
\int_gdecr:c 3625 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \int_gdecr:N
3626 { \tex_global:D \int_decr:N }
3627 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_incr:N { c }
3628 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_decr:N { c }
3629 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gincr:N { c }
3630 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gdecr:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_incr:N` and `\int_incr:c`. These functions are documented on page 66.)

`\int_set:Nn` As integers are register-based TeX will issue an error if they are not defined. Thus there is no need for the checking code seen with token list variables.

```

\int_set:cn 3631 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_set:Nn #1#2
\int_gset:Nn 3632 { #1 ~ \__int_eval:w #2\__int_eval_end: }
\int_gset:cn 3633 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \int_gset:Nn { \tex_global:D \int_set:Nn }
3634 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_set:Nn { c }
3635 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gset:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_set:Nn` and `\int_set:cn`. These functions are documented on page 66.)

## 8.4 Using integers

`\int_use:N` Here is how counters are accessed:

```

\int_use:c 3636 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_use:N \tex_the:D

```

We hand-code this for some speed gain:

```
3637 %\cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_use:N { c }
3638 \cs_new:Npn \int_use:c #1 { \tex_the:D \cs:w #1 \cs_end: }
```

(End definition for `\int_use:N` and `\int_use:c`. These functions are documented on page 67.)

## 8.5 Integer expression conditionals

`\__prg_compare_error:` Those functions are used for comparison tests which use a simple syntax where only one set of braces is required and additional operators such as `!=` and `>=` are supported. `\__prg_compare_error:Nw` The tests first evaluate their left-hand side, with a trailing `\__prg_compare_error:`. This marker is normally not expanded, but if the relation symbol is missing from the test's argument, then the marker inserts `=` (and itself) after triggering the relevant TeX error. If the first token which appears after evaluating and removing the left-hand side is not a known relation symbol, then a judiciously placed `\__prg_compare_error:Nw` gets expanded, cleaning up the end of the test and telling the user what the problem was.

```
3639 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__prg_compare_error:
3640 {
3641   \if_int_compare:w \c_zero \c_zero \fi:
3642   =
3643   \__prg_compare_error:
3644 }
3645 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_compare_error:Nw
3646 #1#2 \q_stop
3647 {
3648   { }
3649   \c_zero \fi:
3650   \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
3651   { kernel } { unknown-comparison } {#1}
3652   \prg_return_false:
3653 }
```

(End definition for `\__prg_compare_error:` and `\__prg_compare_error:Nw`.)

<code>\int_compare_p:n</code>	Comparison tests using a simple syntax where only one set of braces is required, additional
<code>\int_compare:nTF</code>	operators such as <code>!=</code> and <code>&gt;=</code> are supported, and multiple comparisons can be performed
<code>\__int_compare:w</code>	at once, for instance <code>0 &lt; 5 &lt;= 1</code> . The idea is to loop through the argument, finding one
<code>\__int_compare:Nw</code>	operand at a time, and comparing it to the previous one. The looping auxiliary <code>\__-</code>
<code>\__int_compare:NNw</code>	<code>int_compare:Nw</code> reads one <i>operand</i> and one <i>comparison</i> symbol, and leaves roughly
<code>\__int_compare:nnN</code>	
<code>\__int_compare_end=:NNw</code>	<code>&lt;operand&gt; \prg_return_false: \fi:</code>
<code>\__int_compare=:NNw</code>	<code>\reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w &lt;operand&gt; &lt;comparison&gt;</code>
<code>\__int_compare:&lt;:NNw</code>	<code>\__int_compare:Nw</code>
<code>\__int_compare:&gt;:NNw</code>	
<code>\__int_compare==:NNw</code>	in the input stream. Each call to this auxiliary provides the second operand of the last
<code>\__int_compare!=:NNw</code>	call's <code>\if_int_compare:w</code> . If one of the <i>comparisons</i> is <code>false</code> , the <code>true</code> branch of the
<code>\__int_compare&lt;=:NNw</code>	TeX conditional is taken (because of <code>\reverse_if:N</code> ), immediately returning <code>false</code> as
<code>\__int_compare&gt;=:NNw</code>	the result of the test. There is no TeX conditional waiting the first operand, so we add an

`\if_false:` and expand by hand with `\__int_value:w`, thus skipping `\prg_return_false:` on the first iteration.

Before starting the loop, the first step is to make sure that there is at least one relation symbol. We first let TeX evaluate this left hand side of the (in)equality using `\__int_eval:w`. Since the relation symbols `<`, `>`, `=` and `!` are not allowed in integer expressions, they will terminate it. If the argument contains no relation symbol, `\__prg_compare_error:` is expanded, inserting `=` and itself after an error. In all cases, `\__int_compare:w` receives as its argument an integer, a relation symbol, and some more tokens. We then setup the loop, which will be ended by the two odd-looking items `e` and `{=nd_}`, with a trailing `\q_stop` used to grab the entire argument when necessary.

```

3654 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \int_compare:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
3655 {
3656   \exp_after:wN \__int_compare:w
3657   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 \__prg_compare_error:
3658 }
3659 \cs_new:Npn \__int_compare:w #1 \__prg_compare_error:
3660 {
3661   \exp_after:wN \if_false: \__int_value:w
3662   \__int_compare:Nw #1 e { = nd_ } \q_stop
3663 }

```

The goal here is to find an *operand* and a *comparison*. The *operand* is already evaluated, but we cannot yet grab it as an argument. To access the following relation symbol, we remove the number by applying `\__int_to_roman:w`, after making sure that the argument becomes non-positive: its roman numeral representation is then empty. Then probe the first two tokens with `\__int_compare:NNw` to determine the relation symbol, building a control sequence from it (`\token_to_str:N` gives better errors if `#1` is not a character). All the extended forms have an extra `=` hence the test for that as a second token. If the relation symbol is unknown, then the control sequence is turned by TeX into `\scan_stop:`, ignored thanks to `\unexpanded`, and `\__prg_compare_error:Nw` raises an error.

```

3664 \cs_new:Npn \__int_compare:Nw #1#2 \q_stop
3665 {
3666   \exp_after:wN \__int_compare:NNw
3667   \__int_to_roman:w - 0 #2 \q_mark
3668   #1#2 \q_stop
3669 }
3670 \cs_new:Npn \__int_compare:NNw #1#2#3 \q_mark
3671 {
3672   \etex_unexpanded:D
3673   \use:c
3674   {
3675     \__int_compare_ \token_to_str:N #1
3676     \if_meaning:w = #2 = \fi:
3677     :NNw
3678   }
3679   \__prg_compare_error:Nw #1
3680 }

```

When the last  $\langle operand \rangle$  is seen, `\__int_compare:NNw` receives `e` and `=nd_` as arguments, hence calling `\__int_compare_end=:NNw` to end the loop: return the result of the last comparison (involving the operand that we just found). When a normal relation is found, the appropriate auxiliary calls `\__int_compare:nnN` where `#1` is `\if_int_compare:w` or `\reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w`, `#2` is the  $\langle operand \rangle$ , and `#3` is one of `<`, `=`, or `>`. As announced earlier, we leave the  $\langle operand \rangle$  for the previous conditional. If this conditional is true the result of the test is known, so we remove all tokens and return `false`. Otherwise, we apply the conditional `#1` to the  $\langle operand \rangle$  `#2` and the comparison `#3`, and call `\__int_compare:Nw` to look for additional operands, after evaluating the following expression.

```

3681 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare_end=:NNw } #1#2#3 e #4 \q_stop
3682 {
3683   {#3} \exp_stop_f:
3684   \prg_return_false: \else: \prg_return_true: \fi:
3685 }
3686 \cs_new:Npn \__int_compare:nnN #1#2#3
3687 {
3688   {#2} \exp_stop_f:
3689   \prg_return_false: \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
3690   \fi:
3691   #1 #2 #3 \exp_after:wN \__int_compare:Nw \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
3692 }

```

The actual comparisons are then simple function calls, using the relation as delimiter for a delimited argument and discarding `\__prg_compare_error:Nw`  $\langle token \rangle$  responsible for error detection.

```

3693 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare=:NNw } #1#2#3 =
3694 { \__int_compare:nnN { \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w } {#3} = }
3695 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare:<:NNw } #1#2#3 <
3696 { \__int_compare:nnN { \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w } {#3} < }
3697 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare:>:NNw } #1#2#3 >
3698 { \__int_compare:nnN { \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w } {#3} > }
3699 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare==:NNw } #1#2#3 ==
3700 { \__int_compare:nnN { \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w } {#3} = }
3701 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare!=:NNw } #1#2#3 !=
3702 { \__int_compare:nnN { \if_int_compare:w } {#3} = }
3703 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare<=:NNw } #1#2#3 <=
3704 { \__int_compare:nnN { \if_int_compare:w } {#3} > }
3705 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare>=:NNw } #1#2#3 >=
3706 { \__int_compare:nnN { \if_int_compare:w } {#3} < }

```

(End definition for `\int_compare:nTF`. This function is documented on page 68.)

`\int_compare_p:nNn` More efficient but less natural in typing.

```

\int_compare:nNnTF
3707 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \int_compare:nNn #1#2#3 { p , T , F , TF }
3708 {
3709   \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #1 #2 \__int_eval:w #3 \__int_eval_end:
3710   \prg_return_true:
3711   \else:

```

```

3712     \prg_return_false:
3713     \fi:
3714 }

```

(End definition for \int\_compare:nNnTF. This function is documented on page 67.)

```

\int_case:nn For integer cases, the first task to fully expand the check condition. The over all idea is
\int_case:nnTF then much the same as for \str_case:nn(TF) as described in l3basics.
\__int_case:nnTF
\__int_case:nw
\__int_case_end:nw
3715 \cs_new:Npn \int_case:nnTF #1
3716 {
3717     \exp:w
3718     \exp_args:Nf \__int_case:nnTF { \int_eval:n {#1} }
3719 }
3720 \cs_new:Npn \int_case:nnT #1#2#3
3721 {
3722     \exp:w
3723     \exp_args:Nf \__int_case:nnTF { \int_eval:n {#1} } {#2} {#3} { }
3724 }
3725 \cs_new:Npn \int_case:nnF #1#2
3726 {
3727     \exp:w
3728     \exp_args:Nf \__int_case:nnTF { \int_eval:n {#1} } {#2} { }
3729 }
3730 \cs_new:Npn \int_case:nn #1#2
3731 {
3732     \exp:w
3733     \exp_args:Nf \__int_case:nnTF { \int_eval:n {#1} } {#2} { } { }
3734 }
3735 \cs_new:Npn \__int_case:nnTF #1#2#3#4
3736 { \__int_case:nw {#1} #2 {#1} { } \q_mark {#3} \q_mark {#4} \q_stop }
3737 \cs_new:Npn \__int_case:nw #1#2#3
3738 {
3739     \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = {#2}
3740     { \__int_case_end:nw {#3} }
3741     { \__int_case:nw {#1} }
3742 }
3743 \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_case_end:nw \__prg_case_end:nw

```

(End definition for \int\_case:nn. This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\int_if_odd_p:n A predicate function.
\int_if_odd:nTF
\int_if_even_p:n
\int_if_even:nTF
3744 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \int_if_odd:n #1 { p , T , F , TF}
3745 {
3746     \if_int_odd:w \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end:
3747     \prg_return_true:
3748     \else:
3749     \prg_return_false:
3750     \fi:
3751 }
3752 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \int_if_even:n #1 { p , T , F , TF}

```

```

3753 {
3754   \if_int_odd:w \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end:
3755   \prg_return_false:
3756   \else:
3757     \prg_return_true:
3758   \fi:
3759 }

```

(End definition for `\int_if_odd:nTF`. This function is documented on page 69.)

## 8.6 Integer expression loops

`\int_while_do:nn` These are quite easy given the above functions. The `while` versions test first and then execute the body. The `do_while` does it the other way round.

```

\int_until_do:nn
\int_do_while:nn
\int_do_until:nn
3760 \cs_new:Npn \int_while_do:nn #1#2
3761 {
3762   \int_compare:nT {#1}
3763   {
3764     #2
3765     \int_while_do:nn {#1} {#2}
3766   }
3767 }
3768 \cs_new:Npn \int_until_do:nn #1#2
3769 {
3770   \int_compare:nF {#1}
3771   {
3772     #2
3773     \int_until_do:nn {#1} {#2}
3774   }
3775 }
3776 \cs_new:Npn \int_do_while:nn #1#2
3777 {
3778   #2
3779   \int_compare:nT {#1}
3780   { \int_do_while:nn {#1} {#2} }
3781 }
3782 \cs_new:Npn \int_do_until:nn #1#2
3783 {
3784   #2
3785   \int_compare:nF {#1}
3786   { \int_do_until:nn {#1} {#2} }
3787 }

```

(End definition for `\int_while_do:nn`. This function is documented on page 70.)

`\int_while_do:nNnn` As above but not using the more natural syntax.

```

\int_until_do:nNnn
\int_do_while:nNnn
\int_do_until:nNnn
3788 \cs_new:Npn \int_while_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
3789 {
3790   \int_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
3791   {

```

```

3792         #4
3793         \int_while_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
3794     }
3795 }
3796 \cs_new:Npn \int_until_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
3797 {
3798     \int_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
3799     {
3800         #4
3801         \int_until_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
3802     }
3803 }
3804 \cs_new:Npn \int_do_while:nNnn #1#2#3#4
3805 {
3806     #4
3807     \int_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
3808     { \int_do_while:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
3809 }
3810 \cs_new:Npn \int_do_until:nNnn #1#2#3#4
3811 {
3812     #4
3813     \int_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
3814     { \int_do_until:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
3815 }

```

(End definition for `\int_while_do:nNnn`. This function is documented on page 70.)

## 8.7 Integer step functions

`\int_step_function:nnnN` Before all else, evaluate the initial value, step, and final value. Repeating a function by steps first needs a check on the direction of the steps. After that, do the function for the start value then step and loop around. It would be more symmetrical to test for a step size of zero before checking the sign, but we optimize for the most frequent case (positive step).

```

3816 \cs_new:Npn \int_step_function:nnnN #1#2#3
3817 {
3818     \exp_after:wN \__int_step:wwwN
3819     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
3820     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #2 \exp_after:wN ;
3821     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #3 ;
3822 }
3823 \cs_new:Npn \__int_step:wwwN #1; #2; #3; #4
3824 {
3825     \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} > \c_zero
3826     { \__int_step:NnnnN > }
3827     {
3828         \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} = \c_zero
3829         {
3830             \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { zero-step } {#4}

```

```

3831         \use_none:nnnn
3832     }
3833     { \__int_step:NnnnN < }
3834 }
3835 {#1} {#2} {#3} #4
3836 }
3837 \cs_new:Npn \__int_step:NnnnN #1#2#3#4#5
3838 {
3839     \int_compare:nNf {#2} #1 {#4}
3840     {
3841         #5 {#2}
3842         \exp_args:Nnf \__int_step:NnnnN
3843             #1 { \int_eval:n { #2 + #3 } } {#3} {#4} #5
3844     }
3845 }

```

(End definition for \int\_step\_function:nnnN. This function is documented on page 71.)

```

\int_step_inline:nnnn
\int_step_variable:nnnNn
\__int_step:NNnnnn

```

The approach here is to build a function, with a global integer required to make the nesting safe (as seen in other in line functions), and map that function using \int\_step\_function:nnnN. We put a \\_\_prg\_break\_point:Nn so that map\_break functions from other modules correctly decrement \g\_\_prg\_map\_int before looking for their own break point. The first argument is \scan\_stop:, so no breaking function will recognize this break point as its own.

```

3846 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \int_step_inline:nnnn
3847 {
3848     \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
3849     \exp_args:NNc \__int_step:NNnnnn
3850     \cs_gset_nopar:Npn
3851         { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
3852 }
3853 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_step_variable:nnnNn #1#2#3#4#5
3854 {
3855     \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
3856     \exp_args:NNc \__int_step:NNnnnn
3857     \cs_gset_nopar:Npx
3858         { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
3859     {#1}{#2}{#3}
3860     {
3861         \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N #4 {##1}
3862         \exp_not:n {#5}
3863     }
3864 }
3865 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__int_step:NNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
3866 {
3867     #1 #2 ##1 {#6}
3868     \int_step_function:nnnN {#3} {#4} {#5} #2
3869     \__prg_break_point:Nn \scan_stop: { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
3870 }

```

(End definition for \int\_step\_inline:nnnn. This function is documented on page 71.)



## 8.8 Formatting integers

`\int_to_arabic:n` Nothing exciting here.

```
3871 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_to_arabic:n \int_eval:n
```

(End definition for `\int_to_arabic:n`. This function is documented on page 71.)

`\int_to_symbols:nnn` For conversion of integers to arbitrary symbols the method is in general as follows. The input number (#1) is compared to the total number of symbols available at each place (#2). If the input is larger than the total number of symbols available then the modulus is needed, with one added so that the positions don't have to number from zero. Using an f-type expansion, this is done so that the system is recursive. The actual conversion function therefore gets a 'nice' number at each stage. Of course, if the initial input was small enough then there is no problem and everything is easy.

`\__int_to_symbols:nnnn`

```
3872 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_symbols:nnn #1#2#3
3873 {
3874   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} > {#2}
3875   {
3876     \exp_args:NNo \exp_args:No \__int_to_symbols:nnnn
3877     {
3878       \int_case:nn
3879       { 1 + \int_mod:nn { #1 - 1 } {#2} }
3880       {#3}
3881     }
3882     {#1} {#2} {#3}
3883   }
3884   { \int_case:nn {#1} {#3} }
3885 }
3886 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_symbols:nnnn #1#2#3#4
3887 {
3888   \exp_args:Nf \int_to_symbols:nnn
3889   { \int_div_truncate:nn { #2 - 1 } {#3} } {#3} {#4}
3890   #1
3891 }
```

(End definition for `\int_to_symbols:nnn`. This function is documented on page 72.)

`\int_to_alph:n` These both use the above function with input functions that make sense for the alphabet in English.

`\int_to_Alph:n`

```
3892 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_alph:n #1
3893 {
3894   \int_to_symbols:nnn {#1} { 26 }
3895   {
3896     { 1 } { a }
3897     { 2 } { b }
3898     { 3 } { c }
3899     { 4 } { d }
3900     { 5 } { e }
3901     { 6 } { f }
3902     { 7 } { g }
```

```

3903         { 8 } { h }
3904         { 9 } { i }
3905         { 10 } { j }
3906         { 11 } { k }
3907         { 12 } { l }
3908         { 13 } { m }
3909         { 14 } { n }
3910         { 15 } { o }
3911         { 16 } { p }
3912         { 17 } { q }
3913         { 18 } { r }
3914         { 19 } { s }
3915         { 20 } { t }
3916         { 21 } { u }
3917         { 22 } { v }
3918         { 23 } { w }
3919         { 24 } { x }
3920         { 25 } { y }
3921         { 26 } { z }
3922     }
3923 }
3924 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_Alph:n #1
3925 {
3926     \int_to_symbols:nnn {#1} { 26 }
3927     {
3928         { 1 } { A }
3929         { 2 } { B }
3930         { 3 } { C }
3931         { 4 } { D }
3932         { 5 } { E }
3933         { 6 } { F }
3934         { 7 } { G }
3935         { 8 } { H }
3936         { 9 } { I }
3937         { 10 } { J }
3938         { 11 } { K }
3939         { 12 } { L }
3940         { 13 } { M }
3941         { 14 } { N }
3942         { 15 } { O }
3943         { 16 } { P }
3944         { 17 } { Q }
3945         { 18 } { R }
3946         { 19 } { S }
3947         { 20 } { T }
3948         { 21 } { U }
3949         { 22 } { V }
3950         { 23 } { W }
3951         { 24 } { X }
3952         { 25 } { Y }

```

```

3953         { 26 } { Z }
3954     }
3955 }

```

(End definition for `\int_to_alph:n` and `\int_to_Alph:n`. These functions are documented on page 72.)

```

\int_to_base:nn \int_to_Base:nn
\__int_to_base:nn \__int_to_Base:nn
\__int_to_base:nnN \__int_to_Base:nnN
\__int_to_base:nnnN \__int_to_Base:nnnN
\__int_to_letter:n \__int_to_Letter:n

```

Converting from base ten (#1) to a second base (#2) starts with computing #1: if it is a complicated calculation, we shouldn't perform it twice. Then check the sign, store it, either - or `\c_empty_tl`, and feed the absolute value to the next auxiliary function.

```

3956 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_base:nn #1
3957 { \exp_args:Nf \__int_to_base:nn { \int_eval:n {#1} } }
3958 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_Base:nn #1
3959 { \exp_args:Nf \__int_to_Base:nn { \int_eval:n {#1} } }
3960 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_base:nn #1#2
3961 {
3962   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < \c_zero
3963   { \exp_args:No \__int_to_base:nnN { \use_none:n #1 } {#2} - }
3964   { \__int_to_base:nnN {#1} {#2} \c_empty_tl }
3965 }
3966 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Base:nn #1#2
3967 {
3968   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < \c_zero
3969   { \exp_args:No \__int_to_Base:nnN { \use_none:n #1 } {#2} - }
3970   { \__int_to_Base:nnN {#1} {#2} \c_empty_tl }
3971 }

```

Here, the idea is to provide a recursive system to deal with the input. The output is built up after the end of the function. At each pass, the value in #1 is checked to see if it is less than the new base (#2). If it is, then it is converted directly, putting the sign back in front. On the other hand, if the value to convert is greater than or equal to the new base then the modulus and remainder values are found. The modulus is converted to a symbol and put on the right, and the remainder is carried forward to the next round.

```

3972 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_base:nnN #1#2#3
3973 {
3974   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < {#2}
3975   { \exp_last_unbraced:Nf #3 { \__int_to_letter:n {#1} } }
3976   {
3977     \exp_args:Nf \__int_to_base:nnnN
3978     { \__int_to_letter:n { \int_mod:nn {#1} {#2} } }
3979     {#1}
3980     {#2}
3981     #3
3982   }
3983 }
3984 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_base:nnnN #1#2#3#4
3985 {
3986   \exp_args:Nf \__int_to_base:nnN
3987   { \int_div_truncate:nn {#2} {#3} }
3988   {#3}
3989   #4

```

```

3990     #1
3991   }
3992   \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Base:nnN #1#2#3
3993   {
3994     \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < {#2}
3995     { \exp_last_unbraced:Nf #3 { \__int_to_Letter:n {#1} } }
3996     {
3997       \exp_args:Nf \__int_to_Base:nnnN
3998       { \__int_to_Letter:n { \int_mod:nn {#1} {#2} } }
3999       {#1}
4000       {#2}
4001       #3
4002     }
4003   }
4004   \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Base:nnnN #1#2#3#4
4005   {
4006     \exp_args:Nf \__int_to_Base:nnN
4007     { \int_div_truncate:nn {#2} {#3} }
4008     {#3}
4009     #4
4010     #1
4011   }

```

Convert to a letter only if necessary, otherwise simply return the value unchanged. It would be cleaner to use `\int_case:nn`, but in our case, the cases are contiguous, so it is forty times faster to use the `\if_case:w` primitive. The first `\exp_after:wN` expands the conditional, jumping to the correct case, the second one expands after the resulting character to close the conditional. Since `#1` might be an expression, and not directly a single digit, we need to evaluate it properly, and expand the trailing `\fi:`.

```

4012   \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_letter:n #1
4013   {
4014     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
4015     \if_case:w \__int_eval:w #1 - \c_ten \__int_eval_end:
4016       a
4017     \or: b
4018     \or: c
4019     \or: d
4020     \or: e
4021     \or: f
4022     \or: g
4023     \or: h
4024     \or: i
4025     \or: j
4026     \or: k
4027     \or: l
4028     \or: m
4029     \or: n
4030     \or: o
4031     \or: p
4032     \or: q

```

```

4033     \or: r
4034     \or: s
4035     \or: t
4036     \or: u
4037     \or: v
4038     \or: w
4039     \or: x
4040     \or: y
4041     \or: z
4042     \else: \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN \__int_eval_end:
4043     \fi:
4044 }
4045 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Letter:n #1
4046 {
4047     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
4048     \if_case:w \__int_eval:w #1 - \c_ten \__int_eval_end:
4049         A
4050     \or: B
4051     \or: C
4052     \or: D
4053     \or: E
4054     \or: F
4055     \or: G
4056     \or: H
4057     \or: I
4058     \or: J
4059     \or: K
4060     \or: L
4061     \or: M
4062     \or: N
4063     \or: O
4064     \or: P
4065     \or: Q
4066     \or: R
4067     \or: S
4068     \or: T
4069     \or: U
4070     \or: V
4071     \or: W
4072     \or: X
4073     \or: Y
4074     \or: Z
4075     \else: \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN \__int_eval_end:
4076     \fi:
4077 }

```

(End definition for `\int_to_base:nn` and `\int_to_Base:nn`. These functions are documented on page 73.)

`\int_to_bin:n` Wrappers around the generic function.  
`\int_to_hex:n`  
`\int_to_Hex:n`  
`\int_to_oct:n`

```

4078 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_bin:n #1
4079   { \int_to_base:nn {#1} { 2 } }
4080 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_hex:n #1
4081   { \int_to_base:nn {#1} { 16 } }
4082 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_Hex:n #1
4083   { \int_to_Base:nn {#1} { 16 } }
4084 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_oct:n #1
4085   { \int_to_base:nn {#1} { 8 } }

```

(End definition for `\int_to_bin:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 72.)

```

\int_to_roman:n The \__int_to_roman:w primitive creates tokens of category code 12 (other). Usually,
\int_to_Roman:n what is actually wanted is letters. The approach here is to convert the output of the
                  primitive into letters using appropriate control sequence names. That keeps everything
                  expandable. The loop will be terminated by the conversion of the Q.
__int_to_roman:N
__int_to_roman:N
__int_to_roman_i:w 4086 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_roman:n #1
__int_to_roman_v:w 4087   {
__int_to_roman_x:w 4088     \exp_after:wN \__int_to_roman:N
__int_to_roman_l:w 4089     \__int_to_roman:w \int_eval:n {#1} Q
__int_to_roman_c:w 4090   }
__int_to_roman_d:w 4091 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_roman:N #1
__int_to_roman_m:w 4092   {
__int_to_roman_Q:w 4093     \use:c { __int_to_roman_ #1 :w }
__int_to_Roman_i:w 4094     \__int_to_roman:N
__int_to_Roman_v:w 4095   }
__int_to_Roman_x:w 4096 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_Roman:n #1
__int_to_Roman_l:w 4097   {
__int_to_Roman_c:w 4098     \exp_after:wN \__int_to_Roman_aux:N
__int_to_Roman_d:w 4099     \__int_to_roman:w \int_eval:n {#1} Q
__int_to_Roman_m:w 4100   }
__int_to_Roman_Q:w 4101 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Roman_aux:N #1
                  4102   {
                  4103     \use:c { __int_to_Roman_ #1 :w }
                  4104     \__int_to_Roman_aux:N
                  4105   }
4106 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_i:w { i }
4107 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_v:w { v }
4108 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_x:w { x }
4109 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_l:w { l }
4110 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_c:w { c }
4111 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_d:w { d }
4112 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_m:w { m }
4113 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_Q:w #1 { }
4114 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_Roman_i:w { I }
4115 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_Roman_v:w { V }
4116 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_Roman_x:w { X }
4117 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_Roman_l:w { L }
4118 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_Roman_c:w { C }
4119 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_Roman_d:w { D }
4120 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_Roman_m:w { M }

```

```
4121 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Roman_Q:w #1 { }
```

(End definition for `\int_to_roman:n` and `\int_to_Roman:n`. These functions are documented on page 73.)

## 8.9 Converting from other formats to integers

```
\__int_pass_signs:wn
\__int_pass_signs_end:wn
```

Called as `\__int_pass_signs:wn <signs and digits> \q_stop {<code>}`, this function leaves in the input stream any sign it finds, then inserts the `<code>` before the first non-sign token (and removes `\q_stop`). More precisely, it deletes any `+` and passes any `-` to the input stream, hence should be called in an integer expression.

```
4122 \cs_new:Npn \__int_pass_signs:wn #1
4123 {
4124   \if:w + \if:w - \exp_not:N #1 + \fi: \exp_not:N #1
4125   \exp_after:wN \__int_pass_signs:wn
4126   \else:
4127     \exp_after:wN \__int_pass_signs_end:wn
4128     \exp_after:wN #1
4129   \fi:
4130 }
4131 \cs_new:Npn \__int_pass_signs_end:wn #1 \q_stop #2 { #2 #1 }
```

(End definition for `\__int_pass_signs:wn` and `\__int_pass_signs_end:wn`.)

```
\int_from_alph:n
\__int_from_alph:nN
\__int_from_alph:N
```

First take care of signs then loop through the input using the recursion quarks. The `\_int\_from\_alph:nN` auxiliary collects in its first argument the value obtained so far, and the auxiliary `\_int\_from\_alph:N` converts one letter to an expression which evaluates to the correct number.

```
4132 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_alph:n #1
4133 {
4134   \int_eval:n
4135   {
4136     \exp_after:wN \__int_pass_signs:wn \tl_to_str:n {#1}
4137     \q_stop { \__int_from_alph:nN { 0 } }
4138     \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
4139   }
4140 }
4141 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_alph:nN #1#2
4142 {
4143   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #2 {#1}
4144   \exp_args:Nf \__int_from_alph:nN
4145   { \int_eval:n { #1 * 26 + \__int_from_alph:N #2 } }
4146 }
4147 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_alph:N #1
4148 { '#1 - \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } < { 91 } { 64 } { 96 } }
```

(End definition for `\int_from_alph:n`. This function is documented on page 73.)

`\int_from_base:nn` Leave the signs into the integer expression, then loop through characters, collecting the value found so far in the first argument of `\__int_from_base:nnN`. To convert a single character, `\__int_from_base:N` checks first for digits, then distinguishes lower from upper case letters, turning them into the appropriate number. Note that this auxiliary does not use `\int_eval:n`, hence is not safe for general use.

```

4149 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_base:nn #1#2
4150 {
4151   \int_eval:n
4152   {
4153     \exp_after:wN \__int_pass_signs:wn \tl_to_str:n {#1}
4154     \q_stop { \__int_from_base:nnN { 0 } {#2} }
4155     \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
4156   }
4157 }
4158 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_base:nnN #1#2#3
4159 {
4160   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #3 {#1}
4161   \exp_args:Nf \__int_from_base:nnN
4162   { \int_eval:n { #1 * #2 + \__int_from_base:N #3 } }
4163   {#2}
4164 }
4165 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_base:N #1
4166 {
4167   \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } < { 58 }
4168   {#1}
4169   { '#1 - \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } < { 91 } { 55 } { 87 } }
4170 }

```

(End definition for `\int_from_base:nn`. This function is documented on page 74.)

`\int_from_bin:n` Wrappers around the generic function.

```

\int_from_hex:n
\int_from_oct:n
4171 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_bin:n #1
4172 { \int_from_base:nn {#1} \c_two }
4173 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_hex:n #1
4174 { \int_from_base:nn {#1} \c_sixteen }
4175 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_oct:n #1
4176 { \int_from_base:nn {#1} \c_eight }

```

(End definition for `\int_from_bin:n`, `\int_from_hex:n`, and `\int_from_oct:n`. These functions are documented on page 73.)

`\c__int_from_roman_i_int` Constants used to convert from Roman numerals to integers.

```

\c__int_from_roman_v_int
\c__int_from_roman_x_int
\c__int_from_roman_l_int
\c__int_from_roman_c_int
\c__int_from_roman_d_int
\c__int_from_roman_m_int
\c__int_from_roman_I_int
\c__int_from_roman_V_int
\c__int_from_roman_X_int
\c__int_from_roman_L_int
\c__int_from_roman_C_int
\c__int_from_roman_D_int
\c__int_from_roman_M_int
4177 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_i_int } { 1 }
4178 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_v_int } { 5 }
4179 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_x_int } { 10 }
4180 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_l_int } { 50 }
4181 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_c_int } { 100 }
4182 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_d_int } { 500 }
4183 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_m_int } { 1000 }
4184 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_I_int } { 1 }

```



```

4185 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_V_int } { 5 }
4186 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_X_int } { 10 }
4187 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_L_int } { 50 }
4188 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_C_int } { 100 }
4189 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_D_int } { 500 }
4190 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_M_int } { 1000 }

```

(End definition for `\c__int_from_roman_i_int` and others. These variables are documented on page ??.)

`\int_from_roman:n` The method here is to iterate through the input, finding the appropriate value for each letter and building up a sum. This is then evaluated by  $\text{\TeX}$ . If any unknown letter is found, skip to the closing parenthesis and insert `*0-1` afterwards, to replace the value by `-1`.

```

4191 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_roman:n #1
4192 {
4193   \int_eval:n
4194   {
4195     (
4196       \c_zero
4197       \exp_after:wN \__int_from_roman:NN \tl_to_str:n {#1}
4198       \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
4199     )
4200   }
4201 }
4202 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_roman:NN #1#2
4203 {
4204   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N #1
4205   \int_if_exist:cF { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int }
4206   { \__int_from_roman_error:w }
4207   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #2
4208   { + \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int } }
4209   \int_if_exist:cF { c__int_from_roman_ #2 _int }
4210   { \__int_from_roman_error:w }
4211   \int_compare:nNnTF
4212   { \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int } }
4213   <
4214   { \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #2 _int } }
4215   {
4216     + \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #2 _int }
4217     - \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int }
4218     \__int_from_roman:NN
4219   }
4220   {
4221     + \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int }
4222     \__int_from_roman:NN #2
4223   }
4224 }
4225 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_roman_error:w #1 \q_recursion_stop #2
4226 { #2 * \c_zero - \c_one }

```

(End definition for `\int_from_roman:n`. This function is documented on page 74.)

## 8.10 Viewing integer

`\int_show:N` This is very similar to other registers done using `\__kernel_register_show:N`, but differs because the variable `#1` may be `\currentgrouplevel` or `\currentgrouptype`, in which case the value must be expanded in the current scope rather than when processing `\iow_wrap:nnnN`.

```

4227 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_show:N #1
4228 {
4229   \use:x
4230   {
4231     \exp_not:n
4232     { \__msg_show_variable:NNNnn #1 \cs_if_exist:NTF ? { } }
4233     { > ~ \token_to_str:N #1 = \tex_the:D #1 }
4234   }
4235 }
4236 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_show:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_show:N` and `\int_show:c`. These functions are documented on page 74.)

`\int_show:n` We don't use the TeX primitive `\showthe` to show integer expressions: this gives a more unified output.

```

4237 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \int_show:n
4238 { \__msg_show_wrap:Nn \int_eval:n }

```

(End definition for `\int_show:n`. This function is documented on page 74.)

## 8.11 Constant integers

`\c_minus_one` This is needed early, and so is in `l3basics`

(End definition for `\c_minus_one`. This variable is documented on page 75.)

`\c_zero` Again, in `l3basics`

`\c_sixteen` (End definition for `\c_zero` and `\c_sixteen`. These variables are documented on page 75.)

`\c_one` Low-number values not previously defined.

```

\c_two 4239 \int_const:Nn \c_one { 1 }
\c_three 4240 \int_const:Nn \c_two { 2 }
\c_four 4241 \int_const:Nn \c_three { 3 }
\c_five 4242 \int_const:Nn \c_four { 4 }
\c_six 4243 \int_const:Nn \c_five { 5 }
\c_seven 4244 \int_const:Nn \c_six { 6 }
\c_eight 4245 \int_const:Nn \c_seven { 7 }
\c_nine 4246 \int_const:Nn \c_eight { 8 }
\c_ten 4247 \int_const:Nn \c_nine { 9 }
\c_eleven 4248 \int_const:Nn \c_ten { 10 }
\c_twelve 4249 \int_const:Nn \c_eleven { 11 }
\c_thirteen
\c_fourteen
\c_fifteen

```

```

4250 \int_const:Nn \c_twelve { 12 }
4251 \int_const:Nn \c_thirteen { 13 }
4252 \int_const:Nn \c_fourteen { 14 }
4253 \int_const:Nn \c_fifteen { 15 }

```

(End definition for `\c_one` and others. These variables are documented on page 75.)

`\c_thirty_two` One middling value.

```

4254 \int_const:Nn \c_thirty_two { 32 }

```

(End definition for `\c_thirty_two`. This variable is documented on page 75.)

`\c_two_hundred_fifty_five` Two classic mid-range integer constants.

```

\c_two_hundred_fifty_six 4255 \int_const:Nn \c_two_hundred_fifty_five { 255 }
4256 \int_const:Nn \c_two_hundred_fifty_six { 256 }

```

(End definition for `\c_two_hundred_fifty_five` and `\c_two_hundred_fifty_six`. These variables are documented on page 75.)

`\c_one_hundred` Simple runs of powers of ten.

```

\c_one_thousand 4257 \int_const:Nn \c_one_hundred { 100 }
\c_ten_thousand 4258 \int_const:Nn \c_one_thousand { 1000 }
4259 \int_const:Nn \c_ten_thousand { 10000 }

```

(End definition for `\c_one_hundred`, `\c_one_thousand`, and `\c_ten_thousand`. These variables are documented on page 75.)

`\c_max_int` The largest number allowed is  $2^{31} - 1$

```

4260 \int_const:Nn \c_max_int { 2 147 483 647 }

```

(End definition for `\c_max_int`. This variable is documented on page 75.)

## 8.12 Scratch integers

`\l_tmpa_int` We provide two local and two global scratch counters, maybe we need more or less.

```

\l_tmpb_int 4261 \int_new:N \l_tmpa_int
\g_tmpa_int 4262 \int_new:N \l_tmpb_int
\g_tmpb_int 4263 \int_new:N \g_tmpa_int
4264 \int_new:N \g_tmpb_int

```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_int` and `\l_tmpb_int`. These variables are documented on page 75.)

## 8.13 Deprecated functions

```

\int_to_binary:n    Deprecated 2014-02-11.
\int_from_binary:n  4265 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_to_binary:n    \int_to_bin:n
\int_to_hexadecimal:n 4266 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_to_hexadecimal:n \int_to_Hex:n
\int_from_hexadecimal:n 4267 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_to_octal:n    \int_to_oct:n
\int_to_octal:n      4268 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_from_binary:n    \int_from_bin:n
\int_from_octal:n    4269 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_from_hexadecimal:n \int_from_hex:n
                     4270 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_from_octal:n    \int_from_oct:n

```

(End definition for `\int_to_binary:n` and `\int_from_binary:n`. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```
4271 </initex | package>
```

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```
4272 <*initex | package>
```

```
4273 <@@=dim>
```

### 9.1 Length primitives renamed

```

\if_dim:w    Primitives renamed.
\__dim_eval:w 4274 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_dim:w    \tex_ifdim:D
\__dim_eval_end: 4275 \cs_new_eq:NN \__dim_eval:w    \etex_dimexpr:D
                4276 \cs_new_eq:NN \__dim_eval_end:    \tex_relax:D

```

(End definition for `\if_dim:w`. This function is documented on page 92.)

### 9.2 Creating and initialising dim variables

```

\dim_new:N    Allocating <dim> registers ...
\dim_new:c    4277 <*package>
              4278 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_new:N #1
              4279 {
              4280     \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
              4281     \cs:w newdimen \cs_end: #1
              4282 }
              4283 </package>
              4284 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\dim_new:N` and `\dim_new:c`. These functions are documented on page 78.)

```

\dim_const:Nn Contrarily to integer constants, we cannot avoid using a register, even for constants.
\dim_const:cn 4285 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_const:Nn #1
              4286 {
              4287     \dim_new:N #1
              4288     \dim_gset:Nn #1
              4289 }
              4290 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_const:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\dim_const:Nn` and `\dim_const:cn`. These functions are documented on page 78.)

```

\dim_zero:N Reset the register to zero.
\dim_zero:c 4291 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_zero:N #1 { #1 \c_zero_dim }
\dim_gzero:N 4292 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gzero:N { \tex_global:D \dim_zero:N }
\dim_gzero:c 4293 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_zero:N { c }
4294 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gzero:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\dim_zero:N` and `\dim_gzero:c`. These functions are documented on page 78.)

```

\dim_zero_new:N Create a register if needed, otherwise clear it.
\dim_zero_new:c 4295 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_zero_new:N #1
\dim_gzero_new:N 4296 { \dim_if_exist:NTF #1 { \dim_zero:N #1 } { \dim_new:N #1 } }
\dim_gzero_new:c 4297 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gzero_new:N #1
4298 { \dim_if_exist:NTF #1 { \dim_gzero:N #1 } { \dim_new:N #1 } }
4299 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_zero_new:N { c }
4300 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gzero_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\dim_zero_new:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 78.)

```

\dim_if_exist_p:N Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.
\dim_if_exist_p:c 4301 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \dim_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N
\dim_if_exist:NTF 4302 { TF , T , F , p }
\dim_if_exist:cTF 4303 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \dim_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c
4304 { TF , T , F , p }

```

(End definition for `\dim_if_exist:NTF` and `\dim_if_exist:cTF`. These functions are documented on page 78.)

### 9.3 Setting dim variables

```

\dim_set:Nn Setting dimensions is easy enough.
\dim_set:cn 4305 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_set:Nn #1#2
\dim_gset:Nn 4306 { #1 ~ \_dim_eval:w #2 \_dim_eval_end: }
\dim_gset:cn 4307 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gset:Nn { \tex_global:D \dim_set:Nn }
4308 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_set:Nn { c }
4309 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gset:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\dim_set:Nn` and `\dim_set:cn`. These functions are documented on page 79.)

```

\dim_set_eq:NN All straightforward.
\dim_set_eq:cN 4310 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_set_eq:NN #1#2 { #1 = #2 }
\dim_set_eq:Nc 4311 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_set_eq:NN { c }
\dim_set_eq:cc 4312 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_set_eq:NN { Nc , cc }
\dim_gset_eq:NN 4313 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gset_eq:NN #1#2 { \tex_global:D #1 = #2 }
\dim_gset_eq:cN 4314 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gset_eq:NN { c }
\dim_gset_eq:Nc 4315 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gset_eq:NN { Nc , cc }
\dim_gset_eq:cc

```

(End definition for `\dim_set_eq:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 79.)

```

\dim_add:Nn Using by here deals with the (incorrect) case \dimen123.
\dim_add:cn 4316 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_add:Nn #1#2
\dim_gadd:Nn 4317 { \tex_advance:D #1 by \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: }
\dim_gadd:cn 4318 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gadd:Nn { \tex_global:D \dim_add:Nn }
\dim_sub:Nn 4319 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_add:Nn { c }
\dim_sub:cn 4320 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gadd:Nn { c }
\dim_gsub:Nn 4321 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_sub:Nn #1#2
\dim_gsub:cn 4322 { \tex_advance:D #1 by - \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: }
4323 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gsub:Nn { \tex_global:D \dim_sub:Nn }
4324 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_sub:Nn { c }
4325 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gsub:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\dim_add:Nn` and `\dim_add:cn`. These functions are documented on page 79.)

## 9.4 Utilities for dimension calculations

```

\dim_abs:n Functions for min, max, and absolute value with only one evaluation. The absolute value
\__dim_abs:N is evaluated by removing a leading - if present.
\dim_max:nn 4326 \cs_new:Npn \dim_abs:n #1
\dim_min:nn 4327 {
\__dim_maxmin:wwN 4328 \exp_after:wN \__dim_abs:N
4329 \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end:
4330 }
4331 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_abs:N #1
4332 { \if_meaning:w - #1 \else: \exp_after:wN #1 \fi: }
4333 \cs_set:Npn \dim_max:nn #1#2
4334 {
4335 \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w \exp_after:wN \__dim_maxmin:wwN
4336 \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
4337 \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #2 ;
4338 >
4339 \__dim_eval_end:
4340 }
4341 \cs_set:Npn \dim_min:nn #1#2
4342 {
4343 \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w \exp_after:wN \__dim_maxmin:wwN
4344 \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
4345 \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #2 ;
4346 <
4347 \__dim_eval_end:
4348 }
4349 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_maxmin:wwN #1 ; #2 ; #3
4350 {
4351 \if_dim:w #1 #3 #2 ~
4352 #1
4353 \else:
4354 #2
4355 \fi:
4356 }

```

(End definition for `\dim_abs:n`. This function is documented on page 79.)

`\dim_ratio:nn` With dimension expressions, something like `10 pt * ( 5 pt / 10 pt )` will not work. Instead, the ratio part needs to be converted to an integer expression. Using `\__int_value:w` forces everything into `sp`, avoiding any decimal parts.

```
4357 \cs_new:Npn \dim_ratio:nn #1#2
4358   { \__dim_ratio:n {#1} / \__dim_ratio:n {#2} }
4359 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_ratio:n #1
4360   { \__int_value:w \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: }
```

(End definition for `\dim_ratio:nn`. This function is documented on page 80.)

## 9.5 Dimension expression conditionals

`\dim_compare_p:nNn` Simple comparison.

```
\dim_compare:nNnTF
4361 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \dim_compare:nNn #1#2#3 { p , T , F , TF }
4362 {
4363   \if_dim:w \__dim_eval:w #1 #2 \__dim_eval:w #3 \__dim_eval_end:
4364   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
4365 }
```

(End definition for `\dim_compare:nNnTF`. This function is documented on page 80.)

`\dim_compare_p:n` This code is adapted from the `\int_compare:nTF` function. First make sure that there is at least one relation operator, by evaluating a dimension expression with a trailing `\__prg_compare_error:`. Just like for integers, the looping auxiliary `\__dim_compare:wNN` closes a primitive conditional and opens a new one. It is actually easier to grab a dimension operand than an integer one, because once evaluated, dimensions all end with `pt` (with category other). Thus we do not need specific auxiliaries for the three “simple” relations `<`, `=`, and `>`.

```
\dim_compare_p:n
\dim_compare:nTF
\__dim_compare:w
\__dim_compare:wNN
\__dim_compare:=:w
\__dim_compare_!:w
\__dim_compare_<:w
\__dim_compare_>:w
4366 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \dim_compare:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
4367 {
4368   \exp_after:wN \__dim_compare:w
4369   \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #1 \__prg_compare_error:
4370 }
4371 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_compare:w #1 \__prg_compare_error:
4372 {
4373   \exp_after:wN \if_false: \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
4374   \__dim_compare:wNN #1 ? { = \__dim_compare_end:w \else: } \q_stop
4375 }
4376 \exp_args:Nno \use:nn
4377 { \cs_new:Npn \__dim_compare:wNN #1 }
4378 { \tl_to_str:n {pt} }
4379 #2#3
4380 {
4381   \if_meaning:w = #3
4382   \use:c { __dim_compare_#2:w }
4383   \fi:
4384   #1 pt \exp_stop_f:
```

```

4385     \prg_return_false:
4386     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
4387     \fi:
4388     \reverse_if:N \if_dim:w #1 pt #2
4389     \exp_after:wN \__dim_compare:wNN
4390     \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #3
4391   }
4392   \cs_new:cpn { __dim_compare_ ! :w }
4393     #1 \reverse_if:N #2 ! #3 = { #1 #2 = #3 }
4394   \cs_new:cpn { __dim_compare_ = :w }
4395     #1 \__dim_eval:w = { #1 \__dim_eval:w }
4396   \cs_new:cpn { __dim_compare_ < :w }
4397     #1 \reverse_if:N #2 < #3 = { #1 #2 > #3 }
4398   \cs_new:cpn { __dim_compare_ > :w }
4399     #1 \reverse_if:N #2 > #3 = { #1 #2 < #3 }
4400   \cs_new:Npn \__dim_compare_end:w #1 \prg_return_false: #2 \q_stop
4401     { #1 \prg_return_false: \else: \prg_return_true: \fi: }

```

(End definition for \dim\_compare:nnTF. This function is documented on page 81.)

\dim\_case:nn For dimension cases, the first task to fully expand the check condition. The over all idea is then much the same as for \str\_case:nn(TF) as described in l3basics.

```

\dim_case:nnTF
\__dim_case:nnTF
\__dim_case:nw
\__dim_case_end:nw
4402 \cs_new:Npn \dim_case:nnTF #1
4403   {
4404     \exp:w
4405     \exp_args:Nf \__dim_case:nnTF { \dim_eval:n {#1} }
4406   }
4407 \cs_new:Npn \dim_case:nnT #1#2#3
4408   {
4409     \exp:w
4410     \exp_args:Nf \__dim_case:nnTF { \dim_eval:n {#1} } {#2} {#3} { }
4411   }
4412 \cs_new:Npn \dim_case:nnF #1#2
4413   {
4414     \exp:w
4415     \exp_args:Nf \__dim_case:nnTF { \dim_eval:n {#1} } {#2} { }
4416   }
4417 \cs_new:Npn \dim_case:nn #1#2
4418   {
4419     \exp:w
4420     \exp_args:Nf \__dim_case:nnTF { \dim_eval:n {#1} } {#2} { } { }
4421   }
4422 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_case:nnTF #1#2#3#4
4423   { \__dim_case:nw {#1} #2 {#1} { } \q_mark {#3} \q_mark {#4} \q_stop }
4424 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_case:nw #1#2#3
4425   {
4426     \dim_compare:nNnTF {#1} = {#2}
4427     { \__dim_case_end:nw {#3} }
4428     { \__dim_case:nw {#1} }
4429   }

```



```
4430 \cs_new_eq:NN \__dim_case_end:nw \__prg_case_end:nw
```

(End definition for `\dim_case:nn`. This function is documented on page ??.)

## 9.6 Dimension expression loops

`\dim_while_do:nn` `while_do` and `do_while` functions for dimensions. Same as for the `int` type only the names have changed.

```
\dim_until_do:nn
\dim_do_while:nn
\dim_do_until:nn
4431 \cs_set:Npn \dim_while_do:nn #1#2
4432 {
4433   \dim_compare:nT {#1}
4434   {
4435     #2
4436     \dim_while_do:nn {#1} {#2}
4437   }
4438 }
4439 \cs_set:Npn \dim_until_do:nn #1#2
4440 {
4441   \dim_compare:nF {#1}
4442   {
4443     #2
4444     \dim_until_do:nn {#1} {#2}
4445   }
4446 }
4447 \cs_set:Npn \dim_do_while:nn #1#2
4448 {
4449   #2
4450   \dim_compare:nT {#1}
4451   { \dim_do_while:nn {#1} {#2} }
4452 }
4453 \cs_set:Npn \dim_do_until:nn #1#2
4454 {
4455   #2
4456   \dim_compare:nF {#1}
4457   { \dim_do_until:nn {#1} {#2} }
4458 }
```

(End definition for `\dim_while_do:nn`. This function is documented on page 83.)

`\dim_while_do:nNnn` `while_do` and `do_while` functions for dimensions. Same as for the `int` type only the names have changed.

```
\dim_until_do:nNnn
\dim_do_while:nNnn
\dim_do_until:nNnn
4459 \cs_set:Npn \dim_while_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
4460 {
4461   \dim_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
4462   {
4463     #4
4464     \dim_while_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
4465   }
4466 }
4467 \cs_set:Npn \dim_until_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
```

```

4468 {
4469   \dim_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
4470   {
4471     #4
4472     \dim_until_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
4473   }
4474 }
4475 \cs_set:Npn \dim_do_while:nNnn #1#2#3#4
4476 {
4477   #4
4478   \dim_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
4479   { \dim_do_while:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
4480 }
4481 \cs_set:Npn \dim_do_until:nNnn #1#2#3#4
4482 {
4483   #4
4484   \dim_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
4485   { \dim_do_until:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
4486 }

```

(End definition for `\dim_while_do:nNnn`. This function is documented on page 83.)

## 9.7 Using dim expressions and variables

`\dim_eval:n` Evaluating a dimension expression expandably.

```

4487 \cs_new:Npn \dim_eval:n #1
4488 { \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: }

```

(End definition for `\dim_eval:n`. This function is documented on page 83.)

`\dim_use:N` Accessing a  $\langle dim \rangle$ .

`\dim_use:c` 4489 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \dim\_use:N \tex\_the:D

We hand-code this for some speed gain:

```

4490 %\cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_use:N { c }
4491 \cs_new:Npn \dim_use:c #1 { \tex_the:D \cs:w #1 \cs_end: }

```

(End definition for `\dim_use:N` and `\dim_use:c`. These functions are documented on page 84.)

`\dim_to_decimal:n` A function which comes up often enough to deserve a place in the kernel. Evaluate the dimension expression `#1` then remove the trailing `pt`. The argument is put in parentheses as this prevents the dimension expression from terminating early and leaving extra tokens lying around. This is used a lot by low-level manipulations.

```

4492 \cs_new:Npn \dim_to_decimal:n #1
4493 {
4494   \exp_after:wN
4495   \__dim_to_decimal:w \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w (#1) \__dim_eval_end:
4496 }
4497 \use:x
4498 {

```

```

4499     \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \__dim_to_decimal:w
4500         ##1 . ##2 \tl_to_str:n { pt }
4501     }
4502     {
4503         \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} > \c_zero
4504             { #1 . #2 }
4505             { #1 }
4506     }

```

(End definition for `\dim_to_decimal:n`. This function is documented on page 84.)

`\dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n` Conversion to big points is done using a scaling inside `\__dim_eval:w` as  $\varepsilon$ -TeX does that using 64-bit precision. Here, 800/803 is the integer fraction for 72/72.27. This is a common case so is hand-coded for accuracy (and speed).

```

4507 \cs_new:Npn \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n #1
4508 { \dim_to_decimal:n { ( #1 ) * 800 / 803 } }

```

(End definition for `\dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n`. This function is documented on page 84.)

`\dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n` Another hard-coded conversion: this one is necessary to avoid things going off-scale.

```

4509 \cs_new:Npn \dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n #1
4510 { \int_eval:n { \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: } }

```

(End definition for `\dim_to_decimal_in_sp:n`. This function is documented on page 84.)

`\dim_to_decimal_in_unit:nn` An analogue of `\dim_ratio:nn` that produces a decimal number as its result, rather than a rational fraction for use within dimension expressions.

```

4511 \cs_new:Npn \dim_to_decimal_in_unit:nn #1#2
4512 {
4513     \dim_to_decimal:n
4514     {
4515         1pt *
4516         \dim_ratio:nn {#1} {#2}
4517     }
4518 }

```

(End definition for `\dim_to_decimal_in_unit:nn`. This function is documented on page 85.)

`\dim_to_fp:n` Defined in `l3fp-convert`, documented here.

(End definition for `\dim_to_fp:n`. This function is documented on page 85.)

## 9.8 Viewing dim variables

`\dim_show:N` Diagnostics.

```

\dim_show:c 4519 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_show:N \__kernel_register_show:N
4520 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_show:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\dim_show:N` and `\dim_show:c`. These functions are documented on page 85.)

**\dim\_show:n** Diagnostics. We don't use the TeX primitive `\showthe` to show dimension expressions: this gives a more unified output.

```
4521 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \dim_show:n
4522 { \_msg_show_wrap:Nn \dim_eval:n }
```

(End definition for `\dim_show:n`. This function is documented on page 85.)

## 9.9 Constant dimensions

**\c\_zero\_dim** Constant dimensions: in package mode, a couple of registers can be saved.

```
\c_max_dim 4523 \dim_const:Nn \c_zero_dim { 0 pt }
4524 \dim_const:Nn \c_max_dim { 16383.99999 pt }
```

(End definition for `\c_zero_dim` and `\c_max_dim`. These variables are documented on page 85.)

## 9.10 Scratch dimensions

**\l\_tmpa\_dim** We provide two local and two global scratch registers, maybe we need more or less.

```
\l_tmpb_dim 4525 \dim_new:N \l_tmpa_dim
\g_tmpa_dim 4526 \dim_new:N \l_tmpb_dim
\g_tmpb_dim 4527 \dim_new:N \g_tmpa_dim
4528 \dim_new:N \g_tmpb_dim
```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_dim` and `\l_tmpb_dim`. These variables are documented on page 86.)

## 9.11 Creating and initialising skip variables

**\skip\_new:N** Allocation of a new internal registers.

```
\skip_new:c 4529 \<package>
4530 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_new:N #1
4531 {
4532   \_chk_if_free_cs:N #1
4533   \cs:w newskip \cs_end: #1
4534 }
4535 \</package>
4536 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\skip_new:N` and `\skip_new:c`. These functions are documented on page 86.)

**\skip\_const:Nn** Contrarily to integer constants, we cannot avoid using a register, even for constants.

```
\skip_const:cn 4537 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_const:Nn #1
4538 {
4539   \skip_new:N #1
4540   \skip_gset:Nn #1
4541 }
4542 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_const:Nn { c }
```

(End definition for `\skip_const:Nn` and `\skip_const:cn`. These functions are documented on page 86.)

`\skip_zero:N` Reset the register to zero.

```

\skip_zero:c      4543 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_zero:N #1 { #1 \c_zero_skip }
\skip_gzero:N     4544 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gzero:N { \tex_global:D \skip_zero:N }
\skip_gzero:c     4545 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_zero:N { c }
                  4546 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gzero:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\skip_zero:N` and `\skip_zero:c`. These functions are documented on page 86.)

`\skip_zero_new:N` Create a register if needed, otherwise clear it.

```

\skip_zero_new:c  4547 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_zero_new:N #1
\skip_gzero_new:N 4548 { \skip_if_exist:NTF #1 { \skip_zero:N #1 } { \skip_new:N #1 } }
\skip_gzero_new:c 4549 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gzero_new:N #1
                  4550 { \skip_if_exist:NTF #1 { \skip_gzero:N #1 } { \skip_new:N #1 } }
                  4551 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_zero_new:N { c }
                  4552 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gzero_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\skip_zero_new:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 86.)

`\skip_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the `cs` functions defined in `l3basics`.

```

\skip_if_exist_p:c 4553 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \skip_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N
\skip_if_exist:NTF 4554 { TF , T , F , p }
\skip_if_exist:cTF 4555 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \skip_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c
                  4556 { TF , T , F , p }

```

(End definition for `\skip_if_exist:NTF` and `\skip_if_exist:cTF`. These functions are documented on page 86.)

## 9.12 Setting skip variables

`\skip_set:Nn` Much the same as for dimensions.

```

\skip_set:cn      4557 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_set:Nn #1#2
\skip_gset:Nn     4558 { #1 ~ \etex_glueexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
\skip_gset:cn     4559 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gset:Nn { \tex_global:D \skip_set:Nn }
                  4560 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_set:Nn { c }
                  4561 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gset:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\skip_set:Nn` and `\skip_set:cn`. These functions are documented on page 87.)

`\skip_set_eq:NN` All straightforward.

```

\skip_set_eq:cN   4562 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_set_eq:NN #1#2 { #1 = #2 }
\skip_set_eq:Nc   4563 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_set_eq:NN { c }
\skip_set_eq:cc   4564 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_set_eq:NN { Nc , cc }
\skip_gset_eq:NN  4565 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gset_eq:NN #1#2 { \tex_global:D #1 = #2 }
\skip_gset_eq:cN  4566 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gset_eq:NN { c }
\skip_gset_eq:Nc  4567 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gset_eq:NN { Nc , cc }
\skip_gset_eq:cc

```

(End definition for `\skip_set_eq:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 87.)

`\skip_add:Nn` Using by here deals with the (incorrect) case `\skip123`.

```

\skip_add:cn 4568 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_add:Nn #1#2
\skip_gadd:Nn 4569 { \tex_advance:D #1 by \etex_glueexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
\skip_gadd:cn 4570 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gadd:Nn { \tex_global:D \skip_add:Nn }
\skip_sub:Nn 4571 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_add:Nn { c }
\skip_sub:cn 4572 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gadd:Nn { c }
\skip_gsub:Nn 4573 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_sub:Nn #1#2
\skip_gsub:cn 4574 { \tex_advance:D #1 by - \etex_glueexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
4575 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gsub:Nn { \tex_global:D \skip_sub:Nn }
4576 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_sub:Nn { c }
4577 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gsub:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\skip_add:Nn` and `\skip_add:cn`. These functions are documented on page 87.)

### 9.13 Skip expression conditionals

`\skip_if_eq_p:nn` Comparing skips means doing two expansions to make strings, and then testing them.  
`\skip_if_eq:nnTF` As a result, only equality is tested.

```

4578 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \skip_if_eq:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
4579 {
4580   \if_int_compare:w
4581     \__str_if_eq_x:nn { \skip_eval:n { #1 } } { \skip_eval:n { #2 } }
4582     = \c_zero
4583     \prg_return_true:
4584   \else:
4585     \prg_return_false:
4586   \fi:
4587 }

```

(End definition for `\skip_if_eq:nnTF`. This function is documented on page 87.)

`\skip_if_finite_p:n` With  $\varepsilon$ -TeX, we have an easy access to the order of infinities of the stretch and shrink components of a skip. However, to access both, we either need to evaluate the expression twice, or evaluate it, then call an auxiliary to extract both pieces of information from the result. Since we are going to need an auxiliary anyways, it is quicker to make it search for the string `fil` which characterizes infinite glue.

```

4588 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__cs_tmp:w #1
4589 {
4590   \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \skip_if_finite:n ##1 { p , T , F , TF }
4591   {
4592     \exp_after:wN \__skip_if_finite:wwNw
4593     \skip_use:N \etex_glueexpr:D ##1 ; \prg_return_false:
4594     #1 ; \prg_return_true: \q_stop
4595   }
4596   \cs_new:Npn \__skip_if_finite:wwNw ##1 #1 ##2 ; ##3 ##4 \q_stop {##3}
4597 }
4598 \exp_args:No \__cs_tmp:w { \tl_to_str:n { fil } }

```

(End definition for `\skip_if_finite:nTF`. This function is documented on page 87.)

## 9.14 Using skip expressions and variables

`\skip_eval:n` Evaluating a skip expression expandably.

```
4599 \cs_new:Npn \skip_eval:n #1
4600 { \skip_use:N \etex_glueexpr:D #1 \scan_stop: }
```

(End definition for `\skip_eval:n`. This function is documented on page 88.)

`\skip_use:N` Accessing a  $\langle skip \rangle$ .

```
\skip_use:c 4601 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_use:N \tex_the:D
4602 %\cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_use:N { c }
4603 \cs_new:Npn \skip_use:c #1 { \tex_the:D \cs:w #1 \cs_end: }
```

(End definition for `\skip_use:N` and `\skip_use:c`. These functions are documented on page 88.)

## 9.15 Inserting skips into the output

`\skip_horizontal:N` Inserting skips.

```
\skip_horizontal:c 4604 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_horizontal:N \tex_hskip:D
\skip_horizontal:n 4605 \cs_new:Npn \skip_horizontal:n #1
\skip_vertical:N 4606 { \skip_horizontal:N \etex_glueexpr:D #1 \scan_stop: }
\skip_vertical:c 4607 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_vertical:N \tex_vskip:D
\skip_vertical:n 4608 \cs_new:Npn \skip_vertical:n #1
4609 { \skip_vertical:N \etex_glueexpr:D #1 \scan_stop: }
4610 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_horizontal:N { c }
4611 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_vertical:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\skip_horizontal:N`, `\skip_horizontal:c`, and `\skip_horizontal:n`. These functions are documented on page 89.)

## 9.16 Viewing skip variables

`\skip_show:N` Diagnostics.

```
\skip_show:c 4612 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_show:N \__kernel_register_show:N
4613 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_show:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\skip_show:N` and `\skip_show:c`. These functions are documented on page 88.)

`\skip_show:n` Diagnostics. We don't use the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\showthe` to show skip expressions: this gives a more unified output.

```
4614 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \skip_show:n
4615 { \__msg_show_wrap:Nn \skip_eval:n }
```

(End definition for `\skip_show:n`. This function is documented on page 88.)

## 9.17 Constant skips

`\c_zero_skip` Skips with no rubber component are just dimensions but need to terminate correctly.

```
\c_max_skip 4616 \skip_const:Nn \c_zero_skip { \c_zero_dim }
4617 \skip_const:Nn \c_max_skip { \c_max_dim }
```

(End definition for `\c_zero_skip` and `\c_max_skip`. These functions are documented on page 88.)

## 9.18 Scratch skips

We provide two local and two global scratch registers, maybe we need more or less.

```

\l_tmpa_skip 4618 \skip_new:N \l_tmpa_skip
\l_tmpb_skip 4619 \skip_new:N \l_tmpb_skip
\g_tmpa_skip 4620 \skip_new:N \g_tmpa_skip
\g_tmpb_skip 4621 \skip_new:N \g_tmpb_skip

```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_skip` and `\l_tmpb_skip`. These variables are documented on page 89.)

## 9.19 Creating and initialising muskip variables

And then we add muskips.

```

\muskip_new:N 4622 <*package>
\muskip_new:c 4623 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_new:N #1
4624 {
4625   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
4626   \cs:w newmuskip \cs_end: #1
4627 }
4628 </package>
4629 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\muskip_new:N` and `\muskip_new:c`. These functions are documented on page 89.)

Contrarily to integer constants, we cannot avoid using a register, even for constants.

```

\muskip_const:Nn 4630 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_const:Nn #1
\muskip_const:cn 4631 {
4632   \muskip_new:N #1
4633   \muskip_gset:Nn #1
4634 }
4635 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_const:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\muskip_const:Nn` and `\muskip_const:cn`. These functions are documented on page 89.)

Reset the register to zero.

```

\muskip_zero:N 4636 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_zero:N #1
\muskip_zero:c 4637 { #1 \c_zero_muskip }
\muskip_gzero:N 4638 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gzero:N { \tex_global:D \muskip_zero:N }
\muskip_gzero:c 4639 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_zero:N { c }
4640 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gzero:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\muskip_zero:N` and `\muskip_zero:c`. These functions are documented on page 89.)

Create a register if needed, otherwise clear it.

```

\muskip_zero_new:N 4641 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_zero_new:N #1
\muskip_zero_new:c 4642 { \muskip_if_exist:NTF #1 { \muskip_zero:N #1 } { \muskip_new:N #1 } }
\muskip_gzero_new:N 4643 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gzero_new:N #1
\muskip_gzero_new:c 4644 { \muskip_if_exist:NTF #1 { \muskip_gzero:N #1 } { \muskip_new:N #1 } }
4645 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_zero_new:N { c }
4646 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gzero_new:N { c }

```



(End definition for `\muskip_zero_new:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 90.)

`\muskip_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the `cs` functions defined in `l3basics`.  
`\muskip_if_exist_p:c` 4647 `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NnN \muskip_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N`  
`\muskip_if_exist:N` 4648 `{ TF , T , F , p }`  
`\muskip_if_exist:c` 4649 `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NnN \muskip_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c`  
4650 `{ TF , T , F , p }`

(End definition for `\muskip_if_exist:N` and `\muskip_if_exist:c`. These functions are documented on page 90.)

## 9.20 Setting muskip variables

`\muskip_set:Nn` This should be pretty familiar.  
`\muskip_set:cn` 4651 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_set:Nn #1#2`  
`\muskip_gset:Nn` 4652 `{ #1 ~ \etex_muexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }`  
`\muskip_gset:cn` 4653 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gset:Nn { \tex_global:D \muskip_set:Nn }`  
4654 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_set:Nn { c }`  
4655 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gset:Nn { c }`

(End definition for `\muskip_set:Nn` and `\muskip_set:cn`. These functions are documented on page 90.)

`\muskip_set_eq:NN` All straightforward.  
`\muskip_set_eq:cN` 4656 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_set_eq:NN #1#2 { #1 = #2 }`  
`\muskip_set_eq:Nc` 4657 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_set_eq:NN { c }`  
`\muskip_set_eq:cc` 4658 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_set_eq:NN { Nc , cc }`  
`\muskip_gset_eq:NN` 4659 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gset_eq:NN #1#2 { \tex_global:D #1 = #2 }`  
`\muskip_gset_eq:cN` 4660 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gset_eq:NN { c }`  
`\muskip_gset_eq:Nc` 4661 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gset_eq:NN { Nc , cc }`  
`\muskip_gset_eq:cc`

(End definition for `\muskip_set_eq:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 90.)

`\muskip_add:Nn` Using `by` here deals with the (incorrect) case `\muskip123`.  
`\muskip_add:cn` 4662 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_add:Nn #1#2`  
`\muskip_gadd:Nn` 4663 `{ \tex_advance:D #1 by \etex_muexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }`  
`\muskip_gadd:cn` 4664 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gadd:Nn { \tex_global:D \muskip_add:Nn }`  
`\muskip_sub:Nn` 4665 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_add:Nn { c }`  
`\muskip_sub:cn` 4666 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gadd:Nn { c }`  
`\muskip_gsub:Nn` 4667 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_sub:Nn #1#2`  
`\muskip_gsub:cn` 4668 `{ \tex_advance:D #1 by - \etex_muexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }`  
4669 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gsub:Nn { \tex_global:D \muskip_sub:Nn }`  
4670 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_sub:Nn { c }`  
4671 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gsub:Nn { c }`

(End definition for `\muskip_add:Nn` and `\muskip_add:cn`. These functions are documented on page 90.)

## 9.21 Using muskip expressions and variables

**\muskip\_eval:n** Evaluating a muskip expression expandably.

```
4672 \cs_new:Npn \muskip_eval:n #1
4673 { \muskip_use:N \etex_muexpr:D #1 \scan_stop: }
```

(End definition for \muskip\_eval:n. This function is documented on page 91.)

**\muskip\_use:N** Accessing a  $\langle muskip \rangle$ .

```
\muskip_use:c 4674 \cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_use:N \tex_the:D
4675 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_use:N { c }
```

(End definition for \muskip\_use:N and \muskip\_use:c. These functions are documented on page 91.)

## 9.22 Viewing muskip variables

**\muskip\_show:N** Diagnostics.

```
\muskip_show:c 4676 \cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_show:N \__kernel_register_show:N
4677 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_show:N { c }
```

(End definition for \muskip\_show:N and \muskip\_show:c. These functions are documented on page 91.)

**\muskip\_show:n** Diagnostics. We don't use the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive \showthe to show muskip expressions: this gives a more unified output.

```
4678 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \muskip_show:n
4679 { \__msg_show_wrap:Nn \muskip_eval:n }
```

(End definition for \muskip\_show:n. This function is documented on page 91.)

## 9.23 Constant muskips

**\c\_zero\_muskip** Constant muskips given by their value.

```
\c_max_muskip 4680 \muskip_const:Nn \c_zero_muskip { 0 mu }
4681 \muskip_const:Nn \c_max_muskip { 16383.99999 mu }
```

(End definition for \c\_zero\_muskip. This function is documented on page 91.)

## 9.24 Scratch muskips

**\l\_tmpa\_muskip** We provide two local and two global scratch registers, maybe we need more or less.

```
\l_tmpb_muskip 4682 \muskip_new:N \l_tmpa_muskip
\g_tmpa_muskip 4683 \muskip_new:N \l_tmpb_muskip
\g_tmpa_muskip 4684 \muskip_new:N \g_tmpa_muskip
\g_tmpb_muskip 4685 \muskip_new:N \g_tmpb_muskip
```

(End definition for \l\_tmpa\_muskip and \l\_tmpb\_muskip. These variables are documented on page 92.)

## 9.25 Deprecated functions

`\_dim_strip_bp:n` Deprecated 2014-07-15.

`\_dim_strip_pt:n` 4686 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \\_dim\_strip\_bp:n \dim\_to\_decimal\_in\_bp:n  
4687 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \\_dim\_strip\_pt:n \dim\_to\_decimal:n

*(End definition for \\_dim\_strip\_bp:n and \\_dim\_strip\_pt:n. These functions are documented on page ??.)*

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## 10 l3tl implementation

4689 \<\*initex | package>

4690 \<@@=tl>

A token list variable is a  $\text{\TeX}$  macro that holds tokens. By using the  $\varepsilon\text{-TeX}$  primitive `\unexpanded` inside a  $\text{\TeX}$  `\edef` it is possible to store any tokens, including `#`, in this way.

### 10.1 Functions

**`\tl_new:N`** Creating new token list variables is a case of checking for an existing definition and doing the definition.

**`\tl_new:c`**

4691 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \tl\_new:N #1  
4692 {  
4693 \\_chk\_if\_free\_cs:N #1  
4694 \cs\_gset\_eq:NN #1 \c\_empty\_tl  
4695 }  
4696 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_new:N { c }

*(End definition for \tl\_new:N and \tl\_new:c. These functions are documented on page 94.)*

**`\tl_const:Nn`** Constants are also easy to generate.

**`\tl_const:Nx`**

**`\tl_const:cn`**

**`\tl_const:cx`**

4697 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \tl\_const:Nn #1#2  
4698 {  
4699 \\_chk\_if\_free\_cs:N #1  
4700 \cs\_gset\_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp\_not:n {#2} }  
4701 }  
4702 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \tl\_const:Nx #1#2  
4703 {  
4704 \\_chk\_if\_free\_cs:N #1  
4705 \cs\_gset\_nopar:Npx #1 {#2}  
4706 }  
4707 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_const:Nn { c }  
4708 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_const:Nx { c }

*(End definition for \tl\_const:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page 94.)*

**\tl\_clear:N** Clearing a token list variable means setting it to an empty value. Error checking will be sorted out by the parent function.

**\tl\_clear:c**

**\tl\_gclear:N** 4709 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \tl\_clear:N #1  
4710 { \tl\_set\_eq:NN #1 \c\_empty\_tl }

**\tl\_gclear:c** 4711 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \tl\_gclear:N #1  
4712 { \tl\_gset\_eq:NN #1 \c\_empty\_tl }

4713 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_clear:N { c }

4714 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_gclear:N { c }

(End definition for \tl\_clear:N and \tl\_clear:c. These functions are documented on page 94.)

**\tl\_clear\_new:N** Clearing a token list variable means setting it to an empty value. Error checking will be sorted out by the parent function.

**\tl\_clear\_new:c**

**\tl\_gclear\_new:N** 4715 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \tl\_clear\_new:N #1  
4716 { \tl\_if\_exist:NTF #1 { \tl\_clear:N #1 } { \tl\_new:N #1 } }

**\tl\_gclear\_new:c** 4717 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \tl\_gclear\_new:N #1  
4718 { \tl\_if\_exist:NTF #1 { \tl\_gclear:N #1 } { \tl\_new:N #1 } }

4719 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_clear\_new:N { c }

4720 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_gclear\_new:N { c }

(End definition for \tl\_clear\_new:N and \tl\_clear\_new:c. These functions are documented on page 94.)

**\tl\_set\_eq:NN** For setting token list variables equal to each other.

**\tl\_set\_eq:Nc** 4721 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \tl\_set\_eq:NN \cs\_set\_eq:NN

**\tl\_set\_eq:cN** 4722 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \tl\_set\_eq:cN \cs\_set\_eq:cN

**\tl\_set\_eq:cc** 4723 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \tl\_set\_eq:Nc \cs\_set\_eq:Nc

**\tl\_gset\_eq:NN** 4724 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \tl\_set\_eq:cc \cs\_set\_eq:cc

**\tl\_gset\_eq:Nc** 4725 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \tl\_gset\_eq:NN \cs\_gset\_eq:NN

**\tl\_gset\_eq:cN** 4726 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \tl\_gset\_eq:cN \cs\_gset\_eq:cN

**\tl\_gset\_eq:cc** 4727 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \tl\_gset\_eq:Nc \cs\_gset\_eq:Nc

4728 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \tl\_gset\_eq:cc \cs\_gset\_eq:cc

(End definition for \tl\_set\_eq:NN and others. These functions are documented on page 94.)

**\tl\_concat:NNN** Concatenating token lists is easy.

**\tl\_concat:ccc** 4729 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \tl\_concat:NNN #1#2#3

**\tl\_gconcat:NNN** 4730 { \tl\_set:Nx #1 { \exp\_not:o {#2} \exp\_not:o {#3} } }

**\tl\_gconcat:ccc** 4731 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \tl\_gconcat:NNN #1#2#3

4732 { \tl\_gset:Nx #1 { \exp\_not:o {#2} \exp\_not:o {#3} } }

4733 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_concat:NNN { ccc }

4734 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_gconcat:NNN { ccc }

(End definition for \tl\_concat:NNN and \tl\_concat:ccc. These functions are documented on page 94.)

**\tl\_if\_exist\_p:N** Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.

**\tl\_if\_exist\_p:c** 4735 \prg\_new\_eq\_conditional:NNn \tl\_if\_exist:N \cs\_if\_exist:N { TF , T , F , p }

**\tl\_if\_exist:NTF** 4736 \prg\_new\_eq\_conditional:NNn \tl\_if\_exist:c \cs\_if\_exist:c { TF , T , F , p }

**\tl\_if\_exist:cTF**

(End definition for \tl\_if\_exist:NTF and \tl\_if\_exist:cTF. These functions are documented on page 94.)

## 10.2 Constant token lists

`\c_empty_tl` Never full. We need to define that constant before using `\tl_new:N`.

```
4737 \tl_const:Nn \c_empty_tl { }
```

(End definition for `\c_empty_tl`. This variable is documented on page 107.)

`\c_space_tl` A space as a token list (as opposed to as a character).

```
4738 \tl_const:Nn \c_space_tl { ~ }
```

(End definition for `\c_space_tl`. This variable is documented on page 107.)

## 10.3 Adding to token list variables

`\tl_set:Nn` By using `\exp_not:n` token list variables can contain # tokens, which makes the token list registers provided by T<sub>E</sub>X more or less redundant. The `\tl_set:No` version is done “by hand” as it is used quite a lot.

```
4739 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_set:Nn #1#2
4740 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
4741 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_set:No #1#2
4742 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} } }
4743 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_set:Nx #1#2
4744 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 {#2} }
4745 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gset:Nn #1#2
4746 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
4747 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gset:No #1#2
4748 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} } }
4749 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gset:Nx #1#2
4750 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 {#2} }
4751 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set:Nn { NV , Nv , Nf }
4752 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set:Nx { c }
4753 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set:Nn { c , co , cV , cv , cf }
4754 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gset:Nn { NV , Nv , Nf }
4755 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gset:Nx { c }
4756 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gset:Nn { c , co , cV , cv , cf }
```

(End definition for `\tl_set:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 95.)

`\tl_put_gset:cn` Adding to the left is done directly to gain a little performance.

```
4757 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_left:Nn #1#2
4758 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} \exp_not:o #1 } }
4759 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_left:Nv #1#2
4760 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:V #2 \exp_not:o #1 } }
4761 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_left:No #1#2
4762 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} \exp_not:o #1 } }
4763 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_left:Nx #1#2
4764 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { #2 \exp_not:o #1 } }
4765 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:Nn #1#2
4766 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} \exp_not:o #1 } }
4767 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:Nv #1#2
```

```

4768 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:V #2 \exp_not:o #1 } }
4769 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:No #1#2
4770 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} \exp_not:o #1 } }
4771 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:Nx #1#2
4772 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { #2 \exp_not:o {#1} } }
4773 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_left:Nn { c }
4774 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_left:NV { c }
4775 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_left:No { c }
4776 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_left:Nx { c }
4777 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_left:Nn { c }
4778 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_left:NV { c }
4779 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_left:No { c }
4780 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_left:Nx { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_put_left:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 95.)

```

\tl_put_right:Nn The same on the right.
\tl_put_right:NV 4781 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_right:Nn #1#2
\tl_put_right:No 4782 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:n {#2} } }
\tl_put_right:Nx 4783 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_right:NV #1#2
\tl_put_right:cn 4784 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:V #2 } }
\tl_put_right:cV 4785 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_right:No #1#2
\tl_put_right:co 4786 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:o {#2} } }
\tl_put_right:cx 4787 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_right:Nx #1#2
\tl_gput_right:Nn 4788 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 #2 } }
\tl_gput_right:NV 4789 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_right:Nn #1#2
\tl_gput_right:No 4790 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:n {#2} } }
\tl_gput_right:Nx 4791 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_right:NV #1#2
\tl_gput_right:cn 4792 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:V #2 } }
\tl_gput_right:cV 4793 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_right:No #1#2
\tl_gput_right:co 4794 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:o {#2} } }
\tl_gput_right:cx 4795 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_right:Nx #1#2
4796 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o {#1} #2 } }
4797 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_right:Nn { c }
4798 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_right:NV { c }
4799 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_right:No { c }
4800 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_right:Nx { c }
4801 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_right:Nn { c }
4802 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_right:NV { c }
4803 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_right:No { c }
4804 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_right:Nx { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_put_right:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 95.)

When used as a package, there is an option to be picky and to check definitions exist. This part of the process is done now, so that variable types based on `tl` (for example `clist`, `seq` and `prop`) will inherit the appropriate definitions. No `\tl_map...` yet as the mechanisms are not fully in place. Thus instead do a more low level set up for a mapping, as in `l3basics`.

```

4805 <*package>
4806 \tex_ifodd:D \l@expl@check@declarations@bool

```

```

4807 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__cs_tmp:w #1
4808 {
4809   \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #1
4810   \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
4811   \fi:
4812   \use:x
4813   {
4814     \cs_set_protected:Npn #1 \exp_not:n { ##1 ##2 }
4815     {
4816       \__chk_if_exist_var:N \exp_not:n {##1}
4817       \exp_not:o { #1 {##1} {##2} }
4818     }
4819   }
4820   \__cs_tmp:w
4821 }
4822 \__cs_tmp:w
4823 \tl_set:Nn \tl_set:No \tl_set:Nx
4824 \tl_gset:Nn \tl_gset:No \tl_gset:Nx
4825 \tl_put_left:Nn \tl_put_left:NV
4826 \tl_put_left:No \tl_put_left:Nx
4827 \tl_gput_left:Nn \tl_gput_left:NV
4828 \tl_gput_left:No \tl_gput_left:Nx
4829 \tl_put_right:Nn \tl_put_right:NV
4830 \tl_put_right:No \tl_put_right:Nx
4831 \tl_gput_right:Nn \tl_gput_right:NV
4832 \tl_gput_right:No \tl_gput_right:Nx
4833 \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
4834 </package>

```

The two `set_eq` functions are done by hand as the internals there are a bit different.

```

4835 <*package>
4836 \cs_set_protected:Npn \tl_set_eq:NN #1#2
4837 {
4838   \__chk_if_exist_var:N #1
4839   \__chk_if_exist_var:N #2
4840   \cs_set_eq:NN #1 #2
4841 }
4842 \cs_set_protected:Npn \tl_gset_eq:NN #1#2
4843 {
4844   \__chk_if_exist_var:N #1
4845   \__chk_if_exist_var:N #2
4846   \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 #2
4847 }
4848 </package>

```

There is also a need to check all three arguments of the `concat` functions: a token list #2 or #3 equal to `\scan_stop:` would lead to problems later on.

```

4849 <*package>
4850 \cs_set_protected:Npn \tl_concat:NNN #1#2#3
4851 {

```

```

4852     \_chk_if_exist_var:N #1
4853     \_chk_if_exist_var:N #2
4854     \_chk_if_exist_var:N #3
4855     \tl_set:Nx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} \exp_not:o {#3} }
4856   }
4857   \cs_set_protected:Npn \tl_gconcat:NNN #1#2#3
4858   {
4859     \_chk_if_exist_var:N #1
4860     \_chk_if_exist_var:N #2
4861     \_chk_if_exist_var:N #3
4862     \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} \exp_not:o {#3} }
4863   }
4864   \tex_fi:D
4865   \</package>

```

## 10.4 Reassigning token list category codes

`\c_tl_rescan_marker_tl` The rescanning code needs a special token list containing the same character (chosen here to be a colon) with two different category codes: it cannot appear in the tokens being rescanned since all colons have the same category code.

```

4866 \tl_const:Nx \c_tl_rescan_marker_tl { : \token_to_str:N : }

```

(End definition for `\c_tl_rescan_marker_tl`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

```

\tl_set_rescan:Nnn These functions use a common auxiliary. After some initial setup explained below, and
\tl_set_rescan:Nno the user setup #3 (followed by \scan_stop: to be safe), the tokens are rescanned by \_
\tl_set_rescan:Nnx \tl_set_rescan:n and stored into \l_tl_internal_a_tl, then passed to #1#2 outside
\tl_set_rescan:cnn the group after expansion. The auxiliary \_tl_set_rescan:n is defined later: in the
\tl_set_rescan:cno simplest case, this auxiliary calls \_tl_set_rescan_multi:n, whose code is included
\tl_set_rescan:cnx here to help understand the approach.

\tl_gset_rescan:Nnn One difficulty when rescanning is that \scantokens treats the argument as a file,
\tl_gset_rescan:Nno and without the correct settings a TEX error occurs:
\tl_gset_rescan:Nnx
\tl_gset_rescan:cnn ! File ended while scanning definition of ...
\tl_gset_rescan:cno
\tl_gset_rescan:cnx

\tl_rescan:nn The standard solution is to use an x-expanding assignment and set \everyeof to \exp_
\_tl_set_rescan:NNnn not:N to suppress the error at the end of the file. Since the rescanned tokens should not
\_tl_set_rescan_multi:n be expanded, they will be taken as a delimited argument of an auxiliary which wraps
\_tl_rescan:w them in \exp_not:n (in fact \exp_not:o, as there is a \prg_do_nothing: to avoid losing
braces). The delimiter cannot appear within the rescanned token list because it contains
twice the same character, with different catcodes.

```

The difference between single-line and multiple-line files complicates the story, as explained below.

```

4867 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_set_rescan:Nnn
4868 { \_tl_set_rescan:NNnn \tl_set:Nn }
4869 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_gset_rescan:Nnn
4870 { \_tl_set_rescan:NNnn \tl_gset:Nn }
4871 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_rescan:nn

```



```

4872 { \_tl\_set\_rescan:NNnn \prg\_do\_nothing: \use:n }
4873 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \_tl\_set\_rescan:NNnn #1#2#3#4
4874 {
4875   \tl\_if\_empty:nTF {#4}
4876   {
4877     \group\_begin:
4878       #3
4879     \group\_end:
4880     #1 #2 { }
4881   }
4882   {
4883     \group\_begin:
4884     \exp\_args:No \etex\_everyeof:D { \c\_tl\_rescan\_marker\_tl \exp\_not:N }
4885     \int\_compare:nNnT \tex\_endlinechar:D = { 32 }
4886     { \tex\_endlinechar:D \c\_minus\_one }
4887     \tex\_newlinechar:D \tex\_endlinechar:D
4888     #3 \scan\_stop:
4889     \exp\_args:No \_tl\_set\_rescan:n { \tl\_to\_str:n {#4} }
4890     \exp\_args:NNNo
4891     \group\_end:
4892     #1 #2 \l\_tl\_internal\_a\_tl
4893   }
4894 }
4895 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \_tl\_set\_rescan\_multi:n #1
4896 {
4897   \tl\_set:Nx \l\_tl\_internal\_a\_tl
4898   {
4899     \exp\_after:wN \_tl\_rescan:w
4900     \exp\_after:wN \prg\_do\_nothing:
4901     \etex\_scantokens:D {#1}
4902   }
4903 }
4904 \exp\_args:Nno \use:nn
4905 { \cs\_new:Npn \_tl\_rescan:w #1 } \c\_tl\_rescan\_marker\_tl
4906 { \exp\_not:o {#1} }
4907 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_set\_rescan:Nnn { Nno , Nnx }
4908 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_set\_rescan:Nnn { c , cno , cnx }
4909 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_gset\_rescan:Nnn { Nno , Nnx }
4910 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_gset\_rescan:Nnn { c , cno }

```

(End definition for `\tl\_set\_rescan:Nnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 96.)

`\_tl\_set\_rescan:n` This function calls `\_tl\_set\_rescan\_multiple:n` or `\_tl\_set\_rescan\_single:nn`  
`\_tl\_set\_rescan:NnTF` { ' } depending on whether its argument is a single-line fragment of code/data or  
`\_tl\_set\_rescan\_single:nn` is made of multiple lines by testing for the presence of a `\newlinechar` character. If  
`\_tl\_set\_rescan\_single\_aux:nn` `\newlinechar` is out of range, the argument is assumed to be a single line.

The case of multiple lines is a straightforward application of `\scantokens` as described above. The only subtlety is that `\newlinechar` should be equal to `\endlinechar` because `\newlinechar` characters become new lines and then become `\endlinechar` characters when writing to an abstract file and reading back. This equality is ensured by

setting `\newlinechar` equal to `\endlinechar`. Prior to this, `\endlinechar` is set to `-1` if it was `32` (in particular true after `\ExplSyntaxOn`) to avoid unreasonable line-breaks at every space for instance in error messages triggered by the user setup. Another side effect of reading back from the file is that spaces (catcode 10) are ignored at the beginning of lines, and spaces and tabs (character code 32 and 9) are ignored at the end of lines.

For a single line, no `\endlinechar` should be added, so it will be set to `-1`, and spaces should not be removed.

Trailing spaces and tabs are a difficult matter, as `TeX` removes these at a very low level. The only way to preserve them is to rescan not the argument but the argument followed by a character with a reasonable category code. Here, 11 (letter), 12 (other) and 13 (active) are accepted, as these are suitable for delimiting an argument, and it is very unlikely that none of the ASCII characters are in one of these categories. To avoid selecting one particular character to put at the end, whose category code may have been modified, there is a loop through characters from `'` (ASCII 39) to `~` (ASCII 127). The choice of starting point was made because this is the start of a very long range of characters whose standard category is letter or other, thus minimizing the number of steps needed by the loop (most often just a single one). Once a valid character is found, run some code very similar to `\__tl_set_rescan_multi:n`, except that `\__tl_rescan:w` must be redefined to also remove the additional character (with the appropriate catcode). Getting the delimiter with the right catcode requires using `\scantokens` inside an x-expansion, hence using the previous definition of `\__tl_rescan:w` as well. The odd `\exp_not:N \use:n` ensures that the trailing `\exp_not:N` in `\everyeof` does not prevent the expansion of `\c__tl_rescan_marker_tl`, but rather of a closing brace (this does nothing). If no valid character is found, similar code is ran, and the only difference is that trailing spaces are not preserved (bear in mind that this only happens if no character between 39 and 127 has catcode letter, other or active).

There is also some work to preserve leading spaces: test whether the first character (given by `\str_head:n`, with an extra space to circumvent a limitation of `f`-expansion) has catcode 10 and add what `TeX` would add in the middle of a line for any sequence of such characters: a single space with catcode 10 and character code 32.

```

4911 \group_begin:
4912   \tex_catcode:D '\^~@ = 12 \scan_stop:
4913   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_set_rescan:n #1
4914     {
4915       \int_compare:nNnTF \tex_newlinechar:D < \c_zero
4916         { \use_ii:nn }
4917         {
4918           \char_set_lccode:nn { 0 } { \tex_newlinechar:D }
4919           \tex_lowercase:D { \__tl_set_rescan:NnTF ^~@ } {#1}
4920         }
4921         { \__tl_set_rescan_multi:n }
4922         { \__tl_set_rescan_single:nn { ' } }
4923       {#1}
4924     }
4925   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_set_rescan:NnTF #1#2
4926     { \tl_if_in:nnTF {#2} {#1} }
4927   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_set_rescan_single:nn #1

```

```

4928 {
4929   \int_compare:nNnTF
4930     { \char_value_catcode:n { '#1 } / \c_three } = \c_four
4931     { \__tl_set_rescan_single_aux:nn {#1} }
4932     {
4933       \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } < { '\~ }
4934       {
4935         \char_set_lccode:nn { 0 } { '#1 + 1 }
4936         \tex_lowercase:D { \__tl_set_rescan_single:nn { ^^@ } }
4937       }
4938       { \__tl_set_rescan_single_aux:nn { } }
4939     }
4940   }
4941   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_set_rescan_single_aux:nn #1#2
4942   {
4943     \tex_endlinechar:D \c_minus_one
4944     \use:x
4945     {
4946       \exp_not:N \use:n
4947       {
4948         \exp_not:n { \cs_set:Npn \__tl_rescan:w ##1 }
4949         \exp_after:wN \__tl_rescan:w
4950         \exp_after:wN \prg_do_nothing:
4951         \etex_scantokens:D {#1}
4952       }
4953       \c__tl_rescan_marker_tl
4954     }
4955     { \exp_not:o {##1} }
4956     \tl_set:Nx \l__tl_internal_a_tl
4957     {
4958       \int_compare:nNnT
4959       {
4960         \char_value_catcode:n
4961         { \exp_last_unbraced:Nf ' \str_head:n {#2} ~ }
4962       }
4963       = \c_ten { ~ }
4964       \exp_after:wN \__tl_rescan:w
4965       \exp_after:wN \prg_do_nothing:
4966       \etex_scantokens:D { #2 #1 }
4967     }
4968   }
4969   \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\__tl_set_rescan:n` and `\__tl_set_rescan:NnTF`.)

## 10.5 Reassigning token list character codes

`\tl_to_lowercase:n` Just some names for a few primitives: we take care of wrapping the argument in braces.

```

\tl_to_uppercase:n 4970 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_to_lowercase:n #1
4971 { \tex_lowercase:D {#1} }

```

```

4972 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_to_uppercase:n #1
4973 { \tex_uppercase:D {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\tl_to_lowercase:n`. This function is documented on page 97.)

## 10.6 Modifying token list variables

`\tl_replace_all:Nnn` All of the `replace` functions call `\__tl_replace:NnnNnn` with appropriate arguments. `\tl_replace_all:cnn` The first two arguments are explained later. The next controls whether the replacement function calls itself (`\__tl_replace_next:w`) or stops (`\__tl_replace_wrap:w`) after the first replacement. Next comes an x-type assignment function `\tl_set:Nx` or `\tl_gset:Nx` for local or global replacements. Finally, the three arguments  $\langle tl\ var \rangle \{ \langle pattern \rangle \} \{ \langle replacement \rangle \}$  provided by the user. When describing the auxiliary functions below, we denote the contents of the  $\langle tl\ var \rangle$  by  $\langle token\ list \rangle$ .

```

4974 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_replace_once:Nnn
4975 { \__tl_replace:NnnNnn \q_mark ? \__tl_replace_wrap:w \tl_set:Nx }
4976 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_greplace_once:Nnn
4977 { \__tl_replace:NnnNnn \q_mark ? \__tl_replace_wrap:w \tl_gset:Nx }
4978 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_replace_all:Nnn
4979 { \__tl_replace:NnnNnn \q_mark ? \__tl_replace_next:w \tl_set:Nx }
4980 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_greplace_all:Nnn
4981 { \__tl_replace:NnnNnn \q_mark ? \__tl_replace_next:w \tl_gset:Nx }
4982 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_replace_once:Nnn { c }
4983 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_greplace_once:Nnn { c }
4984 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_replace_all:Nnn { c }
4985 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_greplace_all:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_replace_all:Nnn` and `\tl_replace_all:cnn`. These functions are documented on page 95.)

```

\__tl_replace:NnnNnn
\__tl_replace_auxi:NnnNnnNnn
\__tl_replace_auxii:NnnNnn
\__tl_replace_next:w
\__tl_replace_wrap:w

```

To implement the actual replacement auxiliary `\__tl_replace_auxii:NnnNnn` we will need a  $\langle delimiter \rangle$  with the following properties:

- all occurrences of the  $\langle pattern \rangle$  #6 in “ $\langle token\ list \rangle \langle delimiter \rangle$ ” belong to the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$  and have no overlap with the  $\langle delimiter \rangle$ ,
- the first occurrence of the  $\langle delimiter \rangle$  in “ $\langle token\ list \rangle \langle delimiter \rangle$ ” is the trailing  $\langle delimiter \rangle$ .

We first find the building blocks for the  $\langle delimiter \rangle$ , namely two tokens  $\langle A \rangle$  and  $\langle B \rangle$  such that  $\langle A \rangle$  does not appear in #6 and #6 is not  $\langle B \rangle$  (this condition is trivial if #6 has more than one token). Then we consider the delimiters “ $\langle A \rangle$ ” and “ $\langle A \rangle \langle A \rangle^n \langle B \rangle \langle A \rangle^n \langle B \rangle$ ”, for  $n \geq 1$ , where  $\langle A \rangle^n$  denotes  $n$  copies of  $\langle A \rangle$ , and we choose as our  $\langle delimiter \rangle$  the first one which is not in the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$ .

Every delimiter in the set obeys the first condition: #6 does not contain  $\langle A \rangle$  hence cannot be overlapping with the  $\langle token\ list \rangle$  and the  $\langle delimiter \rangle$ , and it cannot be within the  $\langle delimiter \rangle$  since it would have to be in one of the two  $\langle B \rangle$  hence be equal to this single token (or empty, but this is an error case filtered separately). Given the particular form of these delimiters, for which no prefix is also a suffix, the second condition is actually a

consequence of the weaker condition that the  $\langle \text{delimiter} \rangle$  we choose does not appear in the  $\langle \text{token list} \rangle$ . Additionally, the set of delimiters is such that a  $\langle \text{token list} \rangle$  of  $n$  tokens can contain at most  $O(n^{1/2})$  of them, hence we find a  $\langle \text{delimiter} \rangle$  with at most  $O(n^{1/2})$  tokens in a time at most  $O(n^{3/2})$ . Bear in mind that these upper bounds are reached only in very contrived scenarios: we include the case “ $\langle A \rangle$ ” in the list of delimiters to try, so that the  $\langle \text{delimiter} \rangle$  will simply be  $\backslash \text{q\_mark}$  in the most common situation where neither the  $\langle \text{token list} \rangle$  nor the  $\langle \text{pattern} \rangle$  contains  $\backslash \text{q\_mark}$ .

Let us now ahead, optimizing for this most common case. First, two special cases: an empty  $\langle \text{pattern} \rangle$  #6 is an error, and if #1 is absent from both the  $\langle \text{token list} \rangle$  #5 and the  $\langle \text{pattern} \rangle$  #6 then we can use it as the  $\langle \text{delimiter} \rangle$  through  $\backslash \_ \text{tl\_replace\_auxii:nNNNnn} \{ \#1 \}$ . Otherwise, we end up calling  $\backslash \_ \text{tl\_replace:NnNNNnn}$  repeatedly with the first two arguments  $\backslash \text{q\_mark} \{ ? \}$ ,  $\backslash ? \{ ?? \}$ ,  $\backslash ?? \{ ??? \}$ , and so on, until #6 does not contain the control sequence #1, which we take as our  $\langle A \rangle$ . The argument #2 only serves to collect ? characters for #1. Note that the order of the tests means that the first two are done every time, which is wasteful (for instance, we repeatedly test for the emptiness of #6). However, this is rare enough not to matter. Finally, choose  $\langle B \rangle$  to be  $\backslash \text{q\_nil}$  or  $\backslash \text{q\_stop}$  such that it is not equal to #6.

The  $\backslash \_ \text{tl\_replace\_auxi:NnnNNNnn}$  auxiliary receives  $\{ \langle A \rangle \}$  and  $\{ \langle A \rangle^n \langle B \rangle \}$  as its arguments, initially with  $n = 1$ . If “ $\langle A \rangle \langle A \rangle^n \langle B \rangle \langle A \rangle^n \langle B \rangle$ ” is in the  $\langle \text{token list} \rangle$  then increase  $n$  and try again. Once it is not anymore in the  $\langle \text{token list} \rangle$  we take it as our  $\langle \text{delimiter} \rangle$  and pass this to the  $\text{auxii}$  auxiliary.

```

4986 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_tl_replace:NnNNNnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
4987 {
4988   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#6}
4989   {
4990     \_msg_kernel_error:nmx { kernel } { empty-search-pattern }
4991     { \tl_to_str:n {#7} }
4992   }
4993   {
4994     \tl_if_in:ontF { #5 #6 } {#1}
4995     {
4996       \tl_if_in:nnTF {#6} {#1}
4997       { \exp_args:Nc \_tl_replace:NnNNNnn {#2} {#2?} }
4998       {
4999         \quark_if_nil:nTF {#6}
5000         { \_tl_replace_auxi:NnnNNNnn #5 {#1} { #1 \q_stop } }
5001         { \_tl_replace_auxi:NnnNNNnn #5 {#1} { #1 \q_nil } }
5002       }
5003     }
5004     { \_tl_replace_auxii:nNNNnn {#1} }
5005     #3#4#5 {#6} {#7}
5006   }
5007 }
5008 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_tl_replace_auxi:NnnNNNnn #1#2#3
5009 {
5010   \tl_if_in:NnTF #1 { #2 #3 #3 }
5011   { \_tl_replace_auxi:NnnNNNnn #1 { #2 #3 } {#2} }
5012   { \_tl_replace_auxii:nNNNnn { #2 #3 #3 } }

```

5013     }

The auxiliary `\__tl_replace_auxii:nNNNnn` receives the following arguments:  $\{\langle\textit{delimiter}\rangle\}$   $\langle\textit{function}\rangle$   $\langle\textit{assignment}\rangle$   $\langle\textit{tl var}\rangle$   $\{\langle\textit{pattern}\rangle\}$   $\{\langle\textit{replacement}\rangle\}$ . All of its work is done between `\group_align_safe_begin:` and `\group_align_safe_end:` to avoid issues in alignments. It does the actual replacement within `#3 #4 {...}`, an x-expanding  $\langle\textit{assignment}\rangle$  `#3` to the  $\langle\textit{tl var}\rangle$  `#4`. The auxiliary `\__tl_replace_next:w` is called, followed by the  $\langle\textit{token list}\rangle$ , some tokens including the  $\langle\textit{delimiter}\rangle$  `#1`, followed by the  $\langle\textit{pattern}\rangle$  `#5`. This auxiliary finds an argument delimited by `#5` (the presence of a trailing `#5` avoids runaway arguments) and calls `\__tl_replace_wrap:w` to test whether this `#5` is found within the  $\langle\textit{token list}\rangle$  or is the trailing one.

If on the one hand it is found within the  $\langle\textit{token list}\rangle$ , then `##1` cannot contain the  $\langle\textit{delimiter}\rangle$  `#1` that we worked so hard to obtain, thus `\__tl_replace_wrap:w` gets `##1` as its own argument `##1`, and protects it against the x-expanding assignment. It also finds `\exp_not:n` as `##2` and does nothing to it, thus letting through `\exp_not:n`  $\{\langle\textit{replacement}\rangle\}$  into the assignment. Note that `\__tl_replace_next:w` and `\__tl_replace_wrap:w` are always called followed by two empty brace groups. These are safe because no delimiter can match them. They prevent losing braces when grabbing delimited arguments, but require the use of `\exp_not:o` and `\use_none:nn`, rather than simply `\exp_not:n`. Afterwards, `\__tl_replace_next:w` is called to repeat the replacement, or `\__tl_replace_wrap:w` if we only want a single replacement. In this second case, `##1` is the  $\langle\textit{remaining tokens}\rangle$  in the  $\langle\textit{token list}\rangle$  and `##2` is some  $\langle\textit{ending code}\rangle$  which ends the assignment and removes the trailing tokens `#5` using some `\if_false: { \fi: }` trickery because `#5` may contain any delimiter.

If on the other hand the argument `##1` of `\__tl_replace_next:w` is delimited by the trailing  $\langle\textit{pattern}\rangle$  `#5`, then `##1` is “ $\{\} \{\} \{\} \langle\textit{token list}\rangle \langle\textit{delimiter}\rangle \{\langle\textit{ending code}\rangle\}$ ”, hence `\__tl_replace_wrap:w` finds “ $\{\} \{\} \{\} \langle\textit{token list}\rangle$ ” as `##1` and the  $\langle\textit{ending code}\rangle$  as `##2`. It leaves the  $\langle\textit{token list}\rangle$  into the assignment and unbraces the  $\langle\textit{ending code}\rangle$  which removes what remains (essentially the  $\langle\textit{delimiter}\rangle$  and  $\langle\textit{replacement}\rangle$ ).

```

5014 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_replace_auxii:nNNNnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
5015 {
5016   \group_align_safe_begin:
5017   \cs_set:Npn \__tl_replace_wrap:w ##1 #1 ##2
5018     { \exp_not:o { \use_none:nn ##1 } ##2 }
5019   \cs_set:Npx \__tl_replace_next:w ##1 #5
5020   {
5021     \exp_not:N \__tl_replace_wrap:w ##1
5022     \exp_not:n { #1 }
5023     \exp_not:n { \exp_not:n {#6} }
5024     \exp_not:n { #2 { } { } }
5025   }
5026   #3 #4
5027   {
5028     \exp_after:wN \__tl_replace_next:w
5029     \exp_after:wN { \exp_after:wN }
5030     \exp_after:wN { \exp_after:wN }
5031     #4
5032     #1

```

```

5033     {
5034         \if_false: { \fi: }
5035         \exp_after:wN \use_none:n \exp_after:wN { \if_false: } \fi:
5036     }
5037     #5
5038 }
5039 \group_align_safe_end:
5040 }
5041 \cs_new_eq:NN \__tl_replace_wrap:w ?
5042 \cs_new_eq:NN \__tl_replace_next:w ?

```

(End definition for `\__tl_replace:NnnNnn` and others.)

`\tl_remove_once:Nn`  
`\tl_remove_once:cn`  
`\tl_gremove_once:Nn`  
`\tl_gremove_once:cn`

Removal is just a special case of replacement.

```

5043 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_remove_once:Nn #1#2
5044 { \tl_replace_once:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
5045 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gremove_once:Nn #1#2
5046 { \tl_greplace_once:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
5047 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_remove_once:Nn { c }
5048 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gremove_once:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_remove_once:Nn` and `\tl_remove_once:cn`. These functions are documented on page 95.)

`\tl_remove_all:Nn`  
`\tl_remove_all:cn`  
`\tl_gremove_all:Nn`  
`\tl_gremove_all:cn`

Removal is just a special case of replacement.

```

5049 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_remove_all:Nn #1#2
5050 { \tl_replace_all:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
5051 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gremove_all:Nn #1#2
5052 { \tl_greplace_all:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
5053 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_remove_all:Nn { c }
5054 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gremove_all:Nn { c }

```

## 10.7 Token list conditionals

TeX skips spaces when reading a non-delimited arguments. Thus, a *token list* is blank if and only if `\use_none:n <token list> ?` is empty after one expansion. The auxiliary `\__tl_if_empty_return:o` is a fast emptiness test, converting its argument to a string (after one expansion) and using the test `\if_meaning:w \q_nil ... \q_nil`.

`\tl_if_blank_p:n`  
`\tl_if_blank_p:V`  
`\tl_if_blank_p:o`  
`\tl_if_blank:nTF`  
`\tl_if_blank:VTF`  
`\tl_if_blank:oTF`  
`\__tl_if_blank_p:NNw`

```

5055 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_blank:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
5056 { \__tl_if_empty_return:o { \use_none:n #1 ? } }
5057 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_blank_p:n { V }
5058 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_blank:nT { V }
5059 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_blank:nF { V }
5060 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_blank:nTF { V }
5061 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_blank_p:n { o }
5062 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_blank:nT { o }
5063 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_blank:nF { o }
5064 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_blank:nTF { o }

```

(End definition for `\tl_remove_all:Nn` and `\tl_remove_all:cn`. These functions are documented on page 96.)

`\tl_if_empty_p:N` These functions check whether the token list in the argument is empty and execute the proper code from their argument(s).

```

\l_if_empty_p:c
\l_if_empty:NTF
\l_if_empty:cTF
5065 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_empty:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
5066 {
5067   \if_meaning:w #1 \c_empty_tl
5068   \prg_return_true:
5069   \else:
5070   \prg_return_false:
5071   \fi:
5072 }
5073 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty_p:N { c }
5074 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty:N { TF }
5075 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty:N { NF }
5076 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty:N { NTF }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_empty:NTF` and `\tl_if_empty:cTF`. These functions are documented on page 98.)

`\tl_if_empty_p:n` Convert the argument to a string: this will be empty if and only if the argument is. Then  
`\tl_if_empty_p:V` `\if_meaning:w \q_nil ... \q_nil` is true if and only if the string ... is empty. It  
`\tl_if_empty:nTF` could be tempting to use `\if_meaning:w \q_nil #1 \q_nil` directly. This fails on a  
`\tl_if_empty:VTF` token list starting with `\q_nil` of course but more troubling is the case where argument  
is a complete conditional such as `\if_true: a \else: b \fi:` because then `\if_true:`  
is used by `\if_meaning:w`, the test turns out false, the `\else:` executes the false  
branch, the `\fi:` ends it and the `\q_nil` at the end starts executing...

```

5077 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_empty:n #1 { p , TF , T , F }
5078 {
5079   \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_after:wN \q_nil
5080   \tl_to_str:n {#1} \q_nil
5081   \prg_return_true:
5082   \else:
5083   \prg_return_false:
5084   \fi:
5085 }
5086 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty_p:n { V }
5087 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty:n { TF }
5088 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty:n { T }
5089 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty:n { F }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_empty:nTF` and `\tl_if_empty:VTF`. These functions are documented on page 98.)

`\tl_if_empty_p:o` The auxiliary function `\__tl_if_empty_return:o` is for use in various token list  
`\tl_if_empty:oTF` conditionals which reduce to testing if a given token list is empty after applying a simple  
`\__tl_if_empty_return:o` function to it. The test for emptiness is based on `\tl_if_empty:n(TF)`, but the expansion  
is hard-coded for efficiency, as this auxiliary function is used in many places. Note



that this works because `\etex_detokenize:D` expands tokens that follow until reading a catcode 1 (begin-group) token.

```

5090 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_empty_return:o #1
5091 {
5092   \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_after:wN \q_nil
5093   \etex_detokenize:D \exp_after:wN {#1} \q_nil
5094   \prg_return_true:
5095   \else:
5096     \prg_return_false:
5097   \fi:
5098 }
5099 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_empty:o #1 { p , TF , T , F }
5100 { \__tl_if_empty_return:o {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_empty:oTF`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\tl_if_eq_p:NN` Returns `\c_true_bool` if and only if the two token list variables are equal.

```

\tl_if_eq_p:Nc
\tl_if_eq_p:cN
\tl_if_eq_p:cc
\red\tl_if_eq:NNTF
\tl_if_eq:NcTF
\tl_if_eq:cNTF
\tl_if_eq:ccTF
5101 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_eq:NN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
5102 {
5103   \if_meaning:w #1 #2
5104   \prg_return_true:
5105   \else:
5106     \prg_return_false:
5107   \fi:
5108 }
5109 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_eq_p:NN { Nc , c , cc }
5110 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_eq:NNTF { Nc , c , cc }
5111 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_eq:NNT { Nc , c , cc }
5112 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_eq:NNF { Nc , c , cc }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_eq:NNTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 98.)

`\tl_if_eq:nnTF` A simple store and compare routine.

```

\l__tl_internal_a_tl
\l__tl_internal_b_tl
5113 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_eq:nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
5114 {
5115   \group_begin:
5116     \tl_set:Nn \l__tl_internal_a_tl {#1}
5117     \tl_set:Nn \l__tl_internal_b_tl {#2}
5118     \if_meaning:w \l__tl_internal_a_tl \l__tl_internal_b_tl
5119     \group_end:
5120     \prg_return_true:
5121     \else:
5122       \group_end:
5123       \prg_return_false:
5124     \fi:
5125 }
5126 \tl_new:N \l__tl_internal_a_tl
5127 \tl_new:N \l__tl_internal_b_tl

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_eq:nnTF`. This function is documented on page 98.)

`\tl_if_in:NnTF` See `\tl_if_in:nn(TF)` for further comments. Here we simply expand the token list `\tl_if_in:cnTF` variable and pass it to `\tl_if_in:nn(TF)`.

```

5128 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_if_in:NnT { \exp_args:No \tl_if_in:nnT }
5129 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_if_in:NnF { \exp_args:No \tl_if_in:nnF }
5130 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_if_in:NnTF { \exp_args:No \tl_if_in:nnTF }
5131 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_in:NnT { c }
5132 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_in:NnF { c }
5133 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_in:NnTF { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_in:NnTF` and `\tl_if_in:cnTF`. These functions are documented on page 98.)

`\tl_if_in:nnTF` Once more, the test relies on the emptiness test for robustness. The function `\__tl_tmp:w` removes tokens until the first occurrence of `#2`. If this does not appear in `#1`, then `\tl_if_in:VnTF` the final `#2` is removed, leaving an empty token list. Otherwise some tokens remain, and `\tl_if_in:onTF` the test is false. See `\tl_if_empty:n(TF)` for details on the emptiness test.

Treating correctly cases like `\tl_if_in:nnTF {a state}{states}`, where `#1#2` contains `#2` before the end, requires special care. To cater for this case, we insert `{ }{ }` between the two token lists. This marker may not appear in `#2` because of  $\TeX$  limitations on what can delimit a parameter, hence we are safe. Using two brace groups makes the test work also for empty arguments. The `\if_false:` constructions are a faster way to do `\group_align_safe_begin:` and `\group_align_safe_end:`.

```

5134 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_in:nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
5135 {
5136   \if_false: { \fi:
5137     \cs_set:Npn \__tl_tmp:w ##1 #2 { }
5138     \tl_if_empty:oTF { \__tl_tmp:w #1 {} {} } #2 {
5139       { \prg_return_false: } { \prg_return_true: }
5140     } \if_false: } \fi:
5141   }
5142   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_in:nnT { V , o , no }
5143   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_in:nnF { V , o , no }
5144   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_in:nnTF { V , o , no }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_in:nnTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 98.)

`\tl_if_single_p:N` Expand the token list and feed it to `\tl_if_single:n`.

```

\tl_if_single:NNTF
5145 \cs_new:Npn \tl_if_single_p:N { \exp_args:No \tl_if_single_p:n }
5146 \cs_new:Npn \tl_if_single:NT { \exp_args:No \tl_if_single:nT }
5147 \cs_new:Npn \tl_if_single:NF { \exp_args:No \tl_if_single:nF }
5148 \cs_new:Npn \tl_if_single:NTF { \exp_args:No \tl_if_single:nTF }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_single:NNTF`. This function is documented on page 99.)

`\tl_if_single_p:n` This test is similar to `\tl_if_empty:nTF`. Expanding `\use_none:nn #1 ??` once yields `\tl_if_single:nTF` an empty result if `#1` is blank, a single `?` if `#1` has a single item, and otherwise yields `\__tl_if_single_p:n` some tokens ending with `??`. Then, `\tl_to_str:n` makes sure there are no odd category codes. An earlier version would compare the result to a single `?` using string comparison, but the Lua call is slow in  $\text{Lua}\TeX$ . Instead, `\__tl_if_single:nnw` picks the second token in front of it. If `#1` is empty, this token will be the trailing `?` and the catcode test

yields `false`. If #1 has a single item, the token will be `^` and the catcode test yields `true`. Otherwise, it will be one of the characters resulting from `\tl_to_str:n`, and the catcode test yields `false`. Note that `\if_catcode:w` takes care of the expansions, and that `\tl_to_str:n` (the `\detokenize` primitive) actually expands tokens until finding a begin-group token.

```

5149 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_single:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
5150 {
5151   \if_catcode:w ^ \exp_after:wN \__tl_if_single:nnw
5152     \tl_to_str:n \exp_after:wN { \use_none:nn #1 ?? } ^ ? \q_stop
5153     \prg_return_true:
5154   \else:
5155     \prg_return_false:
5156   \fi:
5157 }
5158 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_single:nnw #1#2#3 \q_stop {#2}

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_single:nTF`. This function is documented on page 99.)

<pre> \tl_case:Nn \tl_case:cn \tl_case:NnTF \tl_case:cnTF \__tl_case:nnTF \__tl_case:Nw \__prg_case_end:nw \__tl_case_end:nw </pre>	<p>The aim here is to allow the case statement to be evaluated using a known number of expansion steps (two), and without needing to use an explicit “end of recursion” marker. That is achieved by using the test input as the final case, as this will always be true. The trick is then to tidy up the output such that the appropriate case code plus either the <code>true</code> or <code>false</code> branch code is inserted.</p> <pre> 5159 \cs_new:Npn \tl_case:Nn #1#2 5160 { 5161   \exp:w 5162   \__tl_case:NnTF #1 {#2} { } { } 5163 } 5164 \cs_new:Npn \tl_case:NnT #1#2#3 5165 { 5166   \exp:w 5167   \__tl_case:NnTF #1 {#2} {#3} { } 5168 } 5169 \cs_new:Npn \tl_case:NnF #1#2#3 5170 { 5171   \exp:w 5172   \__tl_case:NnTF #1 {#2} { } {#3} 5173 } 5174 \cs_new:Npn \tl_case:NnTF #1#2 5175 { 5176   \exp:w 5177   \__tl_case:NnTF #1 {#2} 5178 } 5179 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_case:NnTF #1#2#3#4 5180 { \__tl_case:Nw #1 #2 #1 { } \q_mark {#3} \q_mark {#4} \q_stop } 5181 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_case:Nw #1#2#3 5182 { 5183   \tl_if_eq:NNTF #1 #2 5184     { \__tl_case_end:nw {#3} } </pre>
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```

5185     { \_tl\_case:Nw #1 }
5186   }
5187   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl\_case:Nn { c }
5188   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl\_case:NnT { c }
5189   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl\_case:NnF { c }
5190   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl\_case:NnTF { c }

```

To tidy up the recursion, there are two outcomes. If there was a hit to one of the cases searched for, then #1 will be the code to insert, #2 will be the *next* case to check on and #3 will be all of the rest of the cases code. That means that #4 will be the **true** branch code, and #5 will be tidy up the spare `\q\_mark` and the **false** branch. On the other hand, if none of the cases matched then we arrive here using the “termination” case of comparing the search with itself. That means that #1 will be empty, #2 will be the first `\q\_mark` and so #4 will be the **false** code (the **true** code is mopped up by #3).

```

5191   \cs_new:Npn \_prg\_case\_end:nw #1#2#3 \q\_mark #4#5 \q\_stop
5192     { \exp\_end: #1 #4 }
5193   \cs_new\_eq:NN \_tl\_case\_end:nw \_prg\_case\_end:nw

```

(End definition for `\tl\_case:Nn` and `\tl\_case:cn`. These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 10.8 Mapping to token lists

`\tl\_map\_function:nN` Expandable loop macro for token lists. These have the advantage of not needing to test if the argument is empty, because if it is, the stop marker will be read immediately and the loop terminated.

```

\_tl\_map\_function:Nn
5194   \cs_new:Npn \tl\_map\_function:Nn #1#2
5195     {
5196       \_tl\_map\_function:Nn #2 #1
5197       \q\_recursion\_tail
5198       \_prg\_break\_point:Nn \tl\_map\_break: { }
5199     }
5200   \cs_new\_nopar:Npn \tl\_map\_function:NN
5201     { \exp\_args:No \tl\_map\_function:nN }
5202   \cs_new:Npn \_tl\_map\_function:Nn #1#2
5203     {
5204       \_quark\_if\_recursion\_tail\_break:nN {#2} \tl\_map\_break:
5205       #1 {#2} \_tl\_map\_function:Nn #1
5206     }
5207   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl\_map\_function:NN { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl\_map\_function:nN`. This function is documented on page 99.)

`\tl\_map\_inline:nn` The inline functions are straight forward by now. We use a little trick with the counter `\g\_prg\_map\_int` to make them nestable. We can also make use of `\_tl\_map\_function:Nn` from before.

```

5208   \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl\_map\_inline:nn #1#2
5209     {
5210       \int\_gincr:N \g\_prg\_map\_int
5211       \cs\_gset:cpn { \_prg\_map\_ \int\_use:N \g\_prg\_map\_int :w } ##1 {#2}

```

```

5212 \exp_args:Nc \__tl_map_function:Nn
5213 { \__prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
5214 #1 \q_recursion_tail
5215 \__prg_break_point:Nn \tl_map_break: { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
5216 }
5217 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_map_inline:Nn
5218 { \exp_args:No \tl_map_inline:nn }
5219 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_map_inline:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_map_inline:nn`. This function is documented on page 100.)

```

\tl_map_variable:nNn \tl_map_variable:nNn <token list> <temp> <action> assigns <temp> to each element and
\tl_map_variable:NNn executes <action>.
\tl_map_variable:cNn
\__tl_map_variable:Nnn
5220 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_map_variable:nNn #1#2#3
5221 {
5222   \__tl_map_variable:Nnn #2 {#3} #1
5223   \q_recursion_tail
5224   \__prg_break_point:Nn \tl_map_break: { }
5225 }
5226 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_map_variable:NNn
5227 { \exp_args:No \tl_map_variable:nNn }
5228 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_map_variable:Nnn #1#2#3
5229 {
5230   \tl_set:Nn #1 {#3}
5231   \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN #1 \tl_map_break:
5232   \use:n {#2}
5233   \__tl_map_variable:Nnn #1 {#2}
5234 }
5235 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_map_variable:NNn { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_map_variable:nNn`. This function is documented on page 100.)

```

\tl_map_break: The break statements use the general \__prg_map_break:Nn.
\tl_map_break:n
5236 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_map_break:
5237 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \tl_map_break: { } }
5238 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_map_break:n
5239 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \tl_map_break: }

```

(End definition for `\tl_map_break:.` This function is documented on page 100.)

## 10.9 Using token lists

`\tl_to_str:n` Another name for a primitive: defined in `l3basics`.

(End definition for `\tl_to_str:n`. This function is documented on page 101.)

```

\tl_to_str:N These functions return the replacement text of a token list as a string.
\tl_to_str:c
5240 \cs_new:Npn \tl_to_str:N #1 { \etex_detokenize:D \exp_after:wN {#1} }
5241 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_to_str:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_to_str:N` and `\tl_to_str:c`. These functions are documented on page 102.)

**\tl\_use:N** Token lists which are simply not defined will give a clear TeX error here. No such luck for ones equal to **\scan\_stop**: so instead a test is made and if there is an issue an error is forced.

```

5242 \cs_new:Npn \tl_use:N #1
5243 {
5244   \tl_if_exist:NTF #1 {#1}
5245   {
5246     \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
5247     { kernel } { bad-variable } {#1}
5248   }
5249 }
5250 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_use:N { c }

```

(End definition for **\tl\_use:N** and **\tl\_use:c**. These functions are documented on page 102.)

## 10.10 Working with the contents of token lists

**\tl\_count:n** Count number of elements within a token list or token list variable. Brace groups within the list are read as a single element. Spaces are ignored. **\\_\_tl\_count:n** grabs the element and replaces it by +1. The 0 ensures that it works on an empty list.

```

5251 \cs_new:Npn \tl_count:n #1
5252 {
5253   \int_eval:n
5254   { 0 \tl_map_function:nN {#1} \__tl_count:n }
5255 }
5256 \cs_new:Npn \tl_count:N #1
5257 {
5258   \int_eval:n
5259   { 0 \tl_map_function:NN #1 \__tl_count:n }
5260 }
5261 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_count:n #1 { + \c_one }
5262 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_count:n { V , o }
5263 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_count:N { c }

```

(End definition for **\tl\_count:n**, **\tl\_count:V**, and **\tl\_count:o**. These functions are documented on page 102.)

**\tl\_reverse\_items:n** Reversal of a token list is done by taking one item at a time and putting it after **\q\_stop**.

```

5264 \cs_new:Npn \tl_reverse_items:n #1
5265 {
5266   \__tl_reverse_items:nwNwn #1 ?
5267   \q_mark \__tl_reverse_items:nwNwn
5268   \q_mark \__tl_reverse_items:wn
5269   \q_stop { }
5270 }
5271 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_reverse_items:nwNwn #1 #2 \q_mark #3 #4 \q_stop #5
5272 {
5273   #3 #2
5274   \q_mark \__tl_reverse_items:nwNwn

```

```

5275     \q_mark \_tl_reverse_items:wn
5276     \q_stop { {#1} #5 }
5277   }
5278   \cs_new:Npn \_tl_reverse_items:wn #1 \q_stop #2
5279     { \exp_not:o { \use_none:nn #2 } }

```

(End definition for `\tl_reverse_items:n`. This function is documented on page 103.)

`\tl_trim_spaces:n` Trimming spaces from around the input is deferred to an internal function whose first argument is the token list to trim, augmented by an initial `\q_mark`, and whose second argument is a *continuation*, which will receive as a braced argument `\use_none:n \q_mark` *trimmed token list*. In the case at hand, we take `\exp_not:o` as our continuation, so that space trimming will behave correctly within an x-type expansion.

```

5280 \cs_new:Npn \tl_trim_spaces:n #1
5281   { \_tl_trim_spaces:nn { \q_mark #1 } \exp_not:o }
5282 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_trim_spaces:N #1
5283   { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \tl_trim_spaces:n {#1} } }
5284 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gtrim_spaces:N #1
5285   { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \tl_trim_spaces:n {#1} } }
5286 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_trim_spaces:N { c }
5287 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gtrim_spaces:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_trim_spaces:n`. This function is documented on page 103.)

`\_tl_trim_spaces:nn` Trimming spaces from around the input is done using delimited arguments and quarks, and to get spaces at odd places in the definitions, we nest those in `\_tl_tmp:w`, which then receives a single space as its argument: `#1` is `␣`. Removing leading spaces is done with `\_tl_trim_spaces_auxi:w`, which loops until `\q_mark␣` matches the end of the token list: then `##1` is the token list and `##3` is `\_tl_trim_spaces_auxii:w`. This hands the relevant tokens to the loop `\_tl_trim_spaces_auxiii:w`, responsible for trimming trailing spaces. The end is reached when `␣ \q_nil` matches the one present in the definition of `\tl_trim_spaces:n`. Then `\_tl_trim_spaces_auxiv:w` puts the token list into a group, with `\use_none:n` placed there to gobble a lingering `\q_mark`, and feeds this to the *continuation*.

```

5288 \cs_set:Npn \_tl_tmp:w #1
5289   {
5290     \cs_new:Npn \_tl_trim_spaces:nn ##1
5291       {
5292         \_tl_trim_spaces_auxi:w
5293         ##1
5294         \q_nil
5295         \q_mark #1 { }
5296         \q_mark \_tl_trim_spaces_auxii:w
5297         \_tl_trim_spaces_auxiii:w
5298         #1 \q_nil
5299         \_tl_trim_spaces_auxiv:w
5300         \q_stop
5301       }
5302     \cs_new:Npn \_tl_trim_spaces_auxi:w ##1 \q_mark #1 ##2 \q_mark ##3

```

```

5303     {
5304         ##3
5305         \__tl_trim_spaces_auxi:w
5306         \q_mark
5307         ##2
5308         \q_mark #1 {##1}
5309     }
5310     \cs_new:Npn \__tl_trim_spaces_auxii:w
5311         \__tl_trim_spaces_auxi:w \q_mark \q_mark ##1
5312     {
5313         \__tl_trim_spaces_auxiii:w
5314         ##1
5315     }
5316     \cs_new:Npn \__tl_trim_spaces_auxiii:w ##1 #1 \q_nil ##2
5317     {
5318         ##2
5319         ##1 \q_nil
5320         \__tl_trim_spaces_auxiii:w
5321     }
5322     \cs_new:Npn \__tl_trim_spaces_auxiv:w ##1 \q_nil ##2 \q_stop ##3
5323     { ##3 { \use_none:n ##1 } }
5324 }
5325 \__tl_tmp:w { ~ }

```

(End definition for \\_\_tl\_trim\_spaces:nn.)

## 10.11 Token by token changes

\q\_\_tl\_act\_mark The \tl\_act functions may be applied to any token list. Hence, we use two private  
\q\_\_tl\_act\_stop quarks, to allow any token, even quarks, in the token list. Only \q\_\_tl\_act\_mark and  
\q\_\_tl\_act\_stop may not appear in the token lists manipulated by \\_\_tl\_act:NNNnn functions. The quarks are effectively defined in l3quark.

(End definition for \q\_\_tl\_act\_mark and \q\_\_tl\_act\_stop. These variables are documented on page ??.)

\\_\_tl\_act:NNNnn To help control the expansion, \\_\_tl\_act:NNNnn should always be proceeded by \exp:w  
\\_\_tl\_act\_output:n and ends by producing \exp\_end: once the result has been obtained. Then loop over  
\\_\_tl\_act\_reverse\_output:n tokens, groups, and spaces in #5. The marker \q\_\_tl\_act\_mark is used both to avoid  
\\_\_tl\_act\_loop:w losing outer braces and to detect the end of the token list more easily. The result is stored  
\\_\_tl\_act\_normal:NwnNNN as an argument for the dummy function \\_\_tl\_act\_result:n.  
\\_\_tl\_act\_group:nwnNNN  
\\_\_tl\_act\_space:wwnNNN  
\\_\_tl\_act\_end:w

```

5326 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act:NNNnn #1#2#3#4#5
5327 {
5328     \group_align_safe_begin:
5329     \__tl_act_loop:w #5 \q__tl_act_mark \q__tl_act_stop
5330     {#4} #1 #2 #3
5331     \__tl_act_result:n { }
5332 }

```



In the loop, we check how the token list begins and act accordingly. In the “normal” case, we may have reached `\q__tl_act_mark`, the end of the list. Then leave `\exp_end:` and the result in the input stream, to terminate the expansion of `\exp:w`. Otherwise, apply the relevant function to the “arguments”, #3 and to the head of the token list. Then repeat the loop. The scheme is the same if the token list starts with a group or with a space. Some extra work is needed to make `\__tl_act_space:wnnn` gobble the space.

```

5333 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_loop:w #1 \q__tl_act_stop
5334 {
5335   \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {#1}
5336   { \__tl_act_normal:NwnNNN }
5337   {
5338     \tl_if_head_is_group:nTF {#1}
5339     { \__tl_act_group:wnnn }
5340     { \__tl_act_space:wnnn }
5341   }
5342   #1 \q__tl_act_stop
5343 }
5344 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_normal:NwnNNN #1 #2 \q__tl_act_stop #3#4
5345 {
5346   \if_meaning:w \q__tl_act_mark #1
5347   \exp_after:wN \__tl_act_end:wn
5348   \fi:
5349   #4 {#3} #1
5350   \__tl_act_loop:w #2 \q__tl_act_stop
5351   {#3} #4
5352 }
5353 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_end:wn #1 \__tl_act_result:n #2
5354 { \group_align_safe_end: \exp_end: #2 }
5355 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_group:wnnn #1 #2 \q__tl_act_stop #3#4#5
5356 {
5357   #5 {#3} {#1}
5358   \__tl_act_loop:w #2 \q__tl_act_stop
5359   {#3} #4 #5
5360 }
5361 \exp_last_unbraced:NNo
5362 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_space:wnnn \c_space_tl #1 \q__tl_act_stop #2#3#4#5
5363 {
5364   #5 {#2}
5365   \__tl_act_loop:w #1 \q__tl_act_stop
5366   {#2} #3 #4 #5
5367 }

```

Typically, the output is done to the right of what was already output, using `\__tl_act_output:n`, but for the `\__tl_act_reverse` functions, it should be done to the left.

```

5368 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_output:n #1 #2 \__tl_act_result:n #3
5369 { #2 \__tl_act_result:n { #3 #1 } }
5370 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_reverse_output:n #1 #2 \__tl_act_result:n #3
5371 { #2 \__tl_act_result:n { #1 #3 } }

```

(End definition for `\__tl_act:NNNnn`.)

`\tl_reverse:n` The goal here is to reverse without losing spaces nor braces. This is done using the  
`\tl_reverse:o` general internal function `\__tl_act:NNNnn`. Spaces and “normal” tokens are output on  
`\tl_reverse:V` the left of the current output. Grouped tokens are output to the left but without any  
`\__tl_reverse_normal:nN` reversal within the group. All of the internal functions here drop one argument: this is  
`\_tl_reverse_group_preserve:nn` needed by `\__tl_act:NNNnn` when changing case (to record which direction the change  
`\__tl_reverse_space:n` is in), but not when reversing the tokens.

```

5372 \cs_new:Npn \tl_reverse:n #1
5373 {
5374   \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
5375   {
5376     \exp:w
5377     \__tl_act:NNNnn
5378     \__tl_reverse_normal:nN
5379     \__tl_reverse_group_preserve:nn
5380     \__tl_reverse_space:n
5381     { }
5382     {#1}
5383   }
5384 }
5385 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_reverse:n { o , V }
5386 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_reverse_normal:nN #1#2
5387 { \_tl_act_reverse_output:n {#2} }
5388 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_reverse_group_preserve:nn #1#2
5389 { \_tl_act_reverse_output:n { {#2} } }
5390 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_reverse_space:n #1
5391 { \_tl_act_reverse_output:n { ~ } }

```

(End definition for `\tl_reverse:n`, `\tl_reverse:o`, and `\tl_reverse:V`. These functions are documented on page 102.)

`\tl_reverse:N` This reverses the list, leaving `\exp_stop_f:` in front, which stops the `f`-expansion.

```

\__tl_reverse:c 5392 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_reverse:N #1
\__tl_reverse:c { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \tl_reverse:n { #1 } } }
\tl_greverse:N 5393 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_greverse:N #1
\tl_greverse:c 5394 { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \tl_reverse:n { #1 } } }
5395 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_reverse:N { c }
5396 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_greverse:N { c }
5397

```

(End definition for `\tl_reverse:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 102.)

## 10.12 The first token from a token list

`\tl_head:N` Finding the head of a token list expandably will always strip braces, which is fine as  
`\tl_head:n` this is consistent with for example mapping to a list. The empty brace groups in `\tl_-`  
`\tl_head:V` `head:n` ensure that a blank argument gives an empty result. The result is returned  
`\tl_head:v` within the `\unexpanded` primitive. The approach here is to use `\if_false:` to allow  
`\tl_head:f` us to use `}` as the closing delimiter: this is the only safe choice, as any other token  
`\__tl_head_auxi:nw` would not be able to parse it’s own code. Using a marker, we can see if what we are  
`\__tl_head_auxii:n` grabbing is exactly the marker, or there is anything else to deal with. Is there is, there  
`\tl_head:w`  
`\tl_tail:N`  
`\tl_tail:n`  
`\tl_tail:V`  
`\tl_tail:v`  
`\tl_tail:f`

is a loop. If not, tidy up and leave the item in the output stream. More detail in <http://tex.stackexchange.com/a/70168>.

```

5398 \cs_new:Npn \tl_head:n #1
5399 {
5400   \etex_unexpanded:D
5401   \if_false: { \fi: \tl_head_auxi:nw #1 { } \q_stop }
5402 }
5403 \cs_new:Npn \tl_head_auxi:nw #1#2 \q_stop
5404 {
5405   \exp_after:wN \tl_head_auxii:n \exp_after:wN {
5406     \if_false: } \fi: {#1}
5407 }
5408 \cs_new:Npn \tl_head_auxii:n #1
5409 {
5410   \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_after:wN \q_nil
5411   \tl_to_str:n \exp_after:wN { \use_none:n #1 } \q_nil
5412   \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
5413   \else:
5414     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
5415   \fi:
5416   {#1}
5417   { \if_false: { \fi: \tl_head_auxi:nw #1 } }
5418 }
5419 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_head:n { V , v , f }
5420 \cs_new:Npn \tl_head:w #1#2 \q_stop {#1}
5421 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_head:N { \exp_args:No \tl_head:n }

```

To corrected leave the tail of a token list, it's important *not* to absorb any of the tail part as an argument. For example, the simple definition

```

\cs_new:Npn \tl_tail:n #1 { \tl_tail:w #1 \q_stop }
\cs_new:Npn \tl_tail:w #1#2 \q_stop

```

will give the wrong result for `\tl_tail:n { a { bc } }` (the braces will be stripped). Thus the only safe way to proceed is to first check that there is an item to grab (*i.e.* that the argument is not blank) and assuming there is to dispose of the first item. As with `\tl_head:n`, the result is protected from further expansion by `\unexpanded`. While we could optimise the test here, this would leave some tokens “banned” in the input, which we do not have with this definition.

```

5422 \cs_new:Npn \tl_tail:n #1
5423 {
5424   \etex_unexpanded:D
5425   \tl_if_blank:nTF {#1}
5426     { { } }
5427     { \exp_after:wN { \use_none:n #1 } }
5428 }
5429 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_tail:n { V , v , f }
5430 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_tail:N { \exp_args:No \tl_tail:n }

```

(End definition for `\tl_head:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 104.)

```

\if_head_eq_meaning_p:nN
\if_head_eq_meaning:nTF
\if_head_eq_charcode_p:nN
\if_head_eq_charcode:nTF
\if_head_eq_charcode_p:fN
\if_head_eq_charcode:fNTF
\if_head_eq_catcode_p:nN
\if_head_eq_catcode:nTF

```

Accessing the first token of a token list is tricky in three cases: when it has category code 1 (begin-group token), when it is an explicit space, with category code 10 and character code 32, or when the token list is empty (obviously).

Forgetting temporarily about this issue we would use the following test in `\if_head_eq_charcode:nN`. Here, `\tl_head:w` yields the first token of the token list, then passed to `\exp_not:N`.

```

\if_charcode:w
  \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \tl_head:w #1 \q_nil \q_stop
\exp_not:N #2

```

The two first special cases are detected by testing if the token list starts with an N-type token (the extra ? sends empty token lists to the `true` branch of this test). In those cases, the first token is a character, and since we only care about its character code, we can use `\str_head:n` to access it (this works even if it is a space character). An empty argument will result in `\tl_head:w` leaving two tokens: ? which is taken in the `\if_charcode:w` test, and `\use_none:nn`, which ensures that `\prg_return_false:` is returned regardless of whether the charcode test was true or false.

```

5431 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \if_head_eq_charcode:nN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
5432 {
5433   \if_charcode:w
5434     \exp_not:N #2
5435     \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF { #1 ? }
5436     {
5437       \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N
5438       \tl_head:w #1 { ? \use_none:nn } \q_stop
5439     }
5440     { \str_head:n {#1} }
5441     \prg_return_true:
5442   \else:
5443     \prg_return_false:
5444   \fi:
5445 }
5446 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \if_head_eq_charcode_p:nN { f }
5447 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \if_head_eq_charcode:nTF { f }
5448 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \if_head_eq_charcode:nNT { f }
5449 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \if_head_eq_charcode:nNF { f }

```

For `\if_head_eq_catcode:nN`, again we detect special cases with a `\tl_if_head_is_N_type:n`. Then we need to test if the first token is a begin-group token or an explicit space token, and produce the relevant token, either `\c_group_begin_token` or `\c_space_token`. Again, for an empty argument, a hack is used, removing `\prg_return_true:` and `\else:` with `\use_none:nn` in case the catcode test with the (arbitrarily chosen) ? is true.

```

5450 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \if_head_eq_catcode:nN #1 #2 { p , T , F , TF }
5451 {
5452   \if_catcode:w
5453     \exp_not:N #2
5454     \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF { #1 ? }

```

```

5455         {
5456         \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N
5457         \tl_head:w #1 { ? \use_none:nn } \q_stop
5458         }
5459         {
5460         \tl_if_head_is_group:nTF {#1}
5461         { \c_group_begin_token }
5462         { \c_space_token }
5463         }
5464         \prg_return_true:
5465     \else:
5466         \prg_return_false:
5467     \fi:
5468 }

```

For `\tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nN`, again, detect special cases. In the normal case, use `\tl_head:w`, with no `\exp_not:N` this time, since `\if_meaning:w` causes no expansion. With an empty argument, the test is true, and `\use_none:nnn` removes #2 and the usual `\prg_return_true:` and `\else:.` In the special cases, we know that the first token is a character, hence `\if_charcode:w` and `\if_catcode:w` together are enough. We combine them in some order, hopefully faster than the reverse. Tests are not nested because the arguments may contain unmatched primitive conditionals.

```

5469 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
5470 {
5471     \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF { #1 ? }
5472     { \__tl_if_head_eq_meaning_normal:nN }
5473     { \__tl_if_head_eq_meaning_special:nN }
5474     {#1} #2
5475 }
5476 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_head_eq_meaning_normal:nN #1 #2
5477 {
5478     \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w
5479     \tl_head:w #1 { ?? \use_none:nnn } \q_stop #2
5480     \prg_return_true:
5481     \else:
5482         \prg_return_false:
5483     \fi:
5484 }
5485 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_head_eq_meaning_special:nN #1 #2
5486 {
5487     \if_charcode:w \str_head:n {#1} \exp_not:N #2
5488     \exp_after:wN \use:n
5489     \else:
5490         \prg_return_false:
5491     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
5492     \fi:
5493     {
5494         \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #2
5495         \tl_if_head_is_group:nTF {#1}
5496         { \c_group_begin_token }

```

```

5497             { \c_space_token }
5498         \prg_return_true:
5499     \else:
5500         \prg_return_false:
5501     \fi:
5502 }
5503 }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nNTF`. This function is documented on page 105.)

`\tl_if_head_is_N_type_p:n` A token list can be empty, can start with an explicit space character (catcode 10 and charcode 32), can start with a begin-group token (catcode 1), or start with an N-type argument. In the first two cases, the line involving `\__tl_if_head_is_N_type:w` produces `^` (and otherwise nothing). In the third case (begin-group token), the lines involving `\exp_after:wN` produce a single closing brace. The category code test is thus true exactly in the fourth case, which is what we want. One cannot optimize by moving one of the `*` to the beginning: if `#1` contains primitive conditionals, all of its occurrences must be dealt with before the `\if_catcode:w` tries to skip the `true` branch of the conditional.

```

5504 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_head_is_N_type:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
5505 {
5506     \if_catcode:w
5507         \if_false: { \fi: \__tl_if_head_is_N_type:w ? #1 ~ }
5508         \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
5509         \exp_after:wN { \exp_after:wN { \token_to_str:N #1 ? } }
5510         * *
5511     \prg_return_true:
5512 \else:
5513     \prg_return_false:
5514 \fi:
5515 }
5516 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_head_is_N_type:w #1 ~
5517 {
5518     \tl_if_empty:oTF { \use_none:n #1 } { ^ } { }
5519     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n \exp_after:wN { \if_false: } \fi:
5520 }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF`. This function is documented on page 106.)

`\tl_if_head_is_group_p:n` Pass the first token of `#1` through `\token_to_str:N`, then check for the brace balance.  
`\tl_if_head_is_group:nTF` The extra `?` caters for an empty argument.<sup>7</sup>

```

5521 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_head_is_group:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
5522 {
5523     \if_catcode:w
5524         \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
5525         \exp_after:wN { \exp_after:wN { \token_to_str:N #1 ? } }
5526         * *

```

---

<sup>7</sup>Bruno: this could be made faster, but we don't: if we hope to ever have an e-type argument, we need all brace "tricks" to happen in one step of expansion, keeping the token list brace balanced at all times.

```

5527     \prg_return_false:
5528   \else:
5529     \prg_return_true:
5530   \fi:
5531 }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_head_is_group:nTF`. This function is documented on page 105.)

`\tl_if_head_is_space_p:n` The auxiliary's argument is all that is before the first explicit space in `?#1?~`. If that is a single `?` the test yields `true`. Otherwise, that is more than one token, and the test yields `false`. The work is done within braces (with an `\if_false: { \fi: ... }` construction) both to hide potential alignment tab characters from  $\TeX$  in a table, and to allow for removing what remains of the token list after its first space. The `\exp:w` and `\exp_end:` ensure that the result of a single step of expansion directly yields a balanced token list (no trailing closing brace).

`\tl_if_head_is_space:nTF`  
`__tl_if_head_is_space:w`

```

5532 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_head_is_space:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
5533 {
5534   \exp:w \if_false: { \fi:
5535     \__tl_if_head_is_space:w ? #1 ? ~ }
5536 }
5537 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_head_is_space:w #1 ~
5538 {
5539   \tl_if_empty:oTF { \use_none:n #1 }
5540     { \exp_after:wN \exp_end: \exp_after:wN \prg_return_true: }
5541     { \exp_after:wN \exp_end: \exp_after:wN \prg_return_false: }
5542   \exp_after:wN \use_none:n \exp_after:wN { \if_false: } \fi:
5543 }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_head_is_space:nTF`. This function is documented on page 106.)

## 10.13 Using a single item

`\tl_item:nn` The idea here is to find the offset of the item from the left, then use a loop to grab  
`\tl_item:Nn` the correct item. If the resulting offset is too large, then `\quark_if_recursion_tail-`  
`\tl_item:cn` `stop:n` terminates the loop, and returns nothing at all.  
`__tl_item:nn`

```

5544 \cs_new:Npn \tl_item:nn #1#2
5545 {
5546   \exp_args:Nf \__tl_item:nn
5547   {
5548     \int_eval:n
5549     {
5550       \int_compare:nNnT {#2} < \c_zero
5551       { \tl_count:n {#1} + \c_one + }
5552       #2
5553     }
5554   }
5555   #1
5556   \q_recursion_tail
5557   \__prg_break_point:

```

```

5558 }
5559 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_item:nn #1#2
5560 {
5561   \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN {#2} \__prg_break:
5562   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = \c_one
5563     { \__prg_break:n { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
5564     { \exp_args:Nf \__tl_item:nn { \int_eval:n { #1 - 1 } } }
5565 }
5566 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_item:Nn { \exp_args:No \tl_item:nn }
5567 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_item:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_item:nn`, `\tl_item:Nn`, and `\tl_item:cn`. These functions are documented on page 106.)

## 10.14 Viewing token lists

**`\tl_show:N`** Showing token list variables is done after checking that the variable is defined (see `\__kernel_register_show:N`).

```

5568 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_show:N #1
5569 {
5570   \__msg_show_variable:NNNnn #1 \tl_if_exist:NTF ? { }
5571   { > ~ \token_to_str:N #1 = \tl_to_str:N #1 }
5572 }
5573 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_show:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_show:N` and `\tl_show:c`. These functions are documented on page 106.)

**`\tl_show:n`** The `\__msg_show_wrap:n` internal function performs line-wrapping and shows the result using the `\etex_showtokens:D` primitive. Since `\tl_to_str:n` is expanded within the line-wrapping code, the escape character is always a backslash.

```

5574 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_show:n #1
5575 { \__msg_show_wrap:n { > ~ \tl_to_str:n {#1} } }

```

(End definition for `\tl_show:n`. This function is documented on page 107.)

## 10.15 Scratch token lists

**`\g_tmpa_tl`** **`\g_tmpb_tl`** Global temporary token list variables. They are supposed to be set and used immediately, with no delay between the definition and the use because you can't count on other macros not to redefine them from under you.

```

5576 \tl_new:N \g_tmpa_tl
5577 \tl_new:N \g_tmpb_tl

```

(End definition for `\g_tmpa_tl` and `\g_tmpb_tl`. These variables are documented on page 107.)

**`\l_tmpa_tl`** **`\l_tmpb_tl`** These are local temporary token list variables. Be sure not to assume that the value you put into them will survive for long—see discussion above.

```

5578 \tl_new:N \l_tmpa_tl
5579 \tl_new:N \l_tmpb_tl

```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_tl` and `\l_tmpb_tl`. These variables are documented on page 107.)

```

5580 </initex | package>

```



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```
5581 <*initex | package>
5582 <@@=str>
```

### 11.1 Creating and setting string variables

**\str\_new:N** A string is simply a token list. The full mapping system isn't set up yet so do things by hand.

**\str\_new:c**

**\str\_use:N** 5583 \group\_begin:

**\str\_use:c** 5584 \cs\_set\_protected:Npn \\_\_str\_tmp:n #1

**\str\_clear:N** 5585 {

**\str\_clear:c** 5586 \tl\_if\_blank:nF {#1}

**\str\_gclear:N** 5587 {

**\str\_gclear:c** 5588 \cs\_new\_eq:cc { str\_ #1 :N } { tl\_ #1 :N }

**\str\_clear\_new:N** 5589 \exp\_args:Nc \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn { str\_ #1 :N } { c }

**\str\_clear\_new:c** 5590 \\_\_str\_tmp:n

**\str\_gclear\_new:N** 5591 }

**\str\_gclear\_new:c** 5592 }

**\str\_set\_eq:NN** 5593 \\_\_str\_tmp:n

**\str\_set\_eq:cN** 5594 { new }

**\str\_set\_eq:Nc** 5595 { use }

**\str\_set\_eq:cc** 5596 { clear }

**\str\_gset\_eq:NN** 5597 { gclear }

**\str\_gset\_eq:cN** 5598 { clear\_new }

**\str\_gset\_eq:Nc** 5599 { gclear\_new }

**\str\_gset\_eq:cc** 5600 { }

5601 \group\_end:

5602 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \str\_set\_eq:NN \tl\_set\_eq:NN

5603 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \str\_gset\_eq:NN \tl\_gset\_eq:NN

5604 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \str\_set\_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }

5605 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \str\_gset\_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }

(End definition for \str\_new:N and others. These functions are documented on page 108.)

**\str\_set:Nn** Simply convert the token list inputs to <strings>.

**\str\_set:Nx** 5606 \group\_begin:

**\str\_set:cn** 5607 \cs\_set\_protected:Npn \\_\_str\_tmp:n #1

**\str\_set:cx** 5608 {

**\str\_gset:Nn** 5609 \tl\_if\_blank:nF {#1}

**\str\_gset:Nx** 5610 {

**\str\_gset:cn** 5611 \cs\_new\_protected:cpx { str\_ #1 :Nn } ##1##2

**\str\_gset:cx** 5612 { \exp\_not:c { tl\_ #1 :Nx } ##1 { \exp\_not:N \tl\_to\_str:n {##2} } }

**\str\_const:Nn** 5613 \exp\_args:Nc \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn { str\_ #1 :Nn } { Nx , cn , cx }

**\str\_const:Nx** 5614 \\_\_str\_tmp:n

**\str\_const:cn** 5615 }

**\str\_const:cx** 5616 }

**\str\_put\_left:Nn** 5617 \\_\_str\_tmp:n

**\str\_put\_left:Nx** 5618 { set }

**\str\_put\_left:cn** 5619 { gset }

**\str\_put\_left:cx**

**\str\_gput\_left:Nn**

**\str\_gput\_left:Nx**

**\str\_gput\_left:cn**

**\str\_gput\_left:cx**

**\str\_put\_right:Nn**

**\str\_put\_right:Nx**

**\str\_put\_right:cn**

**\str\_put\_right:cx**

```

5620 { const }
5621 { put_left }
5622 { gput_left }
5623 { put_right }
5624 { gput_right }
5625 { }
5626 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\str_set:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 109.)

## 11.2 String comparisons

`\str_if_empty_p:N` More copy-paste!

```

\str_if_empty_p:c 5627 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \str_if_exist:N \tl_if_exist:N { p , T , F , TF }
\str_if_exist_p:N 5628 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \str_if_exist:c \tl_if_exist:c { p , T , F , TF }
\str_if_exist_p:c 5629 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \str_if_empty:N \tl_if_empty:N { p , T , F , TF }
\str_if_empty:NTF 5630 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \str_if_empty:c \tl_if_empty:c { p , T , F , TF }
\str_if_empty:cTF
\str_if_exist:NTF
\str_if_exist:cTF
\__str_if_eq_x:n
\__str_escape_x:n

```

(End definition for `\str_if_empty:NTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 110.)

String comparisons rely on the primitive `\(pdf)strcmp` if available: LuaTeX does not have it, so emulation is required. As the net result is that we do not *always* use the primitive, the correct approach is to wrap up in a function with defined behaviour. That's done by providing a wrapper and then redefining in the LuaTeX case. Note that the necessary Lua code is covered in `l3bootstrap`: long-term this may need to go into a separate Lua file, but at present it's somewhere that spaces are not skipped for ease-of-input. The need to detokenize and force expansion of input arises from the case where a `#` token is used in the input, *e.g.* `\__str_if_eq_x:nn {#} { \tl_to_str:n {#} }`, which otherwise will fail as `\luatex_luaescapestring:D` does not double such tokens.

```

5631 \cs_new:Npn \__str_if_eq_x:nn #1#2 { \pdfstrcmp:D {#1} {#2} }
5632 \cs_if_exist:NT \luatex_luaexversion:D
5633 {
5634   \cs_set:Npn \__str_if_eq_x:nn #1#2
5635   {
5636     \luatex_directlua:D
5637     {
5638       l3kernel_strcmp
5639       (
5640         " \__str_escape_x:n {#1} " ,
5641         " \__str_escape_x:n {#2} "
5642       )
5643     }
5644   }
5645   \cs_new:Npn \__str_escape_x:n #1
5646   {
5647     \luatex_luaescapestring:D
5648     {
5649       \etex_detokenize:D \exp_after:wN { \luatex_expanded:D {#1} }
5650     }

```

```

5651     }
5652 }

```

(End definition for `\_str_if_eq_x:nn`.)

`\_str_if_eq_x_return:nn` It turns out that we often need to compare a token list with the result of applying some function to it, and return with `\prg_return_true/false:`. This test is similar to `\str_if_eq:nnTF` (see `l3str`), but is hard-coded for speed.

```

5653 \cs_new:Npn \_str_if_eq_x_return:nn #1 #2
5654 {
5655   \if_int_compare:w \_str_if_eq_x:nn {#1} {#2} = \c_zero
5656   \prg_return_true:
5657   \else:
5658     \prg_return_false:
5659   \fi:
5660 }

```

(End definition for `\_str_if_eq_x_return:nn`.)

`\str_if_eq_p:nn` Modern engines provide a direct way of comparing two token lists, but returning a number. This set of conditionals therefore make life a bit clearer. The `nn` and `xx` versions are created directly as this is most efficient.

```

5661 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \str_if_eq:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
5662 {
5663   \if_int_compare:w
5664     \_str_if_eq_x:nn { \exp_not:n {#1} } { \exp_not:n {#2} }
5665     = \c_zero
5666     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
5667 }
5668 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq_p:nn { V , o }
5669 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq_p:nn { nV , no , VV }
5670 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq:nnT { V , o }
5671 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq:nnT { nV , no , VV }
5672 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq:nnF { V , o }
5673 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq:nnF { nV , no , VV }
5674 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq:nnTF { V , o }
5675 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq:nnTF { nV , no , VV }
5676 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \str_if_eq_x:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
5677 {
5678   \if_int_compare:w \_str_if_eq_x:nn {#1} {#2} = \c_zero
5679   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
5680 }

```

(End definition for `\str_if_eq:nnTF` and others. These functions are documented on page [110](#).)

`\str_if_eq_p:NN` Note that `\str_if_eq:NN` is different from `\tl_if_eq:NN` because it needs to ignore category codes.

```

5681 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \str_if_eq:NN #1#2 { p , TF , T , F }
5682 {
5683   \if_int_compare:w \_str_if_eq_x:nn { \tl_to_str:N #1 } { \tl_to_str:N #2 }

```

`\str_if_eq:NcTF`  
`\str_if_eq:cNTF`  
`\str_if_eq:ccTF`

```

5684         = \c_zero \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
5685     }
5686 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq:NNT { c , Nc , cc }
5687 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq:NNF { c , Nc , cc }
5688 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq:NNTF { c , Nc , cc }
5689 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq_p:NN { c , Nc , cc }

```

(End definition for `\str_if_eq:NNTF` and others. These functions are documented on page [110](#).)

```

\str_case:nn Much the same as \tl_case:nn(TF) here: just a change in the internal comparison.
\str_case:on
\str_case:nV
\str_case:nV
\str_case:nV
\str_case_x:nn
\str_case:nnTF
\str_case:onTF
\str_case:nVTF
\str_case:nVTF
\str_case_x:nnTF
\__str_case:nnTF
\__str_case_x:nnTF
\__str_case:nw
\__str_case_x:nw
\__str_case_end:nw
5690 \cs_new:Npn \str_case:nn #1#2
5691 {
5692     \exp:w
5693     \__str_case:nnTF {#1} {#2} { } { }
5694 }
5695 \cs_new:Npn \str_case:nnT #1#2#3
5696 {
5697     \exp:w
5698     \__str_case:nnTF {#1} {#2} {#3} { }
5699 }
5700 \cs_new:Npn \str_case:nnF #1#2
5701 {
5702     \exp:w
5703     \__str_case:nnTF {#1} {#2} { }
5704 }
5705 \cs_new:Npn \str_case:nnTF #1#2
5706 {
5707     \exp:w
5708     \__str_case:nnTF {#1} {#2}
5709 }
5710 \cs_new:Npn \__str_case:nnTF #1#2#3#4
5711 { \__str_case:nw {#1} #2 {#1} { } \q_mark {#3} \q_mark {#4} \q_stop }
5712 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_case:nn { o , nV , nv }
5713 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_case:nnT { o , nV , nv }
5714 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_case:nnF { o , nV , nv }
5715 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_case:nnTF { o , nV , nv }
5716 \cs_new:Npn \__str_case:nw #1#2#3
5717 {
5718     \str_if_eq:nnTF {#1} {#2}
5719     { \__str_case_end:nw {#3} }
5720     { \__str_case:nw {#1} }
5721 }
5722 \cs_new:Npn \str_case_x:nn #1#2
5723 {
5724     \exp:w
5725     \__str_case_x:nnTF {#1} {#2} { } { }
5726 }
5727 \cs_new:Npn \str_case_x:nnT #1#2#3
5728 {
5729     \exp:w

```

```

5730     \__str_case_x:nnTF {#1} {#2} {#3} { }
5731   }
5732   \cs_new:Npn \str_case_x:nnF #1#2
5733   {
5734     \exp:w
5735     \__str_case_x:nnTF {#1} {#2} { }
5736   }
5737   \cs_new:Npn \str_case_x:nnTF #1#2
5738   {
5739     \exp:w
5740     \__str_case_x:nnTF {#1} {#2}
5741   }
5742   \cs_new:Npn \__str_case_x:nnTF #1#2#3#4
5743   { \__str_case_x:nw {#1} #2 {#1} { } \q_mark {#3} \q_mark {#4} \q_stop }
5744   \cs_new:Npn \__str_case_x:nw #1#2#3
5745   {
5746     \str_if_eq_x:nnTF {#1} {#2}
5747     { \__str_case_end:nw {#3} }
5748     { \__str_case_x:nw {#1} }
5749   }
5750   \cs_new_eq:NN \__str_case_end:nw \__prg_case_end:nw

```

(End definition for `\str_case:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

### 11.3 Accessing specific characters in a string

`\__str_to_other:n` First apply `\tl_to_str:n`, then replace all spaces by “other” spaces, 8 at a time, storing the converted part of the string between the `\q_mark` and `\q_stop` markers. The end is detected when `\__str_to_other_loop:w` finds one of the trailing A, distinguished from any contents of the initial token list by their category. Then `\__str_to_other_end:w` is called, and finds the result between `\q_mark` and the first A (well, there is also the need to remove a space).

```

5751   \cs_new:Npn \__str_to_other:n #1
5752   {
5753     \exp_after:wN \__str_to_other_loop:w
5754     \tl_to_str:n {#1} ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ A ~ \q_mark \q_stop
5755   }
5756   \group_begin:
5757   \tex_lccode:D '\* = '\ %
5758   \tex_lccode:D '\A = '\A
5759   \tex_lowercase:D
5760   {
5761     \group_end:
5762     \cs_new:Npn \__str_to_other_loop:w
5763     #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ #4 ~ #5 ~ #6 ~ #7 ~ #8 ~ #9 \q_stop
5764     {
5765       \if_meaning:w A #8
5766       \__str_to_other_end:w
5767       \fi:

```

```

5768     \_str_to_other_loop:w
5769     #9 #1 * #2 * #3 * #4 * #5 * #6 * #7 * #8 * \q_stop
5770 }
5771 \cs_new:Npn \_str_to_other_end:w \fi: #1 \q_mark #2 * A #3 \q_stop
5772 { \fi: #2 }
5773 }

```

(End definition for \\_str\_to\_other:n.)

**\str\_item:Nn** The **\str\_item:nn** hands its argument with spaces escaped to **\\_str\_item:nn**, and **\str\_item:cn** makes sure to turn the result back into a proper string (with category code 10 spaces) eventually. The **\str\_item\_ignore\_spaces:nn** function does not escape spaces, which **\str\_item\_ignore\_spaces:nn** are thus ignored by **\\_str\_item:nn** since everything else is done with undelimited arguments. Evaluate the *<index>* argument **#2** and count characters in the string, passing those two numbers to **\\_str\_item:w** for further analysis. If the *<index>* is negative, shift it by the *<count>* to know the how many character to discard, and if that is still negative give an empty result. If the *<index>* is larger than the *<count>*, give an empty result, and otherwise discard *<index>* − 1 characters before returning the following one. The shift by −1 is obtained by inserting an empty brace group before the string in that case: that brace group also covers the case where the *<index>* is zero.

```

5774 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \str_item:Nn { \exp_args:No \str_item:nn }
5775 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_item:Nn { c }
5776 \cs_new:Npn \str_item:nn #1#2
5777 {
5778     \exp_args:Nf \tl_to_str:n
5779     {
5780         \exp_args:Nf \_str_item:nn
5781         { \_str_to_other:n {#1} } {#2}
5782     }
5783 }
5784 \cs_new:Npn \str_item_ignore_spaces:nn #1
5785 { \exp_args:No \_str_item:nn { \tl_to_str:n {#1} } }
5786 \cs_new:Npn \_str_item:nn #1#2
5787 {
5788     \exp_after:wN \_str_item:w
5789     \int_use:N \_int_eval:w #2 \exp_after:wN ;
5790     \_int_value:w \_str_count:n {#1} ;
5791     #1 \q_stop
5792 }
5793 \cs_new:Npn \_str_item:w #1; #2;
5794 {
5795     \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < \c_zero
5796     {
5797         \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < {-#2}
5798         { \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w }
5799         {
5800             \exp_after:wN \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw
5801             \exp:w \exp_after:wN \_str_skip_exp_end:w
5802             \int_use:N \_int_eval:w #1 + #2 ;

```

```

5803     }
5804   }
5805   {
5806     \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} > {#2}
5807     { \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w }
5808     {
5809       \exp_after:wN \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw
5810       \exp:w \__str_skip_exp_end:w #1 ; { }
5811     }
5812   }
5813 }

```

(End definition for `\str_item:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 113.)

```

\__str_skip_exp_end:w
\__str_skip_loop:wNNNNNNNN
\__str_skip_end:w
\__str_skip_end:NNNNNNNN

```

Removes `max(#1,0)` characters from the input stream, and then leaves `\exp_end:.` This should be expanded using `\exp:w`. We remove characters 8 at a time until there are at most 8 to remove. Then we do a dirty trick: the `\if_case:w` construction leaves between 0 and 8 times the `\or:` control sequence, and those `\or:` become arguments of `\__str_skip_end:NNNNNNNN`. If the number of characters to remove is 6, say, then there are two `\or:` left, and the 8 arguments of `\__str_skip_end:NNNNNNNN` are the two `\or:`, and 6 characters from the input stream, exactly what we wanted to remove. Then close the `\if_case:w` conditional with `\fi:`, and stop the initial expansion with `\exp_end:` (see places where `\__str_skip_exp_end:w` is called).

```

5814 \cs_new:Npn \__str_skip_exp_end:w #1;
5815 {
5816   \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_eight
5817   \exp_after:wN \__str_skip_loop:wNNNNNNNN
5818   \else:
5819     \exp_after:wN \__str_skip_end:w
5820     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
5821   \fi:
5822   #1 ;
5823 }
5824 \cs_new:Npn \__str_skip_loop:wNNNNNNNN #1; #2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
5825 { \exp_after:wN \__str_skip_exp_end:w \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 - \c_eight ; }
5826 \cs_new:Npn \__str_skip_end:w #1 ;
5827 {
5828   \exp_after:wN \__str_skip_end:NNNNNNNN
5829   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f: \or: \or: \or: \or: \or: \or: \or: \or:
5830 }
5831 \cs_new:Npn \__str_skip_end:NNNNNNNN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8 { \fi: \exp_end: }

```

(End definition for `\__str_skip_exp_end:w`.)

```

\str_range:Nnn
\str_range:nnn
\str_range_ignore_spaces:nnn
\__str_range:nnn
\__str_range:w
\__str_range:nw

```

Sanitize the string. Then evaluate the arguments. At this stage we also decrement the `<start index>`, since our goal is to know how many characters should be removed. Then limit the range to be non-negative and at most the length of the string (this avoids needing to check for the end of the string when grabbing characters), shifting negative

numbers by the appropriate amount. Afterwards, skip characters, then keep some more, and finally drop the end of the string.

```

5832 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \str_range:Nnn { \exp_args:No \str_range:nnn }
5833 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_range:Nnn { c }
5834 \cs_new:Npn \str_range:nnn #1#2#3
5835 {
5836   \exp_args:Nf \tl_to_str:n
5837   {
5838     \exp_args:Nf \__str_range:nnn
5839     { \__str_to_other:n {#1} } {#2} {#3}
5840   }
5841 }
5842 \cs_new:Npn \str_range_ignore_spaces:nnn #1
5843 { \exp_args:No \__str_range:nnn { \tl_to_str:n {#1} } }
5844 \cs_new:Npn \__str_range:nnn #1#2#3
5845 {
5846   \exp_after:wN \__str_range:w
5847   \__int_value:w \__str_count:n {#1} \exp_after:wN ;
5848   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #2 - \c_one \exp_after:wN ;
5849   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #3 ;
5850   #1 \q_stop
5851 }
5852 \cs_new:Npn \__str_range:w #1; #2; #3;
5853 {
5854   \exp_args:Nf \__str_range:nnw
5855   { \__str_range_normalize:nn {#2} {#1} }
5856   { \__str_range_normalize:nn {#3} {#1} }
5857 }
5858 \cs_new:Npn \__str_range:nnw #1#2
5859 {
5860   \exp_after:wN \__str_collect_delimit_by_q_stop:w
5861   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #2 - #1 \exp_after:wN ;
5862   \exp:w \__str_skip_exp_end:w #1 ;
5863 }

```

(End definition for `\str_range:Nnn`, `\str_range:nnn`, and `\str_range_ignore_spaces:nnn`. These functions are documented on page 113.)

`\__str_range_normalize:nn` This function converts an *index* argument into an explicit position in the string (a result of 0 denoting “out of bounds”). Expects two explicit integer arguments: the *index* #1 and the string count #2. If #1 is negative, replace it by #1 + #2 + 1, then limit to the range [0, #2].

```

5864 \cs_new:Npn \__str_range_normalize:nn #1#2
5865 {
5866   \int_eval:n
5867   {
5868     \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c_zero
5869     \if_int_compare:w #1 < -#2 \exp_stop_f:
5870     \c_zero

```



```

5871         \else:
5872             #1 + #2 + \c_one
5873         \fi:
5874     \else:
5875         \if_int_compare:w #1 < #2 \exp_stop_f:
5876             #1
5877         \else:
5878             #2
5879         \fi:
5880     \fi:
5881 }
5882 }

```

(End definition for `\__str_range_normalize:nn`.)

`\__str_collect_delimit_by_q_stop:w` Collects  $\max(\#1, 0)$  characters, and removes everything else until `\q_stop`. This is somewhat similar to `\__str_skip_exp_end:w`, but accepts integer expression arguments. This time we can only grab 7 characters at a time. At the end, we use an `\if_case:w` trick again, so that the 8 first arguments of `\__str_collect_end:nnnnnnnnw` are some `\or:`, followed by an `\fi:`, followed by `#1` characters from the input stream. Simply leaving this in the input stream will close the conditional properly and the `\or:` disappear.

```

5883 \cs_new:Npn \__str_collect_delimit_by_q_stop:w #1;
5884 { \__str_collect_loop:wn #1 ; { } }
5885 \cs_new:Npn \__str_collect_loop:wn #1 ;
5886 {
5887     \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_seven
5888         \exp_after:wN \__str_collect_loop:wnNNNNNNN
5889     \else:
5890         \exp_after:wN \__str_collect_end:wn
5891     \fi:
5892     #1 ;
5893 }
5894 \cs_new:Npn \__str_collect_loop:wnNNNNNNN #1; #2 #3#4#5#6#7#8#9
5895 {
5896     \exp_after:wN \__str_collect_loop:wn
5897     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 - \c_seven ;
5898     { #2 #3#4#5#6#7#8#9 }
5899 }
5900 \cs_new:Npn \__str_collect_end:wn #1 ;
5901 {
5902     \exp_after:wN \__str_collect_end:nnnnnnnnw
5903     \if_case:w \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_zero #1 \else: 0 \fi: \exp_stop_f:
5904     \or: \or: \or: \or: \or: \or: \or: \fi:
5905 }
5906 \cs_new:Npn \__str_collect_end:nnnnnnnnw #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8 #9 \q_stop
5907 { #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8 }

```

(End definition for `\__str_collect_delimit_by_q_stop:w`.)

## 11.4 Counting characters

`\str_count_spaces:N` To speed up this function, we grab and discard 9 space-delimited arguments in each iteration of the loop. The loop stops when the last argument is one of the trailing `X⟨number⟩`, and that `⟨number⟩` is added to the sum of 9 that precedes, to adjust the result.

```

5908 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \str_count_spaces:N
5909   { \exp_args:No \str_count_spaces:n }
5910 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_count_spaces:N { c }
5911 \cs_new:Npn \str_count_spaces:n #1
5912   {
5913     \int_eval:n
5914     {
5915       \exp_after:wN \__str_count_spaces_loop:w
5916       \tl_to_str:n {#1} ~
5917       X 7 ~ X 6 ~ X 5 ~ X 4 ~ X 3 ~ X 2 ~ X 1 ~ X 0 ~ X -1 ~
5918       \q_stop
5919     }
5920   }
5921 \cs_new:Npn \__str_count_spaces_loop:w #1~#2~#3~#4~#5~#6~#7~#8~#9~
5922   {
5923     \if_meaning:w X #9
5924       \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw
5925     \fi:
5926     \c_nine + \__str_count_spaces_loop:w
5927   }

```

(End definition for `\str_count_spaces:N`, `\str_count_spaces:c`, and `\str_count_spaces:n`. These functions are documented on page 112.)

`\str_count:N` To count characters in a string we could first escape all spaces using `\__str_to_other:n`, then pass the result to `\tl_count:n`. However, the escaping step would be quadratic in the number of characters in the string, and we can do better. Namely, sum the number of spaces (`\str_count_spaces:n`) and the result of `\tl_count:n`, which ignores spaces.

`\str_count:c` Since strings tend to be longer than token lists, we use specialized functions to count characters ignoring spaces. Namely, `loop`, grabbing 9 non-space characters at each step, and end as soon as we reach one of the 9 trailing items. The internal function `\__str_count:n`, used in `\str_item:nn` and `\str_range:nnn`, is similar to `\str_count_ignore_spaces:n` but expects its argument to already be a string or a string with spaces escaped.

`\str_count:n`

`\__str_count_aux:n`

`\__str_count_loop:NNNNNNNN`

```

5928 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \str_count:N { \exp_args:No \str_count:n }
5929 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_count:N { c }
5930 \cs_new:Npn \str_count:n #1
5931   {
5932     \__str_count_aux:n
5933     {
5934       \str_count_spaces:n {#1}
5935       + \exp_after:wN \__str_count_loop:NNNNNNNN \tl_to_str:n {#1}
5936     }

```

```

5937 }
5938 \cs_new:Npn \__str_count:n #1
5939 {
5940   \__str_count_aux:n
5941   { \__str_count_loop:NNNNNNNN #1 }
5942 }
5943 \cs_new:Npn \str_count_ignore_spaces:n #1
5944 {
5945   \__str_count_aux:n
5946   { \exp_after:wN \__str_count_loop:NNNNNNNN \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
5947 }
5948 \cs_new:Npn \__str_count_aux:n #1
5949 {
5950   \int_eval:n
5951   {
5952     #1
5953     { X \c_eight } { X \c_seven } { X \c_six }
5954     { X \c_five } { X \c_four } { X \c_three }
5955     { X \c_two } { X \c_one } { X \c_zero }
5956     \q_stop
5957   }
5958 }
5959 \cs_new:Npn \__str_count_loop:NNNNNNNN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
5960 {
5961   \if_meaning:w X #9
5962     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
5963   \fi:
5964   \c_nine + \__str_count_loop:NNNNNNNN
5965 }

```

(End definition for `\str_count:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 112.)

## 11.5 The first character in a string

`\str_head:N` The `_ignore_spaces` variant applies `\tl_to_str:n` then grabs the first item, thus skipping spaces. As usual, `\str_head:N` expands its argument and hands it to `\str_head:n`.  
`\str_head:c`  
`\str_head:n` To circumvent the fact that TeX skips spaces when grabbing undelimited macro parameters, `\__str_head:w` takes an argument delimited by a space. If `#1` starts with a non-space character, `\use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw` leaves that in the input stream. On the other hand, if `#1` starts with a space, the `\__str_head:w` takes an empty argument, and the single (initially braced) space in the definition of `\__str_head:w` makes its way to the output. Finally, for an empty argument, the (braced) empty brace group in the definition of `\str_head:n` gives an empty result after passing through `\use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw`.

```

5966 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \str_head:N { \exp_args:No \str_head:n }
5967 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_head:N { c }
5968 \cs_set:Npn \str_head:n #1
5969 {
5970   \exp_after:wN \__str_head:w

```

```

5971 \tl_to_str:n {#1}
5972 { { } } ~ \q_stop
5973 }
5974 \cs_set:Npn \__str_head:w #1 ~ %
5975 { \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw #1 { ~ } }
5976 \cs_new:Npn \str_head_ignore_spaces:n #1
5977 {
5978 \exp_after:wN \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw
5979 \tl_to_str:n {#1} { } \q_stop
5980 }

```

(End definition for `\str_head:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 112.)

`\str_tail:N` Getting the tail is a little bit more convoluted than the head of a string. We hit the front of the string with `\reverse_if:N \if_charcode:w \scan_stop:.` This removes the first character, and necessarily makes the test true, since the character cannot match `\scan_stop:.` The auxiliary function then inserts the required `\fi:` to close the conditional, and leaves the tail of the string in the input stream. The details are such that an empty string has an empty tail (this requires in particular that the end-marker `X` be unexpandable and not a control sequence). The `_ignore_spaces` is rather simpler: after converting the input to a string, `\__str_tail_auxii:w` removes one undelimited argument and leaves everything else until an end-marker `\q_mark`. One can check that an empty (or blank) string yields an empty tail.

```

5981 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \str_tail:N { \exp_args:No \str_tail:n }
5982 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_tail:N { c }
5983 \cs_set:Npn \str_tail:n #1
5984 {
5985 \exp_after:wN \__str_tail_auxi:w
5986 \reverse_if:N \if_charcode:w
5987 \scan_stop: \tl_to_str:n {#1} X X \q_stop
5988 }
5989 \cs_set:Npn \__str_tail_auxi:w #1 X #2 \q_stop { \fi: #1 }
5990 \cs_new:Npn \str_tail_ignore_spaces:n #1
5991 {
5992 \exp_after:wN \__str_tail_auxii:w
5993 \tl_to_str:n {#1} \q_mark \q_mark \q_stop
5994 }
5995 \cs_new:Npn \__str_tail_auxii:w #1 #2 \q_mark #3 \q_stop { #2 }

```

(End definition for `\str_tail:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 112.)

## 11.6 String manipulation

`\str_fold_case:n` Case changing for programmatic reasons is done by first detokenizing input then doing a simple loop that only has to worry about spaces and everything else. The output is detokenized to allow data sharing with text-based case changing. The key idea here of splitting up the data files based on the character code of the current character is shared with the text case changer too.

`\str_fold_case:V`

`\str_lower_case:n`

`\str_lower_case:f`

`\str_upper_case:n`

`\str_upper_case:f`

```

5996 \cs_new:Npn \str_fold_case:n #1 { \__str_change_case:nn {#1} { fold } }
\__str_change_case:nn
\__str_change_case_aux:nn
\__str_change_case_loop:nw
\__str_change_case_space:n
\__str_change_case_char:nN
\__str_change_case_char:NNNNNNNNn

```

```

5997 \cs_new:Npn \str_lower_case:n #1 { \__str_change_case:nn {#1} { lower } }
5998 \cs_new:Npn \str_upper_case:n #1 { \__str_change_case:nn {#1} { upper } }
5999 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_fold_case:n { V }
6000 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_lower_case:n { f }
6001 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_upper_case:n { f }
6002 \cs_new:Npn \__str_change_case:nn #1
6003 {
6004   \exp_after:wN \__str_change_case_aux:nn \exp_after:wN
6005   { \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
6006 }
6007 \cs_new:Npn \__str_change_case_aux:nn #1#2
6008 {
6009   \__str_change_case_loop:nw {#2} #1 \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
6010 }
6011 \cs_new:Npn \__str_change_case_loop:nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
6012 {
6013   \tl_if_head_is_space:nTF {#2}
6014   { \__str_change_case_space:n }
6015   { \__str_change_case_char:nN }
6016   {#1} #2 \q_recursion_stop
6017 }
6018 \use:x
6019 { \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \__str_change_case_space:n ##1 \c_space_tl }
6020 {
6021   \c_space_tl
6022   \__str_change_case_loop:nw {#1}
6023 }
6024 \cs_new:Npn \__str_change_case_char:nN #1#2
6025 {
6026   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N #2
6027   \exp_args:Nf \tl_to_str:n
6028   {
6029     \exp_after:wN \__str_change_case_char:NNNNNNNNn
6030     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1000000 + '#2 \__int_eval_end: #2 {#1}
6031   }
6032   \__str_change_case_loop:nw {#1}
6033 }
6034 \cs_new:Npn \__str_change_case_char:NNNNNNNNn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
6035 {
6036   \str_case:nvF #8
6037   { c__unicode_ #9 _ #6 _X_ #7 _tl }
6038   { #8 }
6039 }

```

(End definition for `\str_fold_case:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 115.)

<code>\c_ampersand_str</code> <code>\c_atsign_str</code> <code>\c_backslash_str</code> <code>\c_left_brace_str</code> <code>\c_right_brace_str</code> <code>\c_circumflex_str</code> <code>\c_colon_str</code> <code>\c_dollar_str</code> <code>\c_hash_str</code> <code>\c_percent_str</code> <code>\c_tilde_str</code> <code>\c_underscore_str</code>	For all of those strings, use <code>\cs_to_str:N</code> to get characters with the correct category code without worries
--	--

```

6040 \str_const:Nx \c_ampersand_str { \cs_to_str:N \& }
6041 \str_const:Nx \c_atsign_str { \cs_to_str:N \@ }

```

```

6042 \str_const:Nx \c_backslash_str { \cs_to_str:N \ }
6043 \str_const:Nx \c_left_brace_str { \cs_to_str:N \{ }
6044 \str_const:Nx \c_right_brace_str { \cs_to_str:N \} }
6045 \str_const:Nx \c_circumflex_str { \cs_to_str:N \^ }
6046 \str_const:Nx \c_colon_str { \cs_to_str:N \: }
6047 \str_const:Nx \c_dollar_str { \cs_to_str:N \$ }
6048 \str_const:Nx \c_hash_str { \cs_to_str:N \# }
6049 \str_const:Nx \c_percent_str { \cs_to_str:N \% }
6050 \str_const:Nx \c_tilde_str { \cs_to_str:N \~ }
6051 \str_const:Nx \c_underscore_str { \cs_to_str:N \_ }

```

(End definition for `\c_underscore_str` and others. These variables are documented on page 116.)

```

\l_tmpa_str Scratch strings.
\l_tmpb_str
\g_tmpa_str
\g_tmpb_str
6052 \str_new:N \l_tmpa_str
6053 \str_new:N \l_tmpb_str
6054 \str_new:N \g_tmpa_str
6055 \str_new:N \g_tmpb_str

```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_str` and others. These variables are documented on page 116.)

## 11.7 Viewing strings

```

\str_show:n Displays a string on the terminal.
\str_show:N
\str_show:c
6056 \cs_new_eq:NN \str_show:n \tl_show:n
6057 \cs_new_eq:NN \str_show:N \tl_show:N
6058 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_show:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\str_show:n`, `\str_show:N`, and `\str_show:c`. These functions are documented on page 115.)

```

6059 </initex | package>

```

## 12 l3seq implementation

The following test files are used for this code: `m3seq002`, `m3seq003`.

```

6060 <*initex | package>
6061 <@@=seq>

```

A sequence is a control sequence whose top-level expansion is of the form “`\s__seq \__seq_item:n {⟨item1⟩} ... \__seq_item:n {⟨itemn⟩}`”, with a leading scan mark followed by  $n$  items of the same form. An earlier implementation used the structure “`\seq_elt:w ⟨item1⟩ \seq_elt_end: ... \seq_elt:w ⟨itemn⟩ \seq_elt_end:`”. This allowed rapid searching using a delimited function, but was not suitable for items containing `{`, `}` and `#` tokens, and also lead to the loss of surrounding braces around items.

`\s__seq` The variable is defined in the `l3quark` module, loaded later.

(End definition for `\s__seq`. This variable is documented on page 129.)

**\\_\_seq\_item:n** The delimiter is always defined, but when used incorrectly simply removes its argument and hits an undefined control sequence to raise an error.

```

6062 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_item:n
6063 {
6064   \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { misused-sequence }
6065   \use_none:n
6066 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_seq\_item:n.)*

**\l\_\_seq\_internal\_a\_tl** Scratch space for various internal uses.

```

\l__seq_internal_b_tl
6067 \tl_new:N \l__seq_internal_a_tl
6068 \tl_new:N \l__seq_internal_b_tl

```

*(End definition for \l\_\_seq\_internal\_a\_tl and \l\_\_seq\_internal\_b\_tl. These variables are documented on page ??.)*

**\\_\_seq\_tmp:w** Scratch function for internal use.

```

6069 \cs_new_eq:NN \__seq_tmp:w ?

```

*(End definition for \\_\_seq\_tmp:w.)*

**\c\_empty\_seq** A sequence with no item, following the structure mentioned above.

```

6070 \tl_const:Nn \c_empty_seq { \s__seq }

```

*(End definition for \c\_empty\_seq. This variable is documented on page 128.)*

## 12.1 Allocation and initialisation

**\seq\_new:N** Sequences are initialized to \c\_empty\_seq.

```

\seq_new:c
6071 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_new:N #1
6072 {
6073   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
6074   \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_seq
6075 }
6076 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_new:N { c }

```

*(End definition for \seq\_new:N and \seq\_new:c. These functions are documented on page 118.)*

**\seq\_clear:N** Clearing a sequence is similar to setting it equal to the empty one.

```

\seq_clear:c
\seq_gclear:N
\seq_gclear:c
6077 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_clear:N #1
6078 { \seq_set_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_seq }
6079 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_clear:N { c }
6080 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gclear:N #1
6081 { \seq_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_seq }
6082 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gclear:N { c }

```

*(End definition for \seq\_clear:N and \seq\_clear:c. These functions are documented on page 118.)*

`\seq_clear_new:N` Once again we copy code from the token list functions.

```

\seq_clear_new:c 6083 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_clear_new:N #1
\seq_gclear_new:N 6084 { \seq_if_exist:NTF #1 { \seq_clear:N #1 } { \seq_new:N #1 } }
\seq_gclear_new:c 6085 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_clear_new:N { c }
6086 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gclear_new:N #1
6087 { \seq_if_exist:NTF #1 { \seq_gclear:N #1 } { \seq_new:N #1 } }
6088 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gclear_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_clear_new:N` and `\seq_clear_new:c`. These functions are documented on page 118.)

`\seq_set_eq:NN` Copying a sequence is the same as copying the underlying token list.

```

\seq_set_eq:cN 6089 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_set_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:NN
\seq_set_eq:Nc 6090 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_set_eq:Nc \tl_set_eq:Nc
\seq_set_eq:cc 6091 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_set_eq:cN \tl_set_eq:cN
\seq_gset_eq:NN 6092 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_set_eq:cc \tl_set_eq:cc
\seq_gset_eq:cN 6093 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gset_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:NN
\seq_gset_eq:Nc 6094 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gset_eq:Nc \tl_gset_eq:Nc
\seq_gset_eq:cc 6095 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gset_eq:cN \tl_gset_eq:cN
6096 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gset_eq:cc \tl_gset_eq:cc

```

(End definition for `\seq_set_eq:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 118.)

`\seq_set_from_clist:NN` Setting a sequence from a comma-separated list is done using a simple mapping.

```

\seq_set_from_clist:cN 6097 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_set_from_clist:NN #1#2
\seq_set_from_clist:Nc 6098 {
\seq_set_from_clist:cc 6099   \tl_set:Nx #1
\seq_set_from_clist:Nn 6100   { \s__seq \clist_map_function:NN #2 \__seq_wrap_item:n }
\seq_set_from_clist:cn 6101 }
\seq_gset_from_clist:NN 6102 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_set_from_clist:Nn #1#2
\seq_gset_from_clist:cN 6103 {
\seq_gset_from_clist:Nc 6104   \tl_set:Nx #1
\seq_gset_from_clist:cc 6105   { \s__seq \clist_map_function:nN {#2} \__seq_wrap_item:n }
\seq_gset_from_clist:Nn 6106 }
\seq_gset_from_clist:cn 6107 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gset_from_clist:NN #1#2
6108 {
6109   \tl_gset:Nx #1
6110   { \s__seq \clist_map_function:NN #2 \__seq_wrap_item:n }
6111 }
6112 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gset_from_clist:Nn #1#2
6113 {
6114   \tl_gset:Nx #1
6115   { \s__seq \clist_map_function:nN {#2} \__seq_wrap_item:n }
6116 }
6117 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_set_from_clist:NN { Nc }
6118 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_set_from_clist:NN { c , cc }
6119 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_set_from_clist:Nn { c }
6120 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gset_from_clist:NN { Nc }
6121 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gset_from_clist:NN { c , cc }
6122 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gset_from_clist:Nn { c }

```



(End definition for `\seq_set_from_clist:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 118.)

```

\seq_set_split:Nnn
\seq_set_split:NnV
\seq_gset_split:Nnn
\seq_gset_split:NnV
__seq_set_split:NNnn
__seq_set_split_auxi:w
__seq_set_split_auxii:w
__seq_set_split_end:

```

When the separator is empty, everything is very simple, just map `__seq_wrap_item:n` through the items of the last argument. For non-trivial separators, the goal is to split a given token list at the marker, strip spaces from each item, and remove one set of outer braces if after removing leading and trailing spaces the item is enclosed within braces. After `\tl_replace_all:Nnn`, the token list `\l__seq_internal_a_tl` is a repetition of the pattern `__seq_set_split_auxi:w \prg_do_nothing: <item with spaces> __seq_set_split_end:.` Then, x-expansion causes `__seq_set_split_auxi:w` to trim spaces, and leaves its result as `__seq_set_split_auxii:w <trimmed item> __seq_set_split_end:.` This is then converted to the `l3seq` internal structure by another x-expansion. In the first step, we insert `\prg_do_nothing:` to avoid losing braces too early: that would cause space trimming to act within those lost braces. The second step is solely there to strip braces which are outermost after space trimming.

```

6123 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_set_split:Nnn
6124 { __seq_set_split:NNnn \tl_set:Nx }
6125 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_gset_split:Nnn
6126 { __seq_set_split:NNnn \tl_gset:Nx }
6127 \cs_new_protected:Npn __seq_set_split:NNnn #1#2#3#4
6128 {
6129   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#3}
6130   {
6131     \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_a_tl
6132     { \tl_map_function:nN {#4} __seq_wrap_item:n }
6133   }
6134   {
6135     \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_a_tl
6136     {
6137       __seq_set_split_auxi:w \prg_do_nothing:
6138       #4
6139       __seq_set_split_end:
6140     }
6141     \tl_replace_all:Nnn \l__seq_internal_a_tl { #3 }
6142     {
6143       __seq_set_split_end:
6144       __seq_set_split_auxi:w \prg_do_nothing:
6145     }
6146     \tl_set:Nx \l__seq_internal_a_tl { \l__seq_internal_a_tl }
6147   }
6148   #1 #2 { \s__seq \l__seq_internal_a_tl }
6149 }
6150 \cs_new:Npn __seq_set_split_auxi:w #1 __seq_set_split_end:
6151 {
6152   \exp_not:N __seq_set_split_auxii:w
6153   \exp_args:No \tl_trim_spaces:n {#1}
6154   \exp_not:N __seq_set_split_end:
6155 }
6156 \cs_new:Npn __seq_set_split_auxii:w #1 __seq_set_split_end:
6157 { __seq_wrap_item:n {#1} }

```

```

6158 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_set_split:Nnn { NnV }
6159 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gset_split:Nnn { NnV }

```

(End definition for `\seq_set_split:Nnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 119.)

**`\seq_concat:NNN`** When concatenating sequences, one must remove the leading `\s__seq` of the second sequence. The result starts with `\s__seq` (of the first sequence), which stops f-expansion.

```

\seq_concat:ccc
\seq_gconcat:NNN
\seq_gconcat:ccc
6160 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_concat:NNN #1#2#3
6161 { \tl_set:Nf #1 { \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn \exp_after:wN #2 #3 } }
6162 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gconcat:NNN #1#2#3
6163 { \tl_gset:Nf #1 { \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn \exp_after:wN #2 #3 } }
6164 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_concat:NNN { ccc }
6165 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gconcat:NNN { ccc }

```

(End definition for `\seq_concat:NNN` and `\seq_concat:ccc`. These functions are documented on page 119.)

`\seq_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the `cs` functions defined in `l3basics`.

```

\seq_if_exist_p:c
\seq_if_exist:NTF
\seq_if_exist:cTF
6166 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N
6167 { TF , T , F , p }
6168 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c
6169 { TF , T , F , p }

```

(End definition for `\seq_if_exist:NTF` and `\seq_if_exist:cTF`. These functions are documented on page 119.)

## 12.2 Appending data to either end

**`\seq_put_left:Nn`** When adding to the left of a sequence, remove `\s__seq`. This is done by `\__seq_put_left_aux:w`, which also stops f-expansion.

```

\seq_put_left:NV
\seq_put_left:Nv
\seq_put_left:No
\seq_put_left:Nx
\seq_put_left:cn
\seq_put_left:cV
\seq_put_left:cv
\seq_put_left:co
\seq_put_left:cx
\seq_gput_left:Nn
\seq_gput_left:NV
\seq_gput_left:Nv
\seq_gput_left:No
\seq_gput_left:Nx
\seq_gput_left:cn
\seq_gput_left:cV
\seq_gput_left:cv
\seq_gput_left:co
\seq_gput_left:cx
\__seq_put_left_aux:w
6170 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_put_left:Nn #1#2
6171 {
6172   \tl_set:Nx #1
6173   {
6174     \exp_not:n { \s__seq \__seq_item:n {#2} }
6175     \exp_not:f { \exp_after:wN \__seq_put_left_aux:w #1 }
6176   }
6177 }
6178 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gput_left:Nn #1#2
6179 {
6180   \tl_gset:Nx #1
6181   {
6182     \exp_not:n { \s__seq \__seq_item:n {#2} }
6183     \exp_not:f { \exp_after:wN \__seq_put_left_aux:w #1 }
6184   }
6185 }
6186 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_put_left_aux:w \s__seq { \exp_stop_f: }
6187 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_put_left:Nn { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
6188 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_put_left:Nn { c , cV , cv , co , cx }
6189 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gput_left:Nn { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
6190 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gput_left:Nn { c , cV , cv , co , cx }

```

(End definition for `\seq_put_left:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 119.)

`\seq_put_right:Nn` Since there is no trailing marker, adding an item to the right of a sequence simply means wrapping it in `\__seq_item:n`.

```

\seq_put_right:NV
\seq_put_right:Nv
\seq_put_right:No
\seq_put_right:Nx
\seq_put_right:cn
\seq_put_right:cV
\seq_put_right:cv
\seq_put_right:co
\seq_put_right:cx

```

```

6191 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_put_right:Nn #1#2
6192 { \tl_put_right:Nn #1 { \__seq_item:n {#2} } }
6193 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gput_right:Nn #1#2
6194 { \tl_gput_right:Nn #1 { \__seq_item:n {#2} } }
6195 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gput_right:Nn { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
6196 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gput_right:Nn { c , cV , cv , co , cx }
6197 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_put_right:Nn { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
6198 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_put_right:Nn { c , cV , cv , co , cx }

```

(End definition for `\seq_put_right:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 119.)

```

\seq_gput_right:NV
\seq_gput_right:Nv
\seq_gput_right:No
\seq_gput_right:Nx
\seq_gput_right:cn
\seq_gput_right:cV
\seq_gput_right:cv
\seq_gput_right:co
\l__seq_remove_seq
\seq_gput_right:cx

```

## 12.3 Modifying sequences

This function converts its argument to a proper sequence item in an x-expansion context.

```

6199 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_wrap_item:n #1 { \exp_not:n { \__seq_item:n {#1} } }

```

(End definition for `\__seq_wrap_item:n`.)

An internal sequence for the removal routines.

```

6200 \seq_new:N \l__seq_remove_seq

```

(End definition for `\l__seq_remove_seq`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

Removing duplicates means making a new list then copying it.

```

\seq_remove_duplicates:N
\seq_remove_duplicates:c
\seq_gremove_duplicates:N
\seq_gremove_duplicates:c
\__seq_remove_duplicates:NN

```

```

6201 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_remove_duplicates:N
6202 { \__seq_remove_duplicates:NN \seq_set_eq:NN }
6203 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gremove_duplicates:N
6204 { \__seq_remove_duplicates:NN \seq_gset_eq:NN }
6205 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_remove_duplicates:NN #1#2
6206 {
6207   \seq_clear:N \l__seq_remove_seq
6208   \seq_map_inline:Nn #2
6209   {
6210     \seq_if_in:NnF \l__seq_remove_seq {##1}
6211     { \seq_put_right:Nn \l__seq_remove_seq {##1} }
6212   }
6213   #1 #2 \l__seq_remove_seq
6214 }
6215 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_remove_duplicates:N { c }
6216 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gremove_duplicates:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_remove_duplicates:N` and `\seq_remove_duplicates:c`. These functions are documented on page 122.)

`\seq_remove_all:Nn` The idea of the code here is to avoid a relatively expensive addition of items one at  
`\seq_remove_all:cn` a time to an intermediate sequence. The approach taken is therefore similar to that  
`\seq_gremove_all:Nn` in `\__seq_pop_right:NNN`, using a “flexible” x-type expansion to do most of the work.  
`\seq_gremove_all:cn` As `\tl_if_eq:nnT` is not expandable, a two-part strategy is needed. First, the x-type  
`\__seq_remove_all_aux:NNn` expansion uses `\str_if_eq:nnT` to find potential matches. If one is found, the expansion  
is halted and the necessary set up takes place to use the `\tl_if_eq:NNT` test. The x-type  
is started again, including all of the items copied already. This will happen repeatedly  
until the entire sequence has been scanned. The code is set up to avoid needing and  
intermediate scratch list: the lead-off x-type expansion (`#1 #2 {#2}`) will ensure that  
nothing is lost.

```

6217 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_remove_all:Nn
6218 { \__seq_remove_all_aux:NNn \tl_set:Nx }
6219 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gremove_all:Nn
6220 { \__seq_remove_all_aux:NNn \tl_gset:Nx }
6221 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_remove_all_aux:NNn #1#2#3
6222 {
6223   \__seq_push_item_def:n
6224   {
6225     \str_if_eq:nnT {##1} {#3}
6226     {
6227       \if_false: { \fi: }
6228       \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_b_tl {##1}
6229       #1 #2
6230       { \if_false: } \fi:
6231       \exp_not:o {#2}
6232       \tl_if_eq:NNT \l__seq_internal_a_tl \l__seq_internal_b_tl
6233       { \use_none:nn }
6234     }
6235     \__seq_wrap_item:n {##1}
6236   }
6237   \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_a_tl {#3}
6238   #1 #2 {#2}
6239   \__seq_pop_item_def:
6240 }
6241 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_remove_all:Nn { c }
6242 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gremove_all:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_remove_all:Nn` and `\seq_remove_all:cn`. These functions are documented on page 122.)

`\seq_reverse:N` Previously, `\seq_reverse:N` was coded by collecting the items in reverse order after an  
`\seq_reverse:c` `\exp_stop_f:` marker.  
`\seq_greverse:N`  
`\seq_greverse:c`  
`\__seq_reverse:NN`  
`\__seq_reverse_item:nwn`

```

\cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_reverse:N #1
{
  \cs_set_eq:NN \@@_item:n \@@_reverse_item:nw
  \tl_set:Nf #2 { #2 \exp_stop_f: }
}
\cs_new:Npn \@@_reverse_item:nw #1 #2 \exp_stop_f:

```

```

{
  #2 \exp_stop_f:
  \@@_item:n {#1}
}

```

At first, this seems optimal, since we can forget about each item as soon as it is placed after `\exp_stop_f:`. Unfortunately,  $\text{\TeX}$ 's usual tail recursion does not take place in this case: since the following `\_seq_reverse_item:nw` only reads tokens until `\exp_stop_f:`, and never reads the `\@@_item:n {#1}` left by the previous call,  $\text{\TeX}$  cannot remove that previous call from the stack, and in particular must retain the various macro parameters in memory, until the end of the replacement text is reached. The stack is thus only flushed after all the `\_seq_reverse_item:nw` are expanded. Keeping track of the arguments of all those calls uses up a memory quadratic in the length of the sequence.  $\text{\TeX}$  can then not cope with more than a few thousand items.

Instead, we collect the items in the argument of `\exp_not:n`. The previous calls are cleanly removed from the stack, and the memory consumption becomes linear.

```

6243 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_reverse:N
6244   { \_seq_reverse:NN \tl_set:Nx }
6245 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_greverse:N
6246   { \_seq_reverse:NN \tl_gset:Nx }
6247 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_seq_reverse:NN #1 #2
6248   {
6249     \cs_set_eq:NN \_seq_tmp:w \_seq_item:n
6250     \cs_set_eq:NN \_seq_item:n \_seq_reverse_item:nwn
6251     #1 #2 { #2 \exp_not:n { } }
6252     \cs_set_eq:NN \_seq_item:n \_seq_tmp:w
6253   }
6254 \cs_new:Npn \_seq_reverse_item:nwn #1 #2 \exp_not:n #3
6255   {
6256     #2
6257     \exp_not:n { \_seq_item:n {#1} #3 }
6258   }
6259 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_reverse:N { c }
6260 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_greverse:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_reverse:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 122.)

## 12.4 Sequence conditionals

<code>\seq_if_empty_p:N</code>	Similar to token lists, we compare with the empty sequence.
<code>\seq_if_empty_p:c</code>	
<code>\seq_if_empty:NTF</code>	6261 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \seq_if_empty:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
<code>\seq_if_empty:cTF</code>	6262 {
	6263   \if_meaning:w #1 \c_empty_seq
	6264     \prg_return_true:
	6265   \else:
	6266     \prg_return_false:
	6267   \fi:
	6268 }

```

6269 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_empty_p:N { c }
6270 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_empty_NT { c }
6271 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_empty_NF { c }
6272 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_empty_NTF { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_if_empty:NTF` and `\seq_if_empty:cTF`. These functions are documented on page 123.)

**`\seq_if_in:NnTF`** The approach here is to define `\__seq_item:n` to compare its argument with the test sequence. If the two items are equal, the mapping is terminated and `\group_end: \prg_return_true:` is inserted after skipping over the rest of the recursion. On the other hand, if there is no match then the loop will break returning `\prg_return_false:`. Everything is inside a group so that `\__seq_item:n` is preserved in nested situations.

```

6273 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_if_in:Nn #1#2
6274 { T , F , TF }
6275 {
6276   \group_begin:
6277     \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_a_tl {#2}
6278     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__seq_item:n ##1
6279     {
6280       \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_b_tl {##1}
6281       \if_meaning:w \l__seq_internal_a_tl \l__seq_internal_b_tl
6282         \exp_after:wN \__seq_if_in:
6283       \fi:
6284     }
6285     #1
6286   \group_end:
6287   \prg_return_false:
6288   \__prg_break_point:
6289 }
6290 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__seq_if_in:
6291 { \__prg_break:n { \group_end: \prg_return_true: } }
6292 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_in:NnT { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
6293 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_in:NnT { c , cV , cv , co , cx }
6294 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_in:NnF { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
6295 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_in:NnF { c , cV , cv , co , cx }
6296 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_in:NnTF { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
6297 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_in:NnTF { c , cV , cv , co , cx }

```

(End definition for `\seq_if_in:NnTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 123.)

## 12.5 Recovering data from sequences

**`\__seq_pop:NnNN`** The two `pop` functions share their emptiness tests. We also use a common emptiness test for all branching `get` and `pop` functions.

```

6298 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_pop:NnNN #1#2#3#4
6299 {
6300   \if_meaning:w #3 \c_empty_seq
6301     \tl_set:Nn #4 { \q_no_value }
6302   \else:

```

```

6303         #1#2#3#4
6304     \fi:
6305 }
6306 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_pop_TF:NNNN #1#2#3#4
6307 {
6308     \if_meaning:w #3 \c_empty_seq
6309     % \tl_set:Nn #4 { \q_no_value }
6310     \prg_return_false:
6311 \else:
6312     #1#2#3#4
6313     \prg_return_true:
6314 \fi:
6315 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_seq\_pop:NNNN and \\_\_seq\_pop\_TF:NNNN.)

**\seq\_get\_left:NN** Getting an item from the left of a sequence is pretty easy: just trim off the first item  
**\seq\_get\_left:cN** after \\_\_seq\_item:n at the start. We append a \q\_no\_value item to cover the case of  
**\\_\_seq\_get\_left:wnw** an empty sequence

```

6316 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_get_left:NN #1#2
6317 {
6318     \tl_set:Nx #2
6319     {
6320         \exp_after:wN \__seq_get_left:wnw
6321         #1 \__seq_item:n { \q_no_value } \q_stop
6322     }
6323 }
6324 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_get_left:wnw #1 \__seq_item:n #2#3 \q_stop
6325 { \exp_not:n {#2} }
6326 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_left:NN { c }

```

(End definition for \seq\_get\_left:NN and \seq\_get\_left:cN. These functions are documented on page 120.)

**\seq\_pop\_left:NN** The approach to popping an item is pretty similar to that to get an item, with the only  
**\seq\_pop\_left:cN** difference being that the sequence itself has to be redefined. This makes it more sensible  
**\seq\_gpop\_left:NN** to use an auxiliary function for the local and global cases.

```

6327 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_pop_left:NN
6328 { \__seq_pop:NNNN \__seq_pop_left:NNN \tl_set:Nn }
6329 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_gpop_left:NN
6330 { \__seq_pop:NNNN \__seq_pop_left:NNN \tl_gset:Nn }
6331 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_pop_left:NNN #1#2#3
6332 { \exp_after:wN \__seq_pop_left:wnwNNN #2 \q_stop #1#2#3 }
6333 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_pop_left:wnwNNN
6334 #1 \__seq_item:n #2#3 \q_stop #4#5#6
6335 {
6336     #4 #5 { #1 #3 }
6337     \tl_set:Nn #6 {#2}
6338 }
6339 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_left:NN { c }
6340 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_left:NN { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_pop_left:NN` and `\seq_pop_left:cN`. These functions are documented on page 120.)

`\seq_get_right:NN` First remove `\s__seq` and prepend `\q_no_value`, then take two arguments at a time.  
`\seq_get_right:cN` Before the right-hand end of the sequence, this is a brace group followed by `\__seq_item:n`, both removed by `\use_none:nn`. At the end of the sequence, the two question marks are taken by `\use_none:nn`, and the assignment is placed before the right-most item. In the next iteration, `\__seq_get_right_loop:nn` receives two empty arguments, and `\use_none:nn` stops the loop.

```

6341 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_get_right:NN #1#2
6342 {
6343   \exp_after:wN \use_i_ii:nnn
6344   \exp_after:wN \__seq_get_right_loop:nn
6345   \exp_after:wN \q_no_value
6346   #1
6347   { ?? \tl_set:Nn #2 }
6348   { } { }
6349 }
6350 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_get_right_loop:nn #1#2
6351 {
6352   \use_none:nn #2 {#1}
6353   \__seq_get_right_loop:nn
6354 }
6355 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_right:NN { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_get_right:NN` and `\seq_get_right:cN`. These functions are documented on page 120.)

`\seq_pop_right:NN` The approach to popping from the right is a bit more involved, but does use some  
`\seq_pop_right:cN` of the same ideas as getting from the right. What is needed is a “flexible length”  
`\seq_gpop_right:NN` way to set a token list variable. This is supplied by the `{ \if_false: } \fi:`  
`\seq_gpop_right:cN` `... \if_false: { \fi: }` construct. Using an x-type expansion and a “non-expanding”  
`\__seq_pop_right:NNN` definition for `\__seq_item:n`, the left-most  $n - 1$  entries in a sequence of  $n$  items will  
`\__seq_pop_right_loop:nn` be stored back in the sequence. That needs a loop of unknown length, hence using the  
strange `\if_false:` way of including braces. When the last item of the sequence is  
reached, the closing brace for the assignment is inserted, and `\tl_set:Nn #3` is inserted  
in front of the final entry. This therefore does the pop assignment. One more iteration  
is performed, with an empty argument and `\use_none:nn`, which finally stops the loop.

```

6356 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_pop_right:NN
6357 { \__seq_pop:NNNN \__seq_pop_right:NNN \tl_set:Nx }
6358 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_gpop_right:NN
6359 { \__seq_pop:NNNN \__seq_pop_right:NNN \tl_gset:Nx }
6360 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_pop_right:NNN #1#2#3
6361 {
6362   \cs_set_eq:NN \__seq_tmp:w \__seq_item:n
6363   \cs_set_eq:NN \__seq_item:n \scan_stop:
6364   #1 #2
6365   { \if_false: } \fi: \s__seq
6366   \exp_after:wN \use_i:nnn

```



```

6367         \exp_after:wN \__seq_pop_right_loop:nn
6368         #2
6369         {
6370             \if_false: { \fi: }
6371             \tl_set:Nx #3
6372         }
6373         { } \use_none:nn
6374         \cs_set_eq:NN \__seq_item:n \__seq_tmp:w
6375     }
6376     \cs_new:Npn \__seq_pop_right_loop:nn #1#2
6377     {
6378         #2 { \exp_not:n {#1} }
6379         \__seq_pop_right_loop:nn
6380     }
6381     \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_right:NN { c }
6382     \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_right:NN { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_pop_right:NN` and `\seq_pop_right:cN`. These functions are documented on page 120.)

`\seq_get_left:NNTF` Getting from the left or right with a check on the results. The first argument to `\__seq_pop_TF:NNNN` is left unused.

```

\seq_get_left:cNTF
\seq_get_right:NNTF
\seq_get_right:cNTF
6383 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_get_left:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
6384 { \__seq_pop_TF:NNNN \prg_do_nothing: \seq_get_left:NN #1#2 }
6385 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_get_right:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
6386 { \__seq_pop_TF:NNNN \prg_do_nothing: \seq_get_right:NN #1#2 }
6387 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_left:NNT { c }
6388 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_left:NNTF { c }
6389 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_left:NNTF { c }
6390 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_right:NNT { c }
6391 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_right:NNTF { c }
6392 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_right:NNTF { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_get_left:NNTF` and `\seq_get_left:cNTF`. These functions are documented on page 121.)

`\seq_pop_left:NNTF` More or less the same for popping.

```

\seq_pop_left:cNTF
\seq_gpop_left:NNTF
\seq_gpop_left:cNTF
\seq_pop_right:NNTF
\seq_pop_right:cNTF
\seq_gpop_right:NNTF
\seq_gpop_right:cNTF
6393 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_pop_left:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
6394 { \__seq_pop_TF:NNNN \__seq_pop_left:NNN \tl_set:Nn #1 #2 }
6395 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_gpop_left:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
6396 { \__seq_pop_TF:NNNN \__seq_pop_left:NNN \tl_gset:Nn #1 #2 }
6397 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_pop_right:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
6398 { \__seq_pop_TF:NNNN \__seq_pop_right:NNN \tl_set:Nx #1 #2 }
6399 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_gpop_right:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
6400 { \__seq_pop_TF:NNNN \__seq_pop_right:NNN \tl_gset:Nx #1 #2 }
6401 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_left:NNT { c }
6402 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_left:NNTF { c }
6403 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_left:NNTF { c }
6404 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_left:NNT { c }
6405 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_left:NNTF { c }

```

```

6406 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_left:NNTF { c }
6407 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_right:NNT { c }
6408 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_right:NNTF { c }
6409 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_right:NNTF { c }
6410 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_right:NNT { c }
6411 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_right:NNTF { c }
6412 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_right:NNTF { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_pop_left:NNTF` and `\seq_pop_left:CNTF`. These functions are documented on page 121.)

**`\seq_item:Nn`** The idea here is to find the offset of the item from the left, then use a loop to grab the correct item. If the resulting offset is too large, then the stop code `{ ? \__prg_break: } { }` will be used by the auxiliary, terminating the loop and returning nothing at all.

**`\seq_item:cn`**

**`\__seq_item:wNn`**

**`\__seq_item:nnn`**

```

6413 \cs_new:Npn \seq_item:Nn #1
6414 { \exp_after:wN \__seq_item:wNn #1 \q_stop #1 }
6415 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_item:wNn \s__seq #1 \q_stop #2#3
6416 {
6417   \exp_args:Nf \__seq_item:nnn
6418   {
6419     \int_eval:n
6420     {
6421       \int_compare:nNnT {#3} < \c_zero
6422       { \seq_count:N #2 + \c_one + }
6423       #3
6424     }
6425   }
6426   #1
6427   { ? \__prg_break: } { }
6428   \__prg_break_point:
6429 }
6430 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_item:nnn #1#2#3
6431 {
6432   \use_none:n #2
6433   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = \c_one
6434   { \__prg_break:n { \exp_not:n {#3} } }
6435   { \exp_args:Nf \__seq_item:nnn { \int_eval:n { #1 - 1 } } }
6436 }
6437 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_item:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_item:Nn` and `\seq_item:cn`. These functions are documented on page 121.)

## 12.6 Mapping to sequences

**`\seq_map_break:`** To break a function, the special token `\__prg_break_point:Nn` is used to find the end of the code. Any ending code is then inserted before the return value of `\seq_map_break:n` is inserted.

**`\seq_map_break:n`**

```

6438 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \seq_map_break:
6439 { \__prg_break_point:Nn \seq_map_break: { } }

```

```

6440 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \seq_map_break:n
6441 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \seq_map_break: }

```

(End definition for \seq\_map\_break:. This function is documented on page 124.)

**\seq\_map\_function:NN** The idea here is to apply the code of #2 to each item in the sequence without altering the definition of \\_\_seq\_item:n. This is done as by noting that every odd token in the sequence must be \\_\_seq\_item:n, which can be gobbled by \use\_none:n. At the end of the loop, #2 is instead ? \seq\_map\_break:, which therefore breaks the loop without needing to do a (relatively-expensive) quark test.

**\seq\_map\_function:cN**  
**\\_\_seq\_map\_function:NNn**

```

6442 \cs_new:Npn \seq_map_function:NN #1#2
6443 {
6444   \exp_after:wN \use_i_ii:nnn
6445   \exp_after:wN \__seq_map_function:NNn
6446   \exp_after:wN #2
6447   #1
6448   { ? \seq_map_break: } { }
6449   \__prg_break_point:Nn \seq_map_break: { }
6450 }
6451 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_map_function:NNn #1#2#3
6452 {
6453   \use_none:n #2
6454   #1 {#3}
6455   \__seq_map_function:NNn #1
6456 }
6457 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_map_function:NN { c }

```

(End definition for \seq\_map\_function:NN and \seq\_map\_function:cN. These functions are documented on page 123.)

**\\_\_seq\_push\_item\_def:n** The definition of \\_\_seq\_item:n needs to be saved and restored at various points within the mapping and manipulation code. That is handled here: as always, this approach uses global assignments.

**\\_\_seq\_push\_item\_def:x**  
**\\_\_seq\_push\_item\_def:**  
**\\_\_seq\_pop\_item\_def:**

```

6458 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_push_item_def:n
6459 {
6460   \__seq_push_item_def:
6461   \cs_gset:Npn \__seq_item:n ##1
6462 }
6463 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_push_item_def:x
6464 {
6465   \__seq_push_item_def:
6466   \cs_gset:Npx \__seq_item:n ##1
6467 }
6468 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_push_item_def:
6469 {
6470   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
6471   \cs_gset_eq:cN { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
6472   \__seq_item:n
6473 }
6474 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__seq_pop_item_def:

```

```

6475 {
6476   \cs_gset_eq:Nc \__seq_item:n
6477   { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
6478   \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int
6479 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_seq\_push\_item\_def:n and \\_\_seq\_push\_item\_def:x.)

**\seq\_map\_inline:Nn** The idea here is that \\_\_seq\_item:n is already “applied” to each item in a sequence,  
**\seq\_map\_inline:cn** and so an in-line mapping is just a case of redefining \\_\_seq\_item:n.

```

6480 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_map_inline:Nn #1#2
6481 {
6482   \__seq_push_item_def:n {#2}
6483   #1
6484   \__prg_break_point:Nn \seq_map_break: { \__seq_pop_item_def: }
6485 }
6486 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_map_inline:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for \seq\_map\_inline:Nn and \seq\_map\_inline:cn. These functions are documented on page 123.)

**\seq\_map\_variable:NNn** This is just a specialised version of the in-line mapping function, using an x-type expansion for the code set up so that the number of # tokens required is as expected.  
**\seq\_map\_variable:Ncn**  
**\seq\_map\_variable:cNn**  
**\seq\_map\_variable:ccn**

```

6487 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_map_variable:NNn #1#2#3
6488 {
6489   \__seq_push_item_def:x
6490   {
6491     \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N #2 {##1}
6492     \exp_not:n {#3}
6493   }
6494   #1
6495   \__prg_break_point:Nn \seq_map_break: { \__seq_pop_item_def: }
6496 }
6497 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_map_variable:NNn { Nc }
6498 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_map_variable:NNn { c , cc }

```

(End definition for \seq\_map\_variable:NNn and others. These functions are documented on page 123.)

**\seq\_count:N** Counting the items in a sequence is done using the same approach as for other count  
**\seq\_count:c** functions: turn each entry into a +1 then use integer evaluation to actually do the math-  
**\\_\_seq\_count:n** ematics.

```

6499 \cs_new:Npn \seq_count:N #1
6500 {
6501   \int_eval:n
6502   {
6503     0
6504     \seq_map_function:NN #1 \__seq_count:n
6505   }
6506 }
6507 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_count:n #1 { + \c_one }
6508 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_count:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_count:N` and `\seq_count:c`. These functions are documented on page 124.)

## 12.7 Using sequences

`\seq_use:Nnnn` See `\clist_use:Nnnn` for a general explanation. The main difference is that we use `\_seq_item:n` as a delimiter rather than commas. We also need to add `\_seq_item:n` at various places, and `\s__seq`.

`\seq_use:cnnn`

`\_seq_use:NNnNnn`

`\_seq_use_setup:w`

`\_seq_use:nwwwnwn`

`\_seq_use:nwn`

`\seq_use:Nn`

`\seq_use:cn`

```

6509 \cs_new:Npn \seq_use:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
6510 {
6511   \seq_if_exist:NTF #1
6512   {
6513     \int_case:nnF { \seq_count:N #1 }
6514     {
6515       { 0 } { }
6516       { 1 } { \exp_after:wN \_seq_use:NNnNnn #1 ? { } { } }
6517       { 2 } { \exp_after:wN \_seq_use:NNnNnn #1 {#2} }
6518     }
6519     {
6520       \exp_after:wN \_seq_use_setup:w #1 \_seq_item:n
6521       \q_mark { \_seq_use:nwwwnwn {#3} }
6522       \q_mark { \_seq_use:nwn {#4} }
6523       \q_stop { }
6524     }
6525   }
6526   {
6527     \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
6528     { kernel } { bad-variable } {#1}
6529   }
6530 }
6531 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_use:Nnnn { c }
6532 \cs_new:Npn \_seq_use:NNnNnn #1#2#3#4#5#6 { \exp_not:n { #3 #6 #5 } }
6533 \cs_new:Npn \_seq_use_setup:w \s__seq { \_seq_use:nwwwnwn { } }
6534 \cs_new:Npn \_seq_use:nwwwnwn
6535   #1 \_seq_item:n #2 \_seq_item:n #3 \_seq_item:n #4#5
6536   \q_mark #6#7 \q_stop #8
6537   {
6538     #6 \_seq_item:n {#3} \_seq_item:n {#4} #5
6539     \q_mark {#6} #7 \q_stop { #8 #1 #2 }
6540   }
6541 \cs_new:Npn \_seq_use:nwn #1 \_seq_item:n #2 #3 \q_stop #4
6542   { \exp_not:n { #4 #1 #2 } }
6543 \cs_new:Npn \seq_use:Nn #1#2
6544   { \seq_use:Nnnn #1 {#2} {#2} {#2} }
6545 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_use:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_use:Nnnn` and `\seq_use:cnnn`. These functions are documented on page 125.)

## 12.8 Sequence stacks

The same functions as for sequences, but with the correct naming.

**\seq\_push:Nn** Pushing to a sequence is the same as adding on the left.

```

\seq_push:NV 6546 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:Nn \seq_put_left:Nn
\seq_push:Nv 6547 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:Nv \seq_put_left:Nv
\seq_push:No 6548 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:No \seq_put_left:No
\seq_push:Nx 6549 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:Nx \seq_put_left:Nx
\seq_push:cn 6550 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:cn \seq_put_left:cn
\seq_push:cV 6551 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:cV \seq_put_left:cV
\seq_push:cV 6552 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:cV \seq_put_left:cV
\seq_push:co 6553 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:co \seq_put_left:co
\seq_push:cx 6554 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:cx \seq_put_left:cx
\seq_gpush:Nn 6555 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:Nn \seq_gput_left:Nn
\seq_gpush:Nv 6556 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:Nv \seq_gput_left:Nv
\seq_gpush:No 6557 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:No \seq_gput_left:No
\seq_gpush:Nx 6558 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:Nx \seq_gput_left:Nx
\seq_gpush:cn 6559 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:cn \seq_gput_left:cn
\seq_gpush:cV 6560 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:cV \seq_gput_left:cV
\seq_gpush:cV 6561 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:cV \seq_gput_left:cV
\seq_gpush:co 6562 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:co \seq_gput_left:co
\seq_gpush:co 6563 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:co \seq_gput_left:co
\seq_gpush:cx 6564 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:cx \seq_gput_left:cx
\seq_gpush:cx 6565 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:cx \seq_gput_left:cx

```

(End definition for \seq\_push:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page 126.)

**\seq\_get:NN** In most cases, getting items from the stack does not need to specify that this is from the left. So alias are provided.

```

\seq_get:cN 6566 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_get:cN \seq_get_left:cN
\seq_pop:NN 6567 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_pop:NN \seq_pop_left:NN
\seq_pop:cN 6568 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_pop:cN \seq_pop_left:cN
\seq_gpop:NN 6569 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpop:NN \seq_gpop_left:NN
\seq_gpop:cN 6570 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpop:cN \seq_gpop_left:cN
\seq_gpop:cN 6571 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpop:cN \seq_gpop_left:cN

```

(End definition for \seq\_get:NN and \seq\_get:cN. These functions are documented on page 126.)

**\seq\_get:NNTF** More copies.

```

\seq_get:cNTF 6572 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_get:NN \seq_get_left:NN { T , F , TF }
\seq_pop:NNTF 6573 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_get:cN \seq_get_left:cN { T , F , TF }
\seq_pop:cNTF 6574 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_pop:NN \seq_pop_left:NN { T , F , TF }
\seq_gpop:NNTF 6575 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_pop:cN \seq_pop_left:cN { T , F , TF }
\seq_gpop:cNTF 6576 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_gpop:NN \seq_gpop_left:NN { T , F , TF }
\seq_gpop:cNTF 6577 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_gpop:cN \seq_gpop_left:cN { T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for \seq\_get:NNTF and \seq\_get:cNTF. These functions are documented on page 126.)

## 12.9 Viewing sequences

**\seq\_show:N** Apply the general `\_msg_show_variable:NNNnn`.  
**\seq\_show:c**

```

6578 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_show:N #1
6579 {
6580   \_msg_show_variable:NNNnn #1
6581   \seq_if_exist:NTF \seq_if_empty:NTF { seq }
6582   { \seq_map_function:NN #1 \_msg_show_item:n }
6583 }
6584 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_show:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_show:N` and `\seq_show:c`. These functions are documented on page 129.)

## 12.10 Scratch sequences

**\l\_tmpa\_seq** Temporary comma list variables.  
**\l\_tmpb\_seq**  
**\g\_tmpa\_seq**  
**\g\_tmpb\_seq**

```

6585 \seq_new:N \l_tmpa_seq
6586 \seq_new:N \l_tmpb_seq
6587 \seq_new:N \g_tmpa_seq
6588 \seq_new:N \g_tmpb_seq

```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_seq` and others. These variables are documented on page 128.)

```

6589 </initex | package>

```

## 13 l3clist implementation

The following test files are used for this code: `m3clist002`.

```

6590 <*initex | package>
6591 <@@=clist>

```

**\c\_empty\_clist** An empty comma list is simply an empty token list.  
6592 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \c\_empty\_clist \c\_empty\_tl

(End definition for `\c_empty_clist`. This variable is documented on page 138.)

**\l\_\_clist\_internal\_clist** Scratch space for various internal uses. This comma list variable cannot be declared as such because it comes before `\clist_new:N`

```

6593 \tl_new:N \l__clist_internal_clist

```

(End definition for `\l__clist_internal_clist`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

**\\_\_clist\_tmp:w** A temporary function for various purposes.  
6594 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \\_\_clist\_tmp:w { }

(End definition for `\__clist_tmp:w`.)

## 13.1 Allocation and initialisation

**\clist\_new:N** Internally, comma lists are just token lists.

```
\clist_new:c      6595 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_new:N \tl_new:N
                  6596 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_new:c \tl_new:c
```

(End definition for \clist\_new:N and \clist\_new:c. These functions are documented on page 130.)

**\clist\_const:Nn** Creating and initializing a constant comma list is done in a way similar to \clist\_set:Nn and \clist\_gset:Nn, being careful to strip spaces.

```
\clist_const:cn
\clist_const:Nx      6597 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_const:Nn #1#2
\clist_const:cx      6598 { \tl_const:Nx #1 { \__clist_trim_spaces:n {#2} } }
                  6599 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_const:Nn { c , Nx , cx }
```

(End definition for \clist\_const:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page 130.)

**\clist\_clear:N** Clearing comma lists is just the same as clearing token lists.

```
\clist_clear:c      6600 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_clear:N \tl_clear:N
\clist_gclear:N      6601 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_clear:c \tl_clear:c
\clist_gclear:c      6602 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gclear:N \tl_gclear:N
                  6603 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gclear:c \tl_gclear:c
```

(End definition for \clist\_clear:N and \clist\_clear:c. These functions are documented on page 130.)

**\clist\_clear\_new:N** Once again a copy from the token list functions.

```
\clist_clear_new:c      6604 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_clear_new:N \tl_clear_new:N
\clist_gclear_new:N      6605 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_clear_new:c \tl_clear_new:c
\clist_gclear_new:c      6606 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gclear_new:N \tl_gclear_new:N
                  6607 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gclear_new:c \tl_gclear_new:c
```

(End definition for \clist\_clear\_new:N and \clist\_clear\_new:c. These functions are documented on page 131.)

**\clist\_set\_eq:NN** Once again, these are simple copies from the token list functions.

```
\clist_set_eq:cN      6608 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_set_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:NN
\clist_set_eq:Nc      6609 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_set_eq:Nc \tl_set_eq:Nc
\clist_set_eq:cN      6610 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_set_eq:cN \tl_set_eq:cN
\clist_gset_eq:NN      6611 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_set_eq:cc \tl_set_eq:cc
\clist_gset_eq:cN      6612 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gset_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:NN
\clist_gset_eq:Nc      6613 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gset_eq:Nc \tl_gset_eq:Nc
\clist_gset_eq:cN      6614 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gset_eq:cN \tl_gset_eq:cN
\clist_gset_eq:cc      6615 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gset_eq:cc \tl_gset_eq:cc
```

(End definition for \clist\_set\_eq:NN and others. These functions are documented on page 131.)

**\clist\_set\_from\_seq:NN** Setting a comma list from a comma-separated list is done using a simple mapping. We wrap most items with \exp\_not:n, and a comma. Items which contain a comma or a space are surrounded by an extra set of braces. The first comma must be removed, except in the case of an empty comma-list.

```
\clist_set_from_seq:cN      6616 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_set_from_seq:NN
\clist_gset_from_seq:cN      6617 { \__clist_set_from_seq:NNNN \clist_clear:N \tl_set:Nx }
\clist_gset_from_seq:Nc
\clist_gset_from_seq:cc
```

```
\__clist_set_from_seq:NNNN
  \__clist_wrap_item:n
  \__clist_set_from_seq:w
```



```

6618 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gset_from_seq:NN
6619 { \__clist_set_from_seq:NNNN \clist_gclear:N \tl_gset:Nx }
6620 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_set_from_seq:NNNN #1#2#3#4
6621 {
6622   \seq_if_empty:NTF #4
6623   { #1 #3 }
6624   {
6625     #2 #3
6626     {
6627       \exp_last_unbraced:Nf \use_none:n
6628       { \seq_map_function:NN #4 \__clist_wrap_item:n }
6629     }
6630   }
6631 }
6632 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_wrap_item:n #1
6633 {
6634   ,
6635   \tl_if_empty:oTF { \__clist_set_from_seq:w #1 ~ , #1 ~ }
6636   { \exp_not:n {#1} }
6637   { \exp_not:n { {#1} } }
6638 }
6639 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_set_from_seq:w #1 , #2 ~ { }
6640 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_set_from_seq:NN { Nc }
6641 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_set_from_seq:NN { c , cc }
6642 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gset_from_seq:NN { Nc }
6643 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gset_from_seq:NN { c , cc }

```

(End definition for `\clist_set_from_seq:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 131.)

```

\clist_concat:NNN Concatenating comma lists is not quite as easy as it seems, as there needs to be the
\clist_concat:ccc correct addition of a comma to the output. So a little work to do.
\clist_gconcat:NNN
\clist_gconcat:ccc
\__clist_concat:NNNN
6644 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \clist_concat:NNN
6645 { \__clist_concat:NNNN \tl_set:Nx }
6646 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \clist_gconcat:NNN
6647 { \__clist_concat:NNNN \tl_gset:Nx }
6648 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_concat:NNNN #1#2#3#4
6649 {
6650   #1 #2
6651   {
6652     \exp_not:o #3
6653     \clist_if_empty:NF #3 { \clist_if_empty:NF #4 { , } }
6654     \exp_not:o #4
6655   }
6656 }
6657 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_concat:NNN { ccc }
6658 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gconcat:NNN { ccc }

```

(End definition for `\clist_concat:NNN` and `\clist_concat:ccc`. These functions are documented on page 131.)

```

\clist_if_exist_p:N Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.
\clist_if_exist_p:c 6659 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \clist_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N
\clist_if_exist:NTF 6660 { TF , T , F , p }
\clist_if_exist:cTF 6661 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \clist_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c
6662 { TF , T , F , p }

```

(End definition for `\clist_if_exist:N` and `\clist_if_exist:c`. These functions are documented on page 131.)

## 13.2 Removing spaces around items

`\_clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw` This expands to the `<code>`, followed by a brace group containing the `<item>`, with leading and trailing spaces removed. The calling function is responsible for inserting `\q_mark` in front of the `<item>`, as well as testing for the end of the list. We reuse a `l3tl` internal function, whose first argument must start with `\q_mark`. That trims the item #2, then feeds the result (after having to do an o-type expansion) to `\__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nn` which places the `<code>` in front of the `<trimmed item>`.

```

6663 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw #1#2 ,
6664 {
6665   \_tl_trim_spaces:nn {#2}
6666   { \exp_args:No \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nn } {#1}
6667 }
6668 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nn #1#2 { #2 {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw`.)

`\__clist_trim_spaces:n` The first argument of `\__clist_trim_spaces:nn` is initially empty, and later a comma, namely, as soon as we have added an item to the resulting list. The auxiliary tests for the end of the list, and also prevents empty arguments from finding their way into the output.

```

6669 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_trim_spaces:n #1
6670 {
6671   \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw
6672   { \__clist_trim_spaces:nn { } }
6673   \q_mark #1 ,
6674   \q_recursion_tail, \q_recursion_stop
6675 }
6676 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_trim_spaces:nn #1 #2
6677 {
6678   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n {#2}
6679   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2}
6680   {
6681     \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw
6682     { \__clist_trim_spaces:nn {#1} } \q_mark
6683   }
6684   {
6685     #1 \exp_not:n {#2}
6686     \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw
6687     { \__clist_trim_spaces:nn { , } } \q_mark

```

```

6688     }
6689 }
(End definition for \_clist_trim_spaces:n.)

```

### 13.3 Adding data to comma lists

```

\clist_set:Nn
\clist_set:NV 6690 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_set:Nn #1#2
\clist_set:No 6691 { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \_clist_trim_spaces:n {#2} } }
\clist_set:Nx 6692 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gset:Nn #1#2
\clist_set:cn 6693 { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \_clist_trim_spaces:n {#2} } }
\clist_set:cV 6694 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_set:Nn { NV , No , Nx , c , cV , co , cx }
\clist_set:co 6695 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gset:Nn { NV , No , Nx , c , cV , co , cx }
\clist_set:cx
(End definition for \clist_set:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page 131.)

```

Comma lists cannot hold empty values: there are therefore a couple of sanity checks to avoid accumulating commas.

```

\clist_put_left:Nn
\clist_put_left:NV 6696 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \clist_put_left:Nn
\clist_put_left:No 6697 { \_clist_put_left:NNNn \clist_concat:NNN \clist_set:Nn }
\clist_put_left:Nx 6698 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \clist_gput_left:Nn
\clist_put_left:cn 6699 { \_clist_put_left:NNNn \clist_gconcat:NNN \clist_set:Nn }
\clist_put_left:cV 6700 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_clist_put_left:NNNn #1#2#3#4
\clist_put_left:co 6701 {
\clist_put_left:cx 6702     #2 \l__clist_internal_clist {#4}
\clist_gput_left:Nn 6703     #1 #3 \l__clist_internal_clist #3
\clist_gput_left:NV 6704 }
\clist_gput_left:No 6705 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_put_left:Nn { NV , No , Nx }
\clist_gput_left:Nx 6706 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_put_left:Nn { c , cV , co , cx }
\clist_gput_left:cn 6707 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gput_left:Nn { NV , No , Nx }
\clist_gput_left:cV 6708 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gput_left:Nn { c , cV , co , cx }
\clist_gput_left:co
(End definition for \clist_put_left:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page 132.)
\__clist_put_left:NNNn
\__\clist_put_right:Nn
\clist_put_right:NV 6709 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \clist_put_right:Nn
\clist_put_right:No 6710 { \_clist_put_right:NNNn \clist_concat:NNN \clist_set:Nn }
\clist_put_right:Nx 6711 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \clist_gput_right:Nn
\clist_put_right:cn 6712 { \_clist_put_right:NNNn \clist_gconcat:NNN \clist_set:Nn }
\clist_put_right:cV 6713 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_clist_put_right:NNNn #1#2#3#4
\clist_put_right:co 6714 {
\clist_put_right:cx 6715     #2 \l__clist_internal_clist {#4}
\clist_gput_right:Nn 6716     #1 #3 #3 \l__clist_internal_clist
\clist_gput_right:NV 6717 }
\clist_gput_right:Nx 6718 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_put_right:Nn { NV , No , Nx }
\clist_gput_right:No 6719 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_put_right:Nn { c , cV , co , cx }
\clist_gput_right:Nx 6720 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gput_right:Nn { NV , No , Nx }
\clist_gput_right:cn 6721 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gput_right:Nn { c , cV , co , cx }
\clist_gput_right:cV
(End definition for \clist_put_right:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page 132.)
\clist_gput_right:co
\clist_gput_right:cx
\__clist_put_right:NNNn

```

## 13.4 Comma lists as stacks

**\clist\_get:NN** Getting an item from the left of a comma list is pretty easy: just trim off the first item  
**\clist\_get:cN** using the comma.  
**\\_\_clist\_get:wN**

```

6722 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_get:NN #1#2
6723 {
6724   \if_meaning:w #1 \c_empty_clist
6725     \tl_set:Nn #2 { \q_no_value }
6726   \else:
6727     \exp_after:wN \__clist_get:wN #1 , \q_stop #2
6728   \fi:
6729 }
6730 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_get:wN #1 , #2 \q_stop #3
6731 { \tl_set:Nn #3 {#1} }
6732 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_get:NN { c }

```

(End definition for \clist\_get:NN and \clist\_get:cN. These functions are documented on page 137.)

**\clist\_pop:NN** An empty clist leads to \q\_no\_value, otherwise grab until the first comma and assign  
**\clist\_pop:cN** to the variable. The second argument of \\_\_clist\_pop:wwNNN is a comma list ending  
**\clist\_gpop:NN** in a comma and \q\_mark, unless the original clist contained exactly one item: then the  
**\clist\_gpop:cN** argument is just \q\_mark. The next auxiliary picks either \exp\_not:n or \use\_none:n  
**\\_\_clist\_pop:NNN** as #2, ensuring that the result can safely be an empty comma list.  
**\\_\_clist\_pop:wwNNN**  
**\\_\_clist\_pop:wN**

```

6733 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \clist_pop:NN
6734 { \__clist_pop:NNN \tl_set:Nx }
6735 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \clist_gpop:NN
6736 { \__clist_pop:NNN \tl_gset:Nx }
6737 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_pop:NNN #1#2#3
6738 {
6739   \if_meaning:w #2 \c_empty_clist
6740     \tl_set:Nn #3 { \q_no_value }
6741   \else:
6742     \exp_after:wN \__clist_pop:wwNNN #2 , \q_mark \q_stop #1#2#3
6743   \fi:
6744 }
6745 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_pop:wwNNN #1 , #2 \q_stop #3#4#5
6746 {
6747   \tl_set:Nn #5 {#1}
6748   #3 #4
6749   {
6750     \__clist_pop:wN \prg_do_nothing:
6751     #2 \exp_not:o
6752     , \q_mark \use_none:n
6753     \q_stop
6754   }
6755 }
6756 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_pop:wN #1 , \q_mark #2 #3 \q_stop { #2 {#1} }
6757 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_pop:NN { c }
6758 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gpop:NN { c }

```

(End definition for \clist\_pop:NN and \clist\_pop:cN. These functions are documented on page 137.)

**\clist\_get:NNTF** The same, as branching code: very similar to the above.

```

\clist_get:cNTF 6759 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \clist_get:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
\clist_pop:NNTF 6760 {
\clist_pop:cNTF 6761   \if_meaning:w #1 \c_empty_clist
\clist_gpop:NNTF 6762   \prg_return_false:
\clist_gpop:cNTF 6763   \else:
\__clist_pop_TF:NNN 6764   \exp_after:wN \__clist_get:wN #1 , \q_stop #2
6765   \prg_return_true:
6766   \fi:
6767 }
6768 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_get:NNT { c }
6769 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_get:NNF { c }
6770 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_get:NNTF { c }
6771 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \clist_pop:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
6772 { \__clist_pop_TF:NNN \tl_set:Nx #1 #2 }
6773 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \clist_gpop:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
6774 { \__clist_pop_TF:NNN \tl_gset:Nx #1 #2 }
6775 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_pop_TF:NNN #1#2#3
6776 {
6777   \if_meaning:w #2 \c_empty_clist
6778   \prg_return_false:
6779   \else:
6780   \exp_after:wN \__clist_pop:wwNNN #2 , \q_mark \q_stop #1#2#3
6781   \prg_return_true:
6782   \fi:
6783 }
6784 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_pop:NNT { c }
6785 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_pop:NNF { c }
6786 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_pop:NNTF { c }
6787 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gpop:NNT { c }
6788 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gpop:NNF { c }
6789 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gpop:NNTF { c }

```

(End definition for \clist\_get:NNTF and \clist\_get:cNTF. These functions are documented on page 137.)

**\clist\_push:Nn** Pushing to a comma list is the same as adding on the left.

```

\clist_push:NV 6790 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:Nn \clist_put_left:Nn
\clist_push:No 6791 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:NV \clist_put_left:NV
\clist_push:Nx 6792 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:No \clist_put_left:No
\clist_push:cn 6793 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:Nx \clist_put_left:Nx
\clist_push:cV 6794 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:cn \clist_put_left:cn
\clist_push:co 6795 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:cV \clist_put_left:cV
\clist_push:cx 6796 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:co \clist_put_left:co
\clist_gpush:Nn 6797 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:Nn \clist_gput_left:Nn
\clist_gpush:NV 6798 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:NV \clist_gput_left:NV
\clist_gpush:No 6799 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:No \clist_gput_left:No
\clist_gpush:Nx 6800 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:Nx \clist_gput_left:Nx
\clist_gpush:cn
\clist_gpush:cV
\clist_gpush:co
\clist_gpush:cx

```

```

6801 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:Nx \clist_gput_left:Nx
6802 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:cn \clist_gput_left:cn
6803 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:cV \clist_gput_left:cV
6804 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:co \clist_gput_left:co
6805 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:cx \clist_gput_left:cx

```

(End definition for `\clist_push:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 138.)

## 13.5 Modifying comma lists

`\l__clist_internal_remove_clist` An internal comma list for the removal routines.

```

6806 \clist_new:N \l__clist_internal_remove_clist

```

(End definition for `\l__clist_internal_remove_clist`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\clist_remove_duplicates:N` Removing duplicates means making a new list then copying it.

```

\clist_remove_duplicates:c
\clist_gremove_duplicates:N
\clist_gremove_duplicates:c
  \__clist_remove_duplicates:NN
6807 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_remove_duplicates:N
6808 { \__clist_remove_duplicates:NN \clist_set_eq:NN }
6809 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gremove_duplicates:N
6810 { \__clist_remove_duplicates:NN \clist_gset_eq:NN }
6811 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_remove_duplicates:NN #1#2
6812 {
6813   \clist_clear:N \l__clist_internal_remove_clist
6814   \clist_map_inline:Nn #2
6815   {
6816     \clist_if_in:NnF \l__clist_internal_remove_clist {##1}
6817     { \clist_put_right:Nn \l__clist_internal_remove_clist {##1} }
6818   }
6819   #1 #2 \l__clist_internal_remove_clist
6820 }
6821 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_remove_duplicates:N { c }
6822 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gremove_duplicates:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_remove_duplicates:N` and `\clist_remove_duplicates:c`. These functions are documented on page 132.)

`\clist_remove_all:Nn` The method used here is very similar to `\tl_replace_all:Nnn`. Build a function delimited by the `<item>` that should be removed, surrounded with commas, and call that function followed by the expanded comma list, and another copy of the `<item>`. The loop is controlled by the argument grabbed by `\__clist_remove_all:w`: when the item was found, the `\q_mark` delimiter used is the one inserted by `\__clist_tmp:w`, and `\use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w` is deleted. At the end, the final `<item>` is grabbed, and the argument of `\__clist_tmp:w` contains `\q_mark`: in that case, `\__clist_remove_all:w` removes the second `\q_mark` (inserted by `\__clist_tmp:w`), and lets `\use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w` act.

No brace is lost because items are always grabbed with a leading comma. The result of the first assignment has an extra leading comma, which we remove in a second assignment. Two exceptions: if the clist lost all of its elements, the result is empty, and

we shouldn't remove anything; if the clist started up empty, the first step happens to turn it into a single comma, and the second step removes it.

```

6823 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_remove_all:Nn
6824 { \__clist_remove_all:NNn \tl_set:Nx }
6825 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gremove_all:Nn
6826 { \__clist_remove_all:NNn \tl_gset:Nx }
6827 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_remove_all:NNn #1#2#3
6828 {
6829   \cs_set:Npn \__clist_tmp:w ##1 , #3 ,
6830   {
6831     ##1
6832     , \q_mark , \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w ,
6833     \__clist_remove_all:
6834   }
6835   #1 #2
6836   {
6837     \exp_after:wN \__clist_remove_all:
6838     #2 , \q_mark , #3 , \q_stop
6839   }
6840   \clist_if_empty:NF #2
6841   {
6842     #1 #2
6843     {
6844       \exp_args:No \exp_not:o
6845       { \exp_after:wN \use_none:n #2 }
6846     }
6847   }
6848 }
6849 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_remove_all:
6850 { \exp_after:wN \__clist_remove_all:w \__clist_tmp:w , }
6851 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_remove_all:w #1 , \q_mark , #2 , { \exp_not:n {#1} }
6852 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_remove_all:Nn { c }
6853 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gremove_all:Nn { c }

```

*(End definition for \clist\_remove\_all:Nn and \clist\_remove\_all:cn. These functions are documented on page 132.)*

**\clist\_reverse:N** Use \clist\_reverse:n in an x-expanding assignment. The extra work that \clist\_reverse:n does to preserve braces and spaces would not be needed for the well-controlled case of N-type comma lists, but the slow-down is not too bad.

**\clist\_reverse:c**

**\clist\_greverse:N**

**\clist\_greverse:c**

```

6854 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_reverse:N #1
6855 { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \clist_reverse:n {#1} } }
6856 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_greverse:N #1
6857 { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \clist_reverse:n {#1} } }
6858 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_reverse:N { c }
6859 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_greverse:N { c }

```

*(End definition for \clist\_reverse:N and others. These functions are documented on page 133.)*

`\clist_reverse:n` The reversed token list is built one item at a time, and stored between `\q_stop` and `\q_mark`, in the form of ? followed by zero or more instances of “ $\langle item \rangle$ ,”. We start from a comma list “ $\langle item_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle item_n \rangle$ ”. During the loop, the auxiliary `\__clist_reverse:wwNww` receives “? $\langle item_i \rangle$ ” as #1, “ $\langle item_{i+1} \rangle, \dots, \langle item_n \rangle$ ” as #2, `\__clist_reverse:wwNww` as #3, what remains until `\q_stop` as #4, and “ $\langle item_{i-1} \rangle, \dots, \langle item_1 \rangle$ ,” as #5. The auxiliary moves #1 just before #5, with a comma, and calls itself (#3). After the last item is moved, `\__clist_reverse:wwNww` receives “`\q_mark \__clist_reverse:wwNww !`” as its argument #1, thus `\__clist_reverse_end:ww` as its argument #3. This second auxiliary cleans up until the marker !, removes the trailing comma (introduced when the first item was moved after `\q_stop`), and leaves its argument #1 within `\exp_not:n`. There is also a need to remove a leading comma, hence `\exp_not:o` and `\use_none:n`.

```

6860 \cs_new:Npn \clist_reverse:n #1
6861 {
6862   \__clist_reverse:wwNww ? #1 ,
6863   \q_mark \__clist_reverse:wwNww ! ,
6864   \q_mark \__clist_reverse_end:ww
6865   \q_stop ? \q_mark
6866 }
6867 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_reverse:wwNww
6868   #1 , #2 \q_mark #3 #4 \q_stop ? #5 \q_mark
6869   { #3 ? #2 \q_mark #3 #4 \q_stop #1 , #5 \q_mark }
6870 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_reverse_end:ww #1 ! #2 , \q_mark
6871   { \exp_not:o { \use_none:n #2 } }

```

(End definition for `\clist_reverse:n`. This function is documented on page 133.)

## 13.6 Comma list conditionals

`\clist_if_empty_p:n` Simple copies from the token list variable material.

```

\clist_if_empty_p:c
\clist_if_empty:NTF
\clist_if_empty:cTF

```

```

6872 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \clist_if_empty:N \tl_if_empty:N
6873   { p , T , F , TF }
6874 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \clist_if_empty:c \tl_if_empty:c
6875   { p , T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for `\clist_if_empty:NTF` and `\clist_if_empty:cTF`. These functions are documented on page 133.)

`\clist_if_empty_p:n` As usual, we insert a token (here ?) before grabbing any argument: this avoids losing braces. The argument of `\tl_if_empty:oTF` is empty if #1 is ? followed by blank spaces (besides, this particular variant of the emptiness test is optimized). If the item of the comma list is blank, grab the next one. As soon as one item is non-blank, exit: the second auxiliary will grab `\prg_return_false:` as #2, unless every item in the comma list was blank and the loop actually got broken by the trailing `\q_mark \prg_return_false:` item.

```

\__clist_if_empty_n:w
\__clist_if_empty_n:wNw

```

```

6876 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \clist_if_empty:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
6877 {
6878   \__clist_if_empty_n:w ? #1

```



```

6879     , \q_mark \prg_return_false:
6880     , \q_mark \prg_return_true:
6881     \q_stop
6882   }
6883   \cs_new:Npn \__clist_if_empty_n:w #1 ,
6884   {
6885     \tl_if_empty:oTF { \use_none:nn #1 ? }
6886     { \__clist_if_empty_n:w ? }
6887     { \__clist_if_empty_n:wNw }
6888   }
6889   \cs_new:Npn \__clist_if_empty_n:wNw #1 \q_mark #2#3 \q_stop {#2}

```

(End definition for \clist\_if\_empty:nTF. This function is documented on page 133.)

```

\clist_if_in:NnTF See description of the \tl_if_in:Nn function for details. We simply surround the comma
\clist_if_in:NVTF list, and the item, with commas.
\clist_if_in:NoTF
\clist_if_in:cnTF 6890 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \clist_if_in:Nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
\clist_if_in:cVTF 6891 {
\clist_if_in:coTF 6892   \exp_args:No \__clist_if_in_return:nn #1 {#2}
\clist_if_in:nnTF 6893 }
\clist_if_in:nVTF 6894 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \clist_if_in:nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
\clist_if_in:noTF 6895 {
\__clist_if_in_return:nn 6896   \clist_set:Nn \l__clist_internal_clist {#1}
6897   \exp_args:No \__clist_if_in_return:nn \l__clist_internal_clist {#2}
6898 }
6899 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_if_in_return:nn #1#2
6900 {
6901   \cs_set:Npn \__clist_tmp:w ##1 ,#2, { }
6902   \tl_if_empty:oTF
6903   { \__clist_tmp:w ,#1, {} {} ,#2, }
6904   { \prg_return_false: } { \prg_return_true: }
6905 }
6906 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:NnT { NV , No }
6907 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:NnT { c , cV , co }
6908 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:NnF { NV , No }
6909 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:NnF { c , cV , co }
6910 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:NnTF { NV , No }
6911 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:NnTF { c , cV , co }
6912 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:nnT { nV , no }
6913 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:nnF { nV , no }
6914 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:nnTF { nV , no }

```

(End definition for \clist\_if\_in:NnTF and others. These functions are documented on page 133.)

## 13.7 Mapping to comma lists

```

\clist_map_function:NN If the variable is empty, the mapping is skipped (otherwise, that comma-list would be
\clist_map_function:cN seen as consisting of one empty item). Then loop over the comma-list, grabbing one
\__clist_map_function:Nw

```

comma-delimited item at a time. The end is marked by `\q_recursion_tail`. The auxiliary function `\_clist_map_function:Nw` is used directly in `\clist_map_inline:Nn`. Change with care.

```

6915 \cs_new:Npn \clist_map_function:NN #1#2
6916 {
6917   \clist_if_empty:NF #1
6918   {
6919     \exp_last_unbraced:NNo \_clist_map_function:Nw #2 #1
6920     , \q_recursion_tail ,
6921     \_prg_break_point:Nn \clist_map_break: { }
6922   }
6923 }
6924 \cs_new:Npn \_clist_map_function:Nw #1#2 ,
6925 {
6926   \_quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN {#2} \clist_map_break:
6927   #1 {#2}
6928   \_clist_map_function:Nw #1
6929 }
6930 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_map_function:NN { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_map_function:NN` and `\clist_map_function:cN`. These functions are documented on page 134.)

`\clist_map_function:nN` The n-type mapping function is a bit more awkward, since spaces must be trimmed from each item. Space trimming is again based on `\_clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw`. `\_clist_map_function_n:Nn` receives as arguments the function, and the result of removing leading and trailing spaces from the item which lies until the next comma. Empty items are ignored, then one level of braces is removed by `\_clist_map_unbrace:Nw`.

```

6931 \cs_new:Npn \clist_map_function:nN #1#2
6932 {
6933   \_clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw { \_clist_map_function_n:Nn #2 }
6934   \q_mark #1, \q_recursion_tail,
6935   \_prg_break_point:Nn \clist_map_break: { }
6936 }
6937 \cs_new:Npn \_clist_map_function_n:Nn #1 #2
6938 {
6939   \_quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN {#2} \clist_map_break:
6940   \tl_if_empty:nF {#2} { \_clist_map_unbrace:Nw #1 #2, }
6941   \_clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw { \_clist_map_function_n:Nn #1 }
6942   \q_mark
6943 }
6944 \cs_new:Npn \_clist_map_unbrace:Nw #1 #2, { #1 {#2} }

```

(End definition for `\clist_map_function:nN`. This function is documented on page 134.)

`\clist_map_inline:Nn` `\clist_map_inline:cn` `\clist_map_inline:nn` Inline mapping is done by creating a suitable function “on the fly”: this is done globally to avoid any issues with  $\text{\TeX}$ ’s groups. We use a different function for each level of nesting.

Since the mapping is non-expandable, we can perform the space-trimming needed by the `n` version simply by storing the comma-list in a variable. We don't need a different comma-list for each nesting level: the comma-list is expanded before the mapping starts.

```

6945 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_map_inline:Nn #1#2
6946 {
6947   \clist_if_empty:NF #1
6948   {
6949     \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
6950     \cs_gset:cpn { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w } ##1 {#2}
6951     \exp_last_unbraced:Nco \__clist_map_function:Nw
6952     { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
6953     #1 , \q_recursion_tail ,
6954     \__prg_break_point:Nn \clist_map_break:
6955     { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
6956   }
6957 }
6958 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_map_inline:nn #1
6959 {
6960   \clist_set:Nn \l__clist_internal_clist {#1}
6961   \clist_map_inline:Nn \l__clist_internal_clist
6962 }
6963 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_map_inline:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_map_inline:Nn` and `\clist_map_inline:cn`. These functions are documented on page 134.)

<code>\clist_map_variable:NNn</code> <code>\clist_map_variable:cNn</code> <code>\clist_map_variable:nNn</code> <code>\__clist_map_variable:Nnw</code>	As for other comma-list mappings, filter out the case of an empty list. Same approach as <code>\clist_map_function:Nn</code> , additionally we store each item in the given variable. As for inline mappings, space trimming for the <code>n</code> variant is done by storing the comma list in a variable.
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```

6964 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_map_variable:NNn #1#2#3
6965 {
6966   \clist_if_empty:NF #1
6967   {
6968     \exp_args:Nno \use:nn
6969     { \__clist_map_variable:Nnw #2 {#3} }
6970     #1
6971     , \q_recursion_tail , \q_recursion_stop
6972     \__prg_break_point:Nn \clist_map_break: { }
6973   }
6974 }
6975 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_map_variable:nNn #1
6976 {
6977   \clist_set:Nn \l__clist_internal_clist {#1}
6978   \clist_map_variable:NNn \l__clist_internal_clist
6979 }
6980 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_map_variable:Nnw #1#2#3,
6981 {
6982   \tl_set:Nn #1 {#3}

```

```

6983 \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N #1
6984 \use:n {#2}
6985 \__clist_map_variable:Nnw #1 {#2}
6986 }
6987 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_map_variable:NNn { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_map_variable:NNn` and `\clist_map_variable:cNn`. These functions are documented on page 134.)

`\clist_map_break:` The break statements use the general `\__prg_map_break:Nn` mechanism.  
`\clist_map_break:n`

```

6988 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \clist_map_break:
6989 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \clist_map_break: { } }
6990 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \clist_map_break:n
6991 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \clist_map_break: }

```

(End definition for `\clist_map_break:` and `\clist_map_break:n`. These functions are documented on page 135.)

`\clist_count:N` Counting the items in a comma list is done using the same approach as for other token  
`\clist_count:c` count functions: turn each entry into a +1 then use integer evaluation to actually do the  
`\clist_count:n` mathematics. In the case of an n-type comma-list, we could of course use `\clist_map_-`  
`\__clist_count:n` **function:nN**, but that is very slow, because it carefully removes spaces. Instead, we loop  
`\__clist_count:w` manually, and skip blank items (but not {}), hence the extra spaces).

```

6992 \cs_new:Npn \clist_count:N #1
6993 {
6994   \int_eval:n
6995   {
6996     0
6997     \clist_map_function:NN #1 \__clist_count:n
6998   }
6999 }
7000 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_count:N { c }
7001 \cs_new:Npx \clist_count:n #1
7002 {
7003   \exp_not:N \int_eval:n
7004   {
7005     0
7006     \exp_not:N \__clist_count:w \c_space_tl
7007     #1 \exp_not:n { , \q_recursion_tail , \q_recursion_stop }
7008   }
7009 }
7010 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_count:n #1 { + \c_one }
7011 \cs_new:Npx \__clist_count:w #1 ,
7012 {
7013   \exp_not:n { \exp_args:Nf \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n } {#1}
7014   \exp_not:N \tl_if_blank:nF {#1} { + \c_one }
7015   \exp_not:N \__clist_count:w \c_space_tl
7016 }

```

(End definition for `\clist_count:N`, `\clist_count:c`, and `\clist_count:n`. These functions are documented on page 135.)

### 13.8 Using comma lists

`\clist_use:Nnnn` First check that the variable exists. Then count the items in the comma list. If it has none, output nothing. If it has one item, output that item, brace stripped (note that space-trimming has already been done when the comma list was assigned). If it has two, place the *<separator between two>* in the middle.

`\clist_use:cnnn` Otherwise, `\__clist_use:nwwwnwn` takes the following arguments; 1: a *<separator>*, 2, 3, 4: three items from the comma list (or quarks), 5: the rest of the comma list, 6: a *<continuation>* function (`use_ii` or `use_iii` with its *<separator>* argument), 7: junk, and 8: the temporary result, which is built in a brace group following `\q_stop`. The *<separator>* and the first of the three items are placed in the result, then we use the *<continuation>*, placing the remaining two items after it. When we begin this loop, the three items really belong to the comma list, the first `\q_mark` is taken as a delimiter to the `use_ii` function, and the continuation is `use_ii` itself. When we reach the last two items of the original token list, `\q_mark` is taken as a third item, and now the second `\q_mark` serves as a delimiter to `use_ii`, switching to the other *<continuation>*, `use_iii`, which uses the *<separator between final two>*.

```

7017 \cs_new:Npn \clist_use:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
7018 {
7019   \clist_if_exist:NTF #1
7020   {
7021     \int_case:nnF { \clist_count:N #1 }
7022     {
7023       { 0 } { }
7024       { 1 } { \exp_after:wN \__clist_use:wnn #1 , , { } }
7025       { 2 } { \exp_after:wN \__clist_use:wnn #1 , {#2} }
7026     }
7027     {
7028       \exp_after:wN \__clist_use:nwwwnwn
7029       \exp_after:wN { \exp_after:wN } #1 ,
7030       \q_mark , { \__clist_use:nwwwnwn {#3} }
7031       \q_mark , { \__clist_use:nwnn {#4} }
7032       \q_stop { }
7033     }
7034   }
7035   {
7036     \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
7037     { kernel } { bad-variable } {#1}
7038   }
7039 }
7040 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_use:Nnnn { c }
7041 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_use:wnn #1 , #2 , #3 { \exp_not:n { #1 #3 #2 } }
7042 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_use:nwwwnwn
7043   #1#2 , #3 , #4 , #5 \q_mark , #6#7 \q_stop #8
7044   { #6 {#3} , {#4} , #5 \q_mark , {#6} #7 \q_stop { #8 #1 #2 } }
7045 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_use:nwnn #1#2 , #3 \q_stop #4
7046   { \exp_not:n { #4 #1 #2 } }
7047 \cs_new:Npn \clist_use:Nn #1#2

```

```

7048 { \clist_use:Nnnn #1 {#2} {#2} {#2} }
7049 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_use:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_use:Nnnn` and `\clist_use:cnnn`. These functions are documented on page 136.)

## 13.9 Using a single item

`\clist_item:Nn` To avoid needing to test the end of the list at each step, we first compute the  $\langle length \rangle$  of the list. If the item number is 0, less than  $-\langle length \rangle$ , or more than  $\langle length \rangle$ , the result is empty. If it is negative, but not less than  $-\langle length \rangle$ , add  $\langle length \rangle + 1$  to the item number before performing the loop. The loop itself is very simple, return the item if the counter reached 1, otherwise, decrease the counter and repeat.

```

7050 \cs_new:Npn \clist_item:Nn #1#2
7051 {
7052   \exp_args:Nfo \__clist_item:nnNn
7053   { \clist_count:N #1 }
7054   #1
7055   \__clist_item_N_loop:nw
7056   {#2}
7057 }
7058 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item:nnNn #1#2#3#4
7059 {
7060   \int_compare:nNnTF {#4} < \c_zero
7061   {
7062     \int_compare:nNnTF {#4} < { - #1 }
7063     { \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w }
7064     { \exp_args:Nf #3 { \int_eval:n { #4 + \c_one + #1 } } }
7065   }
7066   {
7067     \int_compare:nNnTF {#4} > {#1}
7068     { \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w }
7069     { #3 {#4} }
7070   }
7071   { } , #2 , \q_stop
7072 }
7073 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item_N_loop:nw #1 #2,
7074 {
7075   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = \c_zero
7076   { \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
7077   { \exp_args:Nf \__clist_item_N_loop:nw { \int_eval:n { #1 - 1 } } }
7078 }
7079 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_item:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_item:Nn` and `\clist_item:cn`. These functions are documented on page 138.)

`\clist_item:nn` This starts in the same way as `\clist_item:Nn` by counting the items of the comma list. The final item should be space-trimmed before being brace-stripped, hence we insert a couple of odd-looking `\prg_do_nothing:` to avoid losing braces. Blank items are ignored.

```

7080 \cs_new:Npn \clist_item:nn #1#2
7081 {
7082   \exp_args:Nf \__clist_item:nnNn
7083     { \clist_count:n {#1} }
7084     {#1}
7085     \__clist_item_n:nw
7086     {#2}
7087 }
7088 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item_n:nw #1
7089 { \__clist_item_n_loop:nw {#1} \prg_do_nothing: }
7090 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item_n_loop:nw #1 #2,
7091 {
7092   \exp_args:No \tl_if_blank:nTF {#2}
7093     { \__clist_item_n_loop:nw {#1} \prg_do_nothing: }
7094     {
7095       \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = \c_zero
7096         { \exp_args:No \__clist_item_n_end:n {#2} }
7097         {
7098           \exp_args:Nf \__clist_item_n_loop:nw
7099             { \int_eval:n { #1 - 1 } }
7100             \prg_do_nothing:
7101         }
7102     }
7103 }
7104 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item_n_end:n #1 #2 \q_stop
7105 {
7106   \__tl_trim_spaces:nn { \q_mark #1 }
7107   { \exp_last_unbraced:No \__clist_item_n_strip:w } ,
7108 }
7109 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item_n_strip:w #1 , { \exp_not:n {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\clist_item:nn`. This function is documented on page [138](#).)

## 13.10 Viewing comma lists

`\clist_show:N` Apply the general `\__msg_show_variable:NNNnn`. In the case of an n-type comma-list, we must do things by hand, using the same message `show-clist` as for an N-type comma-list but with an empty name (first argument).

```

7110 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_show:N #1
7111 {
7112   \__msg_show_variable:NNNnn #1
7113   \clist_if_exist:NTF \clist_if_empty:NTF { clist }
7114   { \clist_map_function:NN #1 \__msg_show_item:n }
7115 }
7116 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_show:n #1
7117 {
7118   \__msg_show_pre:nnxxxx { LaTeX / kernel } { show-clist }
7119   { } { \clist_if_empty:nF {#1} { ? } } { } { }
7120   \__msg_show_wrap:n

```

```

7121      { \clist_map_function:nN {#1} \_msg_show_item:n }
7122    }
7123    \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_show:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_show:N` and `\clist_show:c`. These functions are documented on page 138.)

### 13.11 Scratch comma lists

`\l_tmpa_clist` Temporary comma list variables.  
`\l_tmpb_clist`  
`\g_tmpa_clist`  
`\g_tmpb_clist`

```

7124 \clist_new:N \l_tmpa_clist
7125 \clist_new:N \l_tmpb_clist
7126 \clist_new:N \g_tmpa_clist
7127 \clist_new:N \g_tmpb_clist

```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_clist` and `\l_tmpb_clist`. These variables are documented on page 138.)

```

7128 \</initex | package>

```

## 14 l3prop implementation

The following test files are used for this code: `m3prop001`, `m3prop002`, `m3prop003`, `m3prop004`, `m3show001`.

```

7129 \*initex | package>
7130 \<@@=prop>

```

A property list is a macro whose top-level expansion is of the form

```

\__prop \__prop_pair:wn <key_1> \s__prop {<value_1>}
...
\__prop_pair:wn <key_n> \s__prop {<value_n>}

```

where `\s__prop` is a scan mark (equal to `\scan_stop:`), and `\__prop_pair:wn` can be used to map through the property list.

`\s__prop` A private scan mark is used as a marker after each key, and at the very beginning of the property list.

```

7131 \__scan_new:N \s__prop

```

(End definition for `\s__prop`.)

`\__prop_pair:wn` The delimiter is always defined, but when misused simply triggers an error and removes its argument.

```

7132 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_pair:wn #1 \s__prop #2
7133 { \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { misused-prop } }

```

(End definition for `\__prop_pair:wn`.)

`\l__prop_internal_tl` Token list used to store the new key–value pair inserted by `\prop_put:Nnn` and friends.

```

7134 \tl_new:N \l__prop_internal_tl

```



(End definition for `\l__prop_internal_tl`. This variable is documented on page 145.)

`\c_empty_prop` An empty prop.

```
7135 \tl_const:Nn \c_empty_prop { \s__prop }
```

(End definition for `\c_empty_prop`. This variable is documented on page 145.)

## 14.1 Allocation and initialisation

`\prop_new:N` Property lists are initialized with the value `\c_empty_prop`.

```
\prop_new:c 7136 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_new:N #1
7137 {
7138   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
7139   \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_prop
7140 }
7141 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\prop_new:N` and `\prop_new:c`. These functions are documented on page 140.)

`\prop_clear:N` The same idea for clearing.

```
\prop_clear:c 7142 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_clear:N #1
\prop_gclear:N 7143 { \prop_set_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_prop }
\prop_gclear:c 7144 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_clear:N { c }
7145 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_gclear:N #1
7146 { \prop_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_prop }
7147 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gclear:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\prop_clear:N` and `\prop_clear:c`. These functions are documented on page 140.)

`\prop_clear_new:N` Once again a simple variation of the token list functions.

```
\prop_clear_new:c 7148 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_clear_new:N #1
\prop_gclear_new:N 7149 { \prop_if_exist:NTF #1 { \prop_clear:N #1 } { \prop_new:N #1 } }
\prop_gclear_new:c 7150 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_clear_new:N { c }
7151 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_gclear_new:N #1
7152 { \prop_if_exist:NTF #1 { \prop_gclear:N #1 } { \prop_new:N #1 } }
7153 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gclear_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\prop_clear_new:N` and `\prop_clear_new:c`. These functions are documented on page 140.)

`\prop_set_eq:NN` These are simply copies from the token list functions.

```
\prop_set_eq:cN 7154 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_set_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:NN
\prop_set_eq:Nc 7155 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_set_eq:Nc \tl_set_eq:Nc
\prop_set_eq:cc 7156 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_set_eq:cN \tl_set_eq:cN
\prop_gset_eq:NN 7157 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_set_eq:cc \tl_set_eq:cc
\prop_gset_eq:cN 7158 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_gset_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:NN
\prop_gset_eq:Nc 7159 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_gset_eq:Nc \tl_gset_eq:Nc
\prop_gset_eq:cN 7160 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_gset_eq:cN \tl_gset_eq:cN
7161 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_gset_eq:cc \tl_gset_eq:cc
```

(End definition for `\prop_set_eq:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 140.)

$\backslash l\_tmpb\_prop$   
 $\backslash g\_tmpa\_prop$   
 $\backslash g\_tmpb\_prop$

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_prop` and `\l_tmppb_prop`. These variables are documented on page 145.)

```

    __prop_split:NnTF
    __prop_split_aux:NnTF
    __prop_split_aux:w

```

```
\prop_remove:Nn
\prop_remove:NV
\prop_remove:cn
\prop_remove:cV
\prop_gremove:Nn
\prop_gremove:NV
\prop_gremove:cn
\prop_gremove:cV
```

```

7181     { }
7182   }
7183   \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_gremove:Nn #1#2
7184   {
7185     \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
7186     { \tl_gset:Nn #1 { ##1 ##3 } }
7187     { }
7188   }
7189   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_remove:Nn { NV }
7190   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_remove:Nn { c , cV }
7191   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gremove:Nn { NV }
7192   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gremove:Nn { c , cV }

```

(End definition for `\prop_remove:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 142.)

**\prop\_get:NnN** Getting an item from a list is very easy: after splitting, if the key is in the property list, just set the token list variable to the return value, otherwise to `\q_no_value`.

```

\prop_get:NVN
\prop_get:NoN
\prop_get:cnN
\prop_get:cVN
\prop_get:coN
7193   \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_get:NnN #1#2#3
7194   {
7195     \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
7196     { \tl_set:Nn #3 {##2} }
7197     { \tl_set:Nn #3 { \q_no_value } }
7198   }
7199   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnN { NV , No }
7200   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnN { c , cV , co }

```

(End definition for `\prop_get:NnN` and others. These functions are documented on page 141.)

**\prop\_pop:NnN** Popping a value also starts by doing the split. If the key is present, save the value in the token list and update the property list as when deleting. If the key is missing, save `\q_no_value` in the token list.

```

\prop_pop:NoN
\prop_pop:cnN
\prop_pop:coN
7201   \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_pop:NnN #1#2#3
7202   {
7203     \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
7204     {
7205       \tl_set:Nn #3 {##2}
7206       \tl_set:Nn #1 { ##1 ##3 }
7207     }
7208     { \tl_set:Nn #3 { \q_no_value } }
7209   }
7210   \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_gpop:NnN #1#2#3
7211   {
7212     \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
7213     {
7214       \tl_set:Nn #3 {##2}
7215       \tl_gset:Nn #1 { ##1 ##3 }
7216     }
7217     { \tl_set:Nn #3 { \q_no_value } }
7218   }
7219   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_pop:NnN { No }

```

```

7220 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_pop:NnN { c , co }
7221 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gpop:NnN { No }
7222 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gpop:NnN { c , co }

```

(End definition for `\prop_pop:NnN` and others. These functions are documented on page 141.)

**`\prop_item:Nn`** Getting the value corresponding to a key in a property list in an expandable fashion is similar to mapping some tokens. Go through the property list one  $\langle key \rangle$ – $\langle value \rangle$  pair at a time: the arguments of `\__prop_item_Nn:nwn` are the  $\langle key \rangle$  we are looking for, a  $\langle key \rangle$  of the property list, and its associated value. The  $\langle keys \rangle$  are compared (as strings). If they match, the  $\langle value \rangle$  is returned, within `\exp_not:n`. The loop terminates even if the  $\langle key \rangle$  is missing, and yields an empty value, because we have appended the appropriate  $\langle key \rangle$ – $\langle empty\ value \rangle$  pair to the property list.

```

7223 \cs_new:Npn \prop_item:Nn #1#2
7224 {
7225   \exp_last_unbraced:Noo \__prop_item_Nn:nwn { \tl_to_str:n {#2} } #1
7226   \__prop_pair:wn \tl_to_str:n {#2} \s__prop { }
7227   \__prg_break_point:
7228 }
7229 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_item_Nn:nwn #1#2 \__prop_pair:wn #3 \s__prop #4
7230 {
7231   \str_if_eq_x:nnTF {#1} {#3}
7232   { \__prg_break:n { \exp_not:n {#4} } }
7233   { \__prop_item_Nn:nwn {#1} }
7234 }
7235 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_item:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\prop_item:Nn` and `\prop_item:cn`. These functions are documented on page 142.)

**`\prop_pop:NnN`** Popping an item from a property list, keeping track of whether the key was present or not, is implemented as a conditional. If the key was missing, neither the property list, nor the token list are altered. Otherwise, `\prg_return_true:` is used after the assignments.

**`\prop_pop:cnN`**

**`\prop_gpop:NnN`**

**`\prop_gpop:cnN`**

```

7236 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \prop_pop:NnN #1#2#3 { T , F , TF }
7237 {
7238   \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
7239   {
7240     \tl_set:Nn #3 {##2}
7241     \tl_set:Nn #1 { ##1 ##3 }
7242     \prg_return_true:
7243   }
7244   { \prg_return_false: }
7245 }
7246 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \prop_gpop:NnN #1#2#3 { T , F , TF }
7247 {
7248   \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
7249   {
7250     \tl_set:Nn #3 {##2}
7251     \tl_gset:Nn #1 { ##1 ##3 }
7252     \prg_return_true:

```

```

7253     }
7254     { \prg_return_false: }
7255 }
7256 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_pop:NnNT { c }
7257 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_pop:NnNF { c }
7258 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_pop:NnNTF { c }
7259 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gpop:NnNT { c }
7260 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gpop:NnNF { c }
7261 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gpop:NnNTF { c }

```

(End definition for `\prop_pop:NnNTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 143.)

`\prop_put:Nnn` Since the branches of `\__prop_split:NnTF` are used as the replacement text of an internal macro, and since the  $\langle key \rangle$  and new  $\langle value \rangle$  may contain arbitrary tokens, it is not safe to include them in the argument of `\__prop_split:NnTF`. We thus start by storing in `\l__prop_internal_tl` tokens which (after x-expansion) encode the key–value pair. This variable can safely be used in `\__prop_split:NnTF`. If the  $\langle key \rangle$  was absent, append the new key–value to the list. Otherwise concatenate the extracts `##1` and `##3` with the new key–value pair `\l__prop_internal_tl`. The updated entry is placed at the same spot as the original  $\langle key \rangle$  in the property list, preserving the order of entries.

```

7262 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \prop_put:Nnn { \__prop_put:NNnn \tl_set:Nx }
7263 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \prop_gput:Nnn { \__prop_put:NNnn \tl_gset:Nx }
7264 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__prop_put:NNnn #1#2#3#4
7265 {
7266   \tl_set:Nn \l__prop_internal_tl
7267   {
7268     \exp_not:N \__prop_pair:wn \tl_to_str:n {#3}
7269     \s__prop { \exp_not:n {#4} }
7270   }
7271   \__prop_split:NnTF #2 {#3}
7272   { #1 #2 { \exp_not:n {##1} \l__prop_internal_tl \exp_not:n {##3} } }
7273   { #1 #2 { \exp_not:o {#2} \l__prop_internal_tl } }
7274 }
7275 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_put:Nnn
7276 { NnV , Nno , Nnx , NV , NVV , No , Noo }
7277 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_put:Nnn
7278 { c , cnV , cno , cnx , cV , cVV , co , coo }
7279 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gput:Nnn
7280 { NnV , Nno , Nnx , NV , NVV , No , Noo }
7281 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gput:Nnn
7282 { c , cnV , cno , cnx , cV , cVV , co , coo }

```

(End definition for `\prop_put:Nnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 141.)

`\prop_put_if_new:Nnn` Adding conditionally also splits. If the key is already present, the three brace groups given by `\__prop_split:NnTF` are removed. If the key is new, then the value is added, being careful to convert the key to a string using `\tl_to_str:n`.

```

7283 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \prop_put_if_new:Nnn
7284 { \__prop_put_if_new:NNnn \tl_set:Nx }

```

```

7285 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \prop_gput_if_new:Nnn
7286 { \__prop_put_if_new:NNnn \tl_gset:Nx }
7287 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__prop_put_if_new:NNnn #1#2#3#4
7288 {
7289   \tl_set:Nn \l__prop_internal_tl
7290   {
7291     \exp_not:N \__prop_pair:wn \tl_to_str:n {#3}
7292     \s__prop \exp_not:n { {#4} }
7293   }
7294   \__prop_split:NnTF #2 {#3}
7295   { }
7296   { #1 #2 { \exp_not:o {#2} \l__prop_internal_tl } }
7297 }
7298 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_put_if_new:Nnn { c }
7299 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gput_if_new:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\prop_put_if_new:Nnn` and `\prop_gput_if_new:Nnn`. These functions are documented on page 141.)

### 14.3 Property list conditionals

`\prop_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the cs functions defined in `l3basics`.  
`\prop_if_exist_p:c` 7300 `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \prop_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N`  
`\prop_if_exist:N` 7301 `{ TF , T , F , p }`  
`\prop_if_exist:c` 7302 `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \prop_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c`  
`\prop_if_exist:c` 7303 `{ TF , T , F , p }`

(End definition for `\prop_if_exist:N` and `\prop_if_exist:c`. These functions are documented on page 142.)

`\prop_if_empty_p:N` Same test as for token lists.  
`\prop_if_empty_p:c` 7304 `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn \prop_if_empty:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }`  
`\prop_if_empty:N` 7305 `{`  
`\prop_if_empty:c` 7306 `\tl_if_eq:NNTF #1 \c_empty_prop`  
`\prop_if_empty:c` 7307 `\prg_return_true: \prg_return_false:`  
`\prop_if_empty:c` 7308 `}`  
`\prop_if_empty:c` 7309 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_empty_p:N { c }`  
`\prop_if_empty:c` 7310 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_empty:N { c }`  
`\prop_if_empty:c` 7311 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_empty:N { c }`  
`\prop_if_empty:c` 7312 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_empty:N { c }`

(End definition for `\prop_if_empty:N` and `\prop_if_empty:c`. These functions are documented on page 142.)

`\prop_if_in_p:Nn` Testing expandably if a key is in a property list requires to go through the key-value  
`\prop_if_in_p:Nv` pairs one by one. This is rather slow, and a faster test would be  
`\prop_if_in_p:No`  
`\prop_if_in_p:cn` `\prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \prop_if_in:Nn #1 #2`  
`\prop_if_in_p:cV` `{`  
`\prop_if_in_p:co` `\@@_split:NnTF #1 {#2}`  
`\prop_if_in:N` `{ \prg_return_true: }`  
`\prop_if_in:N`  
`\prop_if_in:No`  
`\prop_if_in:cn`  
`\prop_if_in:cV`  
`\prop_if_in:co`  
`\__prop_if_in:nwnn`  
`\__prop_if_in:N`

```

    { \prg_return_false: }
}

```

but `\__prop_split:NnTF` is non-expandable.

Instead, the key is compared to each key in turn using `\str_if_eq_x:nn`, which is expandable. To terminate the mapping, we append to the property list the key that is searched for. This second `\tl_to_str:n` is not expanded at the start, but only when included in the `\str_if_eq_x:nn`. It cannot make the breaking mechanism choke, because the arbitrary token list material is enclosed in braces. The second argument of `\__prop_if_in:nwn` is most often empty. When the *key* is found in the list, `\__prop_if_in:N` receives `\__prop_pair:wn`, and if it is found as the extra item, the function receives `\q_recursion_tail`, easily recognizable.

Here, `\prop_map_function:NN` is not sufficient for the mapping, since it can only map a single token, and cannot carry the key that is searched for.

```

7313 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \prop_if_in:Nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
7314 {
7315     \exp_last_unbraced:Noo \__prop_if_in:nwn { \tl_to_str:n {#2} } #1
7316     \__prop_pair:wn \tl_to_str:n {#2} \s__prop { }
7317     \q_recursion_tail
7318     \__prg_break_point:
7319 }
7320 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_if_in:nwn #1#2 \__prop_pair:wn #3 \s__prop #4
7321 {
7322     \str_if_eq_x:nnTF {#1} {#3}
7323     { \__prop_if_in:N }
7324     { \__prop_if_in:nwn {#1} }
7325 }
7326 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_if_in:N #1
7327 {
7328     \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #1
7329     \prg_return_false:
7330     \else:
7331     \prg_return_true:
7332     \fi:
7333     \__prg_break:
7334 }
7335 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in_p:Nn { NV , No }
7336 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in_p:Nn { c , cV , co }
7337 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in:NnT { NV , No }
7338 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in:NnT { c , cV , co }
7339 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in:NnF { NV , No }
7340 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in:NnF { c , cV , co }
7341 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in:NnTF { NV , No }
7342 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in:NnTF { c , cV , co }

```

(End definition for `\prop_if_in:NnTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 142.)

## 14.4 Recovering values from property lists with branching

`\prop_get:NnTF` Getting the value corresponding to a key, keeping track of whether the key was present or not, is implemented as a conditional (with side effects). If the key was absent, the token list is not altered.

```

\prop_get:NVNTF
\prop_get:NoNTF
\prop_get:cnNTF
\prop_get:cVNTF
\prop_get:coNTF
7343 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \prop_get:NnN #1#2#3 { T , F , TF }
7344 {
7345     \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
7346     {
7347         \tl_set:Nn #3 {##2}
7348         \prg_return_true:
7349     }
7350     { \prg_return_false: }
7351 }
7352 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnNT { NV , No }
7353 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnNF { NV , No }
7354 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnNTF { NV , No }
7355 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnNT { c , cV , co }
7356 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnNF { c , cV , co }
7357 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnNTF { c , cV , co }

```

(End definition for `\prop_get:NnNTF` and others. These functions are documented on page 143.)

## 14.5 Mapping to property lists

`\prop_map_function:NN` The fastest way to do a recursion here is to use an `\if_meaning:w` test: the keys are strings, and thus cannot match the marker `\q_recursion_tail`. A special case to note is when the key #3 is empty: then `\q_recursion_tail` is compared to `\exp_after:wN`, also different. Note that #2 is empty, except at the first iteration, where it is `\s__prop`.

```

\__prop_map_function:Nwwn
7358 \cs_new:Npn \prop_map_function:NN #1#2
7359 {
7360     \exp_last_unbraced:NNo \__prop_map_function:Nwwn #2 #1
7361     \__prop_pair:wn \q_recursion_tail \s__prop { }
7362     \__prg_break_point:Nn \prop_map_break: { }
7363 }
7364 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_map_function:Nwwn #1#2 \__prop_pair:wn #3 \s__prop #4
7365 {
7366     \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #3
7367     \exp_after:wN \prop_map_break:
7368     \fi:
7369     #1 {#3} {#4}
7370     \__prop_map_function:Nwwn #1
7371 }
7372 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_map_function:NN { Nc }
7373 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_map_function:NN { c , cc }

```

(End definition for `\prop_map_function:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 143.)

`\prop_map_inline:Nn` Mapping in line requires a nesting level counter. Store the current definition of `\__prop_pair:wn`, and define it anew. At the end of the loop, revert to the earlier definition. Note



that besides pairs of the form `\__prop_pair:wn <key> \s__prop {<value>}`, there are a leading and a trailing tokens, but both are equal to `\scan_stop:`, hence have no effect in such inline mapping.

```

7374 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_map_inline:Nn #1#2
7375 {
7376   \cs_gset_eq:cN
7377     { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :wn } \__prop_pair:wn
7378   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
7379   \cs_gset:Npn \__prop_pair:wn ##1 \s__prop ##2 {#2}
7380   #1
7381   \__prg_break_point:Nn \prop_map_break:
7382   {
7383     \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int
7384     \cs_gset_eq:Nc \__prop_pair:wn
7385       { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :wn }
7386   }
7387 }
7388 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_map_inline:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\prop_map_inline:Nn` and `\prop_map_inline:cn`. These functions are documented on page 144.)

**`\prop_map_break:`** The break statements are based on the general `\__prg_map_break:Nn`.  
**`\prop_map_break:n`**

```

7389 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \prop_map_break:
7390 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \prop_map_break: { } }
7391 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \prop_map_break:n
7392 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \prop_map_break: }

```

(End definition for `\prop_map_break:`. This function is documented on page 144.)

## 14.6 Viewing property lists

**`\prop_show:N`** Apply the general `\__msg_show_variable:NNNnn`. Contrarily to sequences and comma lists, we use `\__msg_show_item:nn` to format both the key and the value for each pair.  
**`\prop_show:c`**

```

7393 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_show:N #1
7394 {
7395   \__msg_show_variable:NNNnn #1
7396   \prop_if_exist:NTF \prop_if_empty:NTF { prop }
7397   { \prop_map_function:NN #1 \__msg_show_item:nn }
7398 }
7399 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_show:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\prop_show:N` and `\prop_show:c`. These functions are documented on page 144.)

## 14.7 Deprecated functions

**`\prop_get:Nn`** Deprecated 2014-07-17.

**`\prop_get:cn`**

```

7400 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_get:Nn \prop_item:Nn
7401 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_get:cn \prop_item:cn

```

(End definition for `\prop_get:Nn` and `\prop_get:cn`. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```
7402 </initex | package>
```

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```
7403 <*initex | package>
```

```
7404 <@@=box>
```

The code in this module is very straight forward so I'm not going to comment it very extensively.

### 15.1 Creating and initialising boxes

The following test files are used for this code: `m3box001.lvt`.

**`\box_new:N`** Defining a new `<box>` register: remember that box 255 is not generally available.

```
\box_new:c 7405 <*package>
7406 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_new:N #1
7407 {
7408   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
7409   \cs:w newbox \cs_end: #1
7410 }
7411 </package>
7412 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_new:N { c }
```

Clear a `<box>` register.

```
7413 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_clear:N #1
\box_clear:N 7414 { \box_set_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_box }
\box_clear:c 7415 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_gclear:N #1
\box_gclear:N 7416 { \box_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_box }
\box_gclear:c 7417 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_clear:N { c }
7418 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_gclear:N { c }
```

Clear or new.

```
7419 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_clear_new:N #1
\box_clear_new:N 7420 { \box_if_exist:NTF #1 { \box_clear:N #1 } { \box_new:N #1 } }
\box_clear_new:c 7421 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_gclear_new:N #1
\box_gclear_new:N 7422 { \box_if_exist:NTF #1 { \box_gclear:N #1 } { \box_new:N #1 } }
\box_gclear_new:c 7423 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_clear_new:N { c }
7424 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_gclear_new:N { c }
```

Assigning the contents of a box to be another box.

```
7425 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_eq:NN #1#2
\box_set_eq:NN 7426 { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_copy:D #2 }
\box_set_eq:cN 7427 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_gset_eq:NN
\box_set_eq:Nc 7428 { \tex_global:D \box_set_eq:NN }
\box_set_eq:cc 7429 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }
\box_gset_eq:NN 7430 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_gset_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }
\box_gset_eq:cN
\box_gset_eq:Nc
\box_gset_eq:cc
```

Assigning the contents of a box to be another box. This clears the second box globally (that's how TeX does it).

```

\box_set_eq_clear:NN 7431 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_eq_clear:NN #1#2
\box_set_eq_clear:cN 7432 { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_box:D #2 }
\box_set_eq_clear:Nc 7433 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_gset_eq_clear:NN
\box_set_eq_clear:cc 7434 { \tex_global:D \box_set_eq_clear:NN }
\box_gset_eq_clear:NN 7435 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_eq_clear:NN { c , Nc , cc }
\box_gset_eq_clear:cN 7436 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_gset_eq_clear:NN { c , Nc , cc }
\box_gset_eq_clear:Nc
\box_gset_eq_clear:cc

\box_if_exist_p:N
\box_if_exist_p:c
\box_if_exist:N $\underline{TF}$ 
\box_if_exist:c $\underline{TF}$ 

```

Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.

```

7437 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \box_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N
7438 { TF , T , F , p }
7439 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \box_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c
7440 { TF , T , F , p }

```

## 15.2 Measuring and setting box dimensions

Accessing the height, depth, and width of a  $\langle box \rangle$  register.

```

\box_ht:N 7441 \cs_new_eq:NN \box_ht:N \tex_ht:D
\box_ht:c 7442 \cs_new_eq:NN \box_dp:N \tex_dp:D
\box_dp:N 7443 \cs_new_eq:NN \box_wd:N \tex_wd:D
\box_dp:c 7444 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_ht:N { c }
\box_wd:N 7445 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_dp:N { c }
\box_wd:c 7446 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_wd:N { c }

```

Measuring is easy: all primitive work. These primitives are not expandable, so the derived functions are not either.

```

\box_set_ht:Nn 7447 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_dp:Nn #1#2
\box_set_ht:cn 7448 { \box_dp:N #1 \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: }
\box_set_dp:Nn 7449 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_ht:Nn #1#2
\box_set_dp:cn 7450 { \box_ht:N #1 \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: }
\box_set_wd:Nn 7451 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_wd:Nn #1#2
\box_set_wd:cn 7452 { \box_wd:N #1 \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: }
7453 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_ht:Nn { c }
7454 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_dp:Nn { c }
7455 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_wd:Nn { c }

```

## 15.3 Using boxes

Using a  $\langle box \rangle$ . These are just TeX primitives with meaningful names.

```

\box_use_clear:N 7456 \cs_new_eq:NN \box_use_clear:N \tex_box:D
\box_use_clear:c 7457 \cs_new_eq:NN \box_use:N \tex_copy:D
\box_use:N 7458 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_use_clear:N { c }
\box_use:c 7459 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_use:N { c }

```

Move box material in different directions.

```

\box_move_left:nn 7460 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_move_left:nn #1#2
\box_move_right:nn 7461 { \tex_moveleft:D \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: #2 }
\box_move_up:nn
\box_move_down:nn

```

```

7462 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_move_right:nn #1#2
7463 { \tex_moveright:D \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: #2 }
7464 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_move_up:nn #1#2
7465 { \tex_raise:D \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: #2 }
7466 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_move_down:nn #1#2
7467 { \tex_lower:D \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: #2 }

```

## 15.4 Box conditionals

The primitives for testing if a  $\langle box \rangle$  is empty/void or which type of box it is.

```

\if_hbox:N
\if_vbox:N
\if_box_empty:N

7468 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_hbox:N \tex_ifhbox:D
7469 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_vbox:N \tex_ifvbox:D
7470 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_box_empty:N \tex_ifvoid:D

7471 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \box_if_horizontal:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7472 { \if_hbox:N #1 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }
7473 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \box_if_vertical:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7474 { \if_vbox:N #1 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }
7475 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_horizontal_p:N { c }
7476 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_horizontal:NT { c }
7477 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_horizontal:NF { c }
7478 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_horizontal:NTF { c }
7479 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_vertical_p:N { c }
7480 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_vertical:NT { c }
7481 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_vertical:NF { c }
7482 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_vertical:NTF { c }

```

Testing if a  $\langle box \rangle$  is empty/void.

```

7483 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \box_if_empty:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7484 { \if_box_empty:N #1 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }
7485 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_empty_p:N { c }
7486 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_empty:NT { c }
7487 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_empty:NF { c }
7488 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_empty:NTF { c }

```

(End definition for  $\backslash box\_new:N$  and  $\backslash box\_new:c$ . These functions are documented on page 146.)

## 15.5 The last box inserted

```

\box_set_to_last:N
\box_set_to_last:c
\box_gset_to_last:N
\box_gset_to_last:c

Set a box to the previous box.

7489 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_to_last:N #1
7490 { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_lastbox:D }
7491 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_gset_to_last:N
7492 { \tex_global:D \box_set_to_last:N }
7493 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_to_last:N { c }
7494 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_gset_to_last:N { c }

```

(End definition for  $\backslash box\_set\_to\_last:N$  and  $\backslash box\_set\_to\_last:c$ . These functions are documented on page 149.)

## 15.6 Constant boxes

`\c_empty_box` A box we never use.

```
7495 \box_new:N \c_empty_box
```

(End definition for `\c_empty_box`. This variable is documented on page 149.)

## 15.7 Scratch boxes

`\l_tmpa_box` Scratch boxes.

```
7496 \box_new:N \l_tmpa_box
```

```
7497 \box_new:N \l_tmpb_box
```

```
7498 \box_new:N \g_tmpa_box
```

```
7499 \box_new:N \g_tmpb_box
```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_box` and others. These variables are documented on page 149.)

## 15.8 Viewing box contents

TeX's `\showbox` is not really that helpful in many cases, and it is also inconsistent with other L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 show functions as it does not actually shows material in the terminal. So we provide a richer set of functionality.

`\box_show:N` Essentially a wrapper around the internal function.

```
\box_show:c      7500 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_show:N #1
\box_show:Nnn    7501 { \box_show:Nnn #1 \c_max_int \c_max_int }
\box_show:cnn    7502 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_show:N { c }
                  7503 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \box_show:Nnn
                  7504 { \__box_show:NNnn \c_one }
                  7505 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_show:Nnn { c }
```

(End definition for `\box_show:N` and `\box_show:c`. These functions are documented on page 149.)

`\box_log:N` Getting TeX to write to the log without interruption the run is done by altering the interaction mode. For that, the  $\varepsilon$ -TeX extensions are needed.

```
\box_log:c      7506 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_log:N #1
\box_log:Nnn    7507 { \box_log:Nnn #1 \c_max_int \c_max_int }
\box_log:cnn    7508 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_log:N { c }
                  7509 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_log:Nnn #1#2#3
                  7510 {
                  7511   \use:x
                  7512   {
                  7513     \etex_interactionmode:D \c_zero
                  7514     \__box_show:NNnn \c_zero \exp_not:N #1
                  7515     { \int_eval:n {#2} } { \int_eval:n {#3} }
                  7516     \etex_interactionmode:D
                  7517     = \tex_the:D \etex_interactionmode:D \scan_stop:
                  7518   }
                  7519 }
                  7520 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_log:Nnn { c }
```

(End definition for `\box_log:N` and `\box_log:c`. These functions are documented on page 149.)

`\__box_show:NNnn` The internal auxiliary to actually do the output uses a group to deal with breadth and depth values. The `\use:n` here gives better output appearance. Setting `\tracingonline` and `\errorcontextlines` is used to control what appears in the terminal.

```

7521 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_show:NNnn #1#2#3#4
7522 {
7523   \group_begin:
7524     \int_set:Nn \tex_showboxbreadth:D {#3}
7525     \int_set:Nn \tex_showboxdepth:D {#4}
7526     \int_set_eq:NN \tex_tracingonline:D #1
7527     \int_set_eq:NN \tex_errorcontextlines:D \c_minus_one
7528     \box_if_exist:NTF #2
7529       { \tex_showbox:D \use:n {#2} }
7530       {
7531         \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { variable-not-defined }
7532         { \token_to_str:N #2 }
7533       }
7534   \group_end:
7535 }
```

(End definition for `\__box_show:NNnn`.)

## 15.9 Horizontal mode boxes

`\hbox:n` (The test suite for this command, and others in this file, is `m3box002.lvt`.)  
Put a horizontal box directly into the input stream.

```

7536 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox:n #1 { \tex_hbox:D \scan_stop: {#1} }
```

(End definition for `\hbox:n`. This function is documented on page 150.)

```

\hbox_set:Nn
\hbox_set:cn
\hbox_gset:Nn
\hbox_gset:cn
7537 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_set:Nn #1#2
7538 { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_hbox:D {#2} }
7539 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_gset:Nn { \tex_global:D \hbox_set:Nn }
7540 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_set:Nn { c }
7541 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_gset:Nn { c }
```

(End definition for `\hbox_set:Nn` and `\hbox_set:cn`. These functions are documented on page 150.)

```

\hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn
\hbox_set_to_wd:cnn
\hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnn
\hbox_gset_to_wd:cnn
7542 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn #1#2#3
7543 { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_hbox:D to \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: {#3} }
7544 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnn
7545 { \tex_global:D \hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn }
7546 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn { c }
7547 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnn { c }
```

(End definition for `\hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn` and `\hbox_set_to_wd:cnn`. These functions are documented on page 150.)

`\hbox_set:Nw` Storing material in a horizontal box. This type is useful in environment definitions.

```

\hbox_set:cw 7548 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_set:Nw #1
\hbox_gset:Nw 7549 { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_hbox:D \c_group_begin_token }
\hbox_gset:cw 7550 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_gset:Nw
\hbox_set_end: 7551 { \tex_global:D \hbox_set:Nw }
\hbox_gset_end: 7552 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_set:Nw { c }
7553 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_gset:Nw { c }
7554 \cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_set_end: \c_group_end_token
7555 \cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_gset_end: \c_group_end_token

```

(End definition for `\hbox_set:Nw` and `\hbox_set:cw`. These functions are documented on page 150.)

`\hbox_to_wd:nn` Put a horizontal box directly into the input stream.

```

\hbox_to_zero:n 7556 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_to_wd:nn #1#2
7557 { \tex_hbox:D to \_dim_eval:w #1 \_dim_eval_end: {#2} }
7558 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_to_zero:n #1 { \tex_hbox:D to \c_zero_dim {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\hbox_to_wd:nn`. This function is documented on page 150.)

`\hbox_overlap_left:n` Put a zero-sized box with the contents pushed against one side (which makes it stick out on the other) directly into the input stream.

```

\hbox_overlap_right:n 7559 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_overlap_left:n #1
7560 { \hbox_to_zero:n { \tex_hss:D #1 } }
7561 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_overlap_right:n #1
7562 { \hbox_to_zero:n { #1 \tex_hss:D } }

```

(End definition for `\hbox_overlap_left:n` and `\hbox_overlap_right:n`. These functions are documented on page 150.)

`\hbox_unpack:N` Unpacking a box and if requested also clear it.

```

\hbox_unpack:c 7563 \cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_unpack:N \tex_unhcopy:D
\hbox_unpack_clear:N 7564 \cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_unpack_clear:N \tex_unhbox:D
\hbox_unpack_clear:c 7565 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_unpack:N { c }
7566 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_unpack_clear:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\hbox_unpack:N` and `\hbox_unpack:c`. These functions are documented on page 151.)

## 15.10 Vertical mode boxes

TeX ends these boxes directly with the internal `end_graf` routine. This means that there is no `\par` at the end of vertical boxes unless we insert one.

`\vbox:n` The following test files are used for this code: `m3box003.lvt`.

The following test files are used for this code: `m3box003.lvt`.

`\vbox_top:n` Put a vertical box directly into the input stream.

```

7567 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox:n #1 { \tex_vbox:D { #1 \par } }
7568 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_top:n #1 { \tex_vtop:D { #1 \par } }

```

(End definition for `\vbox:n`. This function is documented on page 151.)

`\vbox_to_ht:nn` Put a vertical box directly into the input stream.

`\vbox_to_zero:n` 7569 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_to_ht:nn #1#2`  
`\vbox_to_ht:nn` 7570 `{ \tex_vbox:D to \_dim_eval:w #1 \_dim_eval_end: { #2 \par } }`  
`\vbox_to_zero:n` 7571 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_to_zero:n #1`  
7572 `{ \tex_vbox:D to \c_zero_dim { #1 \par } }`

(End definition for `\vbox_to_ht:nn` and `\vbox_to_zero:n`. These functions are documented on page 151.)

`\vbox_set:Nn` Storing material in a vertical box with a natural height.

`\vbox_set:cn` 7573 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set:Nn #1#2`  
`\vbox_gset:Nn` 7574 `{ \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vbox:D { #2 \par } }`  
`\vbox_gset:cn` 7575 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_gset:Nn { \tex_global:D \vbox_set:Nn }`  
7576 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_set:Nn { c }`  
7577 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_gset:Nn { c }`

(End definition for `\vbox_set:Nn` and `\vbox_set:cn`. These functions are documented on page 152.)

`\vbox_set_top:Nn` Storing material in a vertical box with a natural height and reference point at the baseline of the first object in the box.

`\vbox_set_top:cn`

`\vbox_gset_top:Nn` 7578 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set_top:Nn #1#2`  
`\vbox_gset_top:cn` 7579 `{ \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vtop:D { #2 \par } }`  
7580 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_gset_top:Nn`  
7581 `{ \tex_global:D \vbox_set_top:Nn }`  
7582 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_set_top:Nn { c }`  
7583 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_gset_top:Nn { c }`

(End definition for `\vbox_set_top:Nn` and `\vbox_set_top:cn`. These functions are documented on page 152.)

`\vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn` Storing material in a vertical box with a specified height.

`\vbox_set_to_ht:cnn` 7584 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn #1#2#3`  
`\vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnn` 7585 `{`  
`\vbox_gset_to_ht:cnn` 7586 `\tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vbox:D to \_dim_eval:w #2 \_dim_eval_end:`  
7587 `{ #3 \par }`  
7588 `}`  
7589 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnn`  
7590 `{ \tex_global:D \vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn }`  
7591 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn { c }`  
7592 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnn { c }`

(End definition for `\vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn` and `\vbox_set_to_ht:cnn`. These functions are documented on page 152.)

`\vbox_set:Nw` Storing material in a vertical box. This type is useful in environment definitions.

`\vbox_set:cw` 7593 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set:Nw #1`  
`\vbox_gset:Nw` 7594 `{ \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vbox:D \c_group_begin_token }`  
`\vbox_gset:cw` 7595 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_gset:Nw`  
`\vbox_set_end:` 7596 `{ \tex_global:D \vbox_set:Nw }`  
`\vbox_gset_end:` 7597 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_set:Nw { c }`  
7598 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_gset:Nw { c }`



```

7599 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set_end:
7600 {
7601     \par
7602     \c_group_end_token
7603 }
7604 \cs_new_eq:NN \vbox_gset_end: \vbox_set_end:

```

(End definition for `\vbox_set:Nw` and `\vbox_set:cw`. These functions are documented on page 152.)

```

\vbox_unpack:N Unpacking a box and if requested also clear it.
\vbox_unpack:c
\vbox_unpack_clear:N
\vbox_unpack_clear:c
7605 \cs_new_eq:NN \vbox_unpack:N \tex_unvcopy:D
7606 \cs_new_eq:NN \vbox_unpack_clear:N \tex_unvbox:D
7607 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_unpack:N { c }
7608 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_unpack_clear:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\vbox_unpack:N` and `\vbox_unpack:c`. These functions are documented on page 152.)

```

\vbox_set_split_to_ht:NNn Splitting a vertical box in two.
7609 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set_split_to_ht:NNn #1#2#3
7610 { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vsplit:D #2 to \_dim_eval:w #3 \_dim_eval_end: }

(End definition for \vbox_set_split_to_ht:NNn. This function is documented on page 152.)

7611 </initex | package>

```

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```

7612 <*initex | package>
7613 <@@=coffin>

```

### 16.1 Coffins: data structures and general variables

```

\l__coffin_internal_box Scratch variables.
\l__coffin_internal_dim
\l__coffin_internal_tl
7614 \box_new:N \l__coffin_internal_box
7615 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_internal_dim
7616 \tl_new:N \l__coffin_internal_tl

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_internal_box`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\c__coffin_corners_prop` The “corners”; of a coffin define the real content, as opposed to the  $\TeX$  bounding box. They all start off in the same place, of course.

```

7617 \prop_new:N \c__coffin_corners_prop
7618 \prop_put:Nnn \c__coffin_corners_prop { tl } { { 0 pt } { 0 pt } }
7619 \prop_put:Nnn \c__coffin_corners_prop { tr } { { 0 pt } { 0 pt } }
7620 \prop_put:Nnn \c__coffin_corners_prop { bl } { { 0 pt } { 0 pt } }
7621 \prop_put:Nnn \c__coffin_corners_prop { br } { { 0 pt } { 0 pt } }

```

(End definition for `\c__coffin_corners_prop`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\c__coffin_poles_prop` Pole positions are given for horizontal, vertical and reference-point based values.

```

7622 \prop_new:N \c__coffin_poles_prop
7623 \tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_tl { { 0 pt } { 0 pt } { 0 pt } { 1000 pt } }
7624 \prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { l } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }
7625 \prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { hc } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }
7626 \prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { r } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }
7627 \tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_tl { { 0 pt } { 0 pt } { 1000 pt } { 0 pt } }
7628 \prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { b } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }
7629 \prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { vc } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }
7630 \prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { t } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }
7631 \prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { B } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }
7632 \prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { H } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }
7633 \prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { T } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }

```

*(End definition for \c\_\_coffin\_poles\_prop. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\l__coffin_slope_x_fp` Used for calculations of intersections.  
`\l__coffin_slope_y_fp`

```

7634 \fp_new:N \l__coffin_slope_x_fp
7635 \fp_new:N \l__coffin_slope_y_fp

```

*(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_slope\_x\_fp. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\l__coffin_error_bool` For propagating errors so that parts of the code can work around them.

```

7636 \bool_new:N \l__coffin_error_bool

```

*(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_error\_bool. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\l__coffin_offset_x_dim` The offset between two sets of coffin handles when typesetting. These values are corrected  
`\l__coffin_offset_y_dim` from those requested in an alignment for the positions of the handles.

```

7637 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_offset_x_dim
7638 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_offset_y_dim

```

*(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_offset\_x\_dim. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\l__coffin_pole_a_tl` Needed for finding the intersection of two poles.  
`\l__coffin_pole_b_tl`

```

7639 \tl_new:N \l__coffin_pole_a_tl
7640 \tl_new:N \l__coffin_pole_b_tl

```

*(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_pole\_a\_tl. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\l__coffin_x_dim` For calculating intersections and so forth.  
`\l__coffin_y_dim`  
`\l__coffin_x_prime_dim`  
`\l__coffin_y_prime_dim`

```

7641 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_x_dim
7642 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_y_dim
7643 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_x_prime_dim
7644 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_y_prime_dim

```

*(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_x\_dim. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

## 16.2 Basic coffin functions

There are a number of basic functions needed for creating coffins and placing material in them. This all relies on the following data structures.

`\coffin_if_exist_p:N` Several of the higher-level coffin functions will give multiple errors if the coffin does not exist. A cleaner way to handle this is provided here: both the box and the coffin structure are checked.

```

\coffin_if_exist_p:c
\coffin_if_exist:NTF
\coffin_if_exist:cTF
7645 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \coffin_if_exist:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
7646 {
7647   \cs_if_exist:NTF #1
7648   {
7649     \cs_if_exist:cTF { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
7650     { \prg_return_true: }
7651     { \prg_return_false: }
7652   }
7653   { \prg_return_false: }
7654 }
7655 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_if_exist_p:N { c }
7656 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_if_exist:NT { c }
7657 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_if_exist:NF { c }
7658 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_if_exist:NTF { c }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_if_exist:N` and `\coffin_if_exist:cTF`. These functions are documented on page 154.)

`\__coffin_if_exist:NT` Several of the higher-level coffin functions will give multiple errors if the coffin does not exist. So a wrapper is provided to deal with this correctly, issuing an error on erroneous use.

```

7659 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1#2
7660 {
7661   \coffin_if_exist:NTF #1
7662   { #2 }
7663   {
7664     \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { unknown-coffin }
7665     { \token_to_str:N #1 }
7666   }
7667 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_if_exist:NT`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\coffin_clear:N` Clearing coffins means emptying the box and resetting all of the structures.

```

\coffin_clear:c
7668 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_clear:N #1
7669 {
7670   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
7671   {
7672     \box_clear:N #1
7673     \__coffin_reset_structure:N #1
7674   }
7675 }
7676 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_clear:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_clear:N` and `\coffin_clear:c`. These functions are documented on page 154.)

**`\coffin_new:N`** Creating a new coffin means making the underlying box and adding the data structures.  
**`\coffin_new:c`** These are created globally, as there is a need to avoid any strange effects if the coffin is created inside a group. This means that the usual rule about `\l...` variables has to be broken.

```

7677 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_new:N #1
7678 {
7679   \box_new:N #1
7680   \__chk_suspend_log:
7681   \prop_clear_new:c { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
7682   \prop_clear_new:c { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
7683   \prop_gset_eq:cN { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
7684   \c__coffin_corners_prop
7685   \prop_gset_eq:cN { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
7686   \c__coffin_poles_prop
7687   \__chk_resume_log:
7688 }
7689 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_new:N` and `\coffin_new:c`. These functions are documented on page 154.)

**`\hcoffin_set:Nn`** Horizontal coffins are relatively easy: set the appropriate box, reset the structures then  
**`\hcoffin_set:cn`** update the handle positions.

```

7690 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hcoffin_set:Nn #1#2
7691 {
7692   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
7693   {
7694     \hbox_set:Nn #1
7695     {
7696       \color_group_begin:
7697       \color_ensure_current:
7698       #2
7699       \color_group_end:
7700     }
7701     \__coffin_reset_structure:N #1
7702     \__coffin_update_poles:N #1
7703     \__coffin_update_corners:N #1
7704   }
7705 }
7706 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hcoffin_set:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\hcoffin_set:Nn` and `\hcoffin_set:cn`. These functions are documented on page 154.)

**`\vcoffin_set:Nnn`** Setting vertical coffins is more complex. First, the material is typeset with a given width.  
**`\vcoffin_set:cnn`** The default handles and poles are set as for a horizontal coffin, before finding the top baseline using a temporary box. No `\color_ensure_current:` here as that would add a

whatsit to the start of the vertical box and mess up the location of the T pole (see *TEX by Topic* for discussion of the `\vtop` primitive, used to do the measuring).

```

7707 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vcoffin_set:Nnn #1#2#3
7708 {
7709   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
7710   {
7711     \vbox_set:Nn #1
7712     {
7713       \dim_set:Nn \tex_hsize:D {#2}
7714     }
7715     \dim_set_eq:NN \linewidth \tex_hsize:D
7716     \dim_set_eq:NN \columnwidth \tex_hsize:D
7717   }
7718   \color_group_begin:
7719   #3
7720   \color_group_end:
7721 }
7722 \__coffin_reset_structure:N #1
7723 \__coffin_update_poles:N #1
7724 \__coffin_update_corners:N #1
7725 \vbox_set_top:Nn \l__coffin_internal_box { \vbox_unpack:N #1 }
7726 \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 { T }
7727 {
7728   { 0 pt }
7729   {
7730     \dim_eval:n
7731     { \box_ht:N #1 - \box_ht:N \l__coffin_internal_box }
7732   }
7733   { 1000 pt }
7734   { 0 pt }
7735 }
7736 \box_clear:N \l__coffin_internal_box
7737 }
7738 }
7739 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \vcoffin_set:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\vcoffin_set:Nnn` and `\vcoffin_set:cnn`. These functions are documented on page 155.)

`\hcoffin_set:Nw` These are the “begin”/“end” versions of the above: watch the grouping!  
`\hcoffin_set:cw`  
`\hcoffin_set_end:`

```

7740 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hcoffin_set:Nw #1
7741 {
7742   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
7743   {
7744     \hbox_set:Nw #1 \color_group_begin: \color_ensure_current:
7745     \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \hcoffin_set_end:
7746     {
7747       \color_group_end:
7748       \hbox_set_end:
7749       \__coffin_reset_structure:N #1

```

```

7750         \_coffin_update_poles:N #1
7751         \_coffin_update_corners:N #1
7752     }
7753 }
7754 }
7755 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \hcoffin_set_end: { }
7756 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hcoffin_set:Nw { c }

```

(End definition for `\hcoffin_set:Nw` and `\hcoffin_set:cw`. These functions are documented on page 155.)

`\vcoffin_set:Nnw` The same for vertical coffins.

```

\vcoffin_set:cnw 7757 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vcoffin_set:Nnw #1#2
\vcoffin_set_end: 7758 {
7759     \_coffin_if_exist:NT #1
7760     {
7761         \vbox_set:Nw #1
7762         \dim_set:Nn \tex_hsize:D {#2}
7763     }
7764     \dim_set_eq:NN \linewidth \tex_hsize:D
7765     \dim_set_eq:NN \columnwidth \tex_hsize:D
7766 }
7767 \color_group_begin: \color_ensure_current:
7768 \cs_set_protected:Npn \vcoffin_set_end:
7769 {
7770     \color_group_end:
7771     \vbox_set_end:
7772     \_coffin_reset_structure:N #1
7773     \_coffin_update_poles:N #1
7774     \_coffin_update_corners:N #1
7775     \vbox_set_top:Nn \l__coffin_internal_box { \vbox_unpack:N #1 }
7776     \_coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 { T }
7777     {
7778         { 0 pt }
7779         {
7780             \dim_eval:n
7781             { \box_ht:N #1 - \box_ht:N \l__coffin_internal_box }
7782         }
7783         { 1000 pt }
7784         { 0 pt }
7785     }
7786     \box_clear:N \l__coffin_internal_box
7787 }
7788 }
7789 }
7790 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \vcoffin_set_end: { }
7791 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \vcoffin_set:Nnw { c }

```

(End definition for `\vcoffin_set:Nnw` and `\vcoffin_set:cnw`. These functions are documented on page 155.)

**\coffin\_set\_eq:NN** Setting two coffins equal is just a wrapper around other functions.

```

\coffin_set_eq:Nc 7792 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_set_eq:NN #1#2
\coffin_set_eq:cN 7793 {
\coffin_set_eq:cc 7794   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
7795   {
7796     \box_set_eq:NN #1 #2
7797     \__coffin_set_eq_structure:NN #1 #2
7798   }
7799 }
7800 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_set_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }
```

(End definition for \coffin\_set\_eq:NN and others. These functions are documented on page 154.)

**\c\_empty\_coffin** Special coffins: these cannot be set up earlier as they need \coffin\_new:N. The empty coffin is set as a box as the full coffin-setting system needs some material which is not yet available.

```

\l__coffin_aligned_coffin 7801 \coffin_new:N \c_empty_coffin
\l__coffin_aligned_internal_coffin 7802 \hbox_set:Nn \c_empty_coffin { }
7803 \coffin_new:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7804 \coffin_new:N \l__coffin_aligned_internal_coffin
```

(End definition for \c\_empty\_coffin. This variable is documented on page 157.)

**\l\_tmpa\_coffin** The usual scratch space.

```

\l_tmpb_coffin 7805 \coffin_new:N \l_tmpa_coffin
7806 \coffin_new:N \l_tmpb_coffin
```

(End definition for \l\_tmpa\_coffin and \l\_tmpb\_coffin. These variables are documented on page 157.)

## 16.3 Measuring coffins

**\coffin\_dp:N** Coffins are just boxes when it comes to measurement. However, semantically a separate set of functions are required.

```

\coffin_dp:c 7807 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_dp:N \box_dp:N
\coffin_ht:N 7808 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_dp:c \box_dp:c
\coffin_ht:c 7809 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_ht:N \box_ht:N
\coffin_wd:N 7810 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_ht:c \box_ht:c
\coffin_wd:c 7811 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_wd:N \box_wd:N
7812 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_wd:c \box_wd:c
```

(End definition for \coffin\_dp:N and others. These functions are documented on page 156.)

## 16.4 Coffins: handle and pole management

`__coffin_get_pole:NnN` A simple wrapper around the recovery of a coffin pole, with some error checking and recovery built-in.

```

7813 \cs_new_protected:Npn __coffin_get_pole:NnN #1#2#3
7814 {
7815   \prop_get:cnNF
7816     { l__coffin_poles_ __int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2} #3
7817   {
7818     \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { unknown-coffin-pole }
7819     {#2} { \token_to_str:N #1 }
7820     \tl_set:Nn #3 { { 0 pt } { 0 pt } { 0 pt } { 0 pt } }
7821   }
7822 }
```

*(End definition for \_\_coffin\_get\_pole:NnN. This function is documented on page ??.)*

`__coffin_reset_structure:N` Resetting the structure is a simple copy job.

```

7823 \cs_new_protected:Npn __coffin_reset_structure:N #1
7824 {
7825   \prop_set_eq:cn { l__coffin_corners_ __int_value:w #1 _prop }
7826   \c__coffin_corners_prop
7827   \prop_set_eq:cn { l__coffin_poles_ __int_value:w #1 _prop }
7828   \c__coffin_poles_prop
7829 }
```

*(End definition for \_\_coffin\_reset\_structure:N. This function is documented on page ??.)*

`__coffin_set_eq_structure:NN` Setting coffin structures equal simply means copying the property list.

```

__coffin_gset_eq_structure:NN
7830 \cs_new_protected:Npn __coffin_set_eq_structure:NN #1#2
7831 {
7832   \prop_set_eq:cc { l__coffin_corners_ __int_value:w #1 _prop }
7833   { l__coffin_corners_ __int_value:w #2 _prop }
7834   \prop_set_eq:cc { l__coffin_poles_ __int_value:w #1 _prop }
7835   { l__coffin_poles_ __int_value:w #2 _prop }
7836 }
7837 \cs_new_protected:Npn __coffin_gset_eq_structure:NN #1#2
7838 {
7839   \prop_gset_eq:cc { l__coffin_corners_ __int_value:w #1 _prop }
7840   { l__coffin_corners_ __int_value:w #2 _prop }
7841   \prop_gset_eq:cc { l__coffin_poles_ __int_value:w #1 _prop }
7842   { l__coffin_poles_ __int_value:w #2 _prop }
7843 }
```

*(End definition for \_\_coffin\_set\_eq\_structure:NN and \_\_coffin\_gset\_eq\_structure:NN. These functions are documented on page ??.)*

`\coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn` Setting the pole of a coffin at the user/designer level requires a bit more care. The idea here is to provide a reasonable interface to the system, then to do the setting with full expansion. The three-argument version is used internally to do a direct setting.

`\coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn`  
`\coffin_set_vertical_pole:cnn`  
`__coffin_set_pole:Nnn`  
`__coffin_set_pole:Nnx`



```

7844 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn #1#2#3
7845 {
7846   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
7847   {
7848     \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 {#2}
7849     {
7850       { 0 pt } { \dim_eval:n {#3} }
7851       { 1000 pt } { 0 pt }
7852     }
7853   }
7854 }
7855 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn #1#2#3
7856 {
7857   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
7858   {
7859     \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 {#2}
7860     {
7861       { \dim_eval:n {#3} } { 0 pt }
7862       { 0 pt } { 1000 pt }
7863     }
7864   }
7865 }
7866 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_set_pole:Nnn #1#2#3
7867 { \prop_put:cnn { l__coffin_poles_ } \__int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2} {#3} }
7868 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn { c }
7869 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn { c }
7870 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__coffin_set_pole:Nnn { Nnx }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn` and `\coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn`. These functions are documented on page 155.)

`\__coffin_update_corners:N` Updating the corners of a coffin is straight-forward as at this stage there can be no rotation. So the corners of the content are just those of the underlying `TeX` box.

```

7871 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_update_corners:N #1
7872 {
7873   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ } \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { tl }
7874   { { 0 pt } { \dim_use:N \box_ht:N #1 } }
7875   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ } \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { tr }
7876   { { \dim_use:N \box_wd:N #1 } { \dim_use:N \box_ht:N #1 } }
7877   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ } \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { bl }
7878   { { 0 pt } { \dim_eval:n { - \box_dp:N #1 } } }
7879   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ } \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { br }
7880   { { \dim_use:N \box_wd:N #1 } { \dim_eval:n { - \box_dp:N #1 } } }
7881 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_update_corners:N`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\__coffin_update_poles:N` This function is called when a coffin is set, and updates the poles to reflect the nature of size of the box. Thus this function only alters poles where the default position is

dependent on the size of the box. It also does not set poles which are relevant only to vertical coffins.

```

7882 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_update_poles:N #1
7883 {
7884   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { hc }
7885   {
7886     { \dim_eval:n { 0.5 \box_wd:N #1 } }
7887     { 0 pt } { 0 pt } { 1000 pt }
7888   }
7889   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { r }
7890   {
7891     { \dim_use:N \box_wd:N #1 }
7892     { 0 pt } { 0 pt } { 1000 pt }
7893   }
7894   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { vc }
7895   {
7896     { 0 pt }
7897     { \dim_eval:n { ( \box_ht:N #1 - \box_dp:N #1 ) / 2 } }
7898     { 1000 pt }
7899     { 0 pt }
7900   }
7901   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { t }
7902   {
7903     { 0 pt }
7904     { \dim_use:N \box_ht:N #1 }
7905     { 1000 pt }
7906     { 0 pt }
7907   }
7908   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { b }
7909   {
7910     { 0 pt }
7911     { \dim_eval:n { - \box_dp:N #1 } }
7912     { 1000 pt }
7913     { 0 pt }
7914   }
7915 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_coffin\_update\_poles:N. This function is documented on page ??.)

## 16.5 Coffins: calculation of pole intersections

```

\__coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn
\__coffin_calculate_intersection:nnnnnnnn
\__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnnN

```

The lead off in finding intersections is to recover the two poles and then hand off to the auxiliary for the actual calculation. There may of course not be an intersection, for which an error trap is needed.

```

7916 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn #1#2#3
7917 {
7918   \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #1 {#2} \l__coffin_pole_a_tl
7919   \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #1 {#3} \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
7920   \bool_set_false:N \l__coffin_error_bool

```

```

7921 \exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo
7922 \__coffin_calculate_intersection:nnnnnnnn
7923 \l__coffin_pole_a_tl \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
7924 \bool_if:NT \l__coffin_error_bool
7925 {
7926 \__msg_kernel_error:nn { kernel } { no-pole-intersection }
7927 \dim_zero:N \l__coffin_x_dim
7928 \dim_zero:N \l__coffin_y_dim
7929 }
7930 }

```

The two poles passed here each have four values (as dimensions),  $(a, b, c, d)$  and  $(a', b', c', d')$ . These are arguments 1–4 and 5–8, respectively. In both cases  $a$  and  $b$  are the co-ordinates of a point on the pole and  $c$  and  $d$  define the direction of the pole. Finding the intersection depends on the directions of the poles, which are given by  $d/c$  and  $d'/c'$ . However, if one of the poles is either horizontal or vertical then one or more of  $c, d, c'$  and  $d'$  will be zero and a special case is needed.

```

7931 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_calculate_intersection:nnnnnnnn
7932 #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
7933 {
7934 \dim_compare:nNnTF {#3} = { \c_zero_dim }

```

The case where the first pole is vertical. So the  $x$ -component of the interaction will be at  $a$ . There is then a test on the second pole: if it is also vertical then there is an error.

```

7935 {
7936 \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_dim {#1}
7937 \dim_compare:nNnTF {#7} = \c_zero_dim
7938 { \bool_set_true:N \l__coffin_error_bool }

```

The second pole may still be horizontal, in which case the  $y$ -component of the intersection will be  $b'$ . If not,

$$y = \frac{d'}{c'}(x - a') + b'$$

with the  $x$ -component already known to be #1. This calculation is done as a generalised auxiliary.

```

7939 {
7940 \dim_compare:nNnTF {#8} = \c_zero_dim
7941 { \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_dim {#6} }
7942 {
7943 \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
7944 {#1} {#5} {#6} {#7} {#8} \l__coffin_y_dim
7945 }
7946 }
7947 }

```

If the first pole is not vertical then it may be horizontal. If so, then the procedure is essentially the same as that already done but with the  $x$ - and  $y$ -components interchanged.

```

7948 {
7949 \dim_compare:nNnTF {#4} = \c_zero_dim
7950 {

```

```

7951         \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_dim {#2}
7952         \dim_compare:nNnTF {#8} = { \c_zero_dim }
7953         { \bool_set_true:N \l__coffin_error_bool }
7954         {
7955             \dim_compare:nNnTF {#7} = \c_zero_dim
7956             { \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_dim {#5} }

```

The formula for the case where the second pole is neither horizontal nor vertical is

$$x = \frac{c'}{d'}(y - b') + a'$$

which is again handled by the same auxiliary.

```

7957         {
7958             \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
7959             {#2} {#6} {#5} {#8} {#7} \l__coffin_x_dim
7960         }
7961     }
7962 }

```

The first pole is neither horizontal nor vertical. This still leaves the second pole, which may be a special case. For those possibilities, the calculations are the same as above with the first and second poles interchanged.

```

7963     {
7964         \dim_compare:nNnTF {#7} = \c_zero_dim
7965         {
7966             \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_dim {#5}
7967             \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
7968             {#5} {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} \l__coffin_y_dim
7969         }
7970         {
7971             \dim_compare:nNnTF {#8} = \c_zero_dim
7972             {
7973                 \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_dim {#6}
7974                 \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
7975                 {#6} {#2} {#1} {#4} {#3} \l__coffin_x_dim
7976             }

```

If none of the special cases apply then there is still a need to check that there is a unique intersection between the two pole. This is the case if they have different slopes.

```

7977     {
7978         \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_slope_x_fp
7979         { \dim_to_fp:n {#4} / \dim_to_fp:n {#3} }
7980         \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_slope_y_fp
7981         { \dim_to_fp:n {#8} / \dim_to_fp:n {#7} }
7982         \fp_compare:nNnTF
7983         \l__coffin_slope_x_fp = \l__coffin_slope_y_fp
7984         { \bool_set_true:N \l__coffin_error_bool }

```

All of the tests pass, so there is the full complexity of the calculation:

$$x = \frac{a(d/c) - a'(d'/c') - b + b'}{(d/c) - (d'/c')}$$

and noting that the two ratios are already worked out from the test just performed. There is quite a bit of shuffling from dimensions to floating points in order to do the work. The  $y$ -values is then worked out using the standard auxiliary starting from the  $x$ -position.

```

7985         {
7986             \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_dim
7987             {
7988                 \fp_to_dim:n
7989                 {
7990                     (
7991                         \dim_to_fp:n {#1} * \l__coffin_slope_x_fp
7992                         - ( \dim_to_fp:n {#5} * \l__coffin_slope_y_fp )
7993                         - \dim_to_fp:n {#2}
7994                         + \dim_to_fp:n {#6}
7995                     )
7996                     /
7997                     ( \l__coffin_slope_x_fp - \l__coffin_slope_y_fp )
7998                 }
7999             }
8000         \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
8001         { \l__coffin_x_dim }
8002         {#5} {#6} {#8} {#7} \l__coffin_y_dim
8003     }
8004 }
8005 }
8006 }
8007 }
8008 }

```

The formula for finding the intersection point is in most cases the same. The formula here is

$$\#6 = \#4 \cdot \left( \frac{\#1 - \#2}{\#5} \right) \#3$$

Thus #4 and #5 should be the directions of the pole while #2 and #3 are co-ordinates.

```

8009 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
8010     #1#2#3#4#5#6
8011     {
8012         \dim_set:Nn #6
8013         {
8014             \fp_to_dim:n
8015             {
8016                 \dim_to_fp:n {#4} *
8017                 ( \dim_to_fp:n {#1} - \dim_to_fp:n {#2} ) /
8018                 \dim_to_fp:n {#5}
8019                 + \dim_to_fp:n {#3}
8020             }
8021         }
8022     }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn`. This function is documented on page ??.)

## 16.6 Aligning and typesetting of coffins

`\coffin_join:NnnNnnnn`  
`\coffin_join:cnNnnnnn`  
`\coffin_join:Nnncnnnn`  
`\coffin_join:cnncnnnn`

This command joins two coffins, using a horizontal and vertical pole from each coffin and making an offset between the two. The result is stored as the as a third coffin, which will have all of its handles reset to standard values. First, the more basic alignment function is used to get things started.

```
8023 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_join:NnnNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
8024 {
8025   \__coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN
8026   #1 {#2} {#3} #4 {#5} {#6} {#7} {#8} \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
```

Correct the placement of the reference point. If the  $x$ -offset is negative then the reference point of the second box is to the left of that of the first, which is corrected using a kern. On the right side the first box might stick out, which will show up if it is wider than the sum of the  $x$ -offset and the width of the second box. So a second kern may be needed.

```
8027 \hbox_set:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8028 {
8029   \dim_compare:nNnT { \l__coffin_offset_x_dim } < \c_zero_dim
8030   { \tex_kern:D -\l__coffin_offset_x_dim }
8031   \hbox_unpack:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8032   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_dim
8033   { \l__coffin_offset_x_dim - \box_wd:N #1 + \box_wd:N #4 }
8034   \dim_compare:nNnT \l__coffin_internal_dim < \c_zero_dim
8035   { \tex_kern:D -\l__coffin_internal_dim }
8036 }
```

The coffin structure is reset, and the corners are cleared: only those from the two parent coffins are needed.

```
8037 \__coffin_reset_structure:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8038 \prop_clear:c
8039 { \l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w \l__coffin_aligned_coffin _ prop }
8040 \__coffin_update_poles:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
```

The structures of the parent coffins are now transferred to the new coffin, which requires that the appropriate offsets are applied. That will then depend on whether any shift was needed.

```
8041 \dim_compare:nNnTF \l__coffin_offset_x_dim < \c_zero_dim
8042 {
8043   \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #1 { -\l__coffin_offset_x_dim } { 0 pt }
8044   \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #4 { 0 pt } { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim }
8045   \__coffin_offset_corners:Nnn #1 { -\l__coffin_offset_x_dim } { 0 pt }
8046   \__coffin_offset_corners:Nnn #4 { 0 pt } { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim }
8047 }
8048 {
8049   \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #1 { 0 pt } { 0 pt }
8050   \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #4
8051   { \l__coffin_offset_x_dim } { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim }
8052   \__coffin_offset_corners:Nnn #1 { 0 pt } { 0 pt }
8053   \__coffin_offset_corners:Nnn #4
8054   { \l__coffin_offset_x_dim } { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim }
```

```

8055     }
8056     \__coffin_update_vertical_poles:NNN #1 #4 \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8057     \coffin_set_eq:NN #1 \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8058   }
8059   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_join:NnnNnnnn { c , Nnnc , cnnc }

```

(End definition for \coffin\_join:NnnNnnnn and others. These functions are documented on page 156.)

**\coffin\_attach:NnnNnnnn** A more simple version of the above, as it simply uses the size of the first coffin for the new one. This means that the work here is rather simplified compared to the above code.

**\coffin\_attach:cnncNnnnn** The function used when marking a position is hear also as it is similar but without the structure updates.

**\coffin\_attach:NnncNnnnn**

**\coffin\_attach:cnncNnnnn**

**\coffin\_attach\_mark:NnnNnnnn**

```

8060 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
8061 {
8062   \__coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN
8063   #1 {#2} {#3} #4 {#5} {#6} {#7} {#8} \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8064   \box_set_ht:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_ht:N #1 }
8065   \box_set_dp:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_dp:N #1 }
8066   \box_set_wd:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_wd:N #1 }
8067   \__coffin_reset_structure:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8068   \prop_set_eq:cc
8069   { \l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w \l__coffin_aligned_coffin _prop }
8070   { \l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
8071   \__coffin_update_poles:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8072   \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #1 { 0 pt } { 0 pt }
8073   \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #4
8074   { \l__coffin_offset_x_dim } { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim }
8075   \__coffin_update_vertical_poles:NNN #1 #4 \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8076   \coffin_set_eq:NN #1 \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8077 }
8078 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_attach_mark:NnnNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
8079 {
8080   \__coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN
8081   #1 {#2} {#3} #4 {#5} {#6} {#7} {#8} \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8082   \box_set_ht:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_ht:N #1 }
8083   \box_set_dp:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_dp:N #1 }
8084   \box_set_wd:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_wd:N #1 }
8085   \box_set_eq:NN #1 \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8086 }
8087 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn { c , Nnnc , cnnc }

```

(End definition for \coffin\_attach:NnnNnnnn and others. These functions are documented on page 156.)

**\\_\_coffin\_align:NnnNnnnnN** The internal function aligns the two coffins into a third one, but performs no corrections on the resulting coffin poles. The process begins by finding the points of intersection for the poles for each of the input coffins. Those for the first coffin are worked out after those for the second coffin, as this allows the ‘primed’ storage area to be used for the second coffin. The ‘real’ box offsets are then calculated, before using these to re-box the input

coffins. The default poles are then set up, but the final result will depend on how the bounding box is being handled.

```

8088 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
8089 {
8090   \__coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn #4 {#5} {#6}
8091   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_prime_dim { \l__coffin_x_dim }
8092   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_prime_dim { \l__coffin_y_dim }
8093   \__coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn #1 {#2} {#3}
8094   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_offset_x_dim
8095     { \l__coffin_x_dim - \l__coffin_x_prime_dim + #7 }
8096   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_offset_y_dim
8097     { \l__coffin_y_dim - \l__coffin_y_prime_dim + #8 }
8098   \hbox_set:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_internal_coffin
8099     {
8100       \box_use:N #1
8101       \tex_kern:D -\box_wd:N #1
8102       \tex_kern:D \l__coffin_offset_x_dim
8103       \box_move_up:nn { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim } { \box_use:N #4 }
8104     }
8105   \coffin_set_eq:NN #9 \l__coffin_aligned_internal_coffin
8106 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_coffin\_align:NnnNnnnnN. This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_\_coffin\_offset\_poles:Nnn  
 \\_\_coffin\_offset\_pole:Nnnnnnn

Transferring structures from one coffin to another requires that the positions are updated by the offset between the two coffins. This is done by mapping to the property list of the source coffins, moving as appropriate and saving to the new coffin data structures. The test for a - means that the structures from the parent coffins are uniquely labelled and do not depend on the order of alignment. The pay off for this is that - should not be used in coffin pole or handle names, and that multiple alignments do not result in a whole set of values.

```

8107 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #1#2#3
8108 {
8109   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
8110     { \__coffin_offset_pole:Nnnnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 {#2} {#3} }
8111 }
8112 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_offset_pole:Nnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
8113 {
8114   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_dim { #3 + #7 }
8115   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_dim { #4 + #8 }
8116   \tl_if_in:nnTF {#2} { - }
8117     { \tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_tl { {#2} } }
8118     { \tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_tl { { #1 - #2 } } }
8119   \exp_last_unbraced:NNo \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8120     { \l__coffin_internal_tl }
8121     {
8122       { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim }
8123       {#5} {#6}
8124     }

```



8125 }

(End definition for `\_coffin_offset_poles:Nnn`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\_coffin_offset_corners:Nnn` Saving the offset corners of a coffin is very similar, except that there is no need to worry about naming: every corner can be saved here as order is unimportant.

`\_coffin_offset_corner:Nnnnn`

```
8126 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_offset_corners:Nnn #1#2#3
8127 {
8128   \prop_map_inline:cn { l\_coffin_corners\_ \_int_value:w #1\_prop }
8129   { \_coffin_offset_corner:Nnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 {#2} {#3} }
8130 }
8131 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_offset_corner:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
8132 {
8133   \prop_put:cnx
8134   { l\_coffin_corners\_ \_int_value:w \_coffin_aligned_coffin\_prop }
8135   { #1 - #2 }
8136   {
8137     { \dim_eval:n { #3 + #5 } }
8138     { \dim_eval:n { #4 + #6 } }
8139   }
8140 }
```

(End definition for `\_coffin_offset_corners:Nnn`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\_coffin_update_vertical_poles:NNN` The T and B poles will need to be recalculated after alignment. These functions find the larger absolute value for the poles, but this is of course only logical when the poles are horizontal.

`\_coffin_update_T:nnnnnnnnN`

`\_coffin_update_B:nnnnnnnnN`

```
8141 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_update_vertical_poles:NNN #1#2#3
8142 {
8143   \_coffin_get_pole:NnN #3 { #1 -T } \_coffin_pole_a_tl
8144   \_coffin_get_pole:NnN #3 { #2 -T } \_coffin_pole_b_tl
8145   \exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo \_coffin_update_T:nnnnnnnnN
8146   \_coffin_pole_a_tl \_coffin_pole_b_tl #3
8147   \_coffin_get_pole:NnN #3 { #1 -B } \_coffin_pole_a_tl
8148   \_coffin_get_pole:NnN #3 { #2 -B } \_coffin_pole_b_tl
8149   \exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo \_coffin_update_B:nnnnnnnnN
8150   \_coffin_pole_a_tl \_coffin_pole_b_tl #3
8151 }
8152 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_update_T:nnnnnnnnN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
8153 {
8154   \dim_compare:nNnTF {#2} < {#6}
8155   {
8156     \_coffin_set_pole:Nnx #9 { T }
8157     { { 0 pt } {#6} { 1000 pt } { 0 pt } }
8158   }
8159   {
8160     \_coffin_set_pole:Nnx #9 { T }
8161     { { 0 pt } {#2} { 1000 pt } { 0 pt } }
8162   }
8163 }
```

```

8164 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_update_B:nnnnnnnnN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
8165 {
8166   \dim_compare:nNnTF {#2} < {#6}
8167   {
8168     \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #9 { B }
8169     { { 0 pt } {#2} { 1000 pt } { 0 pt } }
8170   }
8171   {
8172     \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #9 { B }
8173     { { 0 pt } {#6} { 1000 pt } { 0 pt } }
8174   }
8175 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_update_vertical_poles:NNN`. This function is documented on page ??.)

**`\coffin_typeset:Nnnnn`** Typesetting a coffin means aligning it with the current position, which is done using a coffin with no content at all. As well as aligning to the empty coffin, there is also a need to leave vertical mode, if necessary.

**`\coffin_typeset:cnnnn`**

```

8176 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_typeset:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
8177 {
8178   \hbox_unpack:N \c_empty_box
8179   \__coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN \c_empty_coffin { H } { 1 }
8180   #1 {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8181   \box_use:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8182 }
8183 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_typeset:Nnnnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_typeset:Nnnnn` and `\coffin_typeset:cnnnn`. These functions are documented on page 156.)

## 16.7 Coffin diagnostics

**`\l__coffin_display_coffin`** Used for printing coffins with data structures attached.

```

\l__coffin_display_coord_coffin 8184 \coffin_new:N \l__coffin_display_coffin
\l__coffin_display_pole_coffin 8185 \coffin_new:N \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin
8186 \coffin_new:N \l__coffin_display_pole_coffin

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_display_coffin`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

**`\l__coffin_display_handles_prop`** This property list is used to print coffin handles at suitable positions. The offsets are expressed as multiples of the basic offset value, which therefore acts as a scale-factor.

```

8187 \prop_new:N \l__coffin_display_handles_prop
8188 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { tl }
8189 { { b } { r } { -1 } { 1 } }
8190 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { thc }
8191 { { b } { hc } { 0 } { 1 } }
8192 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { tr }
8193 { { b } { l } { 1 } { 1 } }
8194 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { vcl }
8195 { { vc } { r } { -1 } { 0 } }

```

```

8196 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { vhc }
8197   { { vc } { hc } { 0 } { 0 } }
8198 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { vcr }
8199   { { vc } { l } { 1 } { 0 } }
8200 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { bl }
8201   { { t } { r } { -1 } { -1 } }
8202 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { bhc }
8203   { { t } { hc } { 0 } { -1 } }
8204 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { br }
8205   { { t } { l } { 1 } { -1 } }
8206 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Tl }
8207   { { t } { r } { -1 } { -1 } }
8208 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Thc }
8209   { { t } { hc } { 0 } { -1 } }
8210 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Tr }
8211   { { t } { l } { 1 } { -1 } }
8212 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Hl }
8213   { { vc } { r } { -1 } { 1 } }
8214 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Hhc }
8215   { { vc } { hc } { 0 } { 1 } }
8216 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Hr }
8217   { { vc } { l } { 1 } { 1 } }
8218 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Bl }
8219   { { b } { r } { -1 } { -1 } }
8220 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Bhc }
8221   { { b } { hc } { 0 } { -1 } }
8222 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Br }
8223   { { b } { l } { 1 } { -1 } }

```

*(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_display\_handles\_prop. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\l__coffin_display_offset_dim` The standard offset for the label from the handle position when displaying handles.

```

8224 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_display_offset_dim
8225 \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_offset_dim { 2 pt }

```

*(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_display\_offset\_dim. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\l__coffin_display_x_dim` `\l__coffin_display_y_dim` As the intersections of poles have to be calculated to find which ones to print, there is a need to avoid repetition. This is done by saving the intersection into two dedicated values.

```

8226 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_display_x_dim
8227 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_display_y_dim

```

*(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_display\_x\_dim. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\l__coffin_display_poles_prop` A property list for printing poles: various things need to be deleted from this to get a “nice” output.

```

8228 \prop_new:N \l__coffin_display_poles_prop

```

*(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_display\_poles\_prop. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\l__coffin_display_font_tl` Stores the settings used to print coffin data: this keeps things flexible.

```

8229 \tl_new:N \l__coffin_display_font_tl
8230 <*initex>
8231 \tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_font_tl { } % TODO
8232 </initex>
8233 <*package>
8234 \tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_font_tl { \sffamily \tiny }
8235 </package>

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_display_font_tl`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\coffin_mark_handle:Nnnn` Marking a single handle is relatively easy. The standard attachment function is used, meaning that there are two calculations for the location. However, this is likely to be okay given the load expected. Contrast with the more optimised version for showing all handles which comes next.

`\coffin_mark_handle:cnnn`  
`\_coffin_mark_handle_aux:nnnnNnn`

```

8236 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_mark_handle:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
8237 {
8238   \hcoffin_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_pole_coffin
8239   {
8240     <*initex>
8241     \hbox:n { \tex_vrule:D width 1 pt height 1 pt \scan_stop: } % TODO
8242     </initex>
8243     <*package>
8244     \color {#4}
8245     \rule { 1 pt } { 1 pt }
8246     </package>
8247   }
8248   \coffin_attach_mark:NnnNnnnn #1 {#2} {#3}
8249   \l__coffin_display_pole_coffin { hc } { vc } { 0 pt } { 0 pt }
8250   \hcoffin_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin
8251   {
8252     <*initex>
8253     % TODO
8254     </initex>
8255     <*package>
8256     \color {#4}
8257     </package>
8258     \l__coffin_display_font_tl
8259     ( \tl_to_str:n { #2 , #3 } )
8260   }
8261   \prop_get:NnN \l__coffin_display_handles_prop
8262   { #2 #3 } \l__coffin_internal_tl
8263   \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__coffin_internal_tl
8264   {
8265     \prop_get:NnN \l__coffin_display_handles_prop
8266     { #3 #2 } \l__coffin_internal_tl
8267     \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__coffin_internal_tl
8268     {
8269       \coffin_attach_mark:NnnNnnnn #1 {#2} {#3}

```

```

8270         \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin { l } { vc }
8271         { 1 pt } { 0 pt }
8272     }
8273     {
8274         \exp_last_unbraced:No \__coffin_mark_handle_aux:nnnnNnn
8275         \l__coffin_internal_tl #1 {#2} {#3}
8276     }
8277 }
8278 {
8279     \exp_last_unbraced:No \__coffin_mark_handle_aux:nnnnNnn
8280     \l__coffin_internal_tl #1 {#2} {#3}
8281 }
8282 }
8283 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_mark_handle_aux:nnnnNnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
8284 {
8285     \coffin_attach_mark:NnnNnnnn #5 {#6} {#7}
8286     \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin {#1} {#2}
8287     { #3 \l__coffin_display_offset_dim }
8288     { #4 \l__coffin_display_offset_dim }
8289 }
8290 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_mark_handle:Nnnn { c }

```

(End definition for \coffin\_mark\_handle:Nnnn and \coffin\_mark\_handle:cnnn. These functions are documented on page 157.)

**\coffin\_display\_handles:Nn**  
**\coffin\_display\_handles:cn**  
 \\_\_coffin\_display\_handles\_aux:nnnnnn  
 \\_\_coffin\_display\_handles\_aux:nnnn  
 \\_\_coffin\_display\_attach:Nnnnn

Printing the poles starts by removing any duplicates, for which the H poles is used as the definitive version for the baseline and bottom. Two loops are then used to find the combinations of handles for all of these poles. This is done such that poles are removed during the loops to avoid duplication.

```

8291 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_display_handles:Nn #1#2
8292 {
8293     \hcoffin_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_pole_coffin
8294     {
8295         <*initex>
8296         \hbox:n { \tex_vrule:D width 1 pt height 1 pt \scan_stop: } % TODO
8297         </initex>
8298         <*package>
8299         \color {#2}
8300         \rule { 1 pt } { 1 pt }
8301         </package>
8302     }
8303     \prop_set_eq:Nc \l__coffin_display_poles_prop
8304     { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
8305     \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #1 { H } \l__coffin_pole_a_tl
8306     \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #1 { T } \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
8307     \tl_if_eq:NNT \l__coffin_pole_a_tl \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
8308     { \prop_remove:Nn \l__coffin_display_poles_prop { T } }
8309     \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #1 { B } \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
8310     \tl_if_eq:NNT \l__coffin_pole_a_tl \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
8311     { \prop_remove:Nn \l__coffin_display_poles_prop { B } }

```

```

8312 \coffin_set_eq:Nn \l__coffin_display_coffin #1
8313 \prop_map_inline:Nn \l__coffin_display_poles_prop
8314 {
8315   \prop_remove:Nn \l__coffin_display_poles_prop {##1}
8316   \__coffin_display_handles_aux:nnnnnn {##1} ##2 {#2}
8317 }
8318 \box_use:N \l__coffin_display_coffin
8319 }

```

For each pole there is a check for an intersection, which here does not give an error if none is found. The successful values are stored and used to align the pole coffin with the main coffin for output. The positions are recovered from the preset list if available.

```

8320 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_display_handles_aux:nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
8321 {
8322   \prop_map_inline:Nn \l__coffin_display_poles_prop
8323   {
8324     \bool_set_false:N \l__coffin_error_bool
8325     \__coffin_calculate_intersection:nnnnnnnn {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} ##2
8326     \bool_if:NF \l__coffin_error_bool
8327     {
8328       \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_x_dim { \l__coffin_x_dim }
8329       \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_y_dim { \l__coffin_y_dim }
8330       \__coffin_display_attach:Nnnnn
8331       \l__coffin_display_pole_coffin { hc } { vc }
8332       { 0 pt } { 0 pt }
8333       \hcoffin_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin
8334       {
8335         \<initex>
8336         % TODO
8337         \</initex>
8338         \<package>
8339         \color {#6}
8340         \</package>
8341         \l__coffin_display_font_tl
8342         ( \tl_to_str:n { #1 , ##1 } )
8343       }
8344       \prop_get:NnN \l__coffin_display_handles_prop
8345       { #1 ##1 } \l__coffin_internal_tl
8346       \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__coffin_internal_tl
8347       {
8348         \prop_get:NnN \l__coffin_display_handles_prop
8349         { ##1 #1 } \l__coffin_internal_tl
8350         \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__coffin_internal_tl
8351         {
8352           \__coffin_display_attach:Nnnnn
8353           \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin { 1 } { vc }
8354           { 1 pt } { 0 pt }
8355         }
8356       }
8357       \exp_last_unbraced:No

```

```

8358         \l__coffin_display_handles_aux:nnnn
8359         \l__coffin_internal_tl
8360     }
8361 }
8362 {
8363     \exp_last_unbraced:No \l__coffin_display_handles_aux:nnnn
8364     \l__coffin_internal_tl
8365 }
8366 }
8367 }
8368 }
8369 \cs_new_protected:Npn \l__coffin_display_handles_aux:nnnn #1#2#3#4
8370 {
8371     \l__coffin_display_attach:Nnnnn
8372     \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin {#1} {#2}
8373     { #3 \l__coffin_display_offset_dim }
8374     { #4 \l__coffin_display_offset_dim }
8375 }
8376 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \l__coffin_display_handles:Nn { c }

```

This is a dedicated version of `\coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn` with a hard-wired first coffin. As the intersection is already known and stored for the display coffin the code simply uses it directly, with no calculation.

```

8377 \cs_new_protected:Npn \l__coffin_display_attach:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
8378 {
8379     \l__coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn #1 {#2} {#3}
8380     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_prime_dim { \l__coffin_x_dim }
8381     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_prime_dim { \l__coffin_y_dim }
8382     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_offset_x_dim
8383     { \l__coffin_display_x_dim - \l__coffin_x_prime_dim + #4 }
8384     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_offset_y_dim
8385     { \l__coffin_display_y_dim - \l__coffin_y_prime_dim + #5 }
8386     \hbox_set:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8387     {
8388         \box_use:N \l__coffin_display_coffin
8389         \tex_kern:D -\box_wd:N \l__coffin_display_coffin
8390         \tex_kern:D \l__coffin_offset_x_dim
8391         \box_move_up:nn { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim } { \box_use:N #1 }
8392     }
8393     \box_set_ht:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8394     { \box_ht:N \l__coffin_display_coffin }
8395     \box_set_dp:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8396     { \box_dp:N \l__coffin_display_coffin }
8397     \box_set_wd:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8398     { \box_wd:N \l__coffin_display_coffin }
8399     \box_set_eq:NN \l__coffin_display_coffin \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
8400 }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_display_handles:Nn` and `\coffin_display_handles:cn`. These functions are documented on page 157.)

`\coffin_show_structure:N` For showing the various internal structures attached to a coffin in a way that keeps things relatively readable. If there is no apparent structure then the code complains.

`\coffin_show_structure:c`

```

8401 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_show_structure:N #1
8402 {
8403   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
8404   {
8405     \__msg_show_pre:nnxxxx { LaTeX / kernel } { show-coffin }
8406     { \token_to_str:N #1 }
8407     { \dim_eval:n { \coffin_ht:N #1 } }
8408     { \dim_eval:n { \coffin_dp:N #1 } }
8409     { \dim_eval:n { \coffin_wd:N #1 } }
8410     \__msg_show_wrap:n
8411     {
8412       \prop_map_function:cN
8413       { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
8414       \__msg_show_item_unbraced:nn
8415     }
8416   }
8417 }
8418 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_show_structure:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_show_structure:N` and `\coffin_show_structure:c`. These functions are documented on page 157.)

## 16.8 Messages

```

8419 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { no-pole-intersection }
8420 { No~intersection~between~coffin~poles. }
8421 {
8422   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8423   LaTeX~was~asked~to~find~the~intersection~between~two~poles,~
8424   but~they~do~not~have~a~unique~meeting~point:~
8425   the~value~(0~pt,~0~pt)~will~be~used.
8426 }
8427 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { unknown-coffin }
8428 { Unknown~coffin~'#1'. }
8429 { The~coffin~'#1'~was~never~defined. }
8430 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { unknown-coffin-pole }
8431 { Pole~'#1'~unknown~for~coffin~'#2'. }
8432 {
8433   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8434   LaTeX~was~asked~to~find~a~typesetting~pole~for~a~coffin,~
8435   but~either~the~coffin~does~not~exist~or~the~pole~name~is~wrong.
8436 }
8437 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { show-coffin }
8438 {
8439   Size~of~coffin~#1 : \\\
8440   > ~ ht~=#2 \\\
8441   > ~ dp~=#3 \\\
8442   > ~ wd~=#4 \\\

```



```

8443     Poles-of-coffin~#1 :
8444 }
8445 </initex | package>

```

## 17 l3color Implementation

```

8446 <*initex | package>

```

**\color\_group\_begin:** Grouping for color is almost the same as using the basic `\group_begin:` and `\group_end:` functions. However, in vertical mode the end-of-group needs a `\par`, which in horizontal mode does nothing.

```

8447 \cs_new_eq:NN \color_group_begin: \group_begin:
8448 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \color_group_end:
8449 {
8450     \tex_par:D
8451     \group_end:
8452 }

```

*(End definition for \color\_group\_begin: and \color\_group\_end:.. These functions are documented on page 158.)*

**\color\_ensure\_current:** A driver-independent wrapper for setting the foreground color to the current color “now”.

```

8453 <*initex>
8454 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \color_ensure_current:
8455 { \__driver_color_ensure_current: }
8456 </initex>

```

In package mode, the driver code may not be loaded. To keep down dependencies, if there is no driver code available and no `\set@color` then color is not in use and this function can be a no-op.

```

8457 <*package>
8458 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \color_ensure_current: { }
8459 \AtBeginDocument
8460 {
8461     \cs_if_exist:NTF \__driver_color_ensure_current:
8462     {
8463         \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \color_ensure_current:
8464         { \__driver_color_ensure_current: }
8465     }
8466     {
8467         \cs_if_exist:NT \set@color
8468         {
8469             \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \color_ensure_current:
8470             { \set@color }
8471         }
8472     }
8473 }
8474 </package>

```

*(End definition for \color\_ensure\_current:.. This function is documented on page 158.)*

```

8475 </initex | package>

```

## 18 l3msg implementation

```

8476 <*initex | package>
8477 <@@=msg>

\l__msg_internal_tl A general scratch for the module.
8478 \tl_new:N \l__msg_internal_tl

(End definition for \l__msg_internal_tl. This variable is documented on page ??.)

```

### 18.1 Creating messages

Messages are created and used separately, so there two parts to the code here. First, a mechanism for creating message text. This is pretty simple, as there is not actually a lot to do.

```

\c__msg_text_prefix_tl Locations for the text of messages.
\c__msg_more_text_prefix_tl
8479 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_text_prefix_tl { msg~text~>~ }
8480 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_more_text_prefix_tl { msg~extra~text~>~ }

(End definition for \c__msg_text_prefix_tl and \c__msg_more_text_prefix_tl. These variables are
documented on page ??.)

```

```

\msg_if_exist_p:nn Test whether the control sequence containing the message text exists or not.
\msg_if_exist:nnTF
8481 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \msg_if_exist:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
8482 {
8483   \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }
8484   { \prg_return_true: } { \prg_return_false: }
8485 }

```

(End definition for \msg\_if\_exist:nnTF. This function is documented on page 160.)

```

\__chk_if_free_msg:nn This auxiliary is similar to \__chk_if_free_cs:N, and is used when defining messages
with \msg_new:nnnn. It could be inlined in \msg_new:nnnn, but the experimental l3trace
module needs to disable this check when reloading a package with the extra tracing
information.

```

```

8486 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__chk_if_free_msg:nn #1#2
8487 {
8488   \msg_if_exist:nnT {#1} {#2}
8489   {
8490     \__msg_kernel_error:nnxx { kernel } { message-already-defined }
8491     {#1} {#2}
8492   }
8493 }
8494 <*package>
8495 \if_bool:N \l@expl@log@functions@bool
8496 \cs_gset_protected:Npn \__chk_if_free_msg:nn #1#2
8497 {
8498   \msg_if_exist:nnT {#1} {#2}
8499   {

```

```

8500         \_msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { message-already-defined }
8501         {#1} {#2}
8502     }
8503     \_chk_log:x { Defining~message~ #1 / #2 ~\msg_line_context: }
8504 }
8505 \fi:
8506 </package>

```

(End definition for \\_chk\_if\_free\_msg:nn.)

**\msg\_new:nnnn** Setting a message simply means saving the appropriate text into two functions. A sanity check first.

**\msg\_new:nnn**

**\msg\_gset:nnnn**

**\msg\_gset:nnn**

**\msg\_set:nnnn**

**\msg\_set:nnn**

```

8507 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_new:nnnn #1#2
8508 {
8509     \_chk_if_free_msg:nn {#1} {#2}
8510     \msg_gset:nnnn {#1} {#2}
8511 }
8512 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_new:nnn #1#2#3
8513 { \msg_new:nnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} { } }
8514 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_set:nnnn #1#2#3#4
8515 {
8516     \cs_set:cpn { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }
8517     ##1##2##3##4 {#3}
8518     \cs_set:cpn { \c__msg_more_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }
8519     ##1##2##3##4 {#4}
8520 }
8521 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_set:nnn #1#2#3
8522 { \msg_set:nnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} { } }
8523 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_gset:nnnn #1#2#3#4
8524 {
8525     \cs_gset:cpn { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }
8526     ##1##2##3##4 {#3}
8527     \cs_gset:cpn { \c__msg_more_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }
8528     ##1##2##3##4 {#4}
8529 }
8530 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_gset:nnn #1#2#3
8531 { \msg_gset:nnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} { } }

```

(End definition for \msg\_new:nnnn and \msg\_new:nnn. These functions are documented on page 159.)

## 18.2 Messages: support functions and text

**\c\_\_msg\_coding\_error\_text\_tl**

Simple pieces of text for messages.

**\c\_\_msg\_continue\_text\_tl**

**\c\_\_msg\_critical\_text\_tl**

**\c\_\_msg\_fatal\_text\_tl**

**\c\_\_msg\_help\_text\_tl**

**\c\_\_msg\_no\_info\_text\_tl**

**\c\_\_msg\_on\_line\_text\_tl**

**\c\_\_msg\_return\_text\_tl**

**\c\_\_msg\_trouble\_text\_tl**

```

8532 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8533 {
8534     This-is-a-coding-error.
8535     \\ \\
8536 }
8537 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_continue_text_tl
8538 { Type~<return>~to~continue }

```

```

8539 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_critical_text_tl
8540 { Reading~the~current~file~'\g_file_current_name_tl'~will~stop. }
8541 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_fatal_text_tl
8542 { This~is~a~fatal~error:~LaTeX~will~abort. }
8543 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_help_text_tl
8544 { For~immediate~help~type~H~<return> }
8545 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_no_info_text_tl
8546 {
8547   LaTeX~does~not~know~anything~more~about~this~error,~sorry.
8548   \c__msg_return_text_tl
8549 }
8550 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_on_line_text_tl { on-line }
8551 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_return_text_tl
8552 {
8553   \\ \\
8554   Try~typing~<return>~to~proceed.
8555   \\
8556   If~that~doesn't~work,~type~X~<return>~to~quit.
8557 }
8558 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_trouble_text_tl
8559 {
8560   \\ \\
8561   More~errors~will~almost~certainly~follow: \\
8562   the~LaTeX~run~should~be~aborted.
8563 }

```

*(End definition for \c\_\_msg\_coding\_error\_text\_tl and others. These variables are documented on page 169.)*

**\msg\_line\_number:** For writing the line number nicely. **\msg\_line\_context:** was set up earlier, so this is not new.

```

8564 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \msg_line_number: { \int_use:N \tex_inputlineno:D }
8565 \cs_gset_nopar:Npn \msg_line_context:
8566 {
8567   \c__msg_on_line_text_tl
8568   \c_space_tl
8569   \msg_line_number:
8570 }

```

*(End definition for \msg\_line\_number: and \msg\_line\_context:. These functions are documented on page 160.)*

### 18.3 Showing messages: low level mechanism

**\msg\_interrupt:nnn** The low-level interruption macro is rather opaque, unfortunately. Depending on the availability of more information there is a choice of how to set up the further help. We feed the extra help text and the message itself to a wrapping auxiliary, in this order because we must first setup TeX's \errhelp register before issuing an \errmessage.

```

8571 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_interrupt:nnn #1#2#3
8572 {

```

```

8573 \tl_if_empty:nTF {#3}
8574 {
8575   \_msg_interrupt_wrap:nn { \ \ \c__msg_no_info_text_tl }
8576   {#1 \\\ \ #2 \\\ \c__msg_continue_text_tl }
8577 }
8578 {
8579   \_msg_interrupt_wrap:nn { \ \ #3 }
8580   {#1 \\\ \ #2 \\\ \c__msg_help_text_tl }
8581 }
8582 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_interrupt:nnn`. This function is documented on page 165.)

```

\_msg_interrupt_wrap:nn
\_msg_interrupt_more_text:n

```

First setup TeX's `\errhelp` register with the extra help #1, then build a nice-looking error message with #2. Everything is done using x-type expansion as the new line markers are different for the two type of text and need to be correctly set up. The auxiliary `\_msg_interrupt_more_text:n` receives its argument as a line-wrapped string, which is thus unaffected by expansion.

```

8583 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_msg_interrupt_wrap:nn #1#2
8584 {
8585   \iow_wrap:nnnN {#1} { | ~ } { } \_msg_interrupt_more_text:n
8586   \iow_wrap:nnnN {#2} { ! ~ } { } \_msg_interrupt_text:n
8587 }
8588 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_msg_interrupt_more_text:n #1
8589 {
8590   \exp_args:Nx \tex_errhelp:D
8591   {
8592     |,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
8593     #1 \iow_newline:
8594     |.....
8595   }
8596 }

```

(End definition for `\_msg_interrupt_wrap:nn`.)

```
\_msg_interrupt_text:n
```

The business end of the process starts by producing some visual separation of the message from the main part of the log. The error message needs to be printed with everything made “invisible”: TeX's own information involves the macro in which `\errmessage` is called, and the end of the argument of the `\errmessage`, including the closing brace. We use an active `!` to call the `\errmessage` primitive, and end its argument with `\use_none:n {<dots>}` which fills the output with dots. Two trailing closing braces are turned into spaces to hide them as well. The group in which we alter the definition of the active `!` is closed before producing the message: this ensures that tokens inserted by typing `I` in the command-line will be inserted after the message is entirely cleaned up.

The `\_iow_with:Nnn` auxiliary, defined in `l3file`, expects an *<integer variable>*, an integer *<value>*, and some *<code>*. It runs the *<code>* after ensuring that the *<integer variable>* takes the given *<value>*, then restores the former value of the *<integer variable>* if needed. We use it to ensure that the `\newlinechar` is 10, as needed for `\iow_newline:` to work, and that `\errorcontextlines` is -1, to avoid showing irrelevant

context. Note that restoring the former value of these integers requires inserting tokens after the `\errmessage`, which go in the way of tokens which could be inserted by the user. This is unavoidable.

```

8597 \group_begin:
8598   \char_set_lccode:nn {'\} {'\ }
8599   \char_set_lccode:nn {'\} {'\ }
8600   \char_set_lccode:nn {'&} {'!\}
8601   \char_set_catcode_active:N \&
8602   \tex_lowercase:D
8603   {
8604     \group_end:
8605     \cs_new_protected:Npn \_msg_interrupt_text:n #1
8606     {
8607       \iow_term:x
8608       {
8609         \iow_newline:
8610         !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
8611         \iow_newline:
8612         !
8613       }
8614       \_iow_with:Nnn \tex_newlinechar:D { '\^^J }
8615       {
8616         \_iow_with:Nnn \tex_errorcontextlines:D \c_minus_one
8617         {
8618           \group_begin:
8619           \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn &
8620           {
8621             \tex_errmessage:D
8622             {
8623               #1
8624               \use_none:n
8625               { ..... }
8626             }
8627           }
8628           \exp_after:wN
8629           \group_end:
8630           &
8631         }
8632       }
8633     }
8634   }

```

(End definition for `\_msg_interrupt_text:n`.)

`\msg_log:n` Printing to the log or terminal without a stop is rather easier. A bit of simple visual  
`\msg_term:n` work sets things off nicely.

```

8635 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_log:n #1
8636 {
8637   \iow_log:n { ..... }

```

```

8638 \iow_wrap:nnnN { . ~ #1} { . ~ } { } \iow_log:n
8639 \iow_log:n { ..... }
8640 }
8641 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_term:n #1
8642 {
8643 \iow_term:n { ***** }
8644 \iow_wrap:nnnN { * ~ #1} { * ~ } { } \iow_term:n
8645 \iow_term:n { ***** }
8646 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_log:n`. This function is documented on page 165.)

## 18.4 Displaying messages

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X is handling error messages and so the T<sub>E</sub>X ones are disabled. This is already done by the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X<sub>2 $\epsilon$</sub>  kernel, so to avoid messing up any deliberate change by a user this is only set in format mode.

```

8647 <*initex>
8648 \int_gset_eq:NN \tex_errorcontextlines:D \c_minus_one
8649 </initex>

```

`\msg_fatal_text:n` A function for issuing messages: both the text and order could in principle vary.

```

8650 \cs_new:Npn \msg_fatal_text:n #1 { Fatal~#1~error }
8651 \cs_new:Npn \msg_critical_text:n #1 { Critical~#1~error }
8652 \cs_new:Npn \msg_error_text:n #1 { #1~error }
8653 \cs_new:Npn \msg_warning_text:n #1 { #1~warning }
8654 \cs_new:Npn \msg_info_text:n #1 { #1~info }

```

(End definition for `\msg_fatal_text:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 160.)

`\msg_see_documentation_text:n` Contextual footer information. The L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X module only comprises L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X<sub>3</sub> code, so we refer to the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X<sub>3</sub> documentation rather than simply “L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X”.

```

8655 \cs_new:Npn \msg_see_documentation_text:n #1
8656 {
8657 \\\ \ See-the~
8658 \str_if_eq:nnTF {#1} { LaTeX } { LaTeX3 } {#1} ~
8659 documentation-for-further-information.
8660 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_see_documentation_text:n`. This function is documented on page 161.)

`\__msg_class_new:nn`

```

8661 \group_begin:
8662 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__msg_class_new:nn #1#2
8663 {
8664 \prop_new:c { l__msg_redirect_ #1 _prop }
8665 \cs_new_protected:cpn { __msg_ #1 _code:nnnnnn }
8666 ##1##2##3##4##5##6 {#2}
8667 \cs_new_protected:cpn { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } ##1##2##3##4##5##6
8668 {

```

```

8669         \use:x
8670         {
8671             \exp_not:n { \_msg_use:nnnnnn {#1} {##1} {##2} }
8672             { \tl_to_str:n {##3} } { \tl_to_str:n {##4} }
8673             { \tl_to_str:n {##5} } { \tl_to_str:n {##6} }
8674         }
8675     }
8676     \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnnnn } ##1##2##3##4##5
8677     { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} {##5} { } }
8678     \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnnn } ##1##2##3##4
8679     { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} { } { } }
8680     \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnn } ##1##2##3
8681     { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} { } { } { } }
8682     \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nn } ##1##2
8683     { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} { } { } { } { } }
8684     \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnxxx } ##1##2##3##4##5##6
8685     {
8686         \use:x
8687         {
8688             \exp_not:N \exp_not:n
8689             { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} }
8690             {##3} {##4} {##5} {##6}
8691         }
8692     }
8693     \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnxxx } ##1##2##3##4##5
8694     { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} {##5} { } }
8695     \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnxx } ##1##2##3##4
8696     { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} { } { } }
8697     \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnx } ##1##2##3
8698     { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} { } { } { } }
8699 }

```

(End definition for `\_msg_class_new:nn`. This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\msg_fatal:nnnnnn For fatal errors, after the error message TEX bails out.
\msg_fatal:nnnnn
\msg_fatal:nnnn
\msg_fatal:nnn
\msg_fatal:nn
\msg_fatal:nnxxx
\msg_fatal:nnxxx
\msg_fatal:nnxx
\msg_fatal:nnx
8700 \_msg_class_new:nn { fatal }
8701 {
8702     \msg_interrupt:nnn
8703     { \msg_fatal_text:n {#1} : ~ "#2" }
8704     {
8705         \use:c { \c_msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
8706         \msg_see_documentation_text:n {#1}
8707     }
8708     { \c_msg_fatal_text_tl }
8709     \tex_end:D
8710 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_fatal:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 161.)

```

\msg_critical:nnnnnn Not quite so bad: just end the current file.
\msg_critical:nnnnn
\msg_critical:nnnn
\msg_critical:nnn
\msg_critical:nn
\msg_critical:nnxxx
\msg_critical:nnxxx
\msg_critical:nnxx
\msg_critical:nnx

```



```

8711 \_msg\_class\_new:nn { critical }
8712 {
8713   \msg\_interrupt:nnn
8714   { \msg\_critical\_text:n {#1} : ~ "#2" }
8715   {
8716     \use:c { \c\_msg\_text\_prefix\_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
8717     \msg\_see\_documentation\_text:n {#1}
8718   }
8719   { \c\_msg\_critical\_text\_tl }
8720   \tex\_endinput:D
8721 }

```

(End definition for `\msg\_critical:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 162.)

`\msg\_error:nnnnnn` For an error, the interrupt routine is called. We check if there is a “more text” by  
`\msg\_error:nnnnnn` comparing that control sequence with a permanently empty text.  
`\msg\_error:nnnn`  
`\msg\_error:nnn`  
`\msg\_error:nn`  
`\msg\_error:nnxxxx`  
`\msg\_error:nnxxx`  
`\msg\_error:nnxx`  
`\msg\_error:nnx`  
`\_msg\_error:cnnnnn`  
`\_msg\_no\_more\_text:nnnn`

```

8722 \_msg\_class\_new:nn { error }
8723 {
8724   \_msg\_error:cnnnnn
8725   { \c\_msg\_more\_text\_prefix\_tl #1 / #2 }
8726   {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
8727   {
8728     \msg\_interrupt:nnn
8729     { \msg\_error\_text:n {#1} : ~ "#2" }
8730     {
8731       \use:c { \c\_msg\_text\_prefix\_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
8732       \msg\_see\_documentation\_text:n {#1}
8733     }
8734   }
8735 }
8736 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \_msg\_error:cnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
8737 {
8738   \cs\_if\_eq:cNTF {#1} \_msg\_no\_more\_text:nnnn
8739   { #6 { } }
8740   { #6 { \use:c {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} } }
8741 }
8742 \cs\_new:Npn \_msg\_no\_more\_text:nnnn #1#2#3#4 { }

```

(End definition for `\msg\_error:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 162.)

`\msg\_warning:nnnnnn` Warnings are printed to the terminal.  
`\msg\_warning:nnnnnn`  
`\msg\_warning:nnnn`  
`\msg\_warning:nnn`  
`\msg\_warning:nn`  
`\msg\_warning:nnxxxx`  
`\msg\_warning:nnxxx`  
`\msg\_warning:nnxx`  
`\msg\_warning:nnx`

```

8743 \_msg\_class\_new:nn { warning }
8744 {
8745   \msg\_term:n
8746   {
8747     \msg\_warning\_text:n {#1} : ~ "#2" \\ \\
8748     \use:c { \c\_msg\_text\_prefix\_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
8749   }
8750 }

```

(End definition for `\msg\_warning:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 162.)

```

\msg_info:nnnnnn Information only goes into the log.
\msg_info:nnnnnn 8751 \__msg_class_new:nn { info }
\msg_info:nnnn 8752 {
\msg_info:nnnn 8753 \msg_log:n
\msg_info:nn 8754 {
\msg_info:nnxxxx 8755 \msg_info_text:n {#1} : ~ "#2" \\ \\
\msg_info:nnxxx 8756 \use:c { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
\msg_info:nnxx 8757 }
\msg_info:nnx 8758 }

```

(End definition for \msg\_info:nnnnnn and others. These functions are documented on page 162.)

```

\msg_log:nnnnnn "Log" data is very similar to information, but with no extras added.
\msg_log:nnnnnn 8759 \__msg_class_new:nn { log }
\msg_log:nnnn 8760 {
\msg_log:nnnn 8761 \iow_wrap:nnnN
\msg_log:nn 8762 { \use:c { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6} }
\msg_log:nnxxxx 8763 { } { } \iow_log:n
\msg_log:nnxxx 8764 }
\msg_log:nnxx
\msg_log:nnx

```

(End definition for \msg\_log:nnnnnn and others. These functions are documented on page 163.)

```

\msg_none:nnnnnn The none message type is needed so that input can be gobbled.
\msg_none:nnnnnn 8765 \__msg_class_new:nn { none } { }
\msg_none:nnnn 8766
\msg_none:nnnn (End definition for \msg_none:nnnnnn and others. These functions are documented on page 163.)
\msg_none:nn End the group to eliminate \__msg_class_new:nn.
\msg_none:nn
\msg_none:nnxxxx 8766 \group_end:
\msg_none:nnxxxx
\__msg_class_chk_exist:nI
\msg_none:nnxx
\msg_none:nnx

```

Checking that a message class exists. We build this from \cs\_if\_free:cTF rather than \cs\_if\_exist:cTF because that avoids reading the second argument earlier than necessary.

```

8767 \cs_new:Npn \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT #1
8768 {
8769 \cs_if_free:cTF { __msg_ #1 _code:nnnnnn }
8770 { \__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { message-class-unknown } {#1} }
8771 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_msg\_class\_chk\_exist:nT.)

```

\l__msg_class_tl Support variables needed for the redirection system.
\l__msg_current_class_tl 8772 \tl_new:N \l__msg_class_tl
8773 \tl_new:N \l__msg_current_class_tl

```

(End definition for \l\_\_msg\_class\_tl and \l\_\_msg\_current\_class\_tl. These variables are documented on page ??.)

```

\l__msg_redirect_prop For redirection of individually-named messages
8774 \prop_new:N \l__msg_redirect_prop

```

(End definition for \l\_\_msg\_redirect\_prop. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l__msg_hierarchy_seq` During redirection, split the message name into a sequence with items `{/module/submodule}`, `{/module}`, and `{}`.

```
8775 \seq_new:N \l__msg_hierarchy_seq
```

*(End definition for `\l__msg_hierarchy_seq`. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\l__msg_class_loop_seq` Classes encountered when following redirections to check for loops.

```
8776 \seq_new:N \l__msg_class_loop_seq
```

*(End definition for `\l__msg_class_loop_seq`. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\__msg_use:nnnnnnn` Actually using a message is a multi-step process. First, some safety checks on the message and class requested. The code and arguments are then stored to avoid passing them around. The assignment to `\__msg_use_code:` is similar to `\tl_set:Nn`. The message is eventually produced with whatever `\l__msg_class_tl` is when `\__msg_use_code:` is called.

```
8777 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_use:nnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
8778 {
8779   \msg_if_exist:nnTF {#2} {#3}
8780   {
8781     \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT {#1}
8782     {
8783       \tl_set:Nn \l__msg_current_class_tl {#1}
8784       \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx \__msg_use_code:
8785       {
8786         \exp_not:n
8787         {
8788           \use:c { __msg_ \l__msg_class_tl _code:nnnnnnn }
8789           {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6} {#7}
8790         }
8791       }
8792       \__msg_use_redirect_name:n { #2 / #3 }
8793     }
8794   }
8795   { \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { message-unknown } {#2} {#3} }
8796 }
8797 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__msg_use_code: { }
```

The first check is for a individual message redirection. If this applies then no further redirection is attempted. Otherwise, split the message name into `module/submodule/message` (with an arbitrary number of slashes), and store `{/module/submodule}`, `{/module}` and `{}` into `\l__msg_hierarchy_seq`. We will then map through this sequence, applying the most specific redirection.

```
8798 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_use_redirect_name:n #1
8799 {
8800   \prop_get:NnNTF \l__msg_redirect_prop { / #1 } \l__msg_class_tl
8801   { \__msg_use_code: }
8802   {
8803     \seq_clear:N \l__msg_hierarchy_seq
```

```

8804     \_msg_use_hierarchy:nwN { }
8805     #1 \q_mark \_msg_use_hierarchy:nwN
8806     / \q_mark \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
8807     \q_stop
8808     \_msg_use_redirect_module:n { }
8809 }
8810 }
8811 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_msg_use_hierarchy:nwN #1#2 / #3 \q_mark #4
8812 {
8813     \seq_put_left:Nn \l__msg_hierarchy_seq {#1}
8814     #4 { #1 / #2 } #3 \q_mark #4
8815 }

```

At this point, the items of `\l__msg_hierarchy_seq` are the various levels at which we should look for a redirection. Redirections which are less specific than the argument of `\_msg_use_redirect_module:n` are not attempted. This argument is empty for a class redirection, `/module` for a module redirection, *etc.* Loop through the sequence to find the most specific redirection, with module `##1`. The loop is interrupted after testing for a redirection for `##1` equal to the argument `#1` (least specific redirection allowed). When a redirection is found, break the mapping, then if the redirection targets the same class, output the code with that class, and otherwise set the target as the new current class, and search for further redirections. Those redirections should be at least as specific as `##1`.

```

8816 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_msg_use_redirect_module:n #1
8817 {
8818     \seq_map_inline:Nn \l__msg_hierarchy_seq
8819     {
8820         \prop_get:cnNTF { l__msg_redirect_ \l__msg_current_class_tl _prop }
8821         {##1} \l__msg_class_tl
8822         {
8823             \seq_map_break:n
8824             {
8825                 \tl_if_eq:NNTF \l__msg_current_class_tl \l__msg_class_tl
8826                 { \_msg_use_code: }
8827                 {
8828                     \tl_set_eq:NN \l__msg_current_class_tl \l__msg_class_tl
8829                     \_msg_use_redirect_module:n {##1}
8830                 }
8831             }
8832         }
8833         {
8834             \str_if_eq:nnT {##1} {#1}
8835             {
8836                 \tl_set_eq:NN \l__msg_class_tl \l__msg_current_class_tl
8837                 \seq_map_break:n { \_msg_use_code: }
8838             }
8839         }
8840     }
8841 }

```

(End definition for `\_msg_use:nnnnnnn`.)

`\msg_redirect_name:nnn` Named message will always use the given class even if that class is redirected further. An empty target class cancels any existing redirection for that message.

```

8842 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_redirect_name:nnn #1#2#3
8843 {
8844   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#3}
8845   { \prop_remove:Nn \l__msg_redirect_prop { / #1 / #2 } }
8846   {
8847     \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT {#3}
8848     { \prop_put:Nnn \l__msg_redirect_prop { / #1 / #2 } {#3} }
8849   }
8850 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_redirect_name:nnn`. This function is documented on page 164.)

`\msg_redirect_class:nn` If the target class is empty, eliminate the corresponding redirection. Otherwise, add the redirection. We must then check for a loop: as an initialization, we start by storing the initial class in `\l__msg_current_class_tl`.

`\msg_redirect_module:nnn`  
`\__msg_redirect:nnn`  
`\__msg_redirect_loop_chk:nnn`  
`\__msg_redirect_loop_list:n`

```

8851 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \msg_redirect_class:nn
8852 { \__msg_redirect:nnn { } }
8853 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_redirect_module:nnn #1
8854 { \__msg_redirect:nnn { / #1 } }
8855 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_redirect:nnn #1#2#3
8856 {
8857   \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT {#2}
8858   {
8859     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#3}
8860     { \prop_remove:cn { l__msg_redirect_ #2 _prop } {#1} }
8861     {
8862       \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT {#3}
8863       {
8864         \prop_put:cnn { l__msg_redirect_ #2 _prop } {#1} {#3}
8865         \tl_set:Nn \l__msg_current_class_tl {#2}
8866         \seq_clear:N \l__msg_class_loop_seq
8867         \__msg_redirect_loop_chk:nnn {#2} {#3} {#1}
8868       }
8869     }
8870   }
8871 }

```

Since multiple redirections can only happen with increasing specificity, a loop requires that all steps are of the same specificity. The new redirection can thus only create a loop with other redirections for the exact same module, #1, and not submodules. After some initialization above, follow redirections with `\l__msg_class_tl`, and keep track in `\l__msg_class_loop_seq` of the various classes encountered. A redirection from a class to itself, or the absence of redirection both mean that there is no loop. A redirection to the initial class marks a loop. To break it, we must decide which redirection to cancel. The user most likely wants the newly added redirection to hold with no further redirection.

We thus remove the redirection starting from #2, target of the new redirection. Note that no message is emitted by any of the underlying functions: otherwise we may get an infinite loop because of a message from the message system itself.

```

8872 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_redirect_loop_chk:nnn #1#2#3
8873 {
8874   \seq_put_right:Nn \l__msg_class_loop_seq {#1}
8875   \prop_get:cnNT { l__msg_redirect_ #1 _prop } {#3} \l__msg_class_tl
8876   {
8877     \str_if_eq:x:nnF { \l__msg_class_tl } {#1}
8878     {
8879       \tl_if_eq:NNTF \l__msg_class_tl \l__msg_current_class_tl
8880       {
8881         \prop_put:cnn { l__msg_redirect_ #2 _prop } {#3} {#2}
8882         \__msg_kernel_warning:nnxxx
8883         { kernel } { message-redirect-loop }
8884         { \seq_item:Nn \l__msg_class_loop_seq { \c_one } }
8885         { \seq_item:Nn \l__msg_class_loop_seq { \c_two } }
8886         {#3}
8887         {
8888           \seq_map_function:NN \l__msg_class_loop_seq
8889             \__msg_redirect_loop_list:n
8890             { \seq_item:Nn \l__msg_class_loop_seq { \c_one } }
8891         }
8892       }
8893       { \__msg_redirect_loop_chk:onn \l__msg_class_tl {#2} {#3} }
8894     }
8895   }
8896 }
8897 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__msg_redirect_loop_chk:nnn { o }
8898 \cs_new:Npn \__msg_redirect_loop_list:n #1 { {#1} ~ => ~ }

```

(End definition for `\msg_redirect_class:nn` and `\msg_redirect_module:nnn`. These functions are documented on page 164.)

## 18.5 Kernel-specific functions

`\__msg_kernel_new:nnnn` The kernel needs some messages of its own. These are created using pre-built functions. `\__msg_kernel_new:nnn` Two functions are provided: one more general and one which only has the short text part. `\__msg_kernel_set:nnnn` `\__msg_kernel_set:nnn`

```

8899 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn #1#2
8900 { \msg_new:nnnn { LaTeX } { #1 / #2 } }
8901 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_new:nnn #1#2
8902 { \msg_new:nnn { LaTeX } { #1 / #2 } }
8903 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_set:nnnn #1#2
8904 { \msg_set:nnnn { LaTeX } { #1 / #2 } }
8905 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_set:nnn #1#2
8906 { \msg_set:nnn { LaTeX } { #1 / #2 } }

```

(End definition for `\__msg_kernel_new:nnnn` and `\__msg_kernel_new:nnn`. These functions are documented on page 166.)

```

\__msg_kernel_class_new:nN
  \__msg_kernel_class_new_aux:nN

```

All the functions for kernel messages come in variants ranging from 0 to 4 arguments. Those with less than 4 arguments are defined in terms of the 4-argument variant, in a way very similar to `\__msg_class_new:nn`. This auxiliary is destroyed at the end of the group.

```

8907 \group_begin:
8908   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_class_new:nN #1
8909     { \__msg_kernel_class_new_aux:nN { kernel_ #1 } }
8910   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_class_new_aux:nN #1#2
8911     {
8912       \cs_new_protected:cpn { __msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } ##1##2##3##4##5##6
8913       {
8914         \use:x
8915         {
8916           \exp_not:n { #2 { LaTeX } { ##1 / ##2 } }
8917           { \tl_to_str:n {##3} } { \tl_to_str:n {##4} }
8918           { \tl_to_str:n {##5} } { \tl_to_str:n {##6} }
8919         }
8920       }
8921       \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nnnnn } ##1##2##3##4##5
8922       { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} {##5} { } }
8923       \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nnnn } ##1##2##3##4
8924       { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} { } { } }
8925       \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nnn } ##1##2##3
8926       { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} { } { } { } }
8927       \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nn } ##1##2
8928       { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} { } { } { } { } }
8929       \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nnxxx } ##1##2##3##4##5##6
8930       {
8931         \use:x
8932         {
8933           \exp_not:N \exp_not:n
8934           { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} }
8935           {##3} {##4} {##5} {##6}
8936         }
8937       }
8938       \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nnxxx } ##1##2##3##4##5
8939       { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} {##5} { } }
8940       \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nnxx } ##1##2##3##4
8941       { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} { } { } }
8942       \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nnx } ##1##2##3
8943       { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} { } { } { } }
8944     }

```

(End definition for `\__msg_kernel_class_new:nN`.)

```

\__msg_kernel_fatal:nnnnnn
\__msg_kernel_fatal:nnnnn
\__msg_kernel_fatal:nnnn
\__msg_kernel_fatal:nnn
\__msg_kernel_fatal:nn
\__msg_kernel_fatal:nnxxx
\__msg_kernel_fatal:nnxxx
\__msg_kernel_fatal:nnxx
\__msg_kernel_fatal:nnx
\__msg_kernel_error:nnnnnn
\__msg_kernel_error:nnnnn
\__msg_kernel_error:nnnn
\__msg_kernel_error:nnn
\__msg_kernel_error:nn

```

Neither fatal kernel errors nor kernel errors can be redirected. We directly use the code for (non-kernel) fatal errors and errors, adding the “LaTeX” module name. Three functions are already defined by `l3basics`; we need to undefine them to avoid errors.

```

8945 \__msg_kernel_class_new:nN { fatal } \__msg_fatal_code:nnnnnn

```

(End definition for `__msg_kernel_fatal:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 166.)

```
\__msg_kernel_warning:nnnnnn  
 \__msg_kernel_warning:nnnnn  
  \__msg_kernel_warning:nnnn  
   \__msg_kernel_warning:nnm  
    \__msg_kernel_warning:nn  
\__msg_kernel_warning:nnxxxx  
 \__msg_kernel_warning:nnxxx  
  \__msg_kernel_warning:nnxx  
   \__msg_kernel_warning:nnx  
    \__msg_kernel_info:nnnnnn  
     \__msg_kernel_info:nnnnn  
      \__msg_kernel_info:nnnn  
       \__msg_kernel_info:nnm  
        \__msg_kernel_info:nn  
         \__msg_kernel_info:nnxxxx  
          \__msg_kernel_info:nnxxx  
           \__msg_kernel_info:nnxx  
            \__msg_kernel info:nnx
```

(End definition for `\_msg_kernel_warning:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 167.)

```
8952 \group_end:
```

```

8955 {
8956   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8957   LaTeX~was~asked~to~define~a~new~message~called~'#2'\
8958   by~the~module~'#1':~this~message~already~exists.
8959   \c__msg_return_text_tl
8960 }

```

```

8963 {
8964   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8965   LaTeX~was~asked~to~display~a~message~called~'~#2~\'
8966   by~the~module~'~#1~':~this~message~does~not~exist.
8967   \c__msg_return_text_tl
8968 }

```

```

8971 {
8972   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~redirect~messages~to~a~class~'#1':\\
8973   this~was~never~defined.
8974   \c__msg_return_text_tl
8975 }

```

```
8978 Message-redirect-loop-caused-by~ {#1} ~=> {#2}
8979 \tl_if_empty:nF {#3} { ~for-module~, \use_none:n #3 ' } .
8980 }
```

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```

8985     \iow_indent:n { #4 \\\ }
8986   }

Messages for earlier kernel modules.

8987   \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { bad-number-of-arguments }
8988   { Function~'~#1'~cannot~be~defined~with~#2~arguments. }
8989   {
8990     \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8991     LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~define~a~function~'~#1'~with~
8992     #2~arguments.~
8993     TeX~allows~between~0~and~9~arguments~for~a~single~function.
8994   }
8995   \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { command-already-defined }
8996   { Control~sequence~#1~already~defined. }
8997   {
8998     \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
8999     LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~create~a~new~control~sequence~'~#1'~
9000     but~this~name~has~already~been~used~elsewhere. \\\
9001     The~current~meaning~is:\\
9002     \ \ #2
9003   }
9004   \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { command-not-defined }
9005   { Control~sequence~#1~undefined. }
9006   {
9007     \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
9008     LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~use~a~control~sequence~'~#1':\\
9009     this~has~not~been~defined~yet.
9010   }
9011   \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { empty-search-pattern }
9012   { Empty~search~pattern. }
9013   {
9014     \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
9015     LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~replace~an~empty~pattern~by~'~#1':~that~
9016     would~lead~to~an~infinite~loop!
9017   }
9018   \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { out-of-registers }
9019   { No~room~for~a~new~#1. }
9020   {
9021     TeX~only~supports~\int~use:N \c_max_register_int \
9022     of~each~type.~All~the~#1~registers~have~been~used.~
9023     This~run~will~be~aborted~now.
9024   }
9025   \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { missing-colon }
9026   { Function~'~#1'~contains~no~':'. }
9027   {
9028     \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
9029     Code~level~functions~must~contain~':~'~to~separate~the~
9030     argument~specification~from~the~function~name.~This~is~
9031     needed~when~defining~conditionals~or~variants,~or~when~building~a~
9032     parameter~text~from~the~number~of~arguments~of~the~function.

```

```

9033 }
9034 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { protected-predicate }
9035 { Predicate~'#1'~must-be-expandable. }
9036 {
9037   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
9038   LaTeX-has-been-asked-to-define~'#1'~as-a-protected-predicate.~
9039   Only-expandable-tests-can-have-a-predicate-version.
9040 }
9041 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { conditional-form-unknown }
9042 { Conditional~form~'#1'~for~function~'#2'~unknown. }
9043 {
9044   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
9045   LaTeX-has-been-asked-to-define-the-conditional-form~'#1'~of~
9046   the-function~'#2',~but-only~'TF',~'T',~'F',~and~'p'~forms-exist.
9047 }
9048 <*package>
9049 \bool_if:NT \l@expl@check@declarations@bool
9050 {
9051   \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { check } { non-declared-variable }
9052   { The~variable~#1~has-not-been-declared~\msg_line_context:. }
9053   {
9054     Checking-is-active,~and-you-have-tried-do-so-something-like: \\
9055     \ \ \tl_set:Nn ~ #1 ~ \{ ~ ... ~ \} \\
9056     without~first~having: \\
9057     \ \ \tl_new:N ~ #1 \\
9058     \\
9059     LaTeX~will~create~the~variable~and~continue.
9060   }
9061 }
9062 </package>
9063 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { scanmark-already-defined }
9064 { Scan-mark~#1~already~defined. }
9065 {
9066   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
9067   LaTeX-has-been-asked-to-create-a-new-scan-mark~'#1'~
9068   but~this~name~has~already~been~used~for~a~scan~mark.
9069 }
9070 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { variable-not-defined }
9071 { Variable~#1~undefined. }
9072 {
9073   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
9074   LaTeX-has-been-asked-to-show-a-variable~#1,~but~this~has~not~
9075   been~defined~yet.
9076 }
9077 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { variant-too-long }
9078 { Variant~form~'#1'~longer~than~base~signature~of~'#2'. }
9079 {
9080   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
9081   LaTeX-has-been-asked-to-create-a-variant-of~the~function~'#2'~
9082   with~a~signature~starting~with~'#1',~but~that~is~longer~than~

```

```

9083     the~signature~(part~after~the~colon)~of~'#2'.
9084   }
9085   \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { invalid-variant }
9086   { Variant~form~'#1'~invalid~for~base~form~'#2'. }
9087   {
9088     \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
9089     LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~create~a~variant~of~the~function~'#2'~
9090     with~a~signature~starting~with~'#1',~but~cannot~change~an~argument~
9091     from~type~'#3'~to~type~'#4'.
9092   }

```

Some errors only appear in expandable settings, hence don't need a “more-text” argument.

```

9093   \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { bad-variable }
9094   { Erroneous~variable~#1~used! }
9095   \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { misused-sequence }
9096   { A~sequence~was~misused. }
9097   \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { misused-prop }
9098   { A~property~list~was~misused. }
9099   \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { negative-replication }
9100   { Negative~argument~for~\prg_replicate:nn. }
9101   \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { unknown-comparison }
9102   { Relation~'#1'~unknown:~use~=>,~<,>,<=>,<=>,<=>,<=>. }
9103   \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { zero-step }
9104   { Zero~step~size~for~step~function~#1. }

```

Messages used by the “show” functions.

```

9105   \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { show-clist }
9106   {
9107     The~comma~list~ \tl_if_empty:nF {#1} { #1 ~ }
9108     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2}
9109     { is~empty }
9110     { contains~the~items~(without~outer~braces): }
9111   }
9112   \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { show-prop }
9113   {
9114     The~property~list~#1~
9115     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2}
9116     { is~empty }
9117     { contains~the~pairs~(without~outer~braces): }
9118   }
9119   \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { show-seq }
9120   {
9121     The~sequence~#1~
9122     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2}
9123     { is~empty }
9124     { contains~the~items~(without~outer~braces): }
9125   }
9126   \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { show-streams }
9127   {

```

```

9128 \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2} { No~ } { The~following~ }
9129 \str_case:nn {#1}
9130 {
9131   { ior } { input ~ }
9132   { iow } { output ~ }
9133 }
9134 streams~are~
9135 \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2} { open } { in~use: }
9136 }

```

## 18.6 Expandable errors

`\__msg_expandable_error:n` In expansion only context, we cannot use the normal means of reporting errors. Instead, we feed T<sub>E</sub>X an undefined control sequence, `\LaTeX3 error:.` It is thus interrupted, and shows the context, which thanks to the odd-looking `\use:n` is

```

<argument> \LaTeX3 error:
                The error message.

```

In other words, T<sub>E</sub>X is processing the argument of `\use:n`, which is `\LaTeX3 error: <error message>`. Then `\__msg_expandable_error:w` cleans up. In fact, there is an extra subtlety: if the user inserts tokens for error recovery, they should be kept. Thus we also use an odd space character (with category code 7) and keep tokens until that space character, dropping everything else until `\q_stop`. The `\exp_end:` prevents losing braces around the user-inserted text if any, and stops the expansion of `\exp:w`. One group is used to keep the settings for `\lowercase` local and the other one is used to prevent `\LaTeX3~error:` from being equal to `\scan_stop:.`

```

9137 \group_begin:
9138 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__msg_tmp:w #1#2
9139 {
9140   \group_end:
9141   \cs_new:Npn \__msg_expandable_error:n ##1
9142   {
9143     \exp:w
9144     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
9145     \exp_after:wN \__msg_expandable_error:w
9146     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
9147     \exp_after:wN \exp_end:
9148     \use:n { #2 #1 ##1 } #1
9149   }
9150   \cs_new:Npn \__msg_expandable_error:w ##1 #1 ##2 #1 {##1}
9151 }
9152 \group_begin:
9153 \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:N ^
9154 \char_set_lccode:nn { '^ } { '\ }
9155 \tex_lowercase:D
9156 { \group_end: \exp_args:NNc \__msg_tmp:w ^ } { LaTeX3~error: }

```

(End definition for `\__msg_expandable_error:n`.)

`\_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn`  
`\_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnn`  
`\_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnn`  
`\_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn`  
`\_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn`

The command built from the csname `\c_@@_text_prefix_tl LaTeX / #1 / #2` takes four arguments and builds the error text, which is fed to `\_msg_expandable_error:n`.

```

9157 \cs_new:Npn \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
9158 {
9159   \exp_args:Nf \_msg_expandable_error:n
9160   {
9161     \exp_args:Nnc \exp_after:wN \exp_stop_f:
9162     { \c_@@_text_prefix_tl LaTeX / #1 / #2 }
9163     {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
9164   }
9165 }
9166 \cs_new:Npn \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
9167 {
9168   \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn
9169   {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} { }
9170 }
9171 \cs_new:Npn \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnn #1#2#3#4
9172 {
9173   \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn
9174   {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} { } { }
9175 }
9176 \cs_new:Npn \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn #1#2#3
9177 {
9178   \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn
9179   {#1} {#2} {#3} { } { } { }
9180 }
9181 \cs_new:Npn \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn #1#2
9182 {
9183   \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn
9184   {#1} {#2} { } { } { } { }
9185 }

```

(End definition for `\_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 167.)

## 18.7 Showing variables

Functions defined in this section are used for diagnostic functions in `l3clist`, `l3file`, `l3prop`, `l3seq`, `xtemplate`

`\g__msg_log_next_bool`  
`\__msg_log_next:`

```

9186 \bool_new:N \g__msg_log_next_bool
9187 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__msg_log_next:
9188 { \bool_gset_true:N \g__msg_log_next_bool }

```

(End definition for `\g__msg_log_next_bool`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\__msg_show_pre:nnnnnn`  
`\__msg_show_pre:nnxxxx`  
`\__msg_show_pre:nnnnnV`  
`\__msg_show_pre_aux:n`

Print the text of a message to the terminal or log file without formatting: short cuts around `\iow_wrap:nnnN`. The choice of terminal or log file is done by `\__msg_show_pre_aux:n`.

```

9189 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_show_pre:nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
9190 {
9191   \exp_args:Nx \iow_wrap:nnnN
9192   {
9193     \exp_not:c { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }
9194     { \tl_to_str:n {#3} }
9195     { \tl_to_str:n {#4} }
9196     { \tl_to_str:n {#5} }
9197     { \tl_to_str:n {#6} }
9198   }
9199   { } { } \__msg_show_pre_aux:n
9200 }
9201 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_show_pre:nnxxxx #1#2#3#4#5#6
9202 {
9203   \use:x
9204   { \exp_not:n { \__msg_show_pre:nnnnnn {#1} {#2} } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6} }
9205 }
9206 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__msg_show_pre:nnnnnn { nnnnnV }
9207 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__msg_show_pre_aux:n
9208 { \bool_if:NTF \g__msg_log_next_bool { \iow_log:n } { \iow_term:n } }

```

(End definition for `\__msg_show_pre:nnnnnn`, `\__msg_show_pre:nnxxxx`, and `\__msg_show_pre:nnnnnV`.)

`\__msg_show_variable:NNNnn` The arguments of `\__msg_show_variable:NNNnn` are

- The *⟨variable⟩* to be shown as #1.
- An *⟨if-exist⟩* conditional #2 with NTF signature.
- An *⟨if-empty⟩* conditional #3 or other function with NTF signature (sometimes `\use_ii:nnn`).
- The *⟨message⟩* #4 to use.
- A construction #5 which produces the formatted string eventually passed to the `\showtokens` primitive. Typically this is a mapping of the form `\seq_map_function:NN ⟨variable⟩ \__msg_show_item:n`.

If *⟨if-exist⟩* *⟨variable⟩* is **false**, throw an error and remember to reset `\g__msg_log_next_bool`, which is otherwise reset by `\__msg_show_wrap:n`. If *⟨message⟩* is not empty, output the message `LaTeX/kernel/show-⟨message⟩` with as its arguments the *⟨variable⟩*, and either an empty second argument or ? depending on the result of *⟨if-empty⟩* *⟨variable⟩*. Afterwards, show the contents of #5 using `\__msg_show_wrap:n` or `\__msg_log_wrap:n`.

```

9209 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_show_variable:NNNnn #1#2#3#4#5
9210 {
9211   #2 #1
9212   {
9213     \tl_if_empty:nF {#4}
9214     {

```

```

9215         \_msg_show_pre:nxxxxx { LaTeX / kernel } { show- #4 }
9216         { \token_to_str:N #1 } { #3 #1 { } { ? } } { } { }
9217     }
9218     \_msg_show_wrap:n {#5}
9219 }
9220 {
9221     \_msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { variable-not-defined }
9222     { \token_to_str:N #1 }
9223     \bool_gset_false:N \g__msg_log_next_bool
9224 }
9225 }

```

(End definition for `\_msg_show_variable:NNnn`.)

**`\_msg_show_wrap:Nn`** A short-hand used for `\int_show:n` and many other functions that passes to `\_msg_show_wrap:n` the result of applying `#1` (a function such as `\int_eval:n`) to the expression `#2`. The leading `>~` is needed by `\_msg_show_wrap:n`. The use of `x`-expansion ensures that `#1` is expanded in the scope in which the show command is called, rather than in the group created by `\iow_wrap:nnnN`. This is only important for expressions involving the `\currentgrouplevel` or `\currentgrouptype`. This does not lead to double expansion because the `x`-expansion of `#1 {#2}` is a string in all cases where `\_msg_show_wrap:Nn` is used.

```

9226 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_msg_show_wrap:Nn #1#2
9227 { \exp_args:Nx \_msg_show_wrap:n { > ~ \tl_to_str:n {#2} = #1 {#2} } }

```

(End definition for `\_msg_show_wrap:Nn`.)

**`\_msg_show_wrap:n`** The argument of `\_msg_show_wrap:n` is line-wrapped using `\iow_wrap:nnnN`. Everything before the first `>` in the wrapped text is removed, as well as an optional space following it (because of `f`-expansion). In order for line-wrapping to give the correct result, the first `>` must in fact appear at the beginning of a line and be followed by a space (or a line-break), so in practice, the argument of `\_msg_show_wrap:n` begins with `>~` or `\>~`.

The line-wrapped text is then either sent to the log file through `\iow_log:x`, or shown in the terminal using the  $\varepsilon$ -TeX primitive `\showtokens` after removing a leading `>~` and trailing dot since those are added automatically by `\showtokens`. The trailing dot was included in the first place because its presence can affect line-wrapping. Note that the space after `>` is removed through `f`-expansion rather than by using an argument delimited by `>~` because the space may have been replaced by a line-break when line-wrapping.

A special case is that if the line-wrapped text is a single dot (in other words if the argument of `\_msg_show_wrap:n` `x`-expands to nothing) then no `>~` should be removed. This makes it unnecessary to check explicitly for emptiness when using for instance `\seq_map_function:NN <seq var> \_msg_show_item:n` as the argument of `\_msg_show_wrap:n`.

Finally, the token list `\l__msg_internal_tl` containing the result of all these manipulations is displayed to the terminal using `\etex_showtokens:D` and odd `\exp_after:wN` which expand the closing brace to improve the output slightly. The calls

to `\__iow_with:Nnn` ensure that the `\newlinechar` is set to 10 so that the `\iow_newline:` inserted by the line-wrapping code are correctly recognized by T<sub>E</sub>X, and that `\errorcontextlines` is -1 to avoid printing irrelevant context.

Note also that `\g_msg_log_next_bool` is only reset if that is necessary. This allows the user of an interactive prompt to insert tokens as a response to  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X's `\showtokens`.

```

9228 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_show_wrap:n #1
9229 { \iow_wrap:nnnN { #1 . } { } { } \__msg_show_wrap_aux:n }
9230 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_show_wrap_aux:n #1
9231 {
9232   \tl_if_single:nTF {#1}
9233   { \tl_clear:N \l__msg_internal_tl }
9234   { \tl_set:Nf \l__msg_internal_tl { \__msg_show_wrap_aux:w #1 \q_stop } }
9235   \bool_if:NTF \g_msg_log_next_bool
9236   {
9237     \iow_log:x { > ~ \l__msg_internal_tl . }
9238     \bool_gset_false:N \g_msg_log_next_bool
9239   }
9240   {
9241     \__iow_with:Nnn \tex_newlinechar:D { 10 }
9242     {
9243       \__iow_with:Nnn \tex_errorcontextlines:D \c_minus_one
9244       {
9245         \etex_showtokens:D \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
9246         { \exp_after:wN \l__msg_internal_tl }
9247       }
9248     }
9249   }
9250 }
9251 \cs_new:Npn \__msg_show_wrap_aux:w #1 > #2 . \q_stop {#2}

```

(End definition for `\__msg_show_wrap:n`.)

`\__msg_show_item:n`  
`\__msg_show_item:nn`  
`\__msg_show_item_unbraced:nn`

Each item in the variable is formatted using one of the following functions.

```

9252 \cs_new:Npn \__msg_show_item:n #1
9253 {
9254   \\\ > \ \ \{ \tl_to_str:n {#1} \}
9255 }
9256 \cs_new:Npn \__msg_show_item:nn #1#2
9257 {
9258   \\\ > \ \ \{ \tl_to_str:n {#1} \}
9259   \ \ => \ \ \{ \tl_to_str:n {#2} \}
9260 }
9261 \cs_new:Npn \__msg_show_item_unbraced:nn #1#2
9262 {
9263   \\\ > \ \ \{ \tl_to_str:n {#1}
9264   \ \ => \ \ \{ \tl_to_str:n {#2}
9265 }

```

(End definition for `\__msg_show_item:n`.)

```

9266 </initex | package>

```



## 19 l3keys Implementation

9267  $\langle *initex | package \rangle$

### 19.1 Low-level interface

9268  $\langle @@=keyval \rangle$

For historical reasons this code uses the ‘keyval’ module prefix.

$\backslash g\_keyval\_level\_int$  To allow nesting of  $\backslash keyval\_parse:Nn$ , an integer is needed for the current level.

9269  $\backslash int\_new:N \backslash g\_keyval\_level\_int$

(End definition for  $\backslash g\_keyval\_level\_int$ . This variable is documented on page ??.)

$\backslash l\_keyval\_key\_tl$  The current key name and value.

$\backslash l\_keyval\_value\_tl$  9270  $\backslash tl\_new:N \backslash l\_keyval\_key\_tl$

9271  $\backslash tl\_new:N \backslash l\_keyval\_value\_tl$

(End definition for  $\backslash l\_keyval\_key\_tl$  and  $\backslash l\_keyval\_value\_tl$ . These variables are documented on page ??.)

$\backslash l\_keyval\_sanitise\_tl$  Token list variables for dealing with awkward category codes in the input.

$\backslash l\_keyval\_parse\_tl$  9272  $\backslash tl\_new:N \backslash l\_keyval\_sanitise\_tl$

9273  $\backslash tl\_new:N \backslash l\_keyval\_parse\_tl$

(End definition for  $\backslash l\_keyval\_sanitise\_tl$ . This variable is documented on page ??.)

$\backslash \_keyval\_parse:n$  The parsing function first deals with the category codes for = and , , so that there are no odd events. The input is then handed off to the element by element system.

9274  $\backslash group\_begin:$

9275  $\backslash char\_set\_catcode\_active:n \{ '\backslash = \}$

9276  $\backslash char\_set\_catcode\_active:n \{ '\backslash , \}$

9277  $\backslash cs\_new\_protected:Npx \backslash \_keyval\_parse:n \#1$

9278  $\{$

9279  $\backslash group\_begin:$

9280  $\backslash tl\_set:Nn \backslash exp\_not:N \backslash l\_keyval\_sanitise\_tl \{ \#1 \}$

9281  $\backslash tl\_replace\_all:Nnn \backslash exp\_not:N \backslash l\_keyval\_sanitise\_tl$

9282  $\{ \backslash exp\_not:N = \} \{ \backslash token\_to\_str:N = \}$

9283  $\backslash tl\_replace\_all:Nnn \backslash exp\_not:N \backslash l\_keyval\_sanitise\_tl$

9284  $\{ \backslash exp\_not:N , \} \{ \backslash token\_to\_str:N , \}$

9285  $\backslash tl\_clear:N \backslash exp\_not:N \backslash l\_keyval\_parse\_tl$

9286  $\backslash exp\_not:N \backslash exp\_after:wN$

9287  $\backslash exp\_not:N \backslash \_keyval\_parse\_elt:w \backslash exp\_not:N \backslash exp\_after:wN$

9288  $\backslash exp\_not:N \backslash q\_nil \backslash exp\_not:N \backslash l\_keyval\_sanitise\_tl$

9289  $\backslash token\_to\_str:N , \backslash exp\_not:N \backslash q\_recursion\_tail$

9290  $\backslash token\_to\_str:N , \backslash exp\_not:N \backslash q\_recursion\_stop$

9291  $\backslash exp\_not:N \backslash exp\_after:wN \backslash group\_end:$

9292  $\backslash exp\_not:N \backslash l\_keyval\_parse\_tl$

9293  $\}$

9294  $\backslash group\_end:$

(End definition for  $\backslash \_keyval\_parse:n$ . This function is documented on page ??.)

`\__keyval_parse_elt:w` Each item to be parsed will have `\q_nil` added to the front. Hence the blank test here can always be used to find a totally empty argument. To allow rapid matching for an `=` while not stripping any braces, another `\q_nil` needed before the next phase of the parser. Finally, loop around for the next item, adding in the `\q_nil`: this happens whatever the nature of the current argument as the end-of-recursion will clear up in all cases.

```

9295 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keyval_parse_elt:w #1 ,
9296 {
9297   \tl_if_blank:oF { \use_none:n #1 }
9298   {
9299     \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:o { \use_none:n #1 }
9300     \__keyval_split_key_value:w #1 \q_nil == \q_stop
9301   }
9302   \__keyval_parse_elt:w \q_nil
9303 }

```

(End definition for `\__keyval_parse_elt:w`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\__keyval_split_key_value:w` Split the key and value using a delimited argument. The `\q_nil` values added earlier ensure that no braces will be stripped as part of this process. A blank test can then be used on `#3`: it is only empty if there was no `=` in the original input. In that case, strip a `\q_nil` from the end of the key name then hand on to remove other things and store as `\l__keyval_key_tl` before adding to the output token list. In the case where there is an `=`, first tidy up the key, this time without a trailing `\q_nil`, then do a check to ensure that `#3` is exactly one token (`=`). With that done, the final stage is to hand off to tidy up the value.

```

9304 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keyval_split_key_value:w #1 = #2 = #3 \q_stop
9305 {
9306   \tl_if_blank:nTF {#3}
9307   {
9308     \__keyval_split_key:w #1 \q_stop
9309     \tl_put_right:Nx \l__keyval_parse_tl
9310     {
9311       \exp_not:c
9312       {
9313         __keyval_key_no_value_elt_
9314         \int_use:N \g__keyval_level_int
9315         :n
9316       }
9317       { \exp_not:o \l__keyval_key_tl }
9318     }
9319   }
9320   {
9321     \__keyval_split:Nn \l__keyval_key_tl {#1}
9322     \tl_if_blank:oTF { \use_none:n #3 }
9323     { \__keyval_split_value:w \q_nil #2 \q_stop }
9324     { \__msg_kernel_error:nn { kernel } { misplaced-equals-sign } }
9325   }
9326 }
9327 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keyval_split_key:w #1 \q_nil \q_stop

```

```
9328 { \__keyval_split:Nn \l__keyval_key_tl {#1} }
```

(End definition for \\_\_keyval\_split\_key\_value:w. This function is documented on page ??.)

**\\_\_keyval\_split:Nn** There are two possible cases here. The first case is that #1 is surrounded by braces, in which case the \use\_none:nnn #1 \q\_nil \q\_nil will yield \q\_nil. There, we can remove the leading \q\_nil, the braces and any spaces around the outside with \use\_ii:nnn. On the other hand, if there are no braces then the second branch removes the leading \q\_nil and any surrounding spaces.

**\\_\_keyval\_split:Nw**

```
9329 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keyval_split:Nn #1#2
9330 {
9331   \quark_if_nil:oTF { \use_none:nnn #2 \q_nil \q_nil }
9332   { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \exp_not:o { \use_ii:nnn #2 \q_nil } } }
9333   { \__keyval_split:Nw #1 #2 \q_stop }
9334 }
9335 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keyval_split:Nw #1 \q_nil #2 \q_stop
9336 { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \tl_trim_spaces:n {#2} } }
```

(End definition for \\_\_keyval\_split:Nn. This function is documented on page ??.)

**\\_\_keyval\_split\_value:w** As this stage there is just the value to deal with. The leading and trailing \q\_nil tokens are removed in two steps before storing the value with spaces stripped (see \\_\_keyval\_split:Nn). Doing the storage of key and value in one shot will put exactly the right number of brace groups into the output.

```
9337 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keyval_split_value:w #1 \q_nil \q_stop
9338 {
9339   \__keyval_split:Nn \l__keyval_value_tl {#1}
9340   \tl_put_right:Nx \l__keyval_parse_tl
9341   {
9342     \exp_not:c
9343     { __keyval_key_value_elt_ \int_use:N \g__keyval_level_int :nn }
9344     { \exp_not:o \l__keyval_key_tl }
9345     { \exp_not:o \l__keyval_value_tl }
9346   }
9347 }
```

(End definition for \\_\_keyval\_split\_value:w. This function is documented on page ??.)

**\keyval\_parse:NNn** The outer parsing routine just sets up the processing functions and hands off.

```
9348 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keyval_parse:NNn #1#2#3
9349 {
9350   \int_gincr:N \g__keyval_level_int
9351   \cs_gset_eq:cN
9352   { __keyval_key_no_value_elt_ \int_use:N \g__keyval_level_int :n } #1
9353   \cs_gset_eq:cN
9354   { __keyval_key_value_elt_ \int_use:N \g__keyval_level_int :nn } #2
9355   \__keyval_parse:n {#3}
9356   \int_gdecr:N \g__keyval_level_int
9357 }
```

(End definition for `\keyval_parse:Nn`. This function is documented on page 182.)

One message for the low level parsing system.

```

9358 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { misplaced-equals-sign }
9359 { Misplaced-equals-sign-in-key-value-input~\msg_line_number: }
9360 {
9361   LaTeX-is-attempting-to-parse-some-key-value-input-but-found-
9362   two-equals-signs-not-separated-by-a-comma.
9363 }

```

## 19.2 Constants and variables

```

9364 <@@=keys>

```

`\c__keys_code_root_tl` The prefixes for the code and variables of the keys themselves.

```

\c__keys_info_root_tl 9365 \tl_const:Nn \c__keys_code_root_tl { key-code->~ }
9366 \tl_const:Nn \c__keys_info_root_tl { key-info->~ }

```

(End definition for `\c__keys_code_root_tl` and `\c__keys_info_root_tl`. These variables are documented on page ??.)

`\c__keys_props_root_tl` The prefix for storing properties.

```

9367 \tl_const:Nn \c__keys_props_root_tl { key-prop->~ }

```

(End definition for `\c__keys_props_root_tl`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l_keys_choice_int` Publicly accessible data on which choice is being used when several are generated as a  
`\l_keys_choice_tl` set.

```

9368 \int_new:N \l_keys_choice_int
9369 \tl_new:N \l_keys_choice_tl

```

(End definition for `\l_keys_choice_int` and `\l_keys_choice_tl`. These variables are documented on page 176.)

`\l__keys_groups_clist` Used for storing and recovering the list of groups which apply to a key: set as a comma list but at one point we have to use this for a token list recovery.

```

9370 \clist_new:N \l__keys_groups_clist

```

(End definition for `\l__keys_groups_clist`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l_keys_key_tl` The name of a key itself: needed when setting keys.

```

9371 \tl_new:N \l_keys_key_tl

```

(End definition for `\l_keys_key_tl`. This variable is documented on page 178.)

`\l__keys_module_tl` The module for an entire set of keys.

```

9372 \tl_new:N \l__keys_module_tl

```

(End definition for `\l__keys_module_tl`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l__keys_no_value_bool` A marker is needed internally to show if only a key or a key plus a value was seen: this is recorded here.

```
9373 \bool_new:N \l__keys_no_value_bool
```

*(End definition for \l\_\_keys\_no\_value\_bool. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\l__keys_only_known_bool` Used to track if only “known” keys are being set.

```
9374 \bool_new:N \l__keys_only_known_bool
```

*(End definition for \l\_\_keys\_only\_known\_bool. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\l_keys_path_tl` The “path” of the current key is stored here: this is available to the programmer and so is public.

```
9375 \tl_new:N \l_keys_path_tl
```

*(End definition for \l\_keys\_path\_tl. This variable is documented on page 178.)*

`\l__keys_property_tl` The “property” begin set for a key at definition time is stored here.

```
9376 \tl_new:N \l__keys_property_tl
```

*(End definition for \l\_\_keys\_property\_tl. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\l__keys_selective_bool` Two flags for using key groups: one to indicate that “selective” setting is active, a second  
`\l__keys_filtered_bool` to specify which type (“opt-in” or “opt-out”).

```
9377 \bool_new:N \l__keys_selective_bool
9378 \bool_new:N \l__keys_filtered_bool
```

*(End definition for \l\_\_keys\_selective\_bool and \l\_\_keys\_filtered\_bool. These variables are documented on page ??.)*

`\l__keys_selective_seq` The list of key groups being filtered in or out during selective setting.

```
9379 \seq_new:N \l__keys_selective_seq
```

*(End definition for \l\_\_keys\_selective\_seq. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\l__keys_unused_clist` Used when setting only some keys to store those left over.

```
9380 \tl_new:N \l__keys_unused_clist
```

*(End definition for \l\_\_keys\_unused\_clist. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\l_keys_value_tl` The value given for a key: may be empty if no value was given.

```
9381 \tl_new:N \l_keys_value_tl
```

*(End definition for \l\_keys\_value\_tl. This variable is documented on page 178.)*

`\l__keys_tmp_bool` Scratch space.

```
9382 \bool_new:N \l__keys_tmp_bool
```

*(End definition for \l\_\_keys\_tmp\_bool. This variable is documented on page ??.)*

## 19.3 The key defining mechanism

`\keys_define:nn` The public function for definitions is just a wrapper for the lower level mechanism, more or less. The outer function is designed to keep a track of the current module, to allow safe nesting. The module is set removing any leading / (which is not needed here).

```

9383 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_define:nn
9384 { \__keys_define:onn \l__keys_module_tl }
9385 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_define:nnn #1#2#3
9386 {
9387   \tl_set:Nx \l__keys_module_tl { \tl_to_str:n {#2} }
9388   \keyval_parse:NNn \__keys_define_elt:n \__keys_define_elt:nn {#3}
9389   \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_module_tl {#1}
9390 }
9391 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_define:nnn { o }

```

(End definition for `\keys_define:nn`. This function is documented on page 171.)

`\__keys_define_elt:n` The outer functions here record whether a value was given and then converge on a common internal mechanism. There is first a search for a property in the current key name, then a check to make sure it is known before the code hands off to the next step.

```

9392 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_define_elt:n #1
9393 {
9394   \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_no_value_bool
9395   \__keys_define_elt_aux:nn {#1} { }
9396 }
9397 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_define_elt:nn #1#2
9398 {
9399   \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_no_value_bool
9400   \__keys_define_elt_aux:nn {#1} {#2}
9401 }
9402 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_define_elt_aux:nn #1#2
9403 {
9404   \__keys_property_find:n {#1}
9405   \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_props_root_tl \l__keys_property_tl }
9406   { \__keys_define_key:n {#2} }
9407   {
9408     \str_if_eq_x:nnF { \l__keys_property_tl } { .abort: }
9409     {
9410       \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { property-unknown }
9411       { \l__keys_property_tl } { \l__keys_path_tl }
9412     }
9413   }
9414 }

```

(End definition for `\__keys_define_elt:n`.)

`\__keys_property_find:n` Searching for a property means finding the last . in the input, and storing the text before and after it. Everything is turned into strings, so there is no problem using an x-type expansion.

```

9415 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_property_find:n #1

```

```

9416 {
9417     \tl_set:Nx \l_keys_path_tl { \l__keys_module_tl / }
9418     \tl_if_in:nnTF {#1} { . }
9419     { \__keys_property_find:w #1 \q_stop }
9420     {
9421         \__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { key-no-property } {#1}
9422         \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_property_tl { .abort: }
9423     }
9424 }
9425 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_property_find:w #1 . #2 \q_stop
9426 {
9427     \tl_set:Nx \l_keys_path_tl { \l_keys_path_tl \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
9428     \tl_if_in:nnTF {#2} { . }
9429     {
9430         \tl_set:Nx \l_keys_path_tl { \l_keys_path_tl . }
9431         \__keys_property_find:w #2 \q_stop
9432     }
9433     { \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_property_tl { . #2 } }
9434 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_property\_find:n.)

\\_\_keys\_define\_key:n  
\\_\_keys\_define\_key:w

Two possible cases. If there is a value for the key, then just use the function. If not, then a check to make sure there is no need for a value with the property. If there should be one then complain, otherwise execute it. There is no need to check for a : as if it is missing the earlier tests will have failed.

```

9435 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_define_key:n #1
9436 {
9437     \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_no_value_bool
9438     {
9439         \exp_after:wN \__keys_define_key:w
9440         \l__keys_property_tl \q_stop
9441         { \use:c { \c__keys_props_root_tl \l__keys_property_tl } }
9442         {
9443             \__msg_kernel_error:nnxx { kernel }
9444             { property-requires-value } { \l__keys_property_tl }
9445             { \l_keys_path_tl }
9446         }
9447     }
9448     { \use:c { \c__keys_props_root_tl \l__keys_property_tl } {#1} }
9449 }
9450 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_define_key:w #1 : #2 \q_stop
9451 { \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2} }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_define\_key:n.)

## 19.4 Turning properties into actions

\\_\_keys\_ensure\_exist:n  
\\_\_keys\_ensure\_exist:w

Used to make sure that a key implementation and the related property list will exist whenever this is required. We cannot use for example \prop\_clear\_new:c here as that

would affect the order in which key properties must be set. As key definitions are never global we use `\cs_set_protected:cpn` not `\cs_new_protected:cpn` here. For the same reason, to avoid issues if the key has been undefined in the current scope but exists at a higher level, we do not use `\prop_new:c` but rather `\prop_set_eq:cN`. The function `\__chk_log:x` only writes to the log file if logging all new functions is active: without it keys would not show up (as we are not using `\..._new`).

```

9452 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_ensure_exist:n #1
9453 {
9454   \prop_if_exist:cF { \c__keys_info_root_tl #1 }
9455   {
9456     \prop_set_eq:cN { \c__keys_info_root_tl #1 } \c_empty_prop
9457   }
9458   \cs_if_exist:cF { \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 }
9459   {
9460     \__chk_log:x { Defining~key~#1~ \msg_line_context: }
9461     \cs_set_protected:cpn { \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 } ##1 { }
9462   }
9463 }
9464 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_ensure_exist:n { V }

```

(End definition for `\__keys_ensure_exist:n` and `\__keys_ensure_exist:V`.)

`\__keys_bool_set:Nn` Boolean keys are really just choices, but all done by hand. The second argument here is the scope: either empty or `g` for global.

```

9465 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_bool_set:Nn #1#2
9466 {
9467   \bool_if_exist:NF #1 { \bool_new:N #1 }
9468   \__keys_choice_make:
9469   \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / true }
9470   { \exp_not:c { bool_ #2 set_true:N } \exp_not:N #1 }
9471   \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / false }
9472   { \exp_not:c { bool_ #2 set_false:N } \exp_not:N #1 }
9473   \__keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / unknown }
9474   {
9475     \__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { boolean-values-only }
9476     { \l_keys_key_tl }
9477   }
9478   \__keys_default_set:n { true }
9479 }
9480 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_bool_set:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\__keys_bool_set:Nn` and `\__keys_bool_set:cn`.)

`\__keys_bool_set_inverse:Nn` Inverse boolean setting is much the same.

```

9481 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_bool_set_inverse:Nn #1#2
9482 {
9483   \bool_if_exist:NF #1 { \bool_new:N #1 }
9484   \__keys_choice_make:
9485   \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / true }

```



```

9486     { \exp_not:c { bool_ #2 set_false:N } \exp_not:N #1 }
9487 \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / false }
9488     { \exp_not:c { bool_ #2 set_true:N } \exp_not:N #1 }
9489 \__keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / unknown }
9490 {
9491     \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { boolean-values-only }
9492     { \l_keys_key_tl }
9493 }
9494 \__keys_default_set:n { true }
9495 }
9496 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_bool_set_inverse:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_bool\_set\_inverse:Nn and \\_\_keys\_bool\_set\_inverse:cn.)

\\_\_keys\_choice\_make: To make a choice from a key, two steps: set the code, and set the unknown key. There is one point to watch here: choice keys cannot be nested! As multichoice and choices are essentially the same bar one function, the code is given together.

```

\__keys_multichoice_make:
\__keys_choice_make:N
\__keys_choice_make_aux:N
\__keys_parent:n
\__keys_parent:o
\__keys_parent:wn
9497 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__keys_choice_make:
9498 { \__keys_choice_make:N \__keys_choice_find:n }
9499 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__keys_multichoice_make:
9500 { \__keys_choice_make:N \__keys_multichoice_find:n }
9501 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__keys_choice_make:N #1
9502 {
9503     \prop_if_exist:cTF
9504     { \c__keys_info_root_tl \__keys_parent:o \l_keys_path_tl }
9505     {
9506         \prop_get:cnNTF
9507         { \c__keys_info_root_tl \__keys_parent:o \l_keys_path_tl }
9508         { choice } \l_keys_value_tl
9509         {
9510             \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { nested-choice-key }
9511             { \l_keys_path_tl } { \__keys_parent:o \l_keys_path_tl }
9512         }
9513         { \__keys_choice_make_aux:N #1 }
9514     }
9515     { \__keys_choice_make_aux:N #1 }
9516 }
9517 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__keys_choice_make_aux:N #1
9518 {
9519     \__keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl } { #1 {##1} }
9520     \prop_put:cnn { \c__keys_info_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl } { choice }
9521     { true }
9522     \__keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / unknown }
9523     {
9524         \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { key-choice-unknown }
9525         { \l_keys_path_tl } {##1}
9526     }
9527 }
9528 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_parent:n #1
9529 { \__keys_parent:wn #1 / / \q_stop { } }

```

```

9530 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_parent:n { o }
9531 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_parent:wn #1 / #2 / #3 \q_stop #4
9532 {
9533   \tl_if_blank:nTF {#2}
9534   { \use_none:n #4 }
9535   {
9536     \__keys_parent:wn #2 / #3 \q_stop { #4 / #1 }
9537   }
9538 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_choice\_make: and \\_\_keys\_multichoice\_make:.)

\\_\_keys\_choices\_make:nn Auto-generating choices means setting up the root key as a choice, then defining each  
 \\_\_keys\_multichoices\_make:nn choice in turn.

```

\__keys_choices_make:Nnn
9539 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__keys_choices_make:nn
9540 { \__keys_choices_make:Nnn \__keys_choice_make: }
9541 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__keys_multichoices_make:nn
9542 { \__keys_choices_make:Nnn \__keys_multichoice_make: }
9543 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_choices_make:Nnn #1#2#3
9544 {
9545   #1
9546   \int_zero:N \l_keys_choice_int
9547   \clist_map_inline:nn {#2}
9548   {
9549     \int_incr:N \l_keys_choice_int
9550     \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / \tl_to_str:n {##1} }
9551     {
9552       \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N \l_keys_choice_tl {##1}
9553       \int_set:Nn \exp_not:N \l_keys_choice_int
9554       { \int_use:N \l_keys_choice_int }
9555       \exp_not:n {#3}
9556     }
9557   }
9558 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_choices\_make:nn and \\_\_keys\_multichoices\_make:nn.)

\\_\_keys\_cmd\_set:nn Setting the code for a key first checks that the basic data structures exist, then saves the  
 \\_\_keys\_cmd\_set:nx code.

```

\__keys_cmd_set:Vn
\__keys_cmd_set:Vo
9559 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_cmd_set:nn #1#2
9560 {
9561   \__keys_ensure_exist:V \l_keys_path_tl
9562   \cs_set_protected:cpn { \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 } ##1 {#2}
9563 }
9564 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_cmd_set:nn { nx , Vn , Vo }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_cmd\_set:nn and others.)

\\_\_keys\_default\_set:n Setting a default value is easy.

```

9565 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_default_set:n #1

```

```

9566 {
9567   \__keys_ensure_exist:V \l_keys_path_tl
9568   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}
9569   {
9570     \prop_remove:cn { \c__keys_info_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
9571     { default }
9572   }
9573   {
9574     \prop_put:cnn { \c__keys_info_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
9575     { default } {#1}
9576   }
9577 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_default\_set:n.)

\\_\_keys\_groups\_set:n Assigning a key to one or more groups uses comma lists. So that the comma list is “well-behaved” later, the storage is done via a stored list here, which does the normalisation.

```

9578 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_groups_set:n #1
9579 {
9580   \__keys_ensure_exist:V \l_keys_path_tl
9581   \clist_set:Nn \l__keys_groups_clist {#1}
9582   \clist_if_empty:NTF \l__keys_groups_clist
9583   {
9584     \prop_remove:cn { \c__keys_info_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
9585     { groups }
9586   }
9587   {
9588     \prop_put:cnV { \c__keys_info_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
9589     { groups } \l__keys_groups_clist
9590   }
9591 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_groups\_set:n.)

\\_\_keys\_initialise:n A set up for initialisation from which the key system requires that the path is split up into a module and a key name. At this stage, \l\_keys\_path\_tl will contain / so a split is easy to do.

```

9592 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_initialise:n #1
9593 {
9594   \__keys_ensure_exist:V \l_keys_path_tl
9595   \exp_after:wN \__keys_initialise:wn \l_keys_path_tl \q_stop {#1}
9596 }
9597 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_initialise:wn #1 / #2 \q_stop #3
9598 { \keys_set:nn {#1} { #2 = {#3} } }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_initialise:n.)

\\_\_keys\_meta\_make:n To create a meta-key, simply set up to pass data through.

```

9599 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_meta_make:n #1
9600 {

```

```

9601 \__keys_cmd_set:Vo \l_keys_path_tl
9602 {
9603   \exp_after:wN \keys_set:nn
9604   \exp_after:wN { \l__keys_module_tl } {#1}
9605 }
9606 }
9607 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_meta_make:nn #1#2
9608 { \__keys_cmd_set:Vn \l_keys_path_tl { \keys_set:nn {#1} {#2} } }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_meta\_make:n.)

\\_\_keys\_undefine: Undefining a key has to be done without \cs\_undefine:c as that function acts globally.

```

9609 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__keys_undefine:
9610 {
9611   \cs_set_eq:cN { \c__keys_code_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl } \tex_undefined:D
9612   \cs_set_eq:cN { \c__keys_info_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl } \tex_undefined:D
9613 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_undefine:.)

\\_\_keys\_value\_requirement:nn Values can be required or forbidden by having the appropriate marker set. First, both the required and forbidden ones are clear, just in case!

```

9614 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_value_requirement:nn #1#2
9615 {
9616   \__keys_ensure_exist:V \l_keys_path_tl
9617   \prop_remove:cn { \c__keys_info_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
9618   { required }
9619   \prop_remove:cn { \c__keys_info_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
9620   { forbidden }
9621   \str_if_eq:nnTF {#2} { true }
9622   {
9623     \prop_put:cnn { \c__keys_info_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
9624     {#1} { true }
9625   }
9626   {
9627     \str_if_eq:nnF {#2} { false }
9628     {
9629       \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { property-boolean-values-only }
9630       { .value_ #1 :n }
9631     }
9632   }
9633 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_value\_requirement:nn.)

\\_\_keys\_variable\_set:NnnN Setting a variable takes the type and scope separately so that it is easy to make a new variable if needed.

```

9634 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1#2#3#4
9635 {
9636   \use:c { #2_if_exist:Nf } #1 { \use:c { #2_new:N } #1 }

```

```

9637     \_keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl }
9638     {
9639         \exp_not:c { #2 _ #3 set:N #4 }
9640         \exp_not:N #1
9641         \exp_not:n { {##1} }
9642     }
9643 }
9644 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \_keys_variable_set:NnnN { c }

```

(End definition for `\_keys_variable_set:NnnN` and `\_keys_variable_set:cnnN`.)

## 19.5 Creating key properties

The key property functions are all wrappers for internal functions, meaning that things stay readable and can also be altered later on.

Importantly, while key properties have “normal” argument specs, the underlying code always supplies one braced argument to these. As such, argument expansion is handled by hand rather than using the standard tools. This shows up particularly for the two-argument properties, where things would otherwise go badly wrong.

```

.bool_set:N One function for this.
.bool_set:c 9645 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_set:N } #1
          { \_keys_bool_set:Nn #1 { } }
.bool_gset:N 9646 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_set:c } #1
.bool_gset:c 9647 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset:N } #1
          { \_keys_bool_set:cn {#1} { } }
          9648 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset:c } #1
          { \_keys_bool_set:cn {#1} { g } }
          9649 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset:N } #1
          { \_keys_bool_set:Nn #1 { g } }
          9650 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset:c } #1
          { \_keys_bool_set:cn {#1} { g } }
          9651 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset:N } #1
          { \_keys_bool_set:Nn #1 { g } }
          9652 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset:c } #1
          { \_keys_bool_set:cn {#1} { g } }

```

(End definition for `.bool_set:N` and `.bool_set:c`. These functions are documented on page 172.)

```

.bool_set_inverse:N One function for this.
.bool_set_inverse:c 9653 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_set_inverse:N } #1
.bool_gset_inverse:N 9654 { \_keys_bool_set_inverse:Nn #1 { } }
.bool_gset_inverse:c 9655 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_set_inverse:c } #1
          { \_keys_bool_set_inverse:cn {#1} { } }
          9656 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset_inverse:N } #1
          { \_keys_bool_set_inverse:Nn #1 { g } }
          9657 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset_inverse:c } #1
          { \_keys_bool_set_inverse:cn {#1} { g } }
          9658 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset_inverse:N } #1
          { \_keys_bool_set_inverse:Nn #1 { g } }
          9659 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset_inverse:c } #1
          { \_keys_bool_set_inverse:cn {#1} { g } }
          9660 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset_inverse:N } #1
          { \_keys_bool_set_inverse:Nn #1 { g } }
          9661 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset_inverse:c } #1
          { \_keys_bool_set_inverse:cn {#1} { g } }

```

(End definition for `.bool_set_inverse:N` and `.bool_set_inverse:c`. These functions are documented on page 172.)

**.choice:** Making a choice is handled internally, as it is also needed by `.generate_choices:n`.

```

9661 \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .choice: }
9662 { \_keys_choice_make: }

```

(End definition for `.choice:`. This function is documented on page 172.)

**.choices:nn** For auto-generation of a series of mutually-exclusive choices. Here, #1 will consist of two separate arguments, hence the slightly odd-looking implementation.

```
.choices:Vn 9663 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .choices:nn } #1
.choices:on { \__keys_choices_make:nn #1 }
.choices:xn 9664 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .choices:Vn } #1
9665 { \exp_args:Nv \__keys_choices_make:nn #1 }
9666 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .choices:on } #1
9667 { \exp_args:No \__keys_choices_make:nn #1 }
9668 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .choices:xn } #1
9669 { \exp_args:Nx \__keys_choices_make:nn #1 }
9670
```

(End definition for .choices:nn and others. These functions are documented on page 172.)

**.code:n** Creating code is simply a case of passing through to the underlying set function.

```
9671 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .code:n } #1
9672 { \__keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl } {#1} }
```

(End definition for .code:n. This function is documented on page 173.)

**.clist\_set:N**

```
.clist_set:c 9673 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .clist_set:N } #1
.clist_gset:N { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { clist } { } n }
.clist_gset:c 9674 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .clist_set:c } #1
9675 { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { clist } { } n }
9676 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .clist_gset:N } #1
9677 { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { clist } { g } n }
9678 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .clist_gset:c } #1
9679 { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { clist } { g } n }
9680
```

(End definition for .clist\_set:N and .clist\_set:c. These functions are documented on page 173.)

**.default:n** Expansion is left to the internal functions.

```
.default:V 9681 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .default:n } #1
.default:o { \__keys_default_set:n {#1} }
.default:x 9682 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .default:V } #1
9683 { \exp_args:Nv \__keys_default_set:n #1 }
9684 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .default:o } #1
9685 { \exp_args:No \__keys_default_set:n {#1} }
9686 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .default:x } #1
9687 { \exp_args:Nx \__keys_default_set:n {#1} }
9688
```

(End definition for .default:n and others. These functions are documented on page 173.)

**.dim\_set:N** Setting a variable is very easy: just pass the data along.

```
.dim_set:c 9689 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .dim_set:N } #1
.dim_gset:N { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { dim } { } n }
.dim_gset:c 9690 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .dim_set:c } #1
9691 { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { dim } { } n }
9692 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .dim_gset:N } #1
9693 { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { dim } { g } n }
9694 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .dim_gset:c } #1
9695 { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { dim } { g } n }
9696
```

(End definition for `.dim_set:N` and `.dim_set:c`. These functions are documented on page 173.)

`.fp_set:N` Setting a variable is very easy: just pass the data along.  
`.fp_set:c` 9697 \cs\_new\_protected:cpn { \c\_\_keys\_props\_root\_tl .fp\_set:N } #1  
9698 { \\_\_keys\_variable\_set:NnnN #1 { fp } { } n }  
`.fp_gset:N` 9699 \cs\_new\_protected:cpn { \c\_\_keys\_props\_root\_tl .fp\_set:c } #1  
`.fp_gset:c` 9700 { \\_\_keys\_variable\_set:cnnN {#1} { fp } { } n }  
9701 \cs\_new\_protected:cpn { \c\_\_keys\_props\_root\_tl .fp\_gset:N } #1  
9702 { \\_\_keys\_variable\_set:NnnN #1 { fp } { g } n }  
9703 \cs\_new\_protected:cpn { \c\_\_keys\_props\_root\_tl .fp\_gset:c } #1  
9704 { \\_\_keys\_variable\_set:cnnN {#1} { fp } { g } n }

(End definition for `.fp_set:N` and `.fp_set:c`. These functions are documented on page 173.)

`.groups:n` A single property to create groups of keys.  
9705 \cs\_new\_protected:cpn { \c\_\_keys\_props\_root\_tl .groups:n } #1  
9706 { \\_\_keys\_groups\_set:n {#1} }

(End definition for `.groups:n`. This function is documented on page 173.)

`.initial:n` The standard hand-off approach.  
`.initial:V` 9707 \cs\_new\_protected:cpn { \c\_\_keys\_props\_root\_tl .initial:n } #1  
`.initial:o` 9708 { \\_\_keys\_initialise:n {#1} }  
`.initial:x` 9709 \cs\_new\_protected:cpn { \c\_\_keys\_props\_root\_tl .initial:V } #1  
9710 { \exp\_args:NV \\_\_keys\_initialise:n #1 }  
9711 \cs\_new\_protected:cpn { \c\_\_keys\_props\_root\_tl .initial:o } #1  
9712 { \exp\_args:No \\_\_keys\_initialise:n {#1} }  
9713 \cs\_new\_protected:cpn { \c\_\_keys\_props\_root\_tl .initial:x } #1  
9714 { \exp\_args:Nx \\_\_keys\_initialise:n {#1} }

(End definition for `.initial:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 174.)

`.int_set:N` Setting a variable is very easy: just pass the data along.  
`.int_set:c` 9715 \cs\_new\_protected:cpn { \c\_\_keys\_props\_root\_tl .int\_set:N } #1  
`.int_gset:N` 9716 { \\_\_keys\_variable\_set:NnnN #1 { int } { } n }  
`.int_gset:c` 9717 \cs\_new\_protected:cpn { \c\_\_keys\_props\_root\_tl .int\_set:c } #1  
9718 { \\_\_keys\_variable\_set:cnnN {#1} { int } { } n }  
9719 \cs\_new\_protected:cpn { \c\_\_keys\_props\_root\_tl .int\_gset:N } #1  
9720 { \\_\_keys\_variable\_set:NnnN #1 { int } { g } n }  
9721 \cs\_new\_protected:cpn { \c\_\_keys\_props\_root\_tl .int\_gset:c } #1  
9722 { \\_\_keys\_variable\_set:cnnN {#1} { int } { g } n }

(End definition for `.int_set:N` and `.int_set:c`. These functions are documented on page 174.)

`.meta:n` Making a meta is handled internally.  
9723 \cs\_new\_protected:cpn { \c\_\_keys\_props\_root\_tl .meta:n } #1  
9724 { \\_\_keys\_meta\_make:n {#1} }

(End definition for `.meta:n`. This function is documented on page 174.)

**.meta:nn** Meta with path: potentially lots of variants, but for the moment no so many defined.

```
9725 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .meta:nn } #1
9726 { \__keys_meta_make:nn #1 }
```

(End definition for .meta:nn. This function is documented on page 174.)

**.multichoice:** The same idea as .choice: and .choices:nn, but where more than one choice is allowed.

```
.multichoices:nn 9727 \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .multichoice: }
.multichoices:Vn 9728 { \__keys_multichoice_make: }
.multichoices:on 9729 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .multichoices:nn } #1
.multichoices:xn 9730 { \__keys_multichoices_make:nn #1 }
9731 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .multichoices:Vn } #1
9732 { \exp_args:NV \__keys_multichoices_make:nn #1 }
9733 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .multichoices:on } #1
9734 { \exp_args:No \__keys_multichoices_make:nn #1 }
9735 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .multichoices:xn } #1
9736 { \exp_args:Nx \__keys_multichoices_make:nn #1 }
```

(End definition for .multichoice:. This function is documented on page 174.)

**.skip\_set:N** Setting a variable is very easy: just pass the data along.

```
.skip_set:c 9737 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .skip_set:N } #1
9738 { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { skip } { } n }
.skip_gset:N 9739 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .skip_set:c } #1
9740 { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { skip } { } n }
9741 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .skip_gset:N } #1
9742 { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { skip } { g } n }
9743 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .skip_gset:c } #1
9744 { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { skip } { g } n }
```

(End definition for .skip\_set:N and .skip\_set:c. These functions are documented on page 174.)

**.tl\_set:N** Setting a variable is very easy: just pass the data along.

```
.tl_set:c 9745 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_set:N } #1
9746 { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { tl } { } n }
.tl_gset:N 9747 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_set:c } #1
9748 { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { tl } { } n }
.tl_set_x:N 9749 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_set_x:N } #1
9750 { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { tl } { } x }
.tl_set_x:c 9751 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_set_x:c } #1
9752 { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { tl } { } x }
.tl_gset_x:N 9753 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_gset:N } #1
9754 { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { tl } { g } n }
9755 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_gset:c } #1
9756 { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { tl } { g } n }
9757 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_gset_x:N } #1
9758 { \__keys_variable_set:NnnN #1 { tl } { g } x }
9759 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_gset_x:c } #1
9760 { \__keys_variable_set:cnnN {#1} { tl } { g } x }
```

(End definition for .tl\_set:N and .tl\_set:c. These functions are documented on page 174.)



**.undefine:** Another simple wrapper.

```
9761 \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .undefine: }
9762 { \__keys_undefine: }
```

(End definition for .undefine:. This function is documented on page 175.)

**.value\_forbidden:n** These are very similar, so both call the same function.

```
.value_required:n 9763 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .value_forbidden:n } #1
9764 { \__keys_value_requirement:nn { forbidden } {#1} }
9765 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .value_required:n } #1
9766 { \__keys_value_requirement:nn { required } {#1} }
```

(End definition for .value\_forbidden:n. This function is documented on page 175.)

## 19.6 Setting keys

**\keys\_set:nn** A simple wrapper again.

```
\keys_set:nV 9767 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \keys_set:nn
\keys_set:nv 9768 { \__keys_set:onnn { \l__keys_module_tl } }
\keys_set:no 9769 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_set:nnn #1#2#3
\__keys_set:nnn 9770 {
\__keys_set:onnn 9771 \tl_set:Nx \l__keys_module_tl { \tl_to_str:n {#2} }
9772 \keyval_parse:NNn \__keys_set_elt:n \__keys_set_elt:nn {#3}
9773 \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_module_tl {#1}
9774 }
9775 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \keys_set:nn { nV , nv , no }
9776 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_set:nnn { o }
```

(End definition for \keys\_set:nn and others. These functions are documented on page 178.)

**\keys\_set\_known:nnN** Setting known keys simply means setting the appropriate flag, then running the standard code. To allow for nested setting, any existing value of \l\_\_keys\_unused\_clist is saved on the stack and reset afterwards. Note that for speed/simplicity reasons we use a `tl` operation to set the `clist` here!

```
\keys_set_known:nVN 9777 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \keys_set_known:nnN
\keys_set_known:nvN 9778 { \__keys_set_known:onnnN \l__keys_unused_clist }
\keys_set_known:noN 9779 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \keys_set_known:nnN { nV , nv , no }
\__keys_set_known:nnnN 9780 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_set_known:nnnN #1#2#3#4
\__keys_set_known:onnnN 9781 {
\keys_set_known:nV 9782 \clist_clear:N \l__keys_unused_clist
\keys_set_known:nv 9783 \keys_set_known:nn {#2} {#3}
\keys_set_known:no 9784 \tl_set:Nx #4 { \exp_not:o { \l__keys_unused_clist } }
9785 \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_unused_clist {#1}
9786 }
9787 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_set_known:nnnN { o }
9788 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_set_known:nn #1#2
9789 {
9790 \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_only_known_bool
9791 \keys_set:nn {#1} {#2}
```

```

9792     \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_only_known_bool
9793   }
9794   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \keys_set_known:nn { nV , nv , no }

```

(End definition for \keys\_set\_known:nnN and others. These functions are documented on page 179.)

```

\keys_set_filter:nnnN The idea of setting keys in a selective manner again uses flags wrapped around the basic
\keys_set_filter:nnVN code. The comments on \keys_set_known:nnN also apply here.
\keys_set_filter:nnvN \keys_set_filter:nnnN
\__keys_set_filter:nnnnN 9795 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \keys_set_filter:nnnN
\__keys_set_filter:nnnnN 9796 { \__keys_set_filter:nnnnN \l__keys_unused_clist }
\keys_set_filter:nnn 9797 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \keys_set_filter:nnnN { nnV , nnv , nno }
\keys_set_filter:nnn 9798 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set_filter:nnnnN #1#2#3#4#5
\keys_set_filter:nnV 9799 {
\keys_set_filter:nnv \keys_set_filter:nnn 9800 \clist_clear:N \l__keys_unused_clist
\keys_set_filter:nnv \keys_set_filter:nnn {#2} {#3} {#4} 9801
\keys_set_groups:nnn 9802 \tl_set:Nx #5 { \exp_not:o { \l__keys_unused_clist } }
\keys_set_groups:nnV 9803 \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_unused_clist {#1}
\keys_set_groups:nnv \keys_set_groups:nnn 9804 }
9805 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_set_filter:nnnnN { o }
9806 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_set_filter:nnn #1#2#3
9807 {
9808   \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_selective_bool
9809   \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_filtered_bool
9810   \seq_set_from_clist:Nn \l__keys_selective_seq {#2}
9811   \keys_set:nn {#1} {#3}
9812   \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_selective_bool
9813 }
9814 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \keys_set_filter:nnn { nnV , nnv , nno }
9815 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_set_groups:nnn #1#2#3
9816 {
9817   \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_selective_bool
9818   \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_filtered_bool
9819   \seq_set_from_clist:Nn \l__keys_selective_seq {#2}
9820   \keys_set:nn {#1} {#3}
9821   \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_selective_bool
9822 }
9823 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \keys_set_groups:nnn { nnV , nnv , nno }

```

(End definition for \keys\_set\_filter:nnnN, \keys\_set\_filter:nnVN, and \keys\_set\_filter:nnvN \keys\_set\_filter:nnnN. These functions are documented on page 180.)

```

\__keys_set_elt:n A shared system once again. First, set the current path and add a default if needed.
\__keys_set_elt:nn There are then checks to see if the a value is required or forbidden. If everything passes,
\__keys_set_elt_aux:nnn move on to execute the code.
\__keys_set_elt_aux:onn 9824 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set_elt:n #1
\__keys_find_key_module:w 9825 {
\__keys_set_elt_aux: 9826 \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_no_value_bool
\__keys_set_elt_selective: 9827 \__keys_set_elt_aux:onn \l__keys_module_tl {#1} { }
9828 }
9829 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set_elt:nn #1#2

```

```

9830 {
9831     \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_no_value_bool
9832     \__keys_set_elt_aux:onnn \l__keys_module_tl {#1} {#2}
9833 }

```

The key path here can be fully defined, after which there is a search for the key and module names: the user may have passed them with part of what is actually the module (for our purposes) in the key name. As that happens on a per-key basis, we use the stack approach to restore the module name without a group.

```

9834 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set_elt_aux:nnn #1#2#3
9835 {
9836     \tl_set:Nx \l_keys_path_tl { \l__keys_module_tl / \tl_to_str:n {#2} }
9837     \tl_clear:N \l__keys_module_tl
9838     \exp_after:wN \__keys_find_key_module:w \l_keys_path_tl / \q_stop
9839     \__keys_value_or_default:n {#3}
9840     \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_selective_bool
9841     { \__keys_set_elt_selective: }
9842     { \__keys_set_elt_aux: }
9843     \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_module_tl {#1}
9844 }
9845 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_set_elt_aux:nnn { o }
9846 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_find_key_module:w #1 / #2 \q_stop
9847 {
9848     \tl_if_blank:nTF {#2}
9849     { \tl_set:Nn \l_keys_key_tl {#1} }
9850     {
9851         \tl_put_right:Nx \l__keys_module_tl
9852         {
9853             \tl_if_empty:NF \l__keys_module_tl { / }
9854             #1
9855         }
9856         \__keys_find_key_module:w #2 \q_stop
9857     }
9858 }
9859 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__keys_set_elt_aux:
9860 {
9861     \bool_if:nTF
9862     {
9863         \__keys_if_value_p:n { required } &&
9864         \l__keys_no_value_bool
9865     }
9866     {
9867         \__msg_kernel_error:nmx { kernel } { value-required }
9868         { \l_keys_path_tl }
9869     }
9870     {
9871         \bool_if:nTF
9872         {
9873             \__keys_if_value_p:n { forbidden } &&
9874             ! \l__keys_no_value_bool

```

```

9875     }
9876     {
9877         \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { value-forbidden }
9878         { \l_keys_path_tl } { \l_keys_value_tl }
9879     }
9880     { \__keys_execute: }
9881 }
9882 }

```

If selective setting is active, there are a number of possible sub-cases to consider. The key name may not be known at all or if it is, it may not have any groups assigned. There is then the question of whether the selection is opt-in or opt-out.

```

9883 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__keys_set_elt_selective:
9884 {
9885     \prop_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_info_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
9886     {
9887         \prop_get:cnNTF { \c__keys_info_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
9888         { groups } \l__keys_groups_clist
9889         { \__keys_check_groups: }
9890         {
9891             \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_filtered_bool
9892             { \__keys_set_elt_aux: }
9893             { \__keys_store_unused: }
9894         }
9895     }
9896     {
9897         \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_filtered_bool
9898         { \__keys_set_elt_aux: }
9899         { \__keys_store_unused: }
9900     }
9901 }

```

In the case where selective setting requires a comparison of the list of groups which apply to a key with the list of those which have been set active. That requires two mappings, and again a different outcome depending on whether opt-in or opt-out is set.

```

9902 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__keys_check_groups:
9903 {
9904     \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_tmp_bool
9905     \seq_map_inline:Nn \l__keys_selective_seq
9906     {
9907         \clist_map_inline:Nn \l__keys_groups_clist
9908         {
9909             \str_if_eq:nnT {##1} {####1}
9910             {
9911                 \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_tmp_bool
9912                 \clist_map_break:n { \seq_map_break: }
9913             }
9914         }
9915     }
9916     \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_tmp_bool

```

```

9917     {
9918         \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_filtered_bool
9919         { \__keys_store_unused: }
9920         { \__keys_set_elt_aux: }
9921     }
9922     {
9923         \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_filtered_bool
9924         { \__keys_set_elt_aux: }
9925         { \__keys_store_unused: }
9926     }
9927 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_set\_elt:n and \\_\_keys\_set\_elt:nn.)

\\_\_keys\_value\_or\_default:n If a value is given, return it as #1, otherwise send a default if available.

```

9928 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_value_or_default:n #1
9929 {
9930     \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_no_value_bool
9931     {
9932         \prop_get:cnNF { \c__keys_info_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
9933         { default } \l_keys_value_tl
9934         { \tl_clear:N \l_keys_value_tl }
9935     }
9936     { \tl_set:Nn \l_keys_value_tl {#1} }
9937 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_value\_or\_default:n.)

\\_\_keys\_if\_value\_p:n To test if a value is required or forbidden. A simple check for the existence of the appropriate marker.

```

9938 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \__keys_if_value:n #1 { p }
9939 {
9940     \prop_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_info_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl }
9941     {
9942         \prop_if_in:cnTF { \c__keys_info_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl } {#1}
9943         { \prg_return_true: }
9944         { \prg_return_false: }
9945     }
9946     { \prg_return_false: }
9947 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_if\_value\_p:n.)

\\_\_keys\_execute: Actually executing a key is done in two parts. First, look for the key itself, then look for the **unknown** key with the same path. If both of these fail, complain. What exactly happens if a key is unknown depends on whether unknown keys are being skipped or if an error should be raised.

```

9948 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__keys_execute:
9949 { \__keys_execute:nn { \l_keys_path_tl } { \__keys_execute_unknown: } }
9950 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__keys_execute_unknown:

```

```

9951 {
9952   \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_only_known_bool
9953   { \__keys_store_unused: }
9954   {
9955     \__keys_execute:nn { \l__keys_module_tl / unknown }
9956     {
9957       \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { key-unknown }
9958       { \l_keys_path_tl } { \l__keys_module_tl }
9959     }
9960   }
9961 }
9962 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_execute:nn #1#2
9963 {
9964   \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 }
9965   {
9966     \exp_args:Nc \exp_args:No { \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 }
9967     \l_keys_value_tl
9968   }
9969   {#2}
9970 }
9971 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__keys_store_unused:
9972 {
9973   \clist_put_right:Nx \l__keys_unused_clist
9974   {
9975     \exp_not:o \l_keys_key_tl
9976     \bool_if:NF \l__keys_no_value_bool
9977     { = { \exp_not:o \l_keys_value_tl } }
9978   }
9979 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_execute:.)

\\_\_keys\_choice\_find:n Executing a choice has two parts. First, try the choice given, then if that fails call the  
 \\_\_keys\_multichoice\_find:n unknown key. That will exist, as it is created when a choice is first made. So there is no  
 need for any escape code. For multiple choices, the same code ends up used in a mapping.

```

9980 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_choice_find:n #1
9981 {
9982   \__keys_execute:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
9983   { \__keys_execute:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / unknown } { } }
9984 }
9985 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_multichoice_find:n #1
9986 { \clist_map_function:nN {#1} \__keys_choice_find:n }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_choice\_find:n.)

## 19.7 Utilities

\keys\_if\_exist\_p:nn A utility for others to see if a key exists.

\keys\_if\_exist:nnTF 9987 \prg\_new\_conditional:Npnn \keys\_if\_exist:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }  
 9988 {

```

9989     \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_code_root_tl \tl_to_str:n { #1 / #2 } }
9990     { \prg_return_true: }
9991     { \prg_return_false: }
9992 }

```

(End definition for \keys\_if\_exist:nnTF. This function is documented on page 180.)

\keys\_if\_choice\_exist\_p:nnn Just an alternative view on \keys\_if\_exist:nn(TF).

```

\keys_if_choice_exist:nnnTF 9993 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \keys_if_choice_exist:nnn #1#2#3
9994 { p , T , F , TF }
9995 {
9996     \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_code_root_tl \tl_to_str:n { #1 / #2 / #3 } }
9997     { \prg_return_true: }
9998     { \prg_return_false: }
9999 }

```

(End definition for \keys\_if\_choice\_exist:nnnTF. This function is documented on page 181.)

\keys\_show:nn To show a key, test for its existence to issue the correct message (same message, but with a t or f argument, then build the control sequences which contain the code and other information about the key, call an intermediate auxiliary which constructs the code that will be displayed to the terminal, and finally conclude with \\_\_msg\_show\_wrap:n.

\\_\_keys\_show:NN

```

10000 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_show:nn #1#2
10001 {
10002     \keys_if_exist:nnTF {#1} {#2}
10003     {
10004         \__msg_show_pre:nnxxxx { LaTeX / kernel } { show-key }
10005         { \tl_to_str:n { #1 / #2 } } { t } { } { }
10006         \exp_args:Ncc \__keys_show:NN
10007         { \c__keys_code_root_tl \tl_to_str:n { #1 / #2 } }
10008         { \c__keys_info_root_tl \tl_to_str:n { #1 / #2 } }
10009     }
10010     {
10011         \__msg_show_pre:nnxxxx { LaTeX / kernel } { show-key }
10012         { \tl_to_str:n { #1 / #2 } } { f } { } { }
10013         \__msg_show_wrap:n { }
10014     }
10015 }
10016 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_show:NN #1#2
10017 {
10018     \use:x
10019     {
10020         \__msg_show_wrap:n
10021         {
10022             \exp_not:N \__msg_show_item_unbraced:nn { code }
10023             { \token_get_replacement_spec:N #1 }
10024             \exp_not:n
10025             { \prop_map_function:NN #2 \__msg_show_item_unbraced:nn }
10026         }
10027     }
10028 }

```

(End definition for \keys\_show:nn. This function is documented on page 181.)

## 19.8 Messages

For when there is a need to complain.

```

10029 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { boolean-values-only }
10030 { Key~'#1'~accepts~boolean-values-only. }
10031 { The~key~'#1'~only~accepts~the~values~'true'~and~'false'. }
10032 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { choice-unknown }
10033 { Choice~'#2'~unknown~for~key~'#1'. }
10034 {
10035   The~key~'#1'~takes~a~limited~number~of~values.\\
10036   The~input~given,~'#2',~is~not~on~the~list~accepted.
10037 }
10038 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { key-choice-unknown }
10039 { Key~'#1'~accepts~only~a~fixed~set~of~choices. }
10040 {
10041   The~key~'#1'~only~accepts~predefined~values,~
10042   and~'#2'~is~not~one~of~these.
10043 }
10044 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { key-no-property }
10045 { No~property~given~in~definition~of~key~'#1'. }
10046 {
10047   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
10048   Inside~\keys_define:nn  each~key~name~
10049   needs~a~property:  \\ \\
10050   \iow_indent:n { #1 .<property> } \\ \\
10051   LaTeX~did~not~find~a~'.'~to~indicate~the~start~of~a~property.
10052 }
10053 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { key-unknown }
10054 { The~key~'#1'~is~unknown~and~is~being~ignored. }
10055 {
10056   The~module~'#2'~does~not~have~a~key~called~'#1'.\\
10057   Check~that~you~have~spelled~the~key~name~correctly.
10058 }
10059 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { nested-choice-key }
10060 { Attempt~to~define~'#1'~as~a~nested~choice~key. }
10061 {
10062   The~key~'#1'~cannot~be~defined~as~a~choice~as~the~parent~key~'#2'~is~
10063   itself~a~choice.
10064 }
10065 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { property-boolean-values-only }
10066 { The~property~'#1'~accepts~boolean-values-only. }
10067 {
10068   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
10069   The~property~'#1'~only~accepts~the~values~'true'~and~'false'.
10070 }
10071 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { property-requires-value }
10072 { The~property~'#1'~requires~a~value. }

```



```

10073 {
10074   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
10075   LaTeX~was~asked~to~set~property~'#1'~for~key~'#2'.\\
10076   No~value~was~given~for~the~property,~and~one~is~required.
10077 }
10078 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { property-unknown }
10079 { The~key~property~'#1'~is~unknown. }
10080 {
10081   \c__msg_coding_error_text_tl
10082   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~set~the~property~'#1'~for~key~'#2':~
10083   this~property~is~not~defined.
10084 }
10085 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { value-forbidden }
10086 { The~key~'#1'~does~not~take~a~value. }
10087 {
10088   The~key~'#1'~should~be~given~without~a~value.\\
10089   The~value~'#2'~was~present:~the~key~will~be~ignored.
10090 }
10091 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { value-required }
10092 { The~key~'#1'~requires~a~value. }
10093 {
10094   The~key~'#1'~must~have~a~value.\\
10095   No~value~was~present:~the~key~will~be~ignored.
10096 }
10097 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { show-key }
10098 {
10099   The~key~'#1'~
10100   \str_if_eq:nnTF {#2} { t }
10101   { has~the~properties: }
10102   { is~undefined. }
10103 }

```

## 19.9 Deprecated functions

`.value_forbidden:` Deprecated 2015-07-14.

```

.value_required: 10104 \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .value_forbidden: }
10105 { \__keys_value_requirement:nn { forbidden } { true } }
10106 \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .value_required: }
10107 { \__keys_value_requirement:nn { required } { true } }

```

(End definition for `.value_forbidden:`. This function is documented on page ??.)

```
10108 </initex | package>
```

## 20 l3file implementation

The following test files are used for this code: `m3file001`.

```

10109 <*initex | package>
10110 <@@=file>

```

## 20.1 File operations

`\g_file_current_name_tl` The name of the current file should be available at all times. For the format the file name needs to be picked up at the start of the file. In L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> package mode the current file name is collected from `\@currname`.

```

10111 \tl_new:N \g_file_current_name_tl
10112 <*initex>
10113 \tex_everyjob:D \exp_after:wN
10114 {
10115     \tex_the:D \tex_everyjob:D
10116     \tl_gset:Nx \g_file_current_name_tl { \tex_jobname:D }
10117 }
10118 </initex>
10119 <*package>
10120 \cs_if_exist:NT \@currname
10121 { \tl_gset_eq:NN \g_file_current_name_tl \@currname }
10122 </package>

```

(End definition for `\g_file_current_name_tl`. This variable is documented on page 183.)

`\g__file_stack_seq` The input list of files is stored as a sequence stack.

```

10123 \seq_new:N \g__file_stack_seq

```

(End definition for `\g__file_stack_seq`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\g__file_record_seq` The total list of files used is recorded separately from the current file stack, as nothing is ever popped from this list. The current file name should be included in the file list! In format mode, this is done at the very start of the T<sub>E</sub>X run. In package mode we will eventually copy the contents of `\@filelist`.

```

10124 \seq_new:N \g__file_record_seq
10125 <*initex>
10126 \tex_everyjob:D \exp_after:wN
10127 {
10128     \tex_the:D \tex_everyjob:D
10129     \seq_gput_right:NV \g__file_record_seq \g_file_current_name_tl
10130 }
10131 </initex>

```

(End definition for `\g__file_record_seq`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l__file_internal_tl` Used as a short-term scratch variable. It may be possible to reuse `\l__file_internal_name_tl` there.

```

10132 \tl_new:N \l__file_internal_tl

```

(End definition for `\l__file_internal_tl`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l__file_internal_name_tl` Used to return the fully-qualified name of a file.

```

10133 \tl_new:N \l__file_internal_name_tl

```

(End definition for `\l__file_internal_name_tl`. This variable is documented on page 189.)

`\l__file_search_path_seq` The current search path.

```

10134 \seq_new:N \l__file_search_path_seq

(End definition for \l__file_search_path_seq. This variable is documented on page ??.)

```

`\l_file_saved_search_path_seq` The current search path has to be saved for package use.

```

10135 <*package>
10136 \seq_new:N \l_file_saved_search_path_seq
10137 </package>

(End definition for \l_file_saved_search_path_seq. This variable is documented on page ??.)

```

`\l__file_internal_seq` Scratch space for comma list conversion in package mode.

```

10138 <*package>
10139 \seq_new:N \l__file_internal_seq
10140 </package>

(End definition for \l__file_internal_seq. This variable is documented on page ??.)

```

`\__file_name_sanitize:nn` For converting a token list to a string where active characters are treated as strings from the start. The logic to the quoting normalisation is the same as used by `lualatexquotejobname`: check for balanced `"`, and assuming they balance strip all of them out before quoting the entire name if it contains spaces.

`\__file_name_sanitize_aux:n`

```

10141 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_name_sanitize:nn #1#2
10142 {
10143   \group_begin:
10144     \seq_map_inline:Nn \l_char_active_seq
10145       { \cs_set_nopar:Npx ##1 { \token_to_str:N ##1 } }
10146     \tl_set:Nx \l__file_internal_name_tl {#1}
10147     \tl_set:Nx \l__file_internal_name_tl
10148       { \tl_to_str:N \l__file_internal_name_tl }
10149     \int_compare:nNnTF
10150       {
10151         \int_mod:nn
10152           {
10153             0 \tl_map_function:NN \l__file_internal_name_tl
10154               \__file_name_sanitize_aux:n
10155           }
10156         \c_two
10157       }
10158       = \c_zero
10159       {
10160         \tl_remove_all:Nn \l__file_internal_name_tl { " }
10161         \tl_if_in:NnT \l__file_internal_name_tl { ~ }
10162         {
10163           \tl_set:Nx \l__file_internal_name_tl
10164             { " \exp_not:V \l__file_internal_name_tl " }
10165         }
10166       }
10167       {

```

```

10168         \_msg_kernel_error:nnx
10169         { kernel } { unbalanced-quote-in-filename }
10170         { \l__file_internal_name_tl }
10171     }
10172     \use:x
10173     {
10174         \group_end:
10175         \exp_not:n {#2} { \l__file_internal_name_tl }
10176     }
10177 }
10178 \cs_new:Npn \__file_name_sanitiz_aux:n #1
10179 {
10180     \token_if_eq_charcode:NNT #1 "
10181     { + \c_one }
10182 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_file\_name\_sanitiz:nn.)

**\file\_add\_path:nN** The way to test if a file exists is to try to open it: if it does not exist then T<sub>E</sub>X will report end-of-file. For files which are in the current directory, this is straight-forward. **\\_\_file\_add\_path:nN** For other locations, a search has to be made looking at each potential path in turn. The first location is of course treated as the correct one. If nothing is found, #2 is returned empty. **\\_\_file\_add\_path\_search:nN**

```

10183 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_add_path:nN #1
10184 { \__file_name_sanitiz:nn {#1} { \__file_add_path:nN } }
10185 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_add_path:nN #1#2
10186 {
10187     \_ior_open:Nn \g__file_internal_ior {#1}
10188     \ior_if_eof:NTF \g__file_internal_ior
10189     { \__file_add_path_search:nN {#1} #2 }
10190     { \tl_set:Nn #2 {#1} }
10191     \ior_close:N \g__file_internal_ior
10192 }
10193 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_add_path_search:nN #1#2
10194 {
10195     \tl_set:Nn #2 { \q_no_value }
10196 }
10197 \cs_if_exist:NT \input@path
10198 {
10199     \seq_set_eq:NN \l__file_saved_search_path_seq
10200     \l__file_search_path_seq
10201     \seq_set_split:NnV \l__file_internal_seq { , } \input@path
10202     \seq_concat:NNN \l__file_search_path_seq
10203     \l__file_search_path_seq \l__file_internal_seq
10204 }
10205 </package>
10206 \seq_map_inline:Nn \l__file_search_path_seq
10207 {
10208     \_ior_open:Nn \g__file_internal_ior { ##1 #1 }
10209     \ior_if_eof:NF \g__file_internal_ior

```

```

10210         {
10211             \tl_set:Nx #2 { ##1 #1 }
10212             \seq_map_break:
10213         }
10214     }
10215     <*package>
10216     \cs_if_exist:NT \input@path
10217     {
10218         \seq_set_eq:NN \l__file_search_path_seq
10219         \l__file_saved_search_path_seq
10220     }
10221 </package>
10222 }

```

(End definition for `\file_add_path:nN`. This function is documented on page 183.)

**`\file_if_exist:nTF`** The test for the existence of a file is a wrapper around the function to add a path to a file. If the file was found, the path will contain something, whereas if the file was not located then the return value will be `\q_no_value`.

```

10223 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \file_if_exist:n #1 { T , F , TF }
10224 {
10225     \file_add_path:nN {#1} \l__file_internal_name_tl
10226     \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__file_internal_name_tl
10227     { \prg_return_false: }
10228     { \prg_return_true: }
10229 }

```

(End definition for `\file_if_exist:nTF`. This function is documented on page 183.)

**`\file_input:n`** Loading a file is done in a safe way, checking first that the file exists and loading only if it does. Push the file name on the `\g__file_stack_seq`, and add it to the file list, either `\g__file_record_seq`, or `\@filelist` in package mode.

```

\__file_if_exist:nT
\__file_input:n \__file_input:V
\__file_input_aux:n
\__file_input_aux:o
10230 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_input:n #1
10231 {
10232     \__file_if_exist:nT {#1}
10233     { \__file_input:V \l__file_internal_name_tl }
10234 }

```

This code is spun out as a separate function to encapsulate the error message into a easy-to-reuse form.

```

10235 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_if_exist:nT #1#2
10236 {
10237     \file_if_exist:nTF {#1}
10238     {#2}
10239     {
10240         \__file_name_sanitiz:nn {#1}
10241         { \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { file-not-found } }
10242     }
10243 }
10244 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_input:n #1

```

```

10245 {
10246   \tl_if_in:nnTF {#1} { . }
10247   { \__file_input_aux:n {#1} }
10248   { \__file_input_aux:o { \tl_to_str:n { #1 . tex } } }
10249 }
10250 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__file_input:n { V }
10251 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_input_aux:n #1
10252 {
10253   \*initex
10254   \seq_gput_right:Nn \g__file_record_seq {#1}
10255   \*initex
10256   \*package
10257   \clist_if_exist:NTF \@filelist
10258   { \addtofilelist {#1} }
10259   { \seq_gput_right:Nn \g__file_record_seq {#1} }
10260   \*package
10261   \seq_gpush:No \g__file_stack_seq \g_file_current_name_tl
10262   \tl_gset:Nn \g_file_current_name_tl {#1}
10263   \tex_input:D #1 \c_space_tl
10264   \seq_gpop:NN \g__file_stack_seq \l__file_internal_tl
10265   \tl_gset_eq:NN \g_file_current_name_tl \l__file_internal_tl
10266 }
10267 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__file_input_aux:n { o }

```

(End definition for `\file_input:n`. This function is documented on page 183.)

**`\file_path_include:n`** Wrapper functions to manage the search path.

**`\file_path_remove:n`**

```

10268 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_path_include:n #1
10269 { \__file_name_sanitiz:nn {#1} { \__file_path_include:n } }
10270 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_path_include:n #1
10271 {
10272   \seq_if_in:NnF \l__file_search_path_seq {#1}
10273   { \seq_put_right:Nn \l__file_search_path_seq {#1} }
10274 }
10275 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_path_remove:n #1
10276 {
10277   \__file_name_sanitiz:nn {#1}
10278   { \seq_remove_all:Nn \l__file_search_path_seq }
10279 }

```

(End definition for `\file_path_include:n`. This function is documented on page 184.)

**`\file_list:`** A function to list all files used to the log, without duplicates. In package mode, if `\@filelist` is still defined, we need to take this list of file names into account (we capture it `\AtBeginDocument` into `\g__file_record_seq`), turning each file name into a string.

```

10280 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \file_list:
10281 {
10282   \seq_set_eq:NN \l__file_internal_seq \g__file_record_seq
10283   \*package

```

```

10284 \clist_if_exist:NT \@filelist
10285 {
10286   \clist_map_inline:Nn \@filelist
10287   {
10288     \seq_put_right:No \l__file_internal_seq
10289     { \tl_to_str:n {##1} }
10290   }
10291 }
10292 </package>
10293 \seq_remove_duplicates:N \l__file_internal_seq
10294 \iow_log:n { *~File~List~* }
10295 \seq_map_inline:Nn \l__file_internal_seq { \iow_log:n {##1} }
10296 \iow_log:n { ***** }
10297 }

```

(End definition for `\file_list:`. This function is documented on page 184.)

When used as a package, there is a need to hold onto the standard file list as well as the new one here. File names recorded in `\@filelist` must be turned to strings before being added to `\g__file_record_seq`.

```

10298 <*package>
10299 \AtBeginDocument
10300 {
10301   \clist_map_inline:Nn \@filelist
10302   { \seq_gput_right:No \g__file_record_seq { \tl_to_str:n {##1} } }
10303 }
10304 </package>

```

## 20.2 Input operations

```
10305 <@@=ior>
```

### 20.2.1 Variables and constants

**`\c_term_ior`** Reading from the terminal (with a prompt) is done using a positive but non-existent stream number. Unlike writing, there is no concept of reading from the log.

```
10306 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_term_ior \c_sixteen
```

(End definition for `\c_term_ior`. This variable is documented on page 189.)

**`\g__ior_streams_seq`** A list of the currently-available input streams to be used as a stack. In format mode, all streams (from 0 to 15) are available, while the package requests streams to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> as they are needed (initially none are needed), so the starting point varies!

```

10307 \seq_new:N \g__ior_streams_seq
10308 <*initex>
10309 \seq_gset_split:Nnn \g__ior_streams_seq { , }
10310 { 0 , 1 , 2 , 3 , 4 , 5 , 6 , 7 , 8 , 9 , 10 , 11 , 12 , 13 , 14 , 15 }
10311 </initex>

```

(End definition for `\g__ior_streams_seq`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l__ior_stream_tl` Used to recover the raw stream number from the stack.

```
10312 \tl_new:N \l__ior_stream_tl
```

(End definition for `\l__ior_stream_tl`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\g__ior_streams_prop` The name of the file attached to each stream is tracked in a property list. To get the correct number of reserved streams in package mode the underlying mechanism needs to be queried. For  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_\epsilon$  and plain  $\text{\TeX}$  this data is stored in `\count16`: with the `etex` package loaded we need to subtract 1 as the register holds the number of the next stream to use. In  $\text{\ConTeXt}$ , we need to look at `\count38` but there is no subtraction: like the original plain  $\text{\TeX}$ / $\text{\LaTeX} 2_\epsilon$  mechanism it holds the value of the *last* stream allocated.

```
10313 \prop_new:N \g__ior_streams_prop
10314 <*package>
10315 \int_step_inline:nnnn
10316 { \c_zero }
10317 { \c_one }
10318 {
10319   \cs_if_exist:NTF \normalend
10320   { \tex_count:D 38 \scan_stop: }
10321   {
10322     \tex_count:D 16 \scan_stop:
10323     \cs_if_exist:NT \loccount { - \c_one }
10324   }
10325 }
10326 {
10327   \prop_gput:Nnn \g__ior_streams_prop {#1} { Reserved-by-format }
10328 }
10329 </package>
```

(End definition for `\g__ior_streams_prop`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

## 20.2.2 Stream management

`\ior_new:N` Reserving a new stream is done by defining the name as equal to using the terminal.

```
\ior_new:c 10330 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_new:N #1 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \c_term_ior }
10331 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \ior_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\ior_new:N` and `\ior_new:c`. These functions are documented on page 184.)

`\ior_open:Nn` Opening an input stream requires a bit of pre-processing. The file name is sanitized to deal with active characters, before an auxiliary adds a path and checks that the file really exists. If those two tests pass, then pass the information on to the lower-level function which deals with streams.

```
\ior_open:cn 10332 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_open:Nn #1#2
10333 { \__file_name_sanitize:nn {#2} { \__ior_open_aux:Nn #1 } }
10334 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \ior_open:Nn { c }
\__ior_open_aux:Nn 10335 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_open_aux:Nn #1#2
10336 {
10337   \file_add_path:nN {#2} \l__file_internal_name_tl
```



```

10338 \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__file_internal_name_tl
10339 { \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { file-not-found } {#2} }
10340 { \__ior_open:No #1 \l__file_internal_name_tl }
10341 }

```

(End definition for `\ior_open:Nn` and `\ior_open:cn`. These functions are documented on page 184.)

**`\ior_open:NnTF`** Much the same idea for opening a read with a conditional, except the auxiliary function  
**`\ior_open:cnTF`** does not issue an error if the file is not found.

```

\__ior_open_aux:NnTF
10342 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \ior_open:Nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
10343 { \__file_name_sanitize:nn {#2} { \__ior_open_aux:NnTF #1 } }
10344 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \ior_open:NnT { c }
10345 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \ior_open:NnF { c }
10346 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \ior_open:NnTF { c }
10347 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_open_aux:NnTF #1#2
10348 {
10349 \file_add_path:nN {#2} \l__file_internal_name_tl
10350 \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__file_internal_name_tl
10351 { \prg_return_false: }
10352 {
10353 \__ior_open:No #1 \l__file_internal_name_tl
10354 \prg_return_true:
10355 }
10356 }

```

(End definition for `\ior_open:NnTF` and `\ior_open:cnTF`. These functions are documented on page 184.)

**`\__ior_new:N`** In package mode, streams are reserved using `\newread` before they can be managed by `ior`. To prevent `ior` from being affected by redefinitions of `\newread` (such as done by the third-party package `morewrites`), this macro is saved here under a private name. The complicated code ensures that `\__ior_new:N` is not `\outer` despite plain  $\text{\TeX}$ 's `\newread` being `\outer`.

```

10357 <*package>
10358 \exp_args:Nnf \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__ior_new:N
10359 { \exp_args:Nnc \exp_after:wN \exp_stop_f: { newread } }
10360 </package>

```

(End definition for `\__ior_new:N`.)

**`\__ior_open:Nn`** The stream allocation itself uses the fact that there is a list of all of those available, so  
**`\__ior_open:No`** allocation is simply a question of using the number at the top of the list. In package  
**`\__ior_open_stream:Nn`** mode, life gets more complex as it's important to keep things in sync. That is done using a two-part approach: any streams that have already been taken up by `ior` but are now free are tracked, so we first try those. If that fails, ask plain  $\text{\TeX}$  or  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$  for a new stream and use that number (after a bit of conversion).

```

10361 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_open:Nn #1#2
10362 {
10363 \ior_close:N #1
10364 \seq_gpop:NNTF \g__ior_streams_seq \l__ior_stream_tl

```

```

10365 { \_ior\_open\_stream:Nn #1 {#2} }
10366 <*initex>
10367 { \_msg\_kernel\_fatal:nn { kernel } { input-streams-exhausted } }
10368 </initex>
10369 <*package>
10370 {
10371   \_ior\_new:N #1
10372   \tl\_set:Nx \l\_ior\_stream\_tl { \int\_eval:n {#1} }
10373   \_ior\_open\_stream:Nn #1 {#2}
10374 }
10375 </package>
10376 }
10377 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \_ior\_open:Nn { No }
10378 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \_ior\_open\_stream:Nn #1#2
10379 {
10380   \tex\_global:D \tex\_chardef:D #1 = \l\_ior\_stream\_tl \scan\_stop:
10381   \prop\_gput:Nvn \g\_ior\_streams\_prop #1 {#2}
10382   \tex\_openin:D #1 #2 \scan\_stop:
10383 }

```

(End definition for \\_ior\\_open:Nn and \\_ior\\_open:No.)

**\ior\\_close:N** Closing a stream means getting rid of it at the T<sub>E</sub>X level and removing from the various data structures. Unless the name passed is an invalid stream number (outside the range [0, 15]), it can be closed. On the other hand, it only gets added to the stack if it was not already there, to avoid duplicates building up.

**\ior\\_close:c**

```

10384 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \ior\_close:N #1
10385 {
10386   \int\_compare:nT { \c\_minus\_one < #1 < \c\_sixteen }
10387   {
10388     \tex\_closein:D #1
10389     \prop\_gremove:Nv \g\_ior\_streams\_prop #1
10390     \seq\_if\_in:NvF \g\_ior\_streams\_seq #1
10391     { \seq\_gpush:Nv \g\_ior\_streams\_seq #1 }
10392     \cs\_gset\_eq:NN #1 \c\_term\_ior
10393   }
10394 }
10395 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \ior\_close:N { c }

```

(End definition for \ior\\_close:N and \ior\\_close:c. These functions are documented on page 185.)

**\ior\\_list\\_streams:** Show the property lists, but with some “pretty printing”. See the l3msg module. The first argument of the message is ior (as opposed to iow) and the second is empty if no read stream is open and non-empty (in fact a question mark) otherwise. The code of the message show-streams takes care of translating ior/iow to English. The list of streams is formatted using \\_msg\\_show\\_item\\_unbraced:nn.

**\\_ior\\_list\\_streams:Nn**

```

10396 \cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:Npn \ior\_list\_streams:
10397 { \_ior\_list\_streams:Nn \g\_ior\_streams\_prop { ior } }
10398 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \_ior\_list\_streams:Nn #1#2
10399 {

```

```

10400     \_msg_show_pre:nnxxxx { LaTeX / kernel } { show-streams }
10401     {#2} { \prop_if_empty:NF #1 { ? } } { } { }
10402     \_msg_show_wrap:n
10403     { \prop_map_function:NN #1 \_msg_show_item_unbraced:nn }
10404 }

```

(End definition for `\ior_list_streams:`. This function is documented on page 185.)

### 20.2.3 Reading input

`\if_eof:w` The primitive conditional

```

10405 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_eof:w \tex_ifeof:D

```

(End definition for `\if_eof:w`.)

`\ior_if_eof_p:N` To test if some particular input stream is exhausted the following conditional is provided.

```

\ior_if_eof:N\TF
10406 \prg_new_conditional:Nnn \ior_if_eof:N { p , T , F , TF }
10407 {
10408   \cs_if_exist:NTF #1
10409   {
10410     \if_int_compare:w #1 = \c_sixteen
10411     \prg_return_true:
10412   }
10413   \else:
10414     \if_eof:w #1
10415     \prg_return_true:
10416   }
10417   \else:
10418     \prg_return_false:
10419   }
10420   \fi:
10421 }

```

(End definition for `\ior_if_eof:N\TF`. This function is documented on page 186.)

`\ior_get:NN` And here we read from files.

```

10422 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_get:NN #1#2
10423 { \tex_read:D #1 to #2 }

```

(End definition for `\ior_get:NN`. This function is documented on page 185.)

`\ior_get_str:NN` Reading as strings is a more complicated wrapper, as we wish to remove the endline character.

```

10424 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_get_str:NN #1#2
10425 {
10426   \use:x
10427   {
10428     \int_set_eq:NN \tex_endlinechar:D \c_minus_one
10429     \exp_not:n { \etex_readline:D #1 to #2 }
10430     \int_set:Nn \tex_endlinechar:D { \int_use:N \tex_endlinechar:D }
10431   }
10432 }

```

(End definition for `\ior_get_str:NN`. This function is documented on page 186.)

`\g__file_internal_ior` Needed by the higher-level code, but cannot be created until here.

```
10433 \ior_new:N \g__file_internal_ior
```

(End definition for `\g__file_internal_ior`. This variable is documented on page 189.)

## 20.3 Output operations

```
10434 <@@=iow>
```

There is a lot of similarity here to the input operations, at least for many of the basics. Thus quite a bit is copied from the earlier material with minor alterations.

### 20.3.1 Variables and constants

`\c_log_iow` Here we allocate two output streams for writing to the transcript file only (`\c_log_iow`)  
`\c_term_iow` and to both the terminal and transcript file (`\c_term_iow`).

```
10435 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_log_iow \c_minus_one
```

```
10436 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_term_iow \c_sixteen
```

(End definition for `\c_log_iow` and `\c_term_iow`. These variables are documented on page 189.)

`\g__iow_streams_seq` A list of the currently-available input streams to be used as a stack. Things are done differently in format and package mode, so the starting point varies!

```
10437 \seq_new:N \g__iow_streams_seq
```

```
10438 <*initex>
```

```
10439 \seq_gset_eq:NN \g__iow_streams_seq \g__ior_streams_seq
```

```
10440 </initex>
```

(End definition for `\g__iow_streams_seq`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l__iow_stream_tl` Used to recover the raw stream number from the stack.

```
10441 \tl_new:N \l__iow_stream_tl
```

(End definition for `\l__iow_stream_tl`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\g__iow_streams_prop` As for reads with the appropriate adjustment of the register numbers to check on.

```
10442 \prop_new:N \g__iow_streams_prop
```

```
10443 <*package>
```

```
10444 \int_step_inline:nnnn
```

```
10445 { \c_zero }
```

```
10446 { \c_one }
```

```
10447 {
```

```
10448   \cs_if_exist:NTF \normalend
```

```
10449   { \tex_count:D 39 \scan_stop: }
```

```
10450   {
```

```
10451     \tex_count:D 17 \scan_stop:
```

```
10452     \cs_if_exist:NT \loccount { - \c_one }
```

```
10453   }
```

```
10454 }
```

```
10455 {
```

```

10456 \prop_gput:Nnn \g__iow_streams_prop {#1} { Reserved-by-format }
10457 }
10458 \</package>

```

(End definition for `\g__iow_streams_prop`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

## 20.4 Stream management

**`\iow_new:N`** Reserving a new stream is done by defining the name as equal to writing to the terminal:  
**`\iow_new:c`** odd but at least consistent.

```

10459 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_new:N #1 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \c_term_iow }
10460 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\iow_new:N` and `\iow_new:c`. These functions are documented on page 184.)

**`\__iow_new:N`** As for read streams, copy `\newwrite` in package mode, making sure that it is not `\outer`.

```

10461 \*package>
10462 \exp_args:Nnf \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_new:N
10463 { \exp_args:Nnc \exp_after:wN \exp_stop_f: { newwrite } }
10464 \</package>

```

(End definition for `\__iow_new:N`.)

**`\iow_open:Nn`** The same idea as for reading, but without the path and without the need to allow for a  
**`\iow_open:cn`** conditional version.

```

10465 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_open:Nn #1#2
10466 { \__file_name_sanitiz:nn {#2} { \__iow_open:Nn #1 } }
10467 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_open:Nn { c }
10468 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_open:Nn #1#2
10469 {
10470   \iow_close:N #1
10471   \seq_gpop:NNTF \g__iow_streams_seq \l__iow_stream_tl
10472   { \__iow_open_stream:Nn #1 {#2} }
10473 \*initex>
10474 { \__msg_kernel_fatal:nn { kernel } { output-streams-exhausted } }
10475 \</initex>
10476 \*package>
10477 {
10478   \__iow_new:N #1
10479   \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_stream_tl { \int_eval:n {#1} }
10480   \__iow_open_stream:Nn #1 {#2}
10481 }
10482 \</package>
10483 }
10484 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__iow_open:Nn { No }
10485 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_open_stream:Nn #1#2
10486 {
10487   \tex_global:D \tex_chardef:D #1 = \l__iow_stream_tl \scan_stop:
10488   \prop_gput:Nvn \g__iow_streams_prop #1 {#2}
10489   \tex_immediate:D \tex_openout:D #1 #2 \scan_stop:
10490 }

```

(End definition for `\iow_open:Nn` and `\iow_open:cn`. These functions are documented on page 185.)

`\iow_close:N` Closing a stream is not quite the reverse of opening one. First, the close operation is easier than the open one, and second as the stream is actually a number we can use it directly to show that the slot has been freed up.

`\iow_close:c`

```

10491 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_close:N #1
10492 {
10493   \int_compare:nT { \c_minus_one < #1 < \c_sixteen }
10494   {
10495     \tex_immediate:D \tex_closeout:D #1
10496     \prop_gremove:NV \g__iow_streams_prop #1
10497     \seq_if_in:NVF \g__iow_streams_seq #1
10498     { \seq_gpush:NV \g__iow_streams_seq #1 }
10499     \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_term_ior
10500   }
10501 }
10502 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_close:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\iow_close:N` and `\iow_close:c`. These functions are documented on page 185.)

`\iow_list_streams:` Done as for input, but with a copy of the auxiliary so the name is correct.  
`\__iow_list_streams:Nn`

```

10503 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \iow_list_streams:
10504 { \__iow_list_streams:Nn \g__iow_streams_prop { iow } }
10505 \cs_new_eq:NN \__iow_list_streams:Nn \__ior_list_streams:Nn

```

(End definition for `\iow_list_streams:`. This function is documented on page 185.)

## 20.4.1 Deferred writing

`\iow_shipout_x:Nn` First the easy part, this is the primitive, which expects its argument to be braced.

`\iow_shipout_x:Nx`

`\iow_shipout_x:cn`

`\iow_shipout_x:cx`

```

10506 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_shipout_x:Nn #1#2
10507 { \tex_write:D #1 {#2} }
10508 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_shipout_x:Nn { c, Nx, cx }

```

(End definition for `\iow_shipout_x:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 187.)

`\iow_shipout:Nn` With  $\varepsilon$ -TEX available deferred writing without expansion is easy.

`\iow_shipout:Nx`

`\iow_shipout:cn`

`\iow_shipout:cx`

```

10509 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_shipout:Nn #1#2
10510 { \tex_write:D #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
10511 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_shipout:Nn { c, Nx, cx }

```

(End definition for `\iow_shipout:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 187.)

## 20.4.2 Immediate writing

`\__iow_with:Nnn` If the integer #1 is equal to #2, just leave #3 in the input stream. Otherwise, pass the old value to an auxiliary, which sets the integer to the new value, runs the code, and restores the integer.

```

10512 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_with:Nnn #1#2
10513 {
10514   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = {#2}
10515     { \use:n }
10516     { \exp_args:No \__iow_with_aux:nNnn { \int_use:N #1 } #1 {#2} }
10517 }
10518 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_with_aux:nNnn #1#2#3#4
10519 {
10520   \int_set:Nn #2 {#3}
10521   #4
10522   \int_set:Nn #2 {#1}
10523 }

```

(End definition for `\__iow_with:Nnn` and `\__iow_with_aux:nNnn`.)

`\iow_now:Nn` This routine writes the second argument onto the output stream without expansion. If  
`\iow_now:Nx` this stream isn't open, the output goes to the terminal instead. If the first argument is  
`\iow_now:cn` no output stream at all, we get an internal error. We don't use the expansion done by  
`\iow_now:cx` `\write` to get the Nx variant, because it differs in subtle ways from x-expansion, namely, macro parameter characters would not need to be doubled. We set the `\newlinechar` to 10 using `\__iow_with:Nnn` to support formats such as plain `TEX`: otherwise, `\iow_newline:` would not work. We do not do this for `\iow_shipout:Nn` or `\iow_shipout_x:Nn`, as `TEX` looks at the value of the `\newlinechar` at shipout time in those cases.

```

10524 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_now:Nn #1#2
10525 {
10526   \__iow_with:Nnn \tex_newlinechar:D { '\^^J }
10527   { \tex_immediate:D \tex_write:D #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
10528 }
10529 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_now:Nn { c, Nx, cx }

```

(End definition for `\iow_now:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 186.)

`\iow_log:n` Writing to the log and the terminal directly are relatively easy.  
`\iow_log:x` `\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \iow_log:x { \iow_now:Nx \c_log_iow }`  
`\iow_term:n` `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \iow_log:n { \iow_now:Nn \c_log_iow }`  
`\iow_term:x` `\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \iow_term:x { \iow_now:Nx \c_term_iow }`  
`\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \iow_term:n { \iow_now:Nn \c_term_iow }`

(End definition for `\iow_log:n` and `\iow_log:x`. These functions are documented on page 186.)

### 20.4.3 Special characters for writing

**\iow\_newline:** Global variable holding the character that forces a new line when something is written to an output stream.

```
10534 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \iow_newline: { ^^J }
```

*(End definition for \iow\_newline:. This function is documented on page 187.)*

**\iow\_char:N** Function to write any escaped char to an output stream.

```
10535 \cs_new_eq:NN \iow_char:N \cs_to_str:N
```

*(End definition for \iow\_char:N. This function is documented on page 187.)*

### 20.4.4 Hard-wrapping lines to a character count

The code here implements a generic hard-wrapping function. This is used by the messaging system, but is designed such that it is available for other uses.

**\l\_iow\_line\_count\_int** This is the “raw” number of characters in a line which can be written to the terminal. The standard value is the line length typically used by T<sub>E</sub>XLive and MikT<sub>E</sub>X.

```
10536 \int_new:N \l_iow_line_count_int
10537 \int_set:Nn \l_iow_line_count_int { 78 }
```

*(End definition for \l\_iow\_line\_count\_int. This variable is documented on page 188.)*

**\l\_\_iow\_target\_count\_int** This stores the target line count: the full number of characters in a line, minus any part for a leader at the start of each line.

```
10538 \int_new:N \l__iow_target_count_int
```

*(End definition for \l\_\_iow\_target\_count\_int.)*

**\l\_iow\_current\_line\_int** These store the number of characters in the line and word currently being constructed, and the current indentation, respectively.

**\l\_iow\_current\_word\_int**  
**\l\_iow\_current\_indentation\_int**

```
10539 \int_new:N \l_iow_current_line_int
10540 \int_new:N \l_iow_current_word_int
10541 \int_new:N \l_iow_current_indentation_int
```

*(End definition for \l\_iow\_current\_line\_int, \l\_iow\_current\_word\_int, and \l\_iow\_current\_indentation\_int.)*

**\l\_\_iow\_current\_line\_tl** These hold the current line of text and current word, and a number of spaces for indentation, respectively.

**\l\_\_iow\_current\_word\_tl**  
**\l\_iow\_current\_indentation\_tl**

```
10542 \tl_new:N \l__iow_current_line_tl
10543 \tl_new:N \l__iow_current_word_tl
10544 \tl_new:N \l_iow_current_indentation_tl
```

*(End definition for \l\_\_iow\_current\_line\_tl, \l\_\_iow\_current\_word\_tl, and \l\_iow\_current\_indentation\_tl.)*



`\l__iow_wrap_tl` Used for the expansion step before detokenizing, and for the output from wrapping text: fully expanded and with lines which are not overly long.

```

10545 \tl_new:N \l__iow_wrap_tl

```

(End definition for `\l__iow_wrap_tl`.)

`\l__iow_newline_tl` The token list inserted to produce the new line, with the *⟨run-on text⟩*.

```

10546 \tl_new:N \l__iow_newline_tl

```

(End definition for `\l__iow_newline_tl`.)

`\l__iow_line_start_bool` Boolean to avoid adding a space at the beginning of forced newlines, and to know when to add the indentation.

```

10547 \bool_new:N \l__iow_line_start_bool

```

(End definition for `\l__iow_line_start_bool`.)

`\c_catcode_other_space_tl` Lowercase a character with category code 12 to produce an “other” space. We can do everything within the group, because `\tl_const:Nn` defines its argument globally.

```

10548 \group_begin:
10549   \char_set_catcode_other:N \*
10550   \char_set_lccode:nn {'\*} {'\ }
10551   \tex_lowercase:D { \tl_const:Nn \c_catcode_other_space_tl { * } }
10552 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\c_catcode_other_space_tl`. This function is documented on page 189.)

`\c__iow_wrap_marker_tl` Every special action of the wrapping code is preceded by the same recognizable string, `\c__iow_wrap_marker_tl`. Upon seeing that “word”, the wrapping code reads one space-delimited argument to know what operation to perform. The setting of `\escapechar` here is not very important, but makes `\c__iow_wrap_marker_tl` look nicer.

`\c__iow_wrap_end_marker_tl`

`\c__iow_wrap_newline_marker_tl`

`\c__iow_wrap_indent_marker_tl`

`\c__iow_wrap_unindent_marker_tl`

```

10553 \group_begin:
10554   \int_set_eq:NN \tex_escapechar:D \c_minus_one
10555   \tl_const:Nx \c__iow_wrap_marker_tl
10556     { \tl_to_str:n { ^^I ^^O ^^W ^^_ ^^W ^^R ^^A ^^P } }
10557 \group_end:
10558 \tl_map_inline:nn
10559   { { end } { newline } { indent } { unindent } }
10560   {
10561     \tl_const:cx { c__iow_wrap_ #1 _marker_tl }
10562     {
10563       \c_catcode_other_space_tl
10564       \c__iow_wrap_marker_tl
10565       \c_catcode_other_space_tl
10566       #1
10567       \c_catcode_other_space_tl
10568     }
10569   }

```

(End definition for `\c__iow_wrap_marker_tl`.)

`\iow_indent:n` We give a (protected) error definition to `\iow_indent:n` when outside messages. Within wrapped message, it places the instruction for increasing the indentation before its argument, and the instruction for unindenting afterwards. Note that there will be no forced line-break, so the indentation only changes when the next line is started.

`\__iow_indent:n`

`\__iow_indent_error:n`

```

10570 \cs_new:Npx \__iow_indent:n #1
10571 {
10572   \c__iow_wrap_indent_marker_tl
10573   #1
10574   \c__iow_wrap_unindent_marker_tl
10575 }
10576 \cs_new:Npn \__iow_indent_error:n #1
10577 {
10578   \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { indent-outside-wrapping-code }
10579   #1
10580 }
10581 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \iow_indent:n { \__iow_indent_error:n }

```

(End definition for `\iow_indent:n`. This function is documented on page 188.)

`\iow_wrap:nnnN` The main wrapping function works as follows. First give `\`, `\_` and other formatting commands the correct definition for messages, before fully-expanding the input. In package mode, the expansion uses L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>'s `\protect` mechanism. Afterwards, set the newline marker (two assignments to fully expand, then convert to a string) and its length, and initialize some registers. There is then a loop over each word in the input, which will do the actual wrapping. After the loop, the resulting text is passed on to the function which has been given as a post-processor. The argument `#4` is available for additional set up steps for the output. The definition of `\` and `\_` use an “other” space rather than a normal space, because the latter might be absorbed by T<sub>E</sub>X to end a number or other f-type expansions. The `\tl_to_str:N` step converts the “other” space back to a normal space.

`\__iow_wrap_set:Nx`

```

10582 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_wrap:nnnN #1#2#3#4
10583 {
10584   \group_begin:
10585   \int_set_eq:NN \tex_escapechar:D \c_minus_one
10586   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \{ { \token_to_str:N \{ }
10587   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \# { \token_to_str:N \# }
10588   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \} { \token_to_str:N \} }
10589   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \% { \token_to_str:N \% }
10590   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \~ { \token_to_str:N \~ }
10591   \int_set:Nn \tex_escapechar:D { 92 }
10592   \cs_set_eq:NN \ \ \c__iow_wrap_newline_marker_tl
10593   \cs_set_eq:NN \_ \c_catcode_other_space_tl
10594   \cs_set_eq:NN \iow_indent:n \__iow_indent:n
10595   #3
10596   <*initex>
10597   \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_wrap_tl {#1}
10598   </initex>
10599   <*package>
10600   \__iow_wrap_set:Nx \l__iow_wrap_tl {#1}

```

```
10601 </package>
```

To warn users that `\iow_indent:n` only works in the first argument of `\iow_wrap:nnnN` reset `\iow_indent:n` to its error definition. Then store a newline character and the run-on text as a string in `\l__iow_newline_tl`, and set some variables. The first line's target count is equal to the length of the whole line. The value `\l__iow_target_count_int` is altered later on by `\__iow_wrap_set_target:.`

```
10602     \cs_set_eq:NN \iow_indent:n \__iow_indent_error:n
10603     \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_newline_tl { \iow_newline: #2 }
10604     \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_newline_tl { \tl_to_str:N \l__iow_newline_tl }
10605     \int_set_eq:NN \l__iow_target_count_int \l_iow_line_count_int
10606     \tl_clear:N \l__iow_current_indentation_tl
10607     \int_zero:N \l__iow_current_line_int
10608     \tl_set:Nn \l__iow_current_line_tl { \use_none:n }
10609     \bool_set_true:N \l__iow_line_start_bool
```

After some setup above (in particular the odd setting of the current line to `\use_none:n`), a loop goes through space-delimited words in the message, recognizing special markers. To make sure that the first line behaves identically to others, start with a newline marker: the `\use_none:n` above avoids actually getting a new line in the output.

```
10610     \use:x
10611     {
10612         \exp_not:n { \tl_clear:N \l__iow_wrap_tl }
10613         \__iow_wrap_loop:w
10614         \tl_to_str:N \c__iow_wrap_newline_marker_tl
10615         \tl_to_str:N \l__iow_wrap_tl
10616         \tl_to_str:N \c__iow_wrap_end_marker_tl
10617         \c_space_tl \c_space_tl
10618         \exp_not:N \q_stop
10619     }
10620     \exp_args:NNo \group_end:
10621     #4 \l__iow_wrap_tl
10622 }
```

As using the generic loader will mean that `\protected@edef` is not available, it's not placed directly in the wrap function but is set up as an auxiliary. In the generic loader this can then be redefined.

```
10623 <*package>
10624 \cs_new_eq:NN \__iow_wrap_set:Nx \protected@edef
10625 </package>
```

*(End definition for `\iow_wrap:nnnN`. This function is documented on page 188.)*

`\__iow_wrap_set_target:` This is called at the beginning of every line (both those forced by `\\` and those due to line-breaking). The initial call does nothing except redefine `\__iow_wrap_set_target:` itself (within the group in which `\iow_wrap:nnnN` works). The next call (at the beginning of the second line) disables any later call and sets the `\l__iow_target_count_int` to the correct value, namely the `\l_iow_line_count_int` shortened by the length of the run-on text (the shift by 1 is due to the presence of `\iow_newline:` in `\l__iow_newline_tl`). This is a bit of a hack to measure the string length of the run on text without the `l3str`

module (which is still experimental). This should be replaced once the string module is finalised with something a little cleaner.

```

10626 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_wrap_set_target:
10627 {
10628   \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_wrap_set_target:
10629   {
10630     \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_wrap_set_target: { }
10631     \tl_replace_all:Nnn \l__iow_newline_tl { ~ } { \c_space_tl }
10632     \int_set:Nn \l__iow_target_count_int
10633       { \l__iow_line_count_int - \tl_count:N \l__iow_newline_tl + \c_one }
10634   }
10635 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_iow\_wrap\_set\_target:.)

\\_\_iow\_wrap\_loop:w The loop grabs one word in the input, and checks whether it is the special marker, or a normal word.

```

10636 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_wrap_loop:w #1~ %
10637 {
10638   \tl_set:Nn \l__iow_current_word_tl {#1}
10639   \tl_if_eq:NNTF \l__iow_current_word_tl \c__iow_wrap_marker_tl
10640     { \__iow_wrap_special:w }
10641     { \__iow_wrap_word: }
10642 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_iow\_wrap\_loop:w.)

\\_\_iow\_wrap\_word: For a normal word, update the line count, then test if the current word would fit in the current line, and call the appropriate function. If the word fits in the current line, add it to the line, preceded by a space unless it is the first word of the line. Otherwise, the current line is added to the result, with the run-on text. The current word (and its character count) are then put in the new line.

```

10643 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_wrap_word:
10644 {
10645   \int_set:Nn \l__iow_current_word_int
10646     { \exp_args:No \str_count_ignore_spaces:n \l__iow_current_word_tl }
10647   \int_add:Nn \l__iow_current_line_int { \l__iow_current_word_int }
10648   \int_compare:nNnTF \l__iow_current_line_int < \l__iow_target_count_int
10649     { \__iow_wrap_word_fits: }
10650     { \__iow_wrap_word_newline: }
10651   \__iow_wrap_loop:w
10652 }
10653 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_wrap_word_fits:
10654 {
10655   \bool_if:NNTF \l__iow_line_start_bool
10656     {
10657       \bool_set_false:N \l__iow_line_start_bool
10658       \tl_put_right:Nx \l__iow_current_line_tl
10659         { \l__iow_current_indentation_tl \l__iow_current_word_tl }

```

```

10660         \int_add:Nn \l__iow_current_line_int
10661         { \l__iow_current_indentation_int }
10662     }
10663     {
10664         \tl_put_right:Nx \l__iow_current_line_tl
10665         { ~ \l__iow_current_word_tl }
10666         \int_incr:N \l__iow_current_line_int
10667     }
10668 }
10669 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_wrap_word_newline:
10670 {
10671     \__iow_wrap_set_target:
10672     \tl_put_right:Nx \l__iow_wrap_tl
10673     { \l__iow_current_line_tl \l__iow_newline_tl }
10674     \int_set:Nn \l__iow_current_line_int
10675     {
10676         \l__iow_current_word_int
10677         + \l__iow_current_indentation_int
10678     }
10679     \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_current_line_tl
10680     { \l__iow_current_indentation_tl \l__iow_current_word_tl }
10681 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_iow\_wrap\_word:.)

```

\__iow_wrap_special:w
\__iow_wrap_newline:w
\__iow_wrap_indent:w
\__iow_wrap_unindent:w
\__iow_wrap_end:w

```

When the “special” marker is encountered, read what operation to perform, as a space-delimited argument, perform it, and remember to loop. In fact, to avoid spurious spaces when two special actions follow each other, we look ahead for another copy of the marker. Forced newlines are almost identical to those caused by overflow, except that here the word is empty. To indent more, add four spaces to the start of the indentation token list. To reduce indentation, rebuild the indentation token list using `\prg_replicate:nn`. At the end, we simply save the last line (without the run-on text), and prevent the loop.

```

10682 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_wrap_special:w #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ %
10683 {
10684     \use:c { __iow_wrap_#1: }
10685     \str_if_eq_x:nnTF { #2~#3 } { ~ \c__iow_wrap_marker_tl }
10686     { \__iow_wrap_special:w }
10687     { \__iow_wrap_loop:w #2 ~ #3 ~ }
10688 }
10689 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_wrap_newline:
10690 {
10691     \__iow_wrap_set_target:
10692     \tl_put_right:Nx \l__iow_wrap_tl
10693     { \l__iow_current_line_tl \l__iow_newline_tl }
10694     \int_zero:N \l__iow_current_line_int
10695     \tl_clear:N \l__iow_current_line_tl
10696     \bool_set_true:N \l__iow_line_start_bool
10697 }
10698 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx \__iow_wrap_indent:

```

```

10699 {
10700   \int_add:Nn \l__iow_current_indentation_int \c_four
10701   \tl_put_right:Nx \exp_not:N \l__iow_current_indentation_tl
10702   { \c_space_tl \c_space_tl \c_space_tl \c_space_tl }
10703 }
10704 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_wrap_unindent:
10705 {
10706   \int_sub:Nn \l__iow_current_indentation_int \c_four
10707   \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_current_indentation_tl
10708   { \prg_replicate:nn \l__iow_current_indentation_int { ~ } }
10709 }
10710 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_wrap_end:
10711 {
10712   \tl_put_right:Nx \l__iow_wrap_tl
10713   { \l__iow_current_line_tl }
10714   \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
10715 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_iow\_wrap\_special:w.)

## 20.5 Messages

```

10716 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { file-not-found }
10717 { File~'#1'~not-found. }
10718 {
10719   The~requested~file~could~not~be~found~in~the~current~directory,~
10720   in~the~TeX~search~path~or~in~the~LaTeX~search~path.
10721 }
10722 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { input-streams-exhausted }
10723 { Input~streams~exhausted }
10724 {
10725   TeX~can~only~open~up~to~16~input~streams~at~one~time.\\
10726   All~16~are~currently~in~use,~and~something~wanted~to~open~
10727   another~one.
10728 }
10729 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { output-streams-exhausted }
10730 { Output~streams~exhausted }
10731 {
10732   TeX~can~only~open~up~to~16~output~streams~at~one~time.\\
10733   All~16~are~currently~in~use,~and~something~wanted~to~open~
10734   another~one.
10735 }
10736 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { unbalanced-quote-in-filename }
10737 { Unbalanced~quotes~in~file~name~'#1'. }
10738 {
10739   File~names~must~contain~balanced~numbers~of~quotes~(").
10740 }
10741 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { indent-outside-wrapping-code }
10742 { Only~\iow_wrap:nnnN~(arg~1)~allows~\iow_indent:n }
10743 </initex | package)

```

## 21 l3fp implementation

Nothing to see here: everything is in the subfiles!

## 22 l3fp-aux implementation

10744  $\langle *initex | package \rangle$

10745  $\langle @@=fp \rangle$

### 22.1 Internal representation

Internally, a floating point number  $\langle X \rangle$  is a token list containing

$\backslash s\_fp \backslash\_fp\_chk:w \langle case \rangle \langle sign \rangle \langle body \rangle ;$

Let us explain each piece separately.

Internal floating point numbers will be used in expressions, and in this context will be subject to f-expansion. They must leave a recognizable mark after f-expansion, to prevent the floating point number from being re-parsed. Thus,  $\backslash s\_fp$  is simply another name for  $\backslash relax$ .

Since floating point numbers are always accessed by the various operations using f-expansion, we can safely let them be protected: x-expansion will then leave them untouched. However, when used directly without an accessor function, floating points should produce an error.  $\backslash s\_fp$  will do nothing, and  $\backslash\_fp\_chk:w$  produces an error.

The (decimal part of the) IEEE-754-2008 standard requires the format to be able to represent special floating point numbers besides the usual positive and negative cases. The various possibilities will be distinguished by their  $\langle case \rangle$ , which is a single digit:<sup>8</sup>

- 0 zeros:  $+0$  and  $-0$ ,
- 1 “normal” numbers (positive and negative),
- 2 infinities:  $+inf$  and  $-inf$ ,
- 3 quiet and signalling **nan**.

The  $\langle sign \rangle$  is 0 (positive) or 2 (negative), except in the case of **nan**, which have  $\langle sign \rangle = 1$ . This ensures that changing the  $\langle sign \rangle$  digit to  $2 - \langle sign \rangle$  is exactly equivalent to changing the sign of the number.

Special floating point numbers have the form

$\backslash s\_fp \backslash\_fp\_chk:w \langle case \rangle \langle sign \rangle \backslash s\_fp\_... ;$

where  $\backslash s\_fp\_...$  is a scan mark carrying information about how the number was formed (useful for debugging).

Normal floating point numbers ( $\langle case \rangle = 1$ ) have the form

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<sup>8</sup>Bruno: I need to implement subnormal numbers. Also, quiet and signalling **nan** must be better distinguished.

Table 1: Internal representation of floating point numbers.

Representation	Meaning
0 0 \s\_fp\_... ;	Positive zero.
0 2 \s\_fp\_... ;	Negative zero.
1 0 {<exponent>} {<X <sub>1</sub> >} {<X <sub>2</sub> >} {<X <sub>3</sub> >} {<X <sub>4</sub> >} ;	Positive floating point.
1 2 {<exponent>} {<X <sub>1</sub> >} {<X <sub>2</sub> >} {<X <sub>3</sub> >} {<X <sub>4</sub> >} ;	Negative floating point.
2 0 \s\_fp\_... ;	Positive infinity.
2 2 \s\_fp\_... ;	Negative infinity.
3 1 \s\_fp\_... ;	Quiet nan.
3 1 \s\_fp\_... ;	Signalling nan.

\s\\_fp \\_fp\\_chk:w 1 <sign> {<exponent>} {<X<sub>1</sub>>} {<X<sub>2</sub>>} {<X<sub>3</sub>>} {<X<sub>4</sub>>} ;

Here, the <exponent> is an integer, at most \c\\_fp\\_max\\_exponent\\_int = 10000 in absolute value. The body consists in four blocks of exactly 4 digits,  $0000 \leq \langle X_i \rangle \leq 9999$ , such that

$$\langle X \rangle = (-1)^{\langle sign \rangle} 10^{-\langle exponent \rangle} \sum_{i=1}^4 \langle X_i \rangle 10^{-4i}$$

and such that the <exponent> is minimal. This implies  $1000 \leq \langle X_1 \rangle \leq 9999$ .

## 22.2 Internal storage of floating points numbers

A floating point number <X> is stored as

\s\\_fp \\_fp\\_chk:w <case> <sign> <body> ;

Here, <case> is 0 for  $\pm 0$ , 1 for normal numbers, 2 for  $\pm \infty$ , and 3 for nan, and <sign> is 0 for positive numbers, 1 for nans, and 2 for negative numbers. The <body> of normal numbers is {<exponent>} {<X<sub>1</sub>>} {<X<sub>2</sub>>} {<X<sub>3</sub>>} {<X<sub>4</sub>>}, with

$$\langle X \rangle = (-1)^{\langle sign \rangle} 10^{-\langle exponent \rangle} \sum_i \langle X_i \rangle 10^{-4i}.$$

Calculations are done in base 10000, *i.e.* one myriad. The <exponent> lies between  $\pm \text{\c\_fp\_max\_exponent\_int} = \pm 10000$  inclusive.

Additionally, positive and negative floating point numbers may only be stored with  $1000 \leq \langle X_1 \rangle < 10000$ . This requirement is necessary in order to preserve accuracy and speed.

## 22.3 Using arguments and semicolons

\\_fp\\_use\\_none\\_stop\\_f:n This function removes an argument (typically a digit) and replaces it by \exp\\_stop\\_f:, a marker which stops f-type expansion.

10746 \cs\\_new:Npn \\_fp\\_use\\_none\\_stop\\_f:n #1 { \exp\\_stop\\_f: }



(End definition for `\__fp_use_none_stop_f:n`.)

`\__fp_use_s:n` Those functions place a semicolon after one or two arguments (typically digits).

`\__fp_use_s:nn` 10747 `\cs_new:Npn \__fp_use_s:n #1 { #1; }`  
 10748 `\cs_new:Npn \__fp_use_s:nn #1#2 { #1#2; }`

(End definition for `\__fp_use_s:n` and `\__fp_use_s:nn`.)

`\__fp_use_none_until_s:w` Those functions select specific arguments among a set of arguments delimited by a semicolon.  
`\__fp_use_i_until_s:nw`

`\__fp_use_ii_until_s:nnw` 10749 `\cs_new:Npn \__fp_use_none_until_s:w #1; { }`  
 10750 `\cs_new:Npn \__fp_use_i_until_s:nw #1#2; {#1}`  
 10751 `\cs_new:Npn \__fp_use_ii_until_s:nnw #1#2#3; {#2}`

(End definition for `\__fp_use_none_until_s:w`, `\__fp_use_i_until_s:nw`, and `\__fp_use_ii_until_s:nnw`.)

`\__fp_reverse_args:Nww` Many internal functions take arguments delimited by semicolons, and it is occasionally useful to swap two such arguments.

10752 `\cs_new:Npn \__fp_reverse_args:Nww #1 #2; #3; { #1 #3; #2; }`

(End definition for `\__fp_reverse_args:Nww`.)

`\__fp_rrot:www` Rotate three arguments delimited by semicolons. This is the inverse (or the square) of the Forth primitive ROT.

10753 `\cs_new:Npn \__fp_rrot:www #1; #2; #3; { #2; #3; #1; }`

(End definition for `\__fp_rrot:www`.)

`\__fp_use_i:ww` Many internal functions take arguments delimited by semicolons, and it is occasionally useful to remove one or two such arguments.  
`\__fp_use_i:www`

10754 `\cs_new:Npn \__fp_use_i:ww #1; #2; { #1; }`  
 10755 `\cs_new:Npn \__fp_use_i:www #1; #2; #3; { #1; }`

(End definition for `\__fp_use_i:ww` and `\__fp_use_i:www`.)

## 22.4 Constants, and structure of floating points

`\s__fp` Floating points numbers all start with `\s__fp \__fp_chk:w`, where `\s__fp` is equal to  
`\__fp_chk:w` the TeX primitive `\relax`, and `\__fp_chk:w` is protected. The rest of the floating point number is made of characters (or `\relax`). This ensures that nothing expands under f-expansion, nor under x-expansion. However, when typeset, `\s__fp` does nothing, and `\__fp_chk:w` is expanded. We define `\__fp_chk:w` to produce an error.

10756 `\__scan_new:N \s__fp`  
 10757 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_chk:w #1 ;`  
 10758 `{`  
 10759 `\__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { misused-fp }`  
 10760 `{ \fp_to_tl:n { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 ; } }`  
 10761 `}`

(End definition for `\s__fp` and `\__fp_chk:w`.)

`\s__fp_mark` Aliases of `\tex_relax:D`, used to terminate expressions.

`\s__fp_stop` 10762 `\__scan_new:N \s__fp_mark`  
 10763 `\__scan_new:N \s__fp_stop`

(End definition for `\s__fp_mark` and `\s__fp_stop`.)

`\s__fp_invalid` A couple of scan marks used to indicate where special floating point numbers come from.

`\s__fp_underflow` 10764 `\__scan_new:N \s__fp_invalid`  
`\s__fp_overflow` 10765 `\__scan_new:N \s__fp_underflow`  
`\s__fp_division` 10766 `\__scan_new:N \s__fp_overflow`  
`\s__fp_exact` 10767 `\__scan_new:N \s__fp_division`  
 10768 `\__scan_new:N \s__fp_exact`

(End definition for `\s__fp_invalid` and others.)

`\c_zero_fp` The special floating points. All of them have the form

`\c_minus_zero_fp` `\s__fp \__fp_chk:w <case> <sign> \s__fp...` ;  
`\c_inf_fp`

`\c_minus_inf_fp` where the dots in `\s__fp...` are one of `invalid`, `underflow`, `overflow`, `division`,  
`\c_nan_fp` `exact`, describing how the floating point was created. We define the floating points here as “exact”.

10769 `\tl_const:Nn \c_zero_fp { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 0 0 \s__fp_exact ; }`  
 10770 `\tl_const:Nn \c_minus_zero_fp { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 0 2 \s__fp_exact ; }`  
 10771 `\tl_const:Nn \c_inf_fp { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 2 0 \s__fp_exact ; }`  
 10772 `\tl_const:Nn \c_minus_inf_fp { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 2 2 \s__fp_exact ; }`  
 10773 `\tl_const:Nn \c_nan_fp { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 3 1 \s__fp_exact ; }`

(End definition for `\c_zero_fp` and others. These variables are documented on page 198.)

`\c__fp_max_exponent_int` Normal floating point numbers have an exponent at most `max_exponent` in absolute value. Larger numbers are rounded to  $\pm\infty$ . Smaller numbers are subnormal (not implemented yet), and digits beyond  $10^{-\text{max\_exponent}}$  are rounded away, hence the true minimum exponent is  $-\text{max\_exponent} - 16$ ; beyond this, numbers are rounded to zero. Why this choice of limits? When computing  $(a \cdot 10^n)^{(b \cdot 10^p)}$ , we need to evaluate  $\log(a \cdot 10^n) = \log(a) + n \log(10)$  as a fixed point number, which we manipulate as blocks of 4 digits. Multiplying such a fixed point number by  $n < 10000$  is much cheaper than larger  $n$ , because we can multiply  $n$  with each block safely.

10774 `\int_const:Nn \c__fp_max_exponent_int { 10000 }`

(End definition for `\c__fp_max_exponent_int`.)

`\__fp_zero_fp:N` In case of overflow or underflow, we have to output a zero or infinity with a given sign.

`\__fp_inf_fp:N` 10775 `\cs_new:Npn \__fp_zero_fp:N #1`  
 10776 `{ \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 0 #1 \s__fp_underflow ; }`  
 10777 `\cs_new:Npn \__fp_inf_fp:N #1`  
 10778 `{ \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 2 #1 \s__fp_overflow ; }`

(End definition for `\_fp\_zero\_fp:N` and `\_fp\_inf\_fp:N`.)

`\_fp\_max\_fp:N` `\_fp\_min\_fp:N` In some cases, we need to output the smallest or biggest positive or negative finite numbers.

```

10779 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_min\_fp:N #1
10780 {
10781   \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w 1 #1
10782   { \int\_eval:n { - \c\_fp\_max\_exponent\_int } }
10783   {1000} {0000} {0000} {0000} ;
10784 }
10785 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_max\_fp:N #1
10786 {
10787   \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w 1 #1
10788   { \int\_use:N \c\_fp\_max\_exponent\_int }
10789   {9999} {9999} {9999} {9999} ;
10790 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp\_max\_fp:N` and `\_fp\_min\_fp:N`.)

`\_fp\_exponent:w` For normal numbers, the function expands to the exponent, otherwise to 0.

```

10791 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_exponent:w \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w #1
10792 {
10793   \if\_meaning:w 1 #1
10794     \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_use\_ii\_until\_s:nnw
10795   \else:
10796     \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_use\_i\_until\_s:nw
10797     \exp\_after:wN 0
10798   \fi:
10799 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp\_exponent:w`.)

`\_fp\_neg\_sign:N` When appearing in an integer expression or after `\_int\_value:w`, this expands to the sign opposite to #1, namely 0 (positive) is turned to 2 (negative), 1 (`nan`) to 1, and 2 to 0.

```

10800 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_neg\_sign:N #1
10801 { \_int\_eval:w \c\_two - #1 \_int\_eval\_end: }

```

(End definition for `\_fp\_neg\_sign:N`.)

## 22.5 Overflow, underflow, and exact zero

`\_fp\_sanitize:Nw` `\_fp\_sanitize:wN` `\_fp\_sanitize\_zero:w` Expects the sign and the exponent in some order, then the significand (which we don't touch). Outputs the corresponding floating point number, possibly underflowed to  $\pm 0$  or overflowed to  $\pm\infty$ . The functions `\_fp\_underflow:w` and `\_fp\_overflow:w` are defined in `l3fp-traps`.

```

10802 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_sanitize:Nw #1 #2;
10803 {
10804   \if\_case:w

```

```

10805         \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c__fp_max_exponent_int \c_one \else:
10806         \if_int_compare:w #2 < - \c__fp_max_exponent_int \c_two \else:
10807         \if_meaning:w 1 #1 \c_three \else: \c_zero \fi: \fi: \fi:
10808     \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_overflow:w
10809     \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_underflow:w
10810     \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize_zero:w
10811     \fi:
10812     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1 {#2}
10813 }
10814 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sanitize:wN #1; #2 { \__fp_sanitize:Nw #2 #1; }
10815 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sanitize_zero:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2 #3;
10816 { \c_zero_fp }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sanitize:Nw` and `\__fp_sanitize:wN`.)

## 22.6 Expanding after a floating point number

`\__fp_exp_after_o:w` Places *tokens* (empty in the case of `\__fp_exp_after_o:w`) between the *floating point* and the *more tokens*, then hits those tokens with either o-expansion (one `\exp_after:wN`) or f-expansion, and leaves the floating point number unchanged.

We first distinguish normal floating points, which have a significand, from the much simpler special floating points.

```

10817 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1
10818 {
10819     \if_meaning:w 1 #1
10820     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_normal:nNNw
10821     \else:
10822     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_special:nNNw
10823     \fi:
10824     { }
10825     #1
10826 }
10827 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_o:nw #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2
10828 {
10829     \if_meaning:w 1 #2
10830     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_normal:nNNw
10831     \else:
10832     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_special:nNNw
10833     \fi:
10834     { #1 }
10835     #2
10836 }
10837 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_f:nw #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2
10838 {
10839     \if_meaning:w 1 #2
10840     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_normal:nNNw
10841     \else:
10842     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_special:nNNw
10843     \fi:

```

```

10844     { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #1 }
10845     #2
10846   }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_exp\_after\_o:w.)

\\_fp\_exp\_after\_special:nNNw Special floating point numbers are easy to jump over since they contain few tokens.

```

10847 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_after_special:nNNw #1#2#3#4;
10848 {
10849   \exp_after:wN \s__fp
10850   \exp_after:wN \_fp_chk:w
10851   \exp_after:wN #2
10852   \exp_after:wN #3
10853   \exp_after:wN #4
10854   \exp_after:wN ;
10855   #1
10856 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_exp\_after\_special:nNNw.)

\\_fp\_exp\_after\_normal:nNNw For normal floating point numbers, life is slightly harder, since we have many tokens to jump over. Here it would be slightly better if the digits were not braced but instead were delimited arguments (for instance delimited by ,). That may be changed some day.

```

10857 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_after_normal:nNNw #1 1 #2 #3 #4#5#6#7;
10858 {
10859   \exp_after:wN \_fp_exp_after_normal:Nwwwww
10860   \exp_after:wN #2
10861   \__int_value:w #3 \exp_after:wN ;
10862   \__int_value:w 1 #4 \exp_after:wN ;
10863   \__int_value:w 1 #5 \exp_after:wN ;
10864   \__int_value:w 1 #6 \exp_after:wN ;
10865   \__int_value:w 1 #7 \exp_after:wN ; #1
10866 }
10867 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_after_normal:Nwwwww
10868   #1 #2; 1 #3 ; 1 #4 ; 1 #5 ; 1 #6 ;
10869   { \s__fp \_fp_chk:w 1 #1 {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6} ; }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_exp\_after\_normal:nNNw.)

\\_fp\_exp\_after\_array\_f:w

\\_fp\_exp\_after\_stop\_f:nw

```

10870 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_after_array_f:w #1
10871 {
10872   \cs:w \_fp_exp_after \_fp_type_from_scan:N #1 _f:nw \cs_end:
10873   { \_fp_exp_after_array_f:w }
10874   #1
10875 }
10876 \cs_new_eq:NN \_fp_exp_after_stop_f:nw \use_none:nn

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_exp\_after\_array\_f:w.)

## 22.7 Packing digits

When a positive integer `#1` is known to be less than  $10^8$ , the following trick will split it into two blocks of 4 digits, padding with zeros on the left.

```
\cs_new:Npn \pack:NNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; { {#2#3#4#5} {#6} }
\exp_after:wN \pack:NNNNw
\int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 0000 0000 + #1 ;
```

The idea is that adding  $10^8$  to the number ensures that it has exactly 9 digits, and can then easily find which digits correspond to what position in the number. Of course, this can be modified for any number of digits less or equal to 9 (we are limited by  $\text{\TeX}$ 's integers). This method is very heavily relied upon in `l3fp-basics`.

More specifically, the auxiliary inserts `+ #1#2#3#4#5 ; {#6}`, which allows us to compute several blocks of 4 digits in a nested manner, performing carries on the fly. Say we want to compute  $12345 \times 66778899$ . With simplified names, we would do

```
\exp_after:wN \post_processing:w
\int_use:N \__int_eval:w - 5 0000
\exp_after:wN \pack:NNNNw
\int_use:N \__int_eval:w 4 9995 0000
+ 12345 * 6677
\exp_after:wN \pack:NNNNw
\int_use:N \__int_eval:w 5 0000 0000
+ 12345 * 8899 ;
```

The `\exp_after:wN` triggers `\int_use:N \__int_eval:w`, which starts a first computation, whose initial value is  $-50000$  (the “leading shift”). In that computation appears an `\exp_after:wN`, which triggers the nested computation `\int_use:N \__int_eval:w` with starting value  $499950000$  (the “middle shift”). That, in turn, expands `\exp_after:wN` which triggers the third computation. The third computation's value is  $500000000 + 12345 \times 8899$ , which has 9 digits. Adding  $5 \cdot 10^8$  to the product allowed us to know how many digits to expect as long as the numbers to multiply are not too big; it will also work to some extent with negative results. The `pack` function puts the last 4 of those 9 digits into a brace group, moves the semi-colon delimiter, and inserts a `+`, which combines the carry with the previous computation. The shifts nicely combine into  $500000000/10^4 + 499950000 = 500000000$ . As long as the operands are in some range, the result of this second computation will have 9 digits. The corresponding `pack` function, expanded after the result is computed, braces the last 4 digits, and leaves `+ {5 digits}` for the initial computation. The “leading shift” cancels the combination of the other shifts, and the `\post_processing:w` takes care of packing the last few digits.

Admittedly, this is quite intricate. It is probably the key in making `l3fp` as fast as other pure  $\text{\TeX}$  floating point units despite its increased precision. In fact, this is used so much that we provide different sets of packing functions and shifts, depending on ranges of input.

```
\__fp_pack:NNNNw
\c__fp_trailing_shift_int
\c__fp_middle_shift_int
\c__fp_leading_shift_int
```

This set of shifts allows for computations involving results in the range  $[-4 \cdot 10^8, 5 \cdot 10^8 - 1]$ . Shifted values all have exactly 9 digits.

```

10877 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_leading_shift_int { - 5 0000 }
10878 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_middle_shift_int { 5 0000 * 9999 }
10879 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_trailing_shift_int { 5 0000 * 10000 }
10880 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pack:NNNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; { + #1#2#3#4#5 ; {#6} }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_pack:NNNNNw.)

\\_\_fp\_pack\_big:NNNNNw This set of shifts allows for computations involving results in the range  $[-5 \cdot 10^8, 6 \cdot 10^8 - 1]$  (actually a bit more). Shifted values all have exactly 10 digits. Note that the upper bound is due to  $\text{\TeX}$ 's limit of  $2^{31} - 1$  on integers. The shifts are chosen to be roughly the mid-point of  $10^9$  and  $2^{31}$ , the two bounds on 10-digit integers in  $\text{\TeX}$ .

```

10881 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_big_leading_shift_int { - 15 2374 }
10882 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int { 15 2374 * 9999 }
10883 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_big_trailing_shift_int { 15 2374 * 10000 }
10884 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNw #1#2 #3#4#5#6 #7;
10885 { + #1#2#3#4#5#6 ; {#7} }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_pack\_big:NNNNNw.)

\\_\_fp\_pack\_Bigg:NNNNNw This set of shifts allows for computations with results in the range  $[-1 \cdot 10^9, 147483647]$ ; the end-point is  $2^{31} - 1 - 2 \cdot 10^9 \simeq 1.47 \cdot 10^8$ . Shifted values all have exactly 10 digits.

```

10886 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_Bigg_leading_shift_int { - 20 0000 }
10887 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int { 20 0000 * 9999 }
10888 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_Bigg_trailing_shift_int { 20 0000 * 10000 }
10889 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNw #1#2 #3#4#5#6 #7;
10890 { + #1#2#3#4#5#6 ; {#7} }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_pack\_Bigg:NNNNNw.)

\\_fp\_pack\_twice\_four:wNNNNNNNN Grabs two sets of 4 digits and places them before the semi-colon delimiter. Putting several copies of this function before a semicolon will pack more digits since each will take the digits packed by the others in its first argument.

```

10891 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN #1; #2#3#4#5 #6#7#8#9
10892 { #1 {#2#3#4#5} {#6#7#8#9} ; }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_pack\_twice\_four:wNNNNNNNN.)

\\_\_fp\_pack\_eight:wNNNNNNNN Grabs one set of 8 digits and places them before the semi-colon delimiter as a single group. Putting several copies of this function before a semicolon will pack more digits since each will take the digits packed by the others in its first argument.

```

10893 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN #1; #2#3#4#5 #6#7#8#9
10894 { #1 {#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9} ; }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_pack\_eight:wNNNNNNNN.)

## 22.8 Decimate (dividing by a power of 10)

`\_fp_decimate:nNnnnn` Each  $\langle X_i \rangle$  consists in 4 digits exactly, and  $1000 \leq \langle X_1 \rangle < 9999$ . The first argument determines by how much we shift the digits.  $\langle f_1 \rangle$  is called as follows: where  $0 \leq \langle X'_i \rangle < 10^8 - 1$  are 8 digit numbers, forming the truncation of our number. In other words,

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^4 \langle X_i \rangle \cdot 10^{-4i} \cdot 10^{-\langle shift \rangle} - \langle X'_1 \rangle \cdot 10^{-8} + \langle X'_2 \rangle \cdot 10^{-16} \right) \in [0, 10^{-16}).$$

To round properly later, we need to remember some information about the difference. The  $\langle rounding \rangle$  digit is 0 if and only if the difference is exactly 0, and 5 if and only if the difference is exactly  $0.5 \cdot 10^{-16}$ . Otherwise, it is the (non-0, non-5) digit closest to  $10^{17}$  times the difference. In particular, if the shift is 17 or more, all the digits are dropped,  $\langle rounding \rangle$  is 1 (not 0), and  $\langle X'_1 \rangle \langle X'_2 \rangle$  are both zero.

If the shift is 1, the  $\langle rounding \rangle$  digit is simply the only digit that was pushed out of the brace groups (this is important for subtraction). It would be more natural for the  $\langle rounding \rangle$  digit to be placed after the  $\langle X_i \rangle$ , but the choice we make involves less reshuffling.

Note that this function fails for negative  $\langle shift \rangle$ .

```

10895 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_decimate:nNnnnn #1
10896 {
10897   \cs:w
10898     \_fp_decimate_
10899     \if_int_compare:w \_int_eval:w #1 > \c_sixteen
10900       tiny
10901     \else:
10902       \_int_to_roman:w \_int_eval:w #1
10903     \fi:
10904     :Nnnnn
10905   \cs_end:
10906 }
```

Each of the auxiliaries see the function  $\langle f_1 \rangle$ , followed by 4 blocks of 4 digits.

(End definition for `\_fp_decimate:nNnnnn`.)

`\_fp_decimate_:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_tiny:Nnnnn`

If the  $\langle shift \rangle$  is zero, or too big, life is very easy.

```

10907 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_decimate_:Nnnnn #1 #2#3#4#5
10908 { #1 0 {#2#3} {#4#5} ; }
10909 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_decimate_tiny:Nnnnn #1 #2#3#4#5
10910 { #1 1 { 0000 0000 } { 0000 0000 } 0 #2#3#4#5 ; }
```

(End definition for `\_fp_decimate_:Nnnnn` and `\_fp_decimate_tiny:Nnnnn`.)

Shifting happens in two steps: compute the  $\langle rounding \rangle$  digit, and repack digits into two blocks of 8. The sixteen functions are very similar, and defined through `\_fp_tmp:w`. The arguments are as follows: **#1** indicates which function is being defined; after one step of expansion, **#2** yields the “extra digits” which are then converted by `\_fp_round_digit:Nw` to the  $\langle rounding \rangle$  digit. This triggers the f-expansion of `\_fp_decimate_pack:nnnnnnnnnnw`,<sup>9</sup> responsible for building two blocks of 8 digits, and removing the

<sup>9</sup>No, the argument spec is not a mistake: the function calls an auxiliary to do half of the job.

`\_fp_decimate_auxi:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_auxii:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_auxiii:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_auxiv:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_auxv:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_auxvi:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_auxvii:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_auxviii:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_auxix:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_auxx:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_auxxi:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_auxxii:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_auxxiii:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_auxxiv:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_auxxv:Nnnnn`  
`\_fp_decimate_auxxvi:Nnnnn`



rest. For this to work, #3 alternates between braced and unbraced blocks of 4 digits, in such a way that the 5 first and 5 next token groups yield the correct blocks of 8 digits.

```

10911 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1 #2 #3
10912 {
10913   \cs_new:cpn { __fp_decimate_ #1 :Nnnnn } ##1 ##2##3##4##5
10914   {
10915     \exp_after:wN ##1
10916     \__int_value:w
10917     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_digit:Nw #2 ;
10918     \__fp_decimate_pack:nnnnnnnnnw #3 ;
10919   }
10920 }
10921 \__fp_tmp:w {i} {\use_none:nnn #50}{ 0{#2}#3{#4}#5 }
10922 \__fp_tmp:w {ii} {\use_none:nn #5 }{ 00{#2}#3{#4}#5 }
10923 \__fp_tmp:w {iii} {\use_none:n #5 }{ 000{#2}#3{#4}#5 }
10924 \__fp_tmp:w {iv} { #5 }{ {0000}#2{#3}#4 #5 }
10925 \__fp_tmp:w {v} {\use_none:nnn #4#5 }{ 0{0000}#2{#3}#4 #5 }
10926 \__fp_tmp:w {vi} {\use_none:nn #4#5 }{ 00{0000}#2{#3}#4 #5 }
10927 \__fp_tmp:w {vii} {\use_none:n #4#5 }{ 000{0000}#2{#3}#4 #5 }
10928 \__fp_tmp:w {viii}{ #4#5 }{ {0000}0000{#2}#3 #4 #5 }
10929 \__fp_tmp:w {ix} {\use_none:nnn #3#4+#5}{ 0{0000}0000{#2}#3 #4 #5 }
10930 \__fp_tmp:w {x} {\use_none:nn #3#4+#5}{ 00{0000}0000{#2}#3 #4 #5 }
10931 \__fp_tmp:w {xi} {\use_none:n #3#4+#5}{ 000{0000}0000{#2}#3 #4 #5 }
10932 \__fp_tmp:w {xii} { #3#4+#5}{ {0000}0000{0000}#2 #3 #4 #5 }
10933 \__fp_tmp:w {xiii}{\use_none:nnn#2#3+#4#5}{ 0{0000}0000{0000}#2 #3 #4 #5 }
10934 \__fp_tmp:w {xiv} {\use_none:nn #2#3+#4#5}{ 00{0000}0000{0000}#2 #3 #4 #5 }
10935 \__fp_tmp:w {xv} {\use_none:n #2#3+#4#5}{ 000{0000}0000{0000}#2 #3 #4 #5 }
10936 \__fp_tmp:w {xvi} { #2#3+#4#5}{ {0000}0000{0000}0000 #2 #3 #4 #5 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_decimate\_auxi:Nnnnn and others.)

\\_\_fp\_round\_digit:Nw \\_\_fp\_round\_digit:Nw will receive the “extra digits” as its argument, and its expansion is triggered by \\_\_int\_value:w. If the first digit is neither 0 nor 5, then it is the *rounding* digit. Otherwise, if the remaining digits are not all zero, we need to add 1 to that leading digit to get the rounding digit. Some caution is required, though, because there may be more than 10 “extra digits”, and this may overflow T<sub>E</sub>X’s integers. Instead of feeding the digits directly to \\_\_fp\_round\_digit:Nw, they come split into several blocks, separated by +. Hence the first \\_\_int\_eval:w here.

The computation of the *rounding* digit leaves an unfinished \\_\_int\_value:w, which expands the following functions. This allows us to repack nicely the digits we keep. Those digits come as an alternation of unbraced and braced blocks of 4 digits, such that the first 5 groups of token consist in 4 single digits, and one brace group (in some order), and the next 5 have the same structure. This is followed by some digits and a semicolon.

```

10937 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_decimate_pack:nnnnnnnnnw #1#2#3#4#5
10938 { \__fp_decimate_pack:nnnnnw { #1#2#3#4#5 } }
10939 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_decimate_pack:nnnnnw #1 #2#3#4#5#6
10940 { {#1} {#2#3#4#5#6} }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_round\_digit:Nw and \\_\_fp\_decimate\_pack:nnnnnnnnnw.)

## 22.9 Functions for use within primitive conditional branches

The functions described in this section are not pretty and can easily be misused. When correctly used, each of them removes one `\fi`: as part of its parameter text, and puts one back as part of its replacement text.

Many computation functions in `l3fp` must perform tests on the type of floating points that they receive. This is often done in an `\if_case:w` statement or another conditional statement, and only a few cases lead to actual computations: most of the special cases are treated using a few standard functions which we define now. A typical use context for those functions would be In this example, the case 0 will return the floating point  $\langle fp\ var \rangle$ , expanding once after that floating point. Case 1 will do  $\langle some\ computation \rangle$  using the  $\langle floating\ point \rangle$  (presumably compute the operation requested by the user in that non-trivial case). Case 2 will return the  $\langle floating\ point \rangle$  without modifying it, removing the  $\langle junk \rangle$  and expanding once after. Case 3 will close the conditional, remove the  $\langle junk \rangle$  and the  $\langle floating\ point \rangle$ , and expand  $\langle something \rangle$  next. In other cases, the “ $\langle junk \rangle$ ” is expanded, performing some other operation on the  $\langle floating\ point \rangle$ . We provide similar functions with two trailing  $\langle floating\ points \rangle$ .

`\__fp_case_use:nw` This function ends a TeX conditional, removes junk until the next floating point, and places its first argument before that floating point, to perform some operation on the floating point.

```
10941 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_case_use:nw #1#2 \fi: #3 \s__fp { \fi: #1 \s__fp }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_case_use:nw`.)

`\__fp_case_return:nw` This function ends a TeX conditional, removes junk and a floating point, and places its first argument in the input stream. A quirk is that we don't define this function requiring a floating point to follow, simply anything ending in a semicolon. This, in turn, means that the  $\langle junk \rangle$  may not contain semicolons.

```
10942 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_case_return:nw #1#2 \fi: #3 ; { \fi: #1 }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_case_return:nw`.)

`\__fp_case_return_o:Nw` This function ends a TeX conditional, removes junk and a floating point, and returns its first argument (an  $\langle fp\ var \rangle$ ) then expands once after it.

```
10943 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_case_return_o:Nw #1#2 \fi: #3 \s__fp #4 ;
10944 { \fi: \exp_after:wN #1 }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_case_return_o:Nw`.)

`\__fp_case_return_same_o:w` This function ends a TeX conditional, removes junk, and returns the following floating point, expanding once after it.

```
10945 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_case_return_same_o:w #1 \fi: #2 \s__fp
10946 { \fi: \__fp_exp_after_o:w \s__fp }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_case_return_same_o:w`.)

`\__fp_case_return_o:Nww` Same as `\__fp_case_return_o:Nw` but with two trailing floating points.

```
10947 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_case_return_o:Nww #1#2 \fi: #3 \s__fp #4 ; #5 ;
10948 { \fi: \exp_after:wN #1 }
```

(End definition for \\_fp\_case\_return\_o:Nww.)

\\_fp\_case\_return\_i\_o:ww Similar to \\_fp\_case\_return\_same\_o:w, but this returns the first or second of two  
\\_fp\_case\_return\_ii\_o:ww trailing floating point numbers, expanding once after the result.

```

10949 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_case_return_i_o:ww #1 \fi: #2 \s_fp #3 ; \s_fp #4 ;
10950 { \fi: \_fp_exp_after_o:w \s_fp #3 ; }
10951 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_case_return_ii_o:ww #1 \fi: #2 \s_fp #3 ;
10952 { \fi: \_fp_exp_after_o:w }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_case\_return\_i\_o:ww and \\_fp\_case\_return\_ii\_o:ww.)

## 22.10 Small integer floating points

\\_fp\_small\_int:wTF Tests if the floating point argument is an integer or  $\pm\infty$ . If so, it is converted to an integer  
\\_fp\_small\_int\_true:wTF in the range  $[-10^8, 10^8]$  and fed as a braced argument to the *⟨true code⟩*. Otherwise, the  
\\_fp\_small\_int\_normal:NnwTF *⟨false code⟩* is performed. First filter special cases: neither **nan** nor infinities are integers.  
\\_fp\_small\_int\_test:NnnwNTF Normal numbers with a non-positive exponent are never integers. When the exponent is  
greater than 8, the number is too large for the range. Otherwise, decimate, and test the  
digits after the decimal separator. The \use\_iii:nnn remove a trailing ; and the true  
branch, leaving only the false branch. The \\_int\_value:w appearing in the case where  
the normal floating point is an integer takes care of expanding all the conditionals until  
the trailing ;. That integer is fed to \\_fp\_small\_int\_true:wTF which places it as a  
braced argument of the true branch. The \use\_i:nn in \\_fp\_small\_int\_test:NnnwNTF  
removes the top-level \else: coming from \\_fp\_small\_int\_normal:NnwTF, hence will  
call the \use\_iii:nnn which follows, taking the false branch.

```

10953 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_small_int:wTF \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #1#2
10954 {
10955   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
10956     \_fp_case_return:nw { \_fp_small_int_true:wTF 0 ; }
10957   \or: \exp_after:wN \_fp_small_int_normal:NnwTF
10958   \or:
10959     \_fp_case_return:nw
10960     {
10961       \exp_after:wN \_fp_small_int_true:wTF \_int_value:w
10962       \if_meaning:w 2 #2 - \fi: 1 0000 0000 ;
10963     }
10964   \else: \_fp_case_return:nw \use_ii:nn
10965   \fi:
10966   #2
10967 }
10968 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_small_int_true:wTF #1; #2#3 { #2 {#1} }
10969 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_small_int_normal:NnwTF #1#2#3;
10970 {
10971   \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_zero
10972     \_fp_decimate:nNnnnn { \c_sixteen - #2 }
10973     \_fp_small_int_test:NnnwNnw
10974     #3 #1 {#2}
10975   \else:

```

```

10976         \exp_after:wN \use_iii:nnn
10977     \fi:
10978     ;
10979 }
10980 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_small_int_test:NnnwNnw #1#2#3#4; #5#6
10981 {
10982     \if_meaning:w 0 #1
10983         \exp_after:wN \__fp_small_int_true:wTF
10984         \__int_value:w \if_meaning:w 2 #5 - \fi:
10985         \if_int_compare:w #6 > \c_eight
10986             1 0000 0000
10987         \else:
10988             #3
10989         \fi:
10990     \else:
10991         \use_i:nn
10992     \fi:
10993 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_small\_int:wTF.)

## 22.11 Length of a floating point array

`\__fp_array_count:n` Count the number of items in an array of floating points. The technique is very similar to `\tl_count:n`, but with the loop built-in. Checking for the end of the loop is done with the `\use_none:n #1` construction.

```

10994 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_array_count:n #1
10995 {
10996     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_zero
10997     \__fp_array_count_loop:Nw #1 { ? \__prg_break: } ;
10998     \__prg_break_point:
10999     \__int_eval_end:
11000 }
11001 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_array_count_loop:Nw #1#2;
11002 { \use_none:n #1 + \c_one \__fp_array_count_loop:Nw }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_array\_count:n.)

## 22.12 x-like expansion expandably

`\__fp_expand:n` This expandable function behaves in a way somewhat similar to `\use:x`, but much less robust. The argument is f-expanded, then the leading item (often a single character token) is moved to a storage area after `\s__fp_mark`, and f-expansion is applied again, repeating until the argument is empty. The result built one piece at a time is then inserted in the input stream. Note that spaces are ignored by this procedure, unless surrounded with braces. Multiple tokens which do not need expansion can be inserted within braces.

```

11003 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_expand:n #1
11004 {

```

```

11005 \__fp_expand_loop:nwnN { }
11006 #1 \prg_do_nothing:
11007 \s__fp_mark { } \__fp_expand_loop:nwnN
11008 \s__fp_mark { } \__fp_use_i_until_s:nw ;
11009 }
11010 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_expand_loop:nwnN #1#2 \s__fp_mark #3 #4
11011 {
11012 \exp_after:wN #4 \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
11013 #2
11014 \s__fp_mark { #3 #1 } #4
11015 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_expand:n.)

## 22.13 Messages

Using a floating point directly is an error.

```

11016 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { misused-fp }
11017 { A~floating~point~with~value~'#1'~was~misused. }
11018 {
11019 To~obtain~the~value~of~a~floating~point~variable,~use~
11020 '\token_to_str:N \fp_to_decimal:N',~
11021 '\token_to_str:N \fp_to_scientific:N',~or~other~
11022 conversion~functions.
11023 }
11024 </initex | package>

```

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```

11025 <*initex | package>
11026 <@@=fp>

```

Exceptions should be accessed by an n-type argument, among

- `invalid_operation`
- `division_by_zero`
- `overflow`
- `underflow`
- `inexact` (actually never used).

## 23.1 Flags

`\fp_flag_off:n` Function to turn a flag off. Simply undefine it.

```
11027 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_flag_off:n #1
11028 { \cs_set_eq:cN { l__fp_ #1 _flag_token } \tex_undefined:D }
```

(End definition for `\fp_flag_off:n`. This function is documented on page 199.)

`\fp_flag_on:n` Function to turn a flag on expandably: use TeX’s automatic assignment to `\scan_stop:.`

```
11029 \cs_new:Npn \fp_flag_on:n #1
11030 { \exp_args:Nc \use_none:n { l__fp_ #1 _flag_token } }
```

(End definition for `\fp_flag_on:n`. This function is documented on page 199.)

`\fp_if_flag_on_p:n` Returns true if the flag is on, false otherwise.

```
\fp_if_flag_on:nTF 11031 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \fp_if_flag_on:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
11032 {
11033   \if_cs_exist:w l__fp_ #1 _flag_token \cs_end:
11034   \prg_return_true:
11035   \else:
11036   \prg_return_false:
11037   \fi:
11038 }
```

(End definition for `\fp_if_flag_on:nTF`. This function is documented on page 199.)

`\l_fp_invalid_operation_flag_token` The IEEE standard defines five exceptions. We currently don’t support the “inexact” exception.

```
\l_fp_division_by_zero_flag_token 11039 \cs_new_eq:NN \l_fp_invalid_operation_flag_token \tex_undefined:D
\l_fp_overflow_flag_token 11040 \cs_new_eq:NN \l_fp_division_by_zero_flag_token \tex_undefined:D
\l_fp_underflow_flag_token 11041 \cs_new_eq:NN \l_fp_overflow_flag_token \tex_undefined:D
11042 \cs_new_eq:NN \l_fp_underflow_flag_token \tex_undefined:D
```

(End definition for `\l_fp_invalid_operation_flag_token` and others.)

## 23.2 Traps

Exceptions can be trapped to obtain custom behaviour. When an invalid operation or a division by zero is trapped, the trap receives as arguments the result as an  $N$ -type floating point number, the function name (multiple letters for prefix operations, or a single symbol for infix operations), and the operand(s). When an overflow or underflow is trapped, the trap receives the resulting overly large or small floating point number if it is not too big, otherwise it receives  $+\infty$ . Currently, the inexact exception is entirely ignored.

The behaviour when an exception occurs is controlled by the definitions of the functions

- `\__fp_invalid_operation:nnw`,
- `\__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww`,

- `\__fp_invalid_operation_tl_o:ff`,
- `\__fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw`,
- `\__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww`,
- `\__fp_overflow:w`,
- `\__fp_underflow:w`.

Rather than changing them directly, we provide a user interface as `\fp_trap:nn`  $\{\langle exception \rangle\} \{\langle way of trapping \rangle\}$ , where the  $\langle way of trapping \rangle$  is one of `error`, `flag`, or `none`.

We also provide `\__fp_invalid_operation_o:nw`, defined in terms of `\__fp_invalid_operation:nnw`.

`\fp_trap:nn`

```

11043 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_trap:nn #1#2
11044 {
11045   \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __fp_trap_#1_set_#2: }
11046   {
11047     \clist_if_in:nnTF
11048     { invalid_operation , division_by_zero , overflow , underflow }
11049     {#1}
11050     {
11051       \__msg_kernel_error:nnxx { kernel }
11052       { unknown-fpu-trap-type } {#1} {#2}
11053     }
11054     {
11055       \__msg_kernel_error:nnx
11056       { kernel } { unknown-fpu-exception } {#1}
11057     }
11058   }
11059 }
```

(End definition for `\fp_trap:nn`. This function is documented on page 200.)

`\__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_error:`  
`\__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_flag:`  
`\__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_none:`  
`\__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set:N`

We provide three types of trapping for invalid operations: either produce an error and raise the relevant flag; or only raise the flag; or don't even raise the flag. In most cases, the function produces as a result its first argument, possibly with post-expansion.

```

11060 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_error:
11061 { \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set:N \prg_do_nothing: }
11062 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_flag:
11063 { \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set:N \use_none:nnnnn }
11064 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_none:
11065 { \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set:N \use_none:nnnnnnn }
11066 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set:N #1
11067 {
11068   \exp_args:Nno \use:n
11069   { \cs_set:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation:nnw ##1##2##3; }
```

```

11070     {
11071         #1
11072         \__fp_error:nmfn { invalid } {##2} { \fp_to_tl:n { ##3; } } { }
11073         \fp_flag_on:n { invalid_operation }
11074         ##1
11075     }
11076     \exp_args:Nno \use:n
11077     { \cs_set:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww ##1##2; ##3; }
11078     {
11079         #1
11080         \__fp_error:nmfn { invalid-ii }
11081         { \fp_to_tl:n { ##2; } } { \fp_to_tl:n { ##3; } } {##1}
11082         \fp_flag_on:n { invalid_operation }
11083         \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
11084     }
11085     \exp_args:Nno \use:n
11086     { \cs_set:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation_tl_o:ff ##1##2 }
11087     {
11088         #1
11089         \__fp_error:nmfn { invalid } {##1} {##2} { }
11090         \fp_flag_on:n { invalid_operation }
11091         \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
11092     }
11093 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_trap\_invalid\_operation\_set\_error: and others.)

\\_\_fp\_trap\_division\_by\_zero\_set\_error: We provide three types of trapping for invalid operations and division by zero: either  
 \\_\_fp\_trap\_division\_by\_zero\_set\_flag: produce an error and raise the relevant flag; or only raise the flag; or don't even raise the  
 \\_\_fp\_trap\_division\_by\_zero\_set\_none: flag. In all cases, the function must produce a result, namely its first argument,  $\pm\infty$  or  
 \\_\_fp\_trap\_division\_by\_zero\_set:N NaN.

```

11094 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_division_by_zero_set_error:
11095 { \__fp_trap_division_by_zero_set:N \prg_do_nothing: }
11096 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_division_by_zero_set_flag:
11097 { \__fp_trap_division_by_zero_set:N \use_none:nnnnn }
11098 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_division_by_zero_set_none:
11099 { \__fp_trap_division_by_zero_set:N \use_none:nnnnnnn }
11100 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_trap_division_by_zero_set:N #1
11101 {
11102     \exp_args:Nno \use:n
11103     { \cs_set:Npn \__fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw ##1##2##3; }
11104     {
11105         #1
11106         \__fp_error:nmfn { zero-div } {##2} { \fp_to_tl:n { ##3; } } { }
11107         \fp_flag_on:n { division_by_zero }
11108         \exp_after:wN ##1
11109     }
11110     \exp_args:Nno \use:n
11111     { \cs_set:Npn \__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww ##1##2##3; ##4; }
11112     {

```



```

11113         #1
11114         \__fp_error:nffn { zero-div-ii }
11115         { \fp_to_tl:n { ##3; } } { \fp_to_tl:n { ##4; } } {##2}
11116         \fp_flag_on:n { division_by_zero }
11117         \exp_after:wN ##1
11118     }
11119 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_trap\_division\_by\_zero\_set\_error: and others.)

\\_\_fp\_trap\_overflow\_set\_error: Just as for invalid operations and division by zero, the three different behaviours are  
\\_\_fp\_trap\_overflow\_set\_flag: obtained by feeding \prg\_do\_nothing:, \use\_none:nnnnn or \use\_none:nnnnnnnn to an  
\\_\_fp\_trap\_overflow\_set\_none: auxiliary, with a further auxiliary common to overflow and underflow functions. In most  
\\_\_fp\_trap\_overflow\_set:N cases, the argument of the \\_\_fp\_overflow:w and \\_\_fp\_underflow:w functions will  
\\_\_fp\_trap\_underflow\_set\_error: be an (almost) normal number (with an exponent outside the allowed range), and the  
\\_\_fp\_trap\_underflow\_set\_flag: error message thus displays that number together with the result to which it overflowed  
\\_\_fp\_trap\_underflow\_set\_none: or underflowed. For extreme cases such as  $10 ** 1e9999$ , the exponent would be too  
\\_\_fp\_trap\_underflow\_set:N large for T<sub>E</sub>X, and \\_\_fp\_overflow:w receives  $\pm\infty$  (\\_\_fp\_underflow:w would receive  
\\_\_fp\_trap\_overflow\_set:NnNn  $\pm 0$ ); then we cannot do better than simply say an overflow or underflow occurred.

```

11120 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_overflow_set_error:
11121 { \__fp_trap_overflow_set:N \prg_do_nothing: }
11122 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_overflow_set_flag:
11123 { \__fp_trap_overflow_set:N \use_none:nnnnn }
11124 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_overflow_set_none:
11125 { \__fp_trap_overflow_set:N \use_none:nnnnnnnn }
11126 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_trap_overflow_set:N #1
11127 { \__fp_trap_overflow_set:NnNn #1 { overflow } \__fp_inf_fp:N { inf } }
11128 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_underflow_set_error:
11129 { \__fp_trap_underflow_set:N \prg_do_nothing: }
11130 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_underflow_set_flag:
11131 { \__fp_trap_underflow_set:N \use_none:nnnnn }
11132 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_underflow_set_none:
11133 { \__fp_trap_underflow_set:N \use_none:nnnnnnnn }
11134 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_trap_underflow_set:N #1
11135 { \__fp_trap_overflow_set:NnNn #1 { underflow } \__fp_zero_fp:N { 0 } }
11136 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_trap_overflow_set:NnNn #1#2#3#4
11137 {
11138     \exp_args:Nno \use:n
11139     { \cs_set:cpn { __fp_ #2 :w } \s__fp \__fp_chk:w ##1##2##3; }
11140     {
11141         #1
11142         \__fp_error:nffn
11143         { flow \if_meaning:w 1 ##1 -to \fi: }
11144         { \fp_to_tl:n { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w ##1##2##3; } }
11145         { \token_if_eq_meaning:NNF 0 ##2 { - } #4 }
11146         {#2}
11147         \fp_flag_on:n {#2}
11148         #3 ##2
11149     }
11150 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_trap_overflow_set_error:` and others.)

`\_fp_invalid_operation:nnw` Initialize the two control sequences (to log properly their existence). Then set invalid operations to trigger an error, and division by zero, overflow, and underflow to act silently on their flag.

```

\__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nnw
\__fp_invalid_operation_tl:off
\__fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw
\__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww
\__fp_overflow:w
\__fp_underflow:w
11151 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation:nnw #1#2#3; { }
11152 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nnw #1#2; #3; { }
11153 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation_tl:off #1 #2 { }
11154 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw #1#2#3; { }
11155 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww #1#2#3; #4; { }
11156 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_overflow:w { }
11157 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_underflow:w { }
11158 \fp_trap:nn { invalid_operation } { error }
11159 \fp_trap:nn { division_by_zero } { flag }
11160 \fp_trap:nn { overflow } { flag }
11161 \fp_trap:nn { underflow } { flag }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_invalid_operation:nnw` and others.)

`\_fp_invalid_operation_o:nw` Convenient short-hands for returning `\c_nan_fp` for a unary or binary operation, and `\_fp_invalid_operation_o:fw` expanding after.

```

11162 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation_o:nw
11163 { \__fp_invalid_operation:nnw { \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp } }
11164 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__fp_invalid_operation_o:nw { f }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_invalid_operation_o:nw` and `\_fp_invalid_operation_o:fw`.)

### 23.3 Errors

```

\__fp_error:nnnn
\__fp_error:nnfn
\__fp_error:nffn
11165 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_error:nnnn #1
11166 { \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnn { kernel } { fp - #1 } }
11167 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__fp_error:nnnn { nfn, nff }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_error:nnnn`, `\_fp_error:nnfn`, and `\_fp_error:nffn`.)

### 23.4 Messages

Some messages.

```

11168 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { unknown-fpu-exception }
11169 {
11170   The~FPU~exception~'#1'~is~not~known:~
11171   that~trap~will~never~be~triggered.
11172 }
11173 {
11174   The~only~exceptions~to~which~traps~can~be~attached~are \
11175   \iow_indent:n
11176   {
11177     * ~ invalid_operation \

```

```

11178         * ~ division_by_zero \\
11179         * ~ overflow \\
11180         * ~ underflow
11181     }
11182 }
11183 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { unknown-fpu-trap-type }
11184 { The~FPU~trap~type~'#2'~is~not~known. }
11185 {
11186     The~trap~type~must~be~one~of \\
11187     \iow_indent:n
11188     {
11189         * ~ error \\
11190         * ~ flag \\
11191         * ~ none
11192     }
11193 }
11194 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-flow }
11195 { An ~ #3 ~ occurred. }
11196 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-flow-to }
11197 { #1 ~ #3 ed ~ to ~ #2 . }
11198 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-zero-div }
11199 { Division~by~zero~in~ #1 (#2) }
11200 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-zero-div-ii }
11201 { Division~by~zero~in~ (#1) #3 (#2) }
11202 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-invalid }
11203 { Invalid~operation~ #1 (#2) }
11204 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-invalid-ii }
11205 { Invalid~operation~ (#1) #3 (#2) }
11206 </initex | package>

```

## 24 l3fp-round implementation

```

11207 <*initex | package>
11208 <@@=fp>

```

### 24.1 Rounding tools

Floating point operations often yield a result that cannot be exactly represented in a significand with 16 digits. In that case, we need to round the exact result to a representable number. The IEEE standard defines four rounding modes:

- Round to nearest: round to the representable floating point number whose absolute difference with the exact result is the smallest. If the exact result lies exactly at the mid-point between two consecutive representable floating point numbers, round to the floating point number whose last digit is even.
- Round towards negative infinity: round to the greatest floating point number not larger than the exact result.

- Round towards zero: round to a floating point number with the same sign as the exact result, with the largest absolute value not larger than the absolute value of the exact result.
- Round towards positive infinity: round to the least floating point number not smaller than the exact result.

This is not fully implemented in l3fp yet, and transcendental functions fall back on the “round to nearest” mode. All rounding for basic algebra is done through the functions defined in this module, which can be redefined to change their rounding behaviour (but there is not interface for that yet).

The rounding tools available in this module are many variations on a base function `\__fp_round:NNN`, which expands to `\c_zero` or `\c_one` depending on whether the final result should be rounded up or down.

- `\__fp_round:NNN <sign> <digit1> <digit2>` can expand to `\c_zero` or `\c_one`.
- `\__fp_round_s:NNNw <sign> <digit1> <digit2> <more digits>`; can expand to `\c_zero` ; or `\c_one` ;.
- `\__fp_round_neg:NNN <sign> <digit1> <digit2>` can expand to `\c_zero` or `\c_one`.

See implementation comments for details on the syntax.

```
\__fp_round:NNN
\__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN
  \_fp_round_to_nearest_ninf:NNN
  \_fp_round_to_nearest_zero:NNN
  \_fp_round_to_nearest_pinf:NNN
\__fp_round_to_ninf:NNN
\__fp_round_to_zero:NNN
\__fp_round_to_pinf:NNN
```

If rounding the number  $\langle final\ sign \rangle \langle digit_1 \rangle . \langle digit_2 \rangle$  to an integer rounds it towards zero (truncates it), this function expands to `\c_zero`, and otherwise to `\c_one`. Typically used within the scope of an `\__int_eval:w`, to add 1 if needed, and thereby round correctly. The result depends on the rounding mode.

It is very important that  $\langle final\ sign \rangle$  be the final sign of the result. Otherwise, the result will be incorrect in the case of rounding towards  $-\infty$  or towards  $+\infty$ . Also recall that  $\langle final\ sign \rangle$  is 0 for positive, and 2 for negative.

By default, the functions below return `\c_zero`, but this is superseded by `\__fp_round_return_one:`, which instead returns `\c_one`, expanding everything and removing `\c_zero` in the process. In the case of rounding towards  $\pm\infty$  or towards 0, this is not really useful, but it prepares us for the “round to nearest, ties to even” mode.

The “round to nearest” mode is the default. If the  $\langle digit_2 \rangle$  is larger than 5, then round up. If it is less than 5, round down. If it is exactly 5, then round such that  $\langle digit_1 \rangle$  plus the result is even. In other words, round up if  $\langle digit_1 \rangle$  is odd.

The “round to nearest” mode has three variants, which differ in how ties are rounded: down towards  $-\infty$ , truncated towards 0, or up towards  $+\infty$ .

```
11209 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_return_one:
11210 { \exp_after:wN \c_one \exp:w }
11211 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_ninf:NNN #1 #2 #3
11212 {
11213   \if_meaning:w 2 #1
11214     \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_zero
11215       \__fp_round_return_one:
11216     \fi:
11217   \fi:
```

```

11218     \c_zero
11219 }
11220 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_zero:NNN #1 #2 #3 { \c_zero }
11221 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_pinf:NNN #1 #2 #3
11222 {
11223     \if_meaning:w 0 #1
11224     \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_zero
11225     \__fp_round_return_one:
11226     \fi:
11227     \fi:
11228     \c_zero
11229 }
11230 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN #1 #2 #3
11231 {
11232     \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_five
11233     \__fp_round_return_one:
11234     \else:
11235     \if_meaning:w 5 #3
11236     \if_int_odd:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
11237     \__fp_round_return_one:
11238     \fi:
11239     \fi:
11240     \fi:
11241     \c_zero
11242 }
11243 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_nearest_ninf:NNN #1 #2 #3
11244 {
11245     \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_five
11246     \__fp_round_return_one:
11247     \else:
11248     \if_meaning:w 5 #3
11249     \if_meaning:w 2 #1
11250     \__fp_round_return_one:
11251     \fi:
11252     \fi:
11253     \fi:
11254     \c_zero
11255 }
11256 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_nearest_zero:NNN #1 #2 #3
11257 {
11258     \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_five
11259     \__fp_round_return_one:
11260     \fi:
11261     \c_zero
11262 }
11263 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_nearest_pinf:NNN #1 #2 #3
11264 {
11265     \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_five
11266     \__fp_round_return_one:
11267     \else:

```

```

11268     \if_meaning:w 5 #3
11269     \if_meaning:w 0 #1
11270     \__fp_round_return_one:
11271     \fi:
11272     \fi:
11273     \fi:
11274     \c_zero
11275 }
11276 \cs_new_eq:NN \__fp_round:NNN \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_round:NNN.)

**\\_\_fp\_round\_s:NNNw** Similar to \\_\_fp\_round:NNN, but with an extra semicolon, this function expands to \c\_zero ; if rounding  $\langle final\ sign \rangle \langle digit \rangle . \langle more\ digits \rangle$  to an integer truncates, and to \c\_one ; otherwise. The  $\langle more\ digits \rangle$  part must be a digit, followed by something that does not overflow a \int\_use:N \\_\_int\_eval:w construction. The only relevant information about this piece is whether it is zero or not.

```

11277 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_s:NNNw #1 #2 #3 #4;
11278 {
11279     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round:NNN
11280     \exp_after:wN #1
11281     \exp_after:wN #2
11282     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
11283     \if_int_odd:w 0 \if_meaning:w 0 #3 1 \fi:
11284         \if_meaning:w 5 #3 1 \fi:
11285         \exp_stop_f:
11286     \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #4 > \c_zero
11287         1 +
11288     \fi:
11289     \fi:
11290     #3
11291 ;
11292 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_round\_s:NNNw.)

**\\_\_fp\_round\_digit:Nw** This function should always be called within an \\_\_int\_value:w or \\_\_int\_eval:w expansion; it may add an extra \\_\_int\_eval:w, which means that the integer or integer expression should not be ended with a synonym of \relax, but with a semi-colon for instance.

```

11293 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_digit:Nw #1 #2;
11294 {
11295     \if_int_odd:w \if_meaning:w 0 #1 \c_one \else:
11296         \if_meaning:w 5 #1 \c_one \else:
11297         \c_zero \fi: \fi:
11298     \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #2 > \c_zero
11299         \__int_eval:w \c_one +
11300     \fi:
11301     \fi:
11302     #1

```

```
11303 }
```

(End definition for `\_fp\_round\_digit:Nw`.)

```
\_fp\_round\_neg:NNN
\_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_neg:NNN
\_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_ninf\_neg:NNN
\_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_zero\_neg:NNN
\_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_pinf\_neg:NNN
\_fp\_round\_to\_ninf\_neg:NNN
\_fp\_round\_to\_zero\_neg:NNN
\_fp\_round\_to\_pinf\_neg:NNN
```

This expands to `\c\_zero` or `\c\_one` after doing the following test. Starting from a number of the form  $\langle final\ sign \rangle 0.\langle 15\ digits \rangle \langle digit_1 \rangle$  with exactly 15 (non-all-zero) digits before  $\langle digit_1 \rangle$ , subtract from it  $\langle final\ sign \rangle 0.0\dots 0 \langle digit_2 \rangle$ , where there are 16 zeros. If in the current rounding mode the result should be rounded down, then this function returns `\c\_one`. Otherwise, *i.e.*, if the result is rounded back to the first operand, then this function returns `\c\_zero`.

It turns out that this negative “round to nearest” is identical to the positive one. And this is the default mode.

```
11304 \cs_new_eq:NN \_fp\_round\_to\_ninf\_neg:NNN \_fp\_round\_to\_pinf:NNN
11305 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_round\_to\_zero\_neg:NNN #1 #2 #3
11306 {
11307   \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c\_zero
11308     \_fp\_round\_return\_one:
11309   \fi:
11310   \c\_zero
11311 }
11312 \cs_new_eq:NN \_fp\_round\_to\_pinf\_neg:NNN \_fp\_round\_to\_ninf:NNN
11313 \cs_new_eq:NN \_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_neg:NNN \_fp\_round\_to\_nearest:NNN
11314 \cs_new_eq:NN \_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_ninf\_neg:NNN \_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_pinf:NNN
11315 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_zero\_neg:NNN #1 #2 #3
11316 {
11317   \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c\_four
11318     \_fp\_round\_return\_one:
11319   \fi:
11320   \c\_zero
11321 }
11322 \cs_new_eq:NN \_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_pinf\_neg:NNN \_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_ninf:NNN
11323 \cs_new_eq:NN \_fp\_round\_neg:NNN \_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_neg:NNN
```

(End definition for `\_fp\_round\_neg:NNN`.)

## 24.2 The round function

```
\_fp\_round\_o:Nw
```

The `trunc`, `ceil` and `floor` functions expect one or two arguments (the second is 0 by default), and the `round` function also accepts a third argument (`nan` by default), which will change #1 from `\_fp\_round\_to\_nearest:NNN` to one of its analogues.

```
11324 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_round\_o:Nw #1#2 @
11325 {
11326   \if_case:w
11327     \_int_eval:w \_fp\_array\_count:n {#2} - \c\_one \_int\_eval\_end:
11328     \_fp\_round:Nwn #1 #2 {0} \exp:w
11329   \or: \_fp\_round:Nww #1 #2 \exp:w
11330   \else: \_fp\_round:Nwww #1 #2 @ \exp:w
11331   \fi:
11332   \exp\_end\_continue\_f:w
11333 }
```

(End definition for \\_fp\\_round\\_o:Nw.)

\\_fp\\_round:Nwww Having three arguments is only allowed for round, not trunc, ceil, floor, so check for that case. If all is well, construct one of \\_fp\\_round\\_to\\_nearest:NNN, \\_fp\\_round\\_to\\_nearest\\_zero:NNN, \\_fp\\_round\\_to\\_nearest\\_ninf:NNN, \\_fp\\_round\\_to\\_nearest\\_pinf:NNN and act accordingly.

```

11334 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_round:Nwww #1#2 ; #3 ; \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w #4#5#6 ; #7 @
11335 {
11336   \cs_if_eq:NNTF #1 \_fp\_round\_to\_nearest:NNN
11337   {
11338     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#7}
11339     {
11340       \exp_args:Nc \_fp\_round:Nww
11341       {
11342         \_fp\_round\_to\_nearest
11343         \if_meaning:w 0 #4 _zero \else:
11344         \if_case:w #5 \exp\_stop\_f: _pinf \or: \else: _ninf \fi: \fi:
11345         :NNN
11346       }
11347       #2 ; #3 ;
11348     }
11349     {
11350       \_fp\_error:nnnn { num-args } { round () } { 1 } { 3 }
11351       \exp\_after:wN \c\_nan\_fp
11352     }
11353   }
11354   {
11355     \_fp\_error:nffn { num-args }
11356     { \_fp\_round\_name\_from\_cs:N #1 () } { 1 } { 2 }
11357     \exp\_after:wN \c\_nan\_fp
11358   }
11359 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\\_round:Nwww.)

\\_fp\\_round\\_name\\_from\\_cs:N

```

11360 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_round\_name\_from\_cs:N #1
11361 {
11362   \cs_if_eq:NNTF #1 \_fp\_round\_to\_zero:NNN { trunc }
11363   {
11364     \cs_if_eq:NNTF #1 \_fp\_round\_to\_ninf:NNN { floor }
11365     {
11366       \cs_if_eq:NNTF #1 \_fp\_round\_to\_pinf:NNN { ceil }
11367       { round }
11368     }
11369   }
11370 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\\_round\\_name\\_from\\_cs:N.)



```

    \__fp_round:Nww
    \__fp_round:Nwn
11371 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round:Nww #1#2 ; #3 ;
11372 {
11373   \__fp_small_int:wTF #3; { \__fp_round:Nwn #1#2; }
11374   {
11375     \__fp_invalid_operation_tl_o:ff
11376     { \__fp_round_name_from_cs:N #1 }
11377     { \__fp_array_to_clist:n { #2; #3; } }
11378   }
11379 }
11380 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round:Nwn #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; #5
11381 {
11382   \if_meaning:w 1 #2
11383   \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_normal:NwNNnw
11384   \exp_after:wN #1
11385   \__int_value:w #5
11386   \else:
11387   \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_o:w
11388   \fi:
11389   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4;
11390 }
11391 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_normal:NwNNnw #1#2 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#3#4#5;
11392 {
11393   \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn { \c_sixteen - #4 - #2 }
11394   \__fp_round_normal:NnnwNNnn #5 #1 #3 {#4} {#2}
11395 }
11396 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_normal:NnnwNNnn #1#2#3#4; #5#6
11397 {
11398   \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_normal:NNwNnn
11399   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
11400   \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_zero
11401   1 \__int_value:w #2
11402   \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_pack:Nw
11403   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1#3 +
11404   \else:
11405   \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_zero
11406   1 \__int_value:w #3 +
11407   \fi:
11408   \fi:
11409   \exp_after:wN #5
11410   \exp_after:wN #6
11411   \use_none:nnnnnnn #3
11412   #1
11413   \__int_eval_end:
11414   0000 0000 0000 0000 ; #6
11415 }
11416 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_pack:Nw #1
11417 { \if_meaning:w 2 #1 + \c_one \fi: \__int_eval_end: }
11418 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_normal:NNwNnn #1 #2

```

```

11419 {
11420   \if_meaning:w 0 #2
11421     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_special:NwwNnn
11422     \exp_after:wN #1
11423   \fi:
11424   \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
11425   \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
11426   \__fp_round_normal_end:wwNnn
11427   ; #2
11428 }
11429 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_normal_end:wwNnn #1;#2;#3#4#5
11430 {
11431   \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_o:w \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
11432   \__fp_sanitize:Nw #3 #4 ; #1 ;
11433 }
11434 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_special:NwwNnn #1#2;#3;#4#5#6
11435 {
11436   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
11437     \__fp_case_return:nw
11438     { \exp_after:wN \__fp_zero_fp:N \exp_after:wN #4 }
11439   \else:
11440     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_special_aux:Nw
11441     \exp_after:wN #4
11442     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_one
11443     \if_meaning:w 1 #1 -#6 \else: +#5 \fi:
11444   \fi:
11445   ;
11446 }
11447 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_special_aux:Nw #1#2;
11448 {
11449   \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_o:w \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
11450   \__fp_sanitize:Nw #1#2; {1000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
11451 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_round:Nww and \\_\_fp\_round:Nwn.)

```

11452 </initex | package>

```

## 25 l3fp-parse implementation

```

11453 <*initex | package>
11454 <@@=fp>

```

### 25.1 Work plan

The task at hand is non-trivial, and some previous failed attempts show that the code leads to unreadable logs, so we had better get it (almost) right the first time. Let us first describe our goal, then discuss the design precisely before writing any code.

`\__fp_parse:n` Evaluates the *floating point expression* and leaves the result in the input stream as an internal floating point number. This function forms the basis of almost all public `l3fp` functions. During evaluation, each token is fully `f`-expanded.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** Registers (integers, toks, etc.) are automatically unpacked, without requiring a function such as `\int_use:N`. Invalid tokens remaining after `f`-expansion will lead to unrecoverable low-level T<sub>E</sub>X errors.

(End definition for `\__fp_parse:n`.)

Floating point expressions are composed of numbers, given in various forms, infix operators, such as `+`, `**`, or `,` (which joins two numbers into a list), and prefix operators, such as the unary `-`, functions, or opening parentheses. Here is a list of precedences which control the order of evaluation (some distinctions are irrelevant for the order of evaluation, but serve as signals), from the tightest binding to the loosest binding.

- 16 Function calls with multiple arguments.
- 15 Function calls expecting exactly one argument.
- 14 Binary `**` and `^` (right to left).
- 12 Unary `+`, `-`, `!` (right to left).
- 10 Binary `*`, `/`, and juxtaposition (implicit `*`).
- 9 Binary `+` and `-`.
- 7 Comparisons.
- 5 Logical `and`, denoted by `&&`.
- 4 Logical `or`, denoted by `||`.
- 3 Ternary operator `?:`, piece `?`.
- 2 Ternary operator `?:`, piece `:`.
- 1 Commas, and parentheses accepting commas.
- 0 Parentheses expecting exactly one argument.
- 1 Start and end of the expression.

### 25.1.1 Storing results

The main question in parsing expressions expandably is to decide where to put the intermediate results computed for various subexpressions.

One option is to store the values at the start of the expression, and carry them together as the first argument of each macro. However, we want to `f`-expand tokens one by one in the expression (as `\int_eval:n` does), and with this approach, expanding the next unread token forces us to jump with `\exp_after:wN` over every value computed

earlier in the expression. With this approach, the run-time will grow at least quadratically in the length of the expression, if not as its cube (inserting the `\exp_after:wN` is tricky and slow).

A second option is to place those values at the end of the expression. Then expanding the next unread token is straightforward, but this still hits a performance issue: for long expressions we would be reaching all the way to the end of the expression at every step of the calculation. The run-time is again quadratic.

A variation of the above attempts to place the intermediate results which appear when computing a parenthesized expression near the closing parenthesis. This still lets us expand tokens as we go, and avoids performance problems as long as there are enough parentheses. However, it would be much better to avoid requiring the closing parenthesis to be present as soon as the corresponding opening parenthesis is read: the closing parenthesis may still be hidden in a macro yet to be expanded.

Hence, we need to go for some fine expansion control: the result is stored *before* the start!

Let us illustrate this idea in a simple model: adding positive integers which may be resulting from the expansion of macros, or may be values of registers. Assume that one number, say, 12345, has already been found, and that we want to parse the next number. The current status of the code may look as follows.

```
\exp_after:wN \add:ww \__int_value:w 12345 \exp_after:wN ;
\exp:w \operand:w <stuff>
```

One step of expansion expands `\exp_after:wN`, which triggers the primitive `\__int_value:w`, which reads the five digits we have already found, 12345. This integer is unfinished, causing the second `\exp_after:wN` to expand, and to trigger the construction `\exp:w`, which expands `\operand:w`, defined to read what follows and make a number out of it, then leave `\c_zero`, the number, and a semicolon in the input stream. Once `\operand:w` is done expanding, we obtain essentially

```
\exp_after:wN \add:ww \__int_value:w 12345 ;
\exp:w \c_zero 333444 ;
```

where in fact `\exp_after:wN` has already been expanded, `\__int_value:w` has already seen 12345, and `\exp:w` is still looking for a number. It finds `\c_zero`, hence expands to nothing. Now, `\__int_value:w` sees the `;`, which cannot be part of a number. The expansion stops, and we are left with

```
\add:ww 12345 ; 333444 ;
```

which can safely perform the addition by grabbing two arguments delimited by `;`.

If we were to continue parsing the expression, then the following number should also be cleaned up before the next use of a binary operation such as `\add:ww`. Just like `\__int_value:w 12345 \exp_after:wN ;` expanded what follows once, we need `\add:ww` to do the calculation, and in the process to expand the following once. This is also true in our real application: all the functions of the form `\__fp_..._o:ww` expand what follows once. This comes at the cost of leaving tokens in the input stack, and we will need to be careful not to waste this memory. All of our discussion above is nice but simplistic, as operations should not simply be performed in the order they appear.

### 25.1.2 Precedence and infix operators

The various operators we will encounter have different precedences, which influence the order of calculations:  $1 + 2 \times 3 = 1 + (2 \times 3)$  because  $\times$  has a higher precedence than  $+$ . The true analog of our macro `\operand:w` must thus take care of that. When looking for an operand, it needs to perform calculations until reaching an operator which has lower precedence than the one which called `\operand:w`. This means that `\operand:w` must know what the previous binary operator is, or rather, its precedence: we thus rename it `\operand:Nw`. Let us describe as an example how the calculation  $41 - 2^3 * 4 + 5$  will be done. Here, we abuse notations: the first argument of `\operand:Nw` should be an integer constant (`\c_three`, `\c_nine`, ...) equal to the precedence of the given operator, not directly the operator itself.

- Clean up 41 and find  $-$ . We call `\operand:Nw -` to find the second operand.
- Clean up 2 and find  $\wedge$ .
- Compare the precedences of  $-$  and  $\wedge$ . Since the latter is higher, we need to compute the exponentiation. For this, find the second operand with a nested call to `\operand:Nw \wedge`.
- Clean up 3 and find  $*$ .
- Compare the precedences of  $\wedge$  and  $*$ . Since the former is higher, `\operand:Nw \wedge` has found the second operand of the exponentiation, which is computed:  $2^3 = 8$ .
- We now have  $41 + 8 * 4 + 5$ , and `\operand:Nw -` is still looking for a second operand for the subtraction. Is it 8?
- Compare the precedences of  $-$  and  $*$ . Since the latter is higher, we are not done with 8. Call `\operand:Nw *` to find the second operand of the multiplication.
- Clean up 4, and find  $-$ .
- Compare the precedences of  $*$  and  $-$ . Since the former is higher, `\operand:Nw *` has found the second operand of the multiplication, which is computed:  $8 * 4 = 32$ .
- We now have  $41 + 32 + 5$ , and `\operand:Nw -` is still looking for a second operand for the subtraction. Is it 32?
- Compare the precedences of  $-$  and  $+$ . Since they are equal, `\operand:Nw -` has found the second operand for the subtraction, which is computed:  $41 - 32 = 9$ .
- We now have  $9 + 5$ .

The procedure above stops short of performing all computations, but adding a surrounding call to `\operand:Nw` with a very low precedence ensures that all computations will be performed before `\operand:Nw` is done. Adding a trailing marker with the same very low precedence prevents the surrounding `\operand:Nw` from going beyond the marker.

The pattern above to find an operand for a given operator, is to find one number and the next operator, then compare precedences to know if the next computation should be

done. If it should, then perform it after finding its second operand, and look at the next operator, then compare precedences to know if the next computation should be done. This continues until we find that the next computation should not be done. Then, we stop.

We are now ready to get a bit more technical and describe which of the `l3fp-parse` functions correspond to each step above.

First, `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` is the `\operand:Nw` function above, with small modifications due to expansion issues discussed later. We denote by  $\langle precedence \rangle$  the argument of `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw`, that is, the precedence of the binary operator whose operand we are trying to find. The basic action is to read numbers from the input stream. This is done by `\__fp_parse_one:Nw`. A first approximation of this function is that it reads one  $\langle number \rangle$ , performing no computation, and finds the following binary  $\langle operator \rangle$ . Then it expands to

```
 $\langle number \rangle$ 
\__fp_parse_infix_<operator>:N <precedence>
```

expanding the `infix` auxiliary before leaving the above in the input stream.

We now explain the `infix` auxiliaries. We need some flexibility in how we treat the case of equal precedences: most often, the first operation encountered should be performed, such as `1-2-3` being computed as `(1-2)-3`, but `2^3^4` should be evaluated as `2^(3^4)` instead. For this reason, and to support the equivalence between `**` and `^` more easily, each binary operator is converted to a control sequence `\__fp_parse_infix_<operator>:N` when it is encountered for the first time. Instead of passing both precedences to a test function to do the comparison steps above, we pass the  $\langle precedence \rangle$  (of the earlier operator) to the `infix` auxiliary for the following  $\langle operator \rangle$ , to know whether to perform the computation of the  $\langle operator \rangle$ . If it should not be performed, the `infix` auxiliary expands to

```
@ \use_none:n \__fp_parse_infix_<operator>:N
```

and otherwise it calls `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` with the precedence of the  $\langle operator \rangle$  to find its second operand  $\langle number_2 \rangle$  and the next  $\langle operator_2 \rangle$ , and expands to

```
@ \__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN
<operator> <number_2>
@ \__fp_parse_infix_<operator_2>:N
```

The `infix` function is responsible for comparing precedences, but cannot directly call the computation functions, because the first operand  $\langle number \rangle$  is before the `infix` function in the input stream. This is why we stop the expansion here and give control to another function to close the loop.

A definition of `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw <precedence>` with some of the expansion control removed is

```
\exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_continue:NwN
\exp_after:wN <precedence>
\exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
\__fp_parse_one:Nw <precedence>
```

This expands `\__fp_parse_one:Nw`  $\langle precedence \rangle$  completely, which finds a number, wraps the next  $\langle operator \rangle$  into an infix function, feeds this function the  $\langle precedence \rangle$ , and expands it, yielding either

```
\__fp_parse_continue:NwN  $\langle precedence \rangle$ 
 $\langle number \rangle$  @
\use_none:n \__fp_parse_infix_ $\langle operator \rangle$ :N
```

or

```
\__fp_parse_continue:NwN  $\langle precedence \rangle$ 
 $\langle number \rangle$  @
\__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN
 $\langle operator \rangle$   $\langle number_2 \rangle$ 
@ \__fp_parse_infix_ $\langle operator_2 \rangle$ :N
```

The definition of `\__fp_parse_continue:NwN` is then very simple:

```
\cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_continue:NwN #1#2@#3 { #3 #1 #2 @ }
```

In the first case, `#3` is `\use_none:n`, yielding

```
\use_none:n  $\langle precedence \rangle$   $\langle number \rangle$  @
\__fp_parse_infix_ $\langle operator \rangle$ :N
```

then  $\langle number \rangle$  @ `\__fp_parse_infix_ $\langle operator \rangle$ :N`. In the second case, `#3` is `\__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN`, whose role is to compute  $\langle number \rangle$   $\langle operator \rangle$   $\langle number_2 \rangle$  and to prepare for the next comparison of precedences: first we get

```
\__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN
 $\langle precedence \rangle$   $\langle number \rangle$  @
 $\langle operator \rangle$   $\langle number_2 \rangle$ 
@ \__fp_parse_infix_ $\langle operator_2 \rangle$ :N
```

then

```
\exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_continue:NwN
\exp_after:wN  $\langle precedence \rangle$ 
\exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
\__fp_ $\langle operator \rangle$ _o:ww  $\langle number \rangle$   $\langle number_2 \rangle$ 
\exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
\__fp_parse_infix_ $\langle operator_2 \rangle$ :N  $\langle precedence \rangle$ 
```

where `\__fp_ $\langle operator \rangle$ _o:ww` computes  $\langle number \rangle$   $\langle operator \rangle$   $\langle number_2 \rangle$  and expands after the result, thus triggers the comparison of the precedence of the  $\langle operator_2 \rangle$  and the  $\langle precedence \rangle$ , continuing the loop.

We have introduced the most important functions here, and the next few paragraphs will describe various subtleties.

### 25.1.3 Prefix operators, parentheses, and functions

Prefix operators (unary  $-$ ,  $+$ ,  $!$ ) and parentheses are taken care of by the same mechanism, and functions (`sin`, `exp`, etc.) as well. Finding the argument of the unary  $-$ , for instance, is very similar to grabbing the second operand of a binary infix operator, with a subtle precedence explained below. Once that operand is found, the operator can be applied to it (for the unary  $-$ , this simply flips the sign). A left parenthesis is just a prefix operator with a very low precedence equal to that of the closing parenthesis (which is treated as an infix operator, since it normally appears just after numbers), so that all computations are performed until the closing parenthesis. The prefix operator associated to the left parenthesis does not alter its argument, but it removes the closing parenthesis (with some checks).

Prefix operators are the reason why we only summarily described the function `\_fp_parse_one:Nw` earlier. This function is responsible for reading in the input stream the first possible  $\langle number \rangle$  and the next infix  $\langle operator \rangle$ . If what follows `\_fp_parse_one:Nw`  $\langle precedence \rangle$  is a prefix operator, then we must find the operand of this prefix operator through a nested call to `\_fp_parse_operand:Nw` with the appropriate precedence, then apply the operator to the operand found to yield the result of `\_fp_parse_one:Nw`. So far, all is simple.

The unary operators  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $!$  complicate things a little bit:  $-3**2$  should be  $-(3^2) = -9$ , and not  $(-3)^2 = 9$ . This would easily be done by giving  $-$  a lower precedence, equal to that of the infix  $+$  and  $-$ . Unfortunately, this fails in cases such as  $3**-2*4$ , yielding  $3^{-2 \times 4}$  instead of the correct  $3^{-2} \times 4$ . A second attempt would be to call `\_fp_parse_operand:Nw` with the  $\langle precedence \rangle$  of the previous operator, but  $0>-2+3$  is then parsed as  $0>-(2+3)$ : the addition is performed because it binds more tightly than the comparison which precedes  $-$ . The correct approach is for a unary  $-$  to perform operations whose precedence is greater than both that of the previous operation, and that of the unary  $-$  itself. The unary  $-$  is given a precedence higher than multiplication and division. This does not lead to any surprising result, since  $-(x/y) = (-x)/y$  and similarly for multiplication, and it reduces the number of nested calls to `\_fp_parse_operand:Nw`.

Functions are implemented as prefix operators with very high precedence, so that their argument is the first number that can possibly be built.

Note that contrarily to the `infix` functions discussed earlier, the `prefix` functions do perform tests on the previous  $\langle precedence \rangle$  to decide whether to find an argument or not, since we know that we need a number, and must never stop there.

### 25.1.4 Numbers and reading tokens one by one

So far, we have glossed over one important point: what is a “number”? A number is typically given in the form  $\langle significand \rangle \mathbf{e} \langle exponent \rangle$ , where the  $\langle significand \rangle$  is any non-empty string composed of decimal digits and at most one decimal separator (a period), the exponent “ $\mathbf{e} \langle exponent \rangle$ ” is optional and is composed of an exponent mark `e` followed by a possibly empty string of signs  $+$  or  $-$  and a non-empty string of decimal digits. The  $\langle significand \rangle$  can also be an integer, dimension, skip, or muskip variable, in which case dimensions are converted from points (or mu units) to floating points, and the  $\langle exponent \rangle$



can also be an integer variable. Numbers can also be given as floating point variables, or as named constants such as `nan`, `inf` or `pi`. We may add more types in the future.

When `\__fp_parse_one:Nw` is looking for a “number”, here is what happens.

- If the next token is a control sequence with the meaning of `\scan_stop:`, it can be: `\s__fp`, in which case our job is done, as what follows is an internal floating point number, or `\s__fp_mark`, in which case the expression has come to an early end, as we are still looking for a number here, or something else, in which case we consider the control sequence to be a bad variable resulting from c-expansion.
- If the next token is a control sequence with a different meaning, we assume that it is a register, unpack it with `\tex_the:D`, and use its value (in `pt` for dimensions and skips, `mu` for muskips) as the *significand* of a number: we look for an exponent.
- If the next token is a digit, we remove any leading zeros, then read a significand larger than 1 if the next character is a digit, read a significand smaller than 1 if the next character is a period, or we have found a significand equal to 0 otherwise, and look for an exponent.
- If the next token is a letter, we collect more letters until the first non-letter: the resulting word may denote a function such as `asin`, a constant such as `pi` or be unknown. In the first case, we call `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` to find the argument of the function, then apply the function, before declaring that we are done. Otherwise, we are done, either with the value of the constant, or with the value `nan` for unknown words.
- If the next token is anything else, we check whether it is a known prefix operator, in which case `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` finds its operand. If it is not known, then either a number is missing (if the token is a known infix operator) or the token is simply invalid in floating point expressions.

Once a number is found, `\__fp_parse_one:Nw` also finds an infix operator. This goes as follows.

- If the next token is a control sequence, it could be the special marker `\s__fp_mark`, and otherwise it is a case of juxtaposing numbers, such as `2\c_three`, with an implied multiplication.
- If the next token is a letter, it is also a case of juxtaposition, as letters cannot be proper infix operators.
- Otherwise (including in the case of digits), if the token is a known infix operator, the appropriate `\__fp_infix_<operator>:N` function is built, and if it does not exist, we complain. In particular, the juxtaposition `\c_three 2` is disallowed.

In the above, we need to test whether a character token `#1` is a digit:

```
\if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
  is a digit
\else:
```

```

    not a digit
\fi:

```

To exclude 0, replace `\c_nine` by `\c_ten`. The use of `\token_to_str:N` ensures that a digit with any catcode is detected. To test if a character token is a letter, we need to work with its character code, testing if ‘#1 lies in [65,90] (uppercase letters) or [97,112] (lowercase letters)

```

\if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w
  ( ‘#1 \if_int_compare:w ‘#1 > ‘Z - 32 \fi: ) / 26 = \c_three
  is a letter
\else:
  not a letter
\fi:

```

At all steps, we try to accept all category codes: when #1 is kept to be used later, it is almost always converted to category code other through `\token_to_str:N`. More precisely, catcodes {3,6,7,8,11,12} should work without trouble, but {1,2,4,10,13} will not work, and of course {0,5,9} cannot become tokens.

Floating point expressions should behave as much as possible like  $\varepsilon$ -TeX-based integer expressions and dimension expressions. In particular, `f`-expansion should be performed as the expression is read, token by token, forcing the expansion of protected macros, and ignoring spaces. One advantage of expanding at every step is that restricted expandable functions can then be used in floating point expressions just as they can be in other kinds of expressions. Problematically, spaces stop `f`-expansion: for instance, the macro `\X` below will not be expanded if we simply perform `f`-expansion.

```

\DeclareDocumentCommand {\test} {m} { \fp_eval:n {#1} }
\ExplSyntaxOff
\test { 1 + \X }

```

Of course, spaces will not appear in a code setting, but may very easily come in document-level input, from which some expressions may come. To avoid this problem, at every step, we do essentially what `\use:f` would do: take an argument, put it back in the input stream, then `f`-expand it. This is not a complete solution, since a macro’s expansion could contain leading spaces which will stop the `f`-expansion before further macro calls are performed. However, in practice it should be enough: in particular, floating point numbers will correctly be expanded to the underlying `\s__fp ...` structure. The `f`-expansion is performed by `\__fp_parse_expand:w`.

## 25.2 Main auxiliary functions

`\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` Reads the “...”, performing every computation with a precedence higher than  $\langle precedence \rangle$ , then expands to where the  $\langle operation \rangle$  is the first operation with a lower precedence, possibly `end`, and the “...” start just after the  $\langle operation \rangle$ .

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw`.)

`\__fp_parse_infix_+:N` If `+` has a precedence higher than the  $\langle precedence \rangle$ , cleans up a second  $\langle operand \rangle$  and finds the  $\langle operation_2 \rangle$  which follows, and expands to Otherwise expands to A similar function exists for each infix operator.

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_infix_+:N`.)

`\__fp_parse_one:Nw` Cleans up one or two operands depending on how the precedence of the next operation compares to the  $\langle precedence \rangle$ . If the following  $\langle operation \rangle$  has a precedence higher than  $\langle precedence \rangle$ , expands to and otherwise expands to

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_one:Nw`.)

## 25.3 Helpers

`\__fp_parse_expand:w` This function must always come within a `\exp:w` expansion. The  $\langle tokens \rangle$  should be the part of the expression that we have not yet read. This requires in particular closing all conditionals properly before expanding.

```
11455 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_expand:w #1 { \exp_end_continue_f:w #1 }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_expand:w`.)

`\__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w` This very odd function swaps its position with the following `\fi:` and removes `\__fp_parse_expand:w` normally responsible for expansion. That turns out to be useful.

```
11456 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w
11457     #1 \fi: \__fp_parse_expand:w { \fi: ; #1 }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w`.)

`\__fp_type_from_scan:N` Grabs the pieces of the stringified  $\langle token \rangle$  which lies after the first `s__fp`. If the  $\langle token \rangle$  does not contain that string, the result is `_?`.

```
\__fp_type_from_scan:w
11458 \cs_new:Npx \__fp_type_from_scan:N #1
11459 {
11460     \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \__fp_type_from_scan:w
11461     \exp_not:N \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_not:N \q_mark
11462     \tl_to_str:n { s__fp _? } \exp_not:N \q_mark \exp_not:N \q_stop
11463 }
11464 \use:x
11465 {
11466     \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \__fp_type_from_scan:w
11467         ##1 \tl_to_str:n { s__fp } ##2 \exp_not:N \q_mark ##3 \exp_not:N \q_stop
11468         {##2}
11469 }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_type_from_scan:N` and `\__fp_type_from_scan:w`.)

`\__fp_parse_digits_vii:N` These functions must be called within an `\__int_value:w` or `\__int_eval:w` construction. The first token which follows must be f-expanded prior to calling those functions. The functions read tokens one by one, and output digits into the input stream, until meeting a non-digit, or up to a number of digits equal to their index. The full expansion is

`\__fp_parse_digits_vi:N`  
`\__fp_parse_digits_v:N`  
`\__fp_parse_digits_iv:N`  
`\__fp_parse_digits_iii:N`  
`\__fp_parse_digits_ii:N`  
`\__fp_parse_digits_i:N`  
`\__fp_parse_digits_:N`

$\langle digits \rangle ; \langle filling\ 0 \rangle ; \langle length \rangle$

where  $\langle filling\ 0 \rangle$  is a string of zeros such that  $\langle digits \rangle \langle filling\ 0 \rangle$  has the length given by the index of the function, and  $\langle length \rangle$  is the number of zeros in the  $\langle filling\ 0 \rangle$  string. Each function puts a digit into the input stream and calls the next function, until we find a non-digit. We are careful to pass the tested tokens through `\token_to_str:N` to normalize their category code.

```

11470 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1 #2 #3
11471 {
11472   \cs_new:cpn { __fp_parse_digits_ #1 :N } ##1
11473   {
11474     \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N ##1 \exp_stop_f:
11475     \token_to_str:N ##1 \exp_after:wN #2 \exp:w
11476   \else:
11477     \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w #3 ##1
11478   \fi:
11479   \__fp_parse_expand:w
11480 }
11481 }
11482 \__fp_tmp:w {vii} \__fp_parse_digits_vii:N { 0000000 ; 7 }
11483 \__fp_tmp:w {vi} \__fp_parse_digits_vi:N { 000000 ; 6 }
11484 \__fp_tmp:w {v} \__fp_parse_digits_v:N { 00000 ; 5 }
11485 \__fp_tmp:w {iv} \__fp_parse_digits_iv:N { 0000 ; 4 }
11486 \__fp_tmp:w {iii} \__fp_parse_digits_iii:N { 000 ; 3 }
11487 \__fp_tmp:w {ii} \__fp_parse_digits_ii:N { 00 ; 2 }
11488 \__fp_tmp:w {i} \__fp_parse_digits_i:N { 0 ; 1 }
11489 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_parse_digits_:N { ; ; 0 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_digits_vii:N` and others.)

## 25.4 Parsing one number

`\__fp_parse_one:Nw` This function finds one number, and packs the symbol which follows in an `\..._infix...` csname. `#1` is the previous  $\langle precedence \rangle$ , and `#2` the first token of the operand. We distinguish four cases: `#2` is equal to `\scan_stop:` in meaning, `#2` is a different control sequence, `#2` is a digit, and `#2` is something else (this last case will be split further). Despite the earlier `f`-expansion, `#2` may still be expandable if it was protected by `\exp_not:N`, as may happen with the  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$  command `\protect`. Using a well placed `\reverse_if:N`, this case is sent to `\__fp_parse_one_fp:NN` which deals with it robustly.

```

11490 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one:Nw #1 #2
11491 {
11492   \if_catcode:w \scan_stop: \exp_not:N #2
11493   \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_not:N #2 #2 \else:
11494   \exp_after:wN \reverse_if:N
11495   \fi:
11496   \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #2
11497   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
11498   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_one_fp:NN
11499   \else:

```

```

11500         \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
11501         \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_one_register:NN
11502     \fi:
11503 \else:
11504     \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #2 \exp_stop_f:
11505         \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
11506         \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_one_digit:NN
11507     \else:
11508         \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
11509         \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_one_other:NN
11510     \fi:
11511 \fi:
11512 #1 #2
11513 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_parse_one:Nw`.)

```

\_fp_parse_one_fp:NN
\_fp_exp_after_mark_f:nw
\_fp_exp_after?_f:nw

```

This function receives a *precedence* and a control sequence equal to `\scan_stop:` in meaning. There are three cases, dispatched using `\_fp_type_from_scan:N`.

- `\s\_fp` starts a floating point number, and we call `\_fp_exp_after_f:nw`, which f-expands after the floating point.
- `\s\_fp_mark` is a premature end, we call `\_fp_exp_after_mark_f:nw`, which triggers an `fp-early-end` error.
- For a control sequence not containing `\s\_fp`, we call `\_fp_exp_after?_f:nw`, causing a `bad-variable` error.

This scheme is extensible: additional types can be added by starting the variables with a scan mark of the form `\s\_fp_⟨type⟩` and defining `\_fp_exp_after_⟨type⟩_f:nw`. In all cases, we make sure that the second argument of `\_fp_parse_infix:NN` is correctly expanded. A special case only enabled in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> is that if `\protect` is encountered then the error message mentions the control sequence which follows it rather than `\protect` itself. The test for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> uses `\@unexpandable@protect` rather than `\protect` because `\protect` is often `\scan_stop:` hence “does not exist”.

```

11514 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_one_fp:NN #1#2
11515 {
11516     \cs:w \_fp_exp_after \_fp_type_from_scan:N #2 _f:nw \cs_end:
11517     {
11518         \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix:NN
11519         \exp_after:wN #1 \exp:w \_fp_parse_expand:w
11520     }
11521     #2
11522 }
11523 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_after_mark_f:nw #1
11524 {
11525     \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { fp-early-end }
11526     \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #1
11527 }

```

```

11528 \cs_new:cpn { __fp_exp_after_?_f:nw } #1#2
11529 {
11530   \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { bad-variable } {#2}
11531   \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #1
11532 }
11533 <*package>
11534 \group_begin:
11535   \char_set_catcode_letter:N \@
11536   \cs_if_exist:NT \@unexpandable@protect
11537   {
11538     \cs_gset:cpn { __fp_exp_after_?_f:nw } #1#2
11539     {
11540       \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #1
11541       \str_if_eq:nnTF {#2} { \protect }
11542       {
11543         \cs_if_eq:NNTF #2 \@unexpandable@protect { \use_i:nn } { \use:n }
11544         { \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { fp-robust-cmd } }
11545       }
11546       { \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { bad-variable } {#2} }
11547     }
11548   }
11549 \group_end:
11550 </package>

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_one\_fp:NN, \\_\_fp\_exp\_after\_mark\_f:nw, and \\_\_fp\_exp\_after\_?\_f:nw.)

```

\__fp_parse_one_register:NN
  \__fp_parse_one_register_aux:Nw
  \__fp_parse_one_register_auxii:wwwNw
  \__fp_parse_one_register_int:www
  \__fp_parse_one_register_mu:www
  \__fp_parse_one_register_dim:ww

```

This is called whenever #2 is a control sequence other than \scan\_stop: in meaning. We assume that it is a register, but carefully unpacking it with \tex\_the:D within braces. First, we find the exponent following #2. Then we unpack #2 with \tex\_the:D, and the auxii auxiliary distinguishes integer registers from dimensions/skips from muskips, according to the presence of a period and/or of pt. For integers, simply convert  $\langle value \rangle e \langle exponent \rangle$  to a floating point number with \fp\_parse:n (this is somewhat wasteful). For other registers, the decimal rounding provided by T<sub>E</sub>X does not accurately represent the binary value that it manipulates, so we extract this binary value as a number of scaled points with \\_\_int\_value:w \\_\_dim\_eval:w  $\langle decimal value \rangle$  pt, and use an auxiliary of \dim\_to\_fp:n, which performs the multiplication by  $2^{-16}$ , correctly rounded.

```

11551 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one_register:NN #1#2
11552 {
11553   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN
11554   \exp_after:wN #1
11555   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
11556   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_one_register_aux:Nw
11557   \exp_after:wN #2
11558   \__int_value:w
11559   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent:N
11560   \exp:w \__fp_parse_expand:w
11561 }

```

```

11562 \cs_new:Npx \__fp_parse_one_register_aux:Nw #1
11563 {
11564   \exp_not:n
11565   {
11566     \exp_after:wN \use:nn
11567     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_one_register_auxii:wwwNw
11568   }
11569   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN { \exp_not:N \tex_the:D #1 }
11570   ; \exp_not:N \__fp_parse_one_register_dim:ww
11571   \tl_to_str:n { pt } ; \exp_not:N \__fp_parse_one_register_mu:www
11572   . \tl_to_str:n { pt } ; \exp_not:N \__fp_parse_one_register_int:www
11573   \exp_not:N \q_stop
11574 }
11575 \use:x
11576 {
11577   \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \__fp_parse_one_register_auxii:wwwNw
11578     ##1 . ##2 \tl_to_str:n { pt } ##3 ; ##4##5 \exp_not:N \q_stop
11579     { ##4 ##1.##2; }
11580   \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \__fp_parse_one_register_mu:www
11581     ##1 \tl_to_str:n { mu } ; ##2 ;
11582     { \exp_not:N \__fp_parse_one_register_dim:ww ##1 ; }
11583 }
11584 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one_register_int:www #1; #2.; #3;
11585 { \__fp_parse:n { #1 e #3 } }
11586 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one_register_dim:ww #1; #2;
11587 {
11588   \exp_after:wN \__fp_from_dim_test:ww
11589   \__int_value:w #2 \exp_after:wN ,
11590   \__int_value:w \__dim_eval:w #1 pt ;
11591 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_one\_register:NN and others.)

**\\_\_fp\_parse\_one\_digit:NN** A digit marks the beginning of an explicit floating point number. Once the number is found, we will catch the case of overflow and underflow with \\_\_fp\_sanitize:wN, then \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_after\_operand:NwN expands \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix:NN after the number we find, to wrap the following infix operator as required. Finding the number itself begins by removing leading zeros: further steps are described later.

```

11592 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one_digit:NN #1
11593 {
11594   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN
11595   \exp_after:wN #1
11596   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
11597   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:wN
11598   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_zero \__fp_parse_trim_zeros:N
11599 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_one\_digit:NN.)

`\__fp_parse_one_other:NN` For this function, #2 is a character token which is not a digit. If it is a letter, `\__fp_parse_letters:N` beyond this one and give the result to `\__fp_parse_word:Nw`. Otherwise, the character is assumed to be a prefix operator, and we build `\__fp_parse_prefix_⟨operator⟩:Nw`.

```

11600 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_one_other:NN #1 #2
11601 {
11602   \if_int_compare:w
11603     \__int_eval:w
11604     ( '#2 \if_int_compare:w '#2 > 'Z - \c_thirty_two \fi: ) / 26
11605     = \c_three
11606     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_word:Nw
11607     \exp_after:wN #1
11608     \exp_after:wN #2
11609     \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_letters:N
11610     \exp:w
11611   \else:
11612     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_prefix:NNN
11613     \exp_after:wN #1
11614     \exp_after:wN #2
11615     \cs:w
11616     __fp_parse_prefix_ \token_to_str:N #2 :Nw
11617     \exp_after:wN
11618     \cs_end:
11619     \exp:w
11620   \fi:
11621   \__fp_parse_expand:w
11622 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_one_other:NN`.)

`\__fp_parse_word:Nw` Finding letters is a simple recursion. Once `\__fp_parse_letters:N` has done its job, `\__fp_parse_letters:N` we try to build a control sequence from the word #2. If it is a known word, then the corresponding action is taken, and otherwise, we complain about an unknown word, yield `\c_nan_fp`, and look for the following infix operator. Note that the unknown word could be a mistyped function as well as a mistyped constant, so there is no way to tell whether to look for arguments; we do not.

```

11623 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word:Nw #1#2;
11624 {
11625   \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __fp_parse_word_#2:N }
11626   {
11627     \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
11628     { kernel } { unknown-fp-word } {#2}
11629     \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
11630     \__fp_parse_infix:NN
11631   }
11632   #1
11633 }
11634 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_letters:N #1
11635 {

```



```

11636 \exp_end_continue_f:w
11637 \if_int_compare:w
11638   \if_catcode:w \scan_stop: \exp_not:N #1
11639   \c_zero
11640   \else:
11641     \__int_eval:w
11642     ( '#1 \if_int_compare:w '#1 > 'Z - \c_thirty_two \fi: )
11643     / 26
11644   \fi:
11645   = \c_three
11646   \exp_after:wN #1
11647   \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_letters:N
11648   \exp:w
11649   \else:
11650     \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w #1
11651   \fi:
11652   \__fp_parse_expand:w
11653 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_word:Nw.)

\\_\_fp\_parse\_prefix:NNN  
 \\_\_fp\_parse\_prefix\_unknown:NNN

For this function, #1 is the previous *<precedence>*, #2 is the operator just seen, and #3 is a control sequence which implements the operator if it is a known operator. If this control sequence is \scan\_stop:, then the operator is in fact unknown. Either the expression is missing a number there (if the operator is valid as an infix operator), and we put `nan`, wrapping the infix operator in a csname as appropriate, or the character is simply invalid in floating point expressions, and we continue looking for a number, starting again from \\_\_fp\_parse\_one:Nw.

```

11654 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_prefix:NNN #1#2#3
11655 {
11656   \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #3
11657   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_prefix_unknown:NNN
11658   \exp_after:wN #2
11659   \fi:
11660   #3 #1
11661 }
11662 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_prefix_unknown:NNN #1#2#3
11663 {
11664   \cs_if_exist:cTF { __fp_parse_infix_ \token_to_str:N #1 :N }
11665   {
11666     \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
11667     { kernel } { fp-missing-number } {#1}
11668     \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
11669     \__fp_parse_infix:NN #3 #1
11670   }
11671   {
11672     \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
11673     { kernel } { fp-unknown-symbol } {#1}
11674     \__fp_parse_one:Nw #3

```

```

11675     }
11676 }

```

(End definition for `__fp_parse_prefix:NNN` and `__fp_parse_prefix_unknown:NNN`.)

#### 25.4.1 Numbers: trimming leading zeros

Numbers will be parsed as follows: first we trim leading zeros, then if the next character is a digit, start reading a significand  $\geq 1$  with the set of functions `__fp_parse_large...`; if it is a period, the significand is  $< 1$ ; and otherwise it is zero. In the second case, trim additional zeros after the period, counting them for an exponent shift  $\langle exp_1 \rangle < 0$ , then read the significand with the set of functions `__fp_parse_small...`. Once the significand is read, read the exponent if `e` is present.

```

__fp_parse_trim_zeros:N
__fp_parse_trim_end:w

```

This function expects an already expanded token. It removes any leading zero, then distinguishes three cases: if the first non-zero token is a digit, then call `__fp_parse_large:N` (the significand is  $\geq 1$ ); if it is `.`, then continue trimming zeros with `__fp_parse_trim_zeros:N`; otherwise, our number is exactly zero, and we call `__fp_parse_zero:` to take care of that case.

```

11677 \cs_new:Npn __fp_parse_trim_zeros:N #1
11678 {
11679   \if:w 0 \exp_not:N #1
11680     \exp_after:wN __fp_parse_trim_zeros:N
11681     \exp:w
11682   \else:
11683     \if:w . \exp_not:N #1
11684       \exp_after:wN __fp_parse_trim_zeros:N
11685       \exp:w
11686     \else:
11687       __fp_parse_trim_end:w #1
11688     \fi:
11689   \fi:
11690   __fp_parse_expand:w
11691 }
11692 \cs_new:Npn __fp_parse_trim_end:w #1 \fi: \fi: __fp_parse_expand:w
11693 {
11694   \fi:
11695   \fi:
11696   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
11697     \exp_after:wN __fp_parse_large:N
11698   \else:
11699     \exp_after:wN __fp_parse_zero:
11700   \fi:
11701   #1
11702 }

```

(End definition for `__fp_parse_trim_zeros:N` and `__fp_parse_trim_end:w`.)

```

__fp_parse_trim_zeros:N
__fp_parse_trim_end:w

```

If we have removed all digits until a period (or if the body started with a period), then enter the “`small_trim`” loop which outputs `-1` for each removed 0. Those `-1` are added

to an integer expression waiting for the exponent. If the first non-zero token is a digit, call `\__fp_parse_small:N` (our significand is smaller than 1), and otherwise, the number is an exact zero. The name `strim` stands for “small trim”.

```

11703 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N #1
11704 {
11705   \if:w 0 \exp_not:N #1
11706     - \c_one
11707     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N \exp:w
11708   \else:
11709     \__fp_parse_strim_end:w #1
11710   \fi:
11711   \__fp_parse_expand:w
11712 }
11713 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_strim_end:w #1 \fi: \__fp_parse_expand:w
11714 {
11715   \fi:
11716   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
11717     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_small:N
11718   \else:
11719     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_zero:
11720   \fi:
11721   #1
11722 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N` and `\__fp_parse_strim_end:w`.)

`\__fp_parse_zero:` After reading a significand of 0, we need to remove any exponent, then put a sign of 1 for `\__fp_sanitize:wN`, small hack to denote an exact zero (rather than an underflow).

```

11723 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_zero:
11724 {
11725   \exp_after:wN ; \exp_after:wN 1
11726   \__int_value:w \__fp_parse_exponent:N
11727 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_zero:.`)

## 25.4.2 Number: small significand

`\__fp_parse_small:N` This function is called after we have passed the decimal separator and removed all leading zeros from the significand. It is followed by a non-zero digit (with any catcode). The goal is to read up to 16 digits. But we can’t do that all at once, because `\__int_value:w` (which allows us to collect digits and continue expanding) can only go up to 9 digits. Hence we grab digits in two steps of 8 digits. Since `#1` is a digit, read seven more digits using `\__fp_parse_digits_vii:N`. The `small_leading` auxiliary will leave those digits in the `\__int_value:w`, and grab some more, or stop if there are no more digits. Then the `pack_leading` auxiliary puts the various parts in the appropriate order for the processing further up.

```

11728 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_small:N #1
11729 {

```

```

11730 \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_pack_leading:NNNNNww
11731 \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1 \token_to_str:N #1
11732 \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_small_leading:wwNN
11733 \_int_value:w 1
11734 \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_digits_vii:N
11735 \exp:w \_fp_parse_expand:w
11736 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_parse\_small:N.)

\\_fp\_parse\_small\_leading:wwNN We leave  $\langle \text{digits} \rangle$   $\langle \text{zeros} \rangle$  in the input stream: the functions used to grab digits are such that this constitutes digits 1 through 8 of the significand. Then prepare to pack 8 more digits, with an exponent shift of  $\backslash c\_zero$  (this shift is used in the case of a large significand). If #4 is a digit, leave it behind for the packing function, and read 6 more digits to reach a total of 15 digits: further digits are involved in the rounding. Otherwise put 8 zeros in to complete the significand, then look for an exponent.

```

11737 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_small_leading:wwNN 1 #1 ; #2; #3 #4
11738 {
11739   #1 #2
11740   \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNww
11741   \exp_after:wN \c_zero
11742   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1
11743   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #4 \exp_stop_f:
11744     \token_to_str:N #4
11745     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_small_trailing:wwNN
11746     \_int_value:w 1
11747     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_digits_vi:N
11748     \exp:w
11749   \else:
11750     0000 0000 \_fp_parse_exponent:Nw #4
11751   \fi:
11752   \_fp_parse_expand:w
11753 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_parse\_small\_leading:wwNN.)

\\_fp\_parse\_small\_trailing:wwNN Leave digits 10 to 15 (arguments #1 and #2) in the input stream. If the  $\langle \text{next token} \rangle$  is a digit, it is the 16th digit, we keep it, then the `small_round` auxiliary considers this digit and all further digits to perform the rounding: the function expands to nothing, to  $+\backslash c\_zero$  or to  $+\backslash c\_one$ . Otherwise, there is no 16-th digit, so we put a 0, and look for an exponent.

```

11754 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_small_trailing:wwNN 1 #1 ; #2; #3 #4
11755 {
11756   #1 #2
11757   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #4 \exp_stop_f:
11758     \token_to_str:N #4
11759     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_small_round:NN
11760     \exp_after:wN #4
11761     \exp:w

```

```

11762     \else:
11763         0 \__fp_parse_exponent:Nw #4
11764     \fi:
11765     \__fp_parse_expand:w
11766 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_small\_trailing:wwNN.)

```

\__fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNNww
\__fp_parse_pack_leading:NNNNNNww
\__fp_parse_pack_carry:w

```

Those functions are expanded after all the digits are found, we took care of the rounding, as well as the exponent. The last argument is the exponent. The previous five arguments are 8 digits which we pack in groups of 4, and the argument before that is 1, except in the rare case where rounding lead to a carry, in which case the argument is 2. The `trailing` function has an exponent shift as its first argument, which we add to the exponent found in the `e...` syntax. If the trailing digits cause a carry, the integer expression for the leading digits is incremented (+ \c\_one in the code below). If the leading digits propagate this carry all the way up, the function `\__fp_parse_pack_carry:w` increments the exponent, and changes the significand from 0000... to 1000...: this is simple because such a carry can only occur to give rise to a power of 10.

```

11767 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNNww #1 #2 #3#4#5#6 #7; #8 ;
11768 {
11769     \if_meaning:w 2 #2 + \c_one \fi:
11770     ; #8 + #1 ; {#3#4#5#6} {#7};
11771 }
11772 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_pack_leading:NNNNNNww #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; #7;
11773 {
11774     + #7
11775     \if_meaning:w 2 #1 \__fp_parse_pack_carry:w \fi:
11776     ; 0 {#2#3#4#5} {#6}
11777 }
11778 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_pack_carry:w \fi: ; 0 #1
11779 { \fi: + \c_one ; 0 {1000} }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_pack\_trailing:NNNNNNww, \\_\_fp\_parse\_pack\_leading:NNNNNNww, and \\_\_fp\_parse\_pack\_carry:w.)

### 25.4.3 Number: large significand

Parsing a significand larger than 1 is a little bit more difficult than parsing small significands. We need to count the number of digits before the decimal separator, and add that to the final exponent. We also need to test for the presence of a dot each time we run out of digits, and branch to the appropriate `parse_small` function in those cases.

```
\__fp_parse_large:N
```

This function is followed by the first non-zero digit of a “large” significand ( $\geq 1$ ). It is called within an integer expression for the exponent. Grab up to 7 more digits, for a total of 8 digits.

```

11780 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large:N #1
11781 {
11782     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_large_leading:wwNN
11783     \__int_value:w 1 \token_to_str:N #1

```

```

11784 \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_digits_vii:N
11785 \exp:w \_fp_parse_expand:w
11786 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_parse\_large:N.)

\\_fp\_parse\_large\_leading:wwNN

We shift the exponent by the number of digits in #1, namely the target number, 8, minus the *<number of zeros>* (number of digits missing). Then prepare to pack the 8 first digits. If the *<next token>* is a digit, read up to 6 more digits (digits 10 to 15). If it is a period, try to grab the end of our 8 first digits, branching to the `small` functions since the number of digit does not affect the exponent anymore. Finally, if this is the end of the significand, insert the *<zeros>* to complete the 8 first digits, insert 8 more, and look for an exponent.

```

11787 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_large_leading:wwNN 1 #1 ; #2; #3 #4
11788 {
11789   + \c_eight - #3
11790   \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_pack_leading:NNNNNww
11791   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1 #1
11792   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #4 \exp_stop_f:
11793     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_large_trailing:wwNN
11794     \_int_value:w 1 \token_to_str:N #4
11795     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_digits_vi:N
11796     \exp:w
11797   \else:
11798     \if:w . \exp_not:N #4
11799       \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_small_leading:wwNN
11800       \_int_value:w 1
11801       \cs:w
11802         \_fp_parse_digits_
11803         \_int_to_roman:w #3
11804         :N \exp_after:wN
11805       \cs_end:
11806       \exp:w
11807     \else:
11808       #2
11809       \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNNww
11810       \exp_after:wN \c_zero
11811       \_int_value:w 1 0000 0000
11812       \_fp_parse_exponent:Nw #4
11813     \fi:
11814   \fi:
11815   \_fp_parse_expand:w
11816 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_parse\_large\_leading:wwNN.)

\\_fp\_parse\_large\_trailing:wwNN

We have just read 15 digits. If the *<next token>* is a digit, then the exponent shift caused by this block of 8 digits is 8, first argument to the `pack_trailing` function. We keep the *<digits>* and this 16-th digit, and find how this should be rounded using `\_fp_parse_large_round:NN`. Otherwise, the exponent shift is the number of *<digits>*, 7 minus the *<number of zeros>*, and we test for a decimal point. This case happens in

123451234512345.67 with exactly 15 digits before the decimal separator. Then branch to the appropriate `small` auxiliary, grabbing a few more digits to complement the digits we already grabbed. Finally, if this is truly the end of the significand, look for an exponent after using the `<zeros>` and providing a 16-th digit of 0.

```

11817 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large_trailing:wwNN 1 #1 ; #2; #3 #4
11818 {
11819   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #4 \exp_stop_f:
11820     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNNww
11821     \exp_after:wN \c_eight
11822     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #1 \token_to_str:N #4
11823     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_large_round:NN
11824     \exp_after:wN #4
11825     \exp:w
11826   \else:
11827     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNNww
11828     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_seven - #3 \exp_stop_f:
11829     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #1
11830     \if:w . \exp_not:N #4
11831       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_small_trailing:wwNN
11832       \__int_value:w 1
11833       \cs:w
11834         __fp_parse_digits_
11835         \__int_to_roman:w #3
11836         :N \exp_after:wN
11837       \cs_end:
11838       \exp:w
11839     \else:
11840       #2 0 \__fp_parse_exponent:Nw #4
11841     \fi:
11842   \fi:
11843   \__fp_parse_expand:w
11844 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_large_trailing:wwNN`.)

#### 25.4.4 Number: beyond 16 digits, rounding

`\__fp_parse_round_loop:N` This loop is called when rounding a number (whether the mantissa is small or large).  
`\__fp_parse_round_up:N` It should appear in an integer expression. This function reads digits one by one, until reaching a non-digit, and adds 1 to the integer expression for each digit. If all digits found are 0, the function ends the expression by `;\c_zero`, otherwise by `;\c_one`. This is done by switching the loop to `round_up` at the first non-zero digit, thus we avoid to test whether digits are 0 or not once we see a first non-zero digit.

```

11845 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_round_loop:N #1
11846 {
11847   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
11848     + \c_one
11849   \if:w 0 \token_to_str:N #1
11850     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_loop:N

```

```

11851         \exp:w
11852     \else:
11853         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_up:N
11854         \exp:w
11855     \fi:
11856 \else:
11857     \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w \c_zero #1
11858 \fi:
11859 \__fp_parse_expand:w
11860 }
11861 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_round_up:N #1
11862 {
11863     \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
11864         + \c_one
11865         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_up:N
11866         \exp:w
11867     \else:
11868         \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w \c_one #1
11869     \fi:
11870     \__fp_parse_expand:w
11871 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_loop:N and \\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_up:N.)

\\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_after:wN After the loop \\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_loop:N, this function fetches an exponent with \\_\_fp\_parse\_exponent:N, and combines it with the number of digits counted by \\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_loop:N. At the same time, the result \c\_zero or \c\_one is added to the surrounding integer expression.

```

11872 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_round_after:wN #1; #2
11873 {
11874     + #2 \exp_after:wN ;
11875     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 + \__fp_parse_exponent:N
11876 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_after:wN.)

\\_\_fp\_parse\_small\_round:NN Here, #1 is the digit that we are currently rounding (we only care whether it is even or odd). If #2 is not a digit, then fetch an exponent and expand to ;*<exponent>* only. Otherwise, we will expand to +\c\_zero or +\c\_one, then ;*<exponent>*. To decide which, call \\_\_fp\_round\_s:NNNw to know whether to round up, giving it as arguments a sign 0 (all explicit numbers are positive), the digit #1 to round, the first following digit #2, and either +\c\_zero or +\c\_one depending on whether the following digits are all zero or not. This last argument is obtained by \\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_loop:N, whose number of digits we discard by multiplying it by 0. The exponent which follows the number is also fetched by \\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_after:wN.

```

11877 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_small_round:NN #1#2
11878 {
11879     \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #2 \exp_stop_f:
11880     +

```



```

11881      \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_s:NNNw
11882      \exp_after:wN 0
11883      \exp_after:wN #1
11884      \exp_after:wN #2
11885      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
11886      \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_after:wN
11887      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_zero * \__int_eval:w \c_zero
11888      \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_loop:N
11889      \exp:w
11890    \else:
11891      \__fp_parse_exponent:Nw #2
11892    \fi:
11893    \__fp_parse_expand:w
11894  }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_small\_round:NN and \\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_after:wN.)

```

\__fp_parse_large_round:NN
  \__fp_parse_large_round_test:NN
  \__fp_parse_large_round_aux:wNN

```

Large numbers are harder to round, as there may be a period in the way. Again, #1 is the digit that we are currently rounding (we only care whether it is even or odd). If there are no more digits (#2 is not a digit), then we must test for a period: if there is one, then switch to the rounding function for small significands, otherwise fetch an exponent. If there are more digits (#2 is a digit), then round, checking with \\_\_fp\_parse\_round\_loop:N if all further digits vanish, or some are non-zero. This loop is not enough, as it is stopped by a period. After the loop, the aux function tests for a period: if it is present, then we must continue looking for digits, this time discarding the number of digits we find.

```

11895 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large_round:NN #1#2
11896 {
11897   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #2 \exp_stop_f:
11898   +
11899   \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_s:NNNw
11900   \exp_after:wN 0
11901   \exp_after:wN #1
11902   \exp_after:wN #2
11903   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
11904   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_large_round_aux:wNN
11905   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_one
11906   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_loop:N
11907   \else: %^^A could be dot, or e, or other
11908   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_large_round_test:NN
11909   \exp_after:wN #1
11910   \exp_after:wN #2
11911   \fi:
11912 }
11913 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large_round_test:NN #1#2
11914 {
11915   \if:w . \exp_not:N #2
11916   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_small_round:NN
11917   \exp_after:wN #1

```

```

11918     \exp:w
11919   \else:
11920     \__fp_parse_exponent:Nw #2
11921   \fi:
11922   \__fp_parse_expand:w
11923 }
11924 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large_round_aux:wNN #1 ; #2 #3
11925 {
11926   + #2
11927   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_after:wN
11928   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1
11929   \if:w . \exp_not:N #3
11930     + \c_zero * \__int_eval:w \c_zero
11931     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_round_loop:N
11932     \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
11933   \else:
11934     \exp_after:wN ;
11935     \exp_after:wN \c_zero
11936     \exp_after:wN #3
11937   \fi:
11938 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_large\_round:NN, \\_\_fp\_parse\_large\_round\_test:NN, and \\_\_fp\_parse\_large\_round\_aux:wNN.)*

#### 25.4.5 Number: finding the exponent

Expansion is a little bit tricky here, in part because we accept input where multiplication is implicit.

```

\@@_parse:n { 3.2 erf(0.1) }
\@@_parse:n { 3.2 e\l_my_int }
\@@_parse:n { 3.2 \c_pi_fp }

```

The first case indicates that just looking one character ahead for an “e” is not enough, since we would mistake the function `erf` for an exponent of “`rf`”. An alternative would be to look two tokens ahead and check if what follows is a sign or a digit, considering in that case that we must be finding an exponent. But taking care of the second case requires that we unpack registers after `e`. However, blindly expanding the two tokens ahead completely would break the third example (unpacking is even worse). Indeed, in the course of reading `3.2`, `\c_pi_fp` is expanded to `\s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 0 {-1} {3141}` `...`; and `\s__fp` stops the expansion. Expanding two tokens ahead would then force the expansion of `\__fp_chk:w` (despite it being protected), and that function tries to produce an error.

What can we do? Really, the reason why this last case breaks is that just as `TEX` does, we should read ahead as little as possible. Here, the only case where there may be an exponent is if the first token ahead is `e`. Then we expand (and possibly unpack) the second token.

`\__fp_parse_exponent:Nw` This auxiliary is convenient to smuggle some material through `\fi:` ending conditional processing. We place those `\fi:` (argument #2) at a very odd place because this allows us to insert `\__int_eval:w ...` there if needed.

```

11939 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent:Nw #1 #2 \__fp_parse_expand:w
11940 {
11941   \exp_after:wN ;
11942   \__int_value:w #2 \__fp_parse_exponent:N #1
11943 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_exponent:Nw.)*

`\__fp_parse_exponent:N` This function should be called within an `\__int_value:w` expansion (or within an integer expression. It leaves digits of the exponent behind it in the input stream, and terminates the expansion with a semicolon. If there is no `e`, leave an exponent of 0. If there is an `e`, expand the next token to run some tests on it. The first rough test is that if the character code of #1 is greater than that of 9 (largest code valid for an exponent, less than any code valid for an identifier), there was in fact no exponent; otherwise, we search for the sign of the exponent.

`\__fp_parse_exponent_aux:N`

```

11944 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent:N #1
11945 {
11946   \if:w e \exp_not:N #1
11947     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_aux:N
11948     \exp:w
11949   \else:
11950     0 \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w #1
11951   \fi:
11952   \__fp_parse_expand:w
11953 }
11954 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent_aux:N #1
11955 {
11956   \if_int_compare:w \if_catcode:w \scan_stop: \exp_not:N #1
11957     \c_zero \else: ' #1 \fi: > '9 \exp_stop_f:
11958     0 \exp_after:wN ; \exp_after:wN e
11959   \else:
11960     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_sign:N
11961     \fi:
11962     #1
11963 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_exponent:N and \\_\_fp\_parse\_exponent\_aux:N.)*

`\__fp_parse_exponent_sign:N` Read signs one by one (if there is any).

```

11964 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent_sign:N #1
11965 {
11966   \if:w + \if:w - \exp_not:N #1 + \fi: \token_to_str:N #1
11967   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_sign:N
11968   \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
11969   \else:
11970     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_body:N

```

```

11971     \exp_after:wN #1
11972     \fi:
11973 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_exponent_sign:N`.)

`\__fp_parse_exponent_body:N` An exponent can be an explicit integer (most common case), or various other things (most of which are invalid).

```

11974 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent_body:N #1
11975 {
11976   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
11977   \token_to_str:N #1
11978   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_digits:N
11979   \exp:w
11980   \else:
11981     \__fp_parse_exponent_keep:NTF #1
11982     { \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w #1 }
11983     {
11984       \exp_after:wN ;
11985       \exp:w
11986     }
11987   \fi:
11988   \__fp_parse_expand:w
11989 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_exponent_body:N`.)

`\_fp_parse_exponent_digits:N` Read digits one by one, and leave them behind in the input stream. When finding a non-digit, stop, and insert a semicolon. Note that we do not check for overflow of the exponent, hence there can be a  $\TeX$  error. It is mostly harmless, except when parsing `0e9876543210`, which should be a valid representation of 0, but is not.

```

11990 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent_digits:N #1
11991 {
11992   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
11993   \token_to_str:N #1
11994   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_digits:N
11995   \exp:w
11996   \else:
11997     \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w #1
11998   \fi:
11999   \__fp_parse_expand:w
12000 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_exponent_digits:N`.)

`\_fp_parse_exponent_keep:NTF` This is the last building block for parsing exponents. The argument `#1` is already fully expanded, and neither `+` nor `-` nor a digit. It can be:

- `\s__fp`, marking the start of an internal floating point, invalid here;
- another control sequence equal to `\relax`, probably a bad variable;

- a register: in this case we make sure that it is an integer register, not a dimension;
- a character other than +, - or digits, again, an error.

```

12001 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \__fp_parse_exponent_keep:N #1 { TF }
12002 {
12003   \if_catcode:w \scan_stop: \exp_not:N #1
12004   \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #1
12005   \if_int_compare:w
12006     \__str_if_eq_x:nn { \s__fp } { \exp_not:N #1 } = \c_zero
12007     0
12008     \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
12009     { kernel } { fp-after-e } { floating~point~ }
12010     \prg_return_true:
12011   \else:
12012     0
12013     \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
12014     { kernel } { bad-variable } { #1 }
12015     \prg_return_false:
12016   \fi:
12017 \else:
12018   \if_int_compare:w
12019     \__str_if_eq_x:nn { \__int_value:w #1 } { \tex_the:D #1 }
12020     = \c_zero
12021     \__int_value:w #1
12022   \else:
12023     0
12024     \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
12025     { kernel } { fp-after-e } { dimension~#1 }
12026   \fi:
12027   \prg_return_false:
12028 \fi:
12029 \else:
12030   0
12031   \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
12032   { kernel } { fp-missing } { exponent }
12033   \prg_return_true:
12034 \fi:
12035 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_exponent\_keep:N<sub>TF</sub>.)

## 25.5 Constants, functions and prefix operators

### 25.5.1 Prefix operators

\\_\_fp\_parse\_prefix+:N<sub>w</sub> A unary + does nothing: we should continue looking for a number.

```

12036 \cs_new_eq:cN { \__fp_parse_prefix+:Nw } \__fp_parse_one:Nw

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_prefix+:N<sub>w</sub>.)

`\_fp_parse_apply_unary:NNWwN` Here, #1 is a precedence, #2 is some extra data used by some functions, #3 is *e.g.*, `\_fp_sin_o:w`, and expands once after the calculation, #4 is the operand, and #5 is a `\_fp_parse_infix_...:N` function. We feed the data #2, and the argument #4, to the function #3, which expands `\exp:w` thus the infix function #5.

```

12037 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_apply_unary:NNWwN #1#2#3#4#5
12038 {
12039     #3 #2 #4 @
12040     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #5 #1
12041 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_parse_apply_unary:NNWwN`.)

`\_fp_parse_prefix -:Nw` The unary `-` and boolean not are harder: we parse the operand using a precedence equal to the maximum of the previous precedence ##1 and the precedence `\c_twelve` of the unary operator, then call the appropriate `\_fp_⟨operation⟩_o:w` function, where the `⟨operation⟩` is `set_sign` or `not`.

`\_fp_parse_prefix !:Nw`

```

12042 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_fp_tmp:w #1#2#3#4
12043 {
12044     \cs_new:cpn { \_fp_parse_prefix_ #1 :Nw } ##1
12045     {
12046         \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_apply_unary:NNWwN
12047         \exp_after:wN ##1
12048         \exp_after:wN #4
12049         \exp_after:wN #3
12050         \exp:w
12051         \if_int_compare:w #2 < ##1
12052             \_fp_parse_operand:Nw ##1
12053         \else:
12054             \_fp_parse_operand:Nw #2
12055         \fi:
12056         \_fp_parse_expand:w
12057     }
12058 }
12059 \_fp_tmp:w - \c_twelve \_fp_set_sign_o:w 2
12060 \_fp_tmp:w ! \c_twelve \_fp_not_o:w ?

```

(End definition for `\_fp_parse_prefix -:Nw` and `\_fp_parse_prefix !:Nw`.)

`\_fp_parse_prefix .:Nw` Numbers which start with a decimal separator (a period) end up here. Of course, we do not look for an operand, but for the rest of the number. This function is very similar to `\_fp_parse_one_digit:NN` but calls `\_fp_parse_strim_zeros:N` to trim zeros after the decimal point, rather than the `trim_zeros` function for zeros before the decimal point.

```

12061 \cs_new:cpn { \_fp_parse_prefix .:Nw } #1
12062 {
12063     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN
12064     \exp_after:wN #1
12065     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12066     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sanitize:wN

```

```

12067         \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_zero \__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N
12068     }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_prefix\_.:Nw.)

```

\__fp_parse_prefix_(:Nw
\__fp_parse_lparen_after:NwN

```

The left parenthesis is treated as a unary prefix operator because it appears in exactly the same settings. Commas will be allowed if the previous precedence is 16 (function with multiple arguments) or 13 (unary boolean “not”). In this case, find an operand using the precedence 1; otherwise the precedence 0. Once the operand is found, the `lparen_after` auxiliary makes sure that there was a closing parenthesis (otherwise it complains), and leaves in the input stream the array it found as an operand, fetching the following infix operator.

```

12069 \group_begin:
12070   \char_set_catcode_letter:N (
12071   \char_set_catcode_letter:N )
12072   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_prefix_(:Nw #1
12073   {
12074     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_lparen_after:NwN
12075     \exp_after:wN #1
12076     \exp:w
12077     \if_int_compare:w #1 = \c_sixteen
12078       \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c_one
12079     \else:
12080       \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c_zero
12081     \fi:
12082     \__fp_parse_expand:w
12083   }
12084   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_lparen_after:NwN #1#2 @ #3
12085   {
12086     \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #3 \__fp_parse_infix_):N
12087     {
12088       \__fp_exp_after_array_f:w #2 \s__fp_stop
12089       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix:NN
12090       \exp_after:wN #1
12091       \exp:w \__fp_parse_expand:w
12092     }
12093     {
12094       \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
12095       { kernel } { fp-missing } { } ) }
12096     #2 @ \use_none:n #3
12097   }
12098   }
12099 \group_end:

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_prefix\_(:Nw and \\_\_fp\_parse\_lparen\_after:NwN.)

### 25.5.2 Constants

```

\__fp_parse_word_inf:N
\__fp_parse_word_nan:N
\__fp_parse_word_pi:N
\__fp_parse_word_deg:N
\__fp_parse_word_true:N
\__fp_parse_word_false:N

```

Some words correspond to constant floating points. The floating point constant is left as a result of `\__fp_parse_one:Nw` after expanding `\__fp_parse_infix:NN`.

```

12100 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1 #2
12101 {
12102   \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __fp_parse_word_#1:N }
12103   { \exp_after:wN #2 \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse_infix:NN }
12104 }
12105 \__fp_tmp:w { inf } \c_inf_fp
12106 \__fp_tmp:w { nan } \c_nan_fp
12107 \__fp_tmp:w { pi } \c_pi_fp
12108 \__fp_tmp:w { deg } \c_one_degree_fp
12109 \__fp_tmp:w { true } \c_one_fp
12110 \__fp_tmp:w { false } \c_zero_fp

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_word\_inf:N and others.)

\\_\_fp\_parse\_word\_pt:N Dimension units are also floating point constants but their value is not stored as a floating point constant. We give the values explicitly here.

```

\__fp_parse_word_in:N
\__fp_parse_word_pc:N
\__fp_parse_word_cm:N
\__fp_parse_word_mm:N
\__fp_parse_word_dd:N
\__fp_parse_word_cc:N
\__fp_parse_word_nd:N
\__fp_parse_word_nc:N
\__fp_parse_word_bp:N
\__fp_parse_word_sp:N
12111 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1 #2
12112 {
12113   \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __fp_parse_word_#1:N }
12114   {
12115     \__fp_exp_after_f:nw { \__fp_parse_infix:NN }
12116     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 10 #2 ;
12117   }
12118 }
12119 \__fp_tmp:w {pt} { {1} {1000} {0000} {0000} {0000} }
12120 \__fp_tmp:w {in} { {2} {7227} {0000} {0000} {0000} }
12121 \__fp_tmp:w {pc} { {2} {1200} {0000} {0000} {0000} }
12122 \__fp_tmp:w {cm} { {2} {2845} {2755} {9055} {1181} }
12123 \__fp_tmp:w {mm} { {1} {2845} {2755} {9055} {1181} }
12124 \__fp_tmp:w {dd} { {1} {1070} {0085} {6496} {0630} }
12125 \__fp_tmp:w {cc} { {2} {1284} {0102} {7795} {2756} }
12126 \__fp_tmp:w {nd} { {1} {1066} {9783} {4645} {6693} }
12127 \__fp_tmp:w {nc} { {2} {1280} {3740} {1574} {8031} }
12128 \__fp_tmp:w {bp} { {1} {1003} {7500} {0000} {0000} }
12129 \__fp_tmp:w {sp} { {-4} {1525} {8789} {0625} {0000} }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_word\_pt:N and others.)

\\_\_fp\_parse\_word\_em:N The font-dependent units em and ex must be evaluated on the fly. We reuse an auxiliary of \dim\_to\_fp:n.

```

\__fp_parse_word_ex:N
12130 \tl_map_inline:nn { {em} {ex} }
12131 {
12132   \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __fp_parse_word_#1:N }
12133   {
12134     \exp_after:wN \__fp_from_dim_test:ww
12135     \exp_after:wN 0 \exp_after:wN ,
12136     \__int_value:w \__dim_eval:w 1 #1 \exp_after:wN ;
12137     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse_infix:NN
12138   }
12139 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_word\_em:N and \\_\_fp\_parse\_word\_ex:N.)



### 25.5.3 Functions

```

\__fp_parse_unary_function:nNN
\__fp_parse_function:NNN
12140 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_unary_function:nNN #1#2#3
12141 {
12142   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_unary:NNNwN
12143   \exp_after:wN #3
12144   \exp_after:wN #2
12145   \cs:w \__fp_#1_o:w \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
12146   \exp:w
12147   \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c_fifteen \__fp_parse_expand:w
12148 }
12149 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_function:NNN #1#2#3
12150 {
12151   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_unary:NNNwN
12152   \exp_after:wN #3
12153   \exp_after:wN #2
12154   \exp_after:wN #1
12155   \exp:w
12156   \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c_sixteen \__fp_parse_expand:w
12157 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_unary\_function:nNN and \\_\_fp\_parse\_function:NNN.)

```

\__fp_parse_word_acot:N
\__fp_parse_word_acotd:N
\__fp_parse_word_atan:N
\__fp_parse_word_atand:N
\__fp_parse_word_max:N
\__fp_parse_word_min:N
12158 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_parse_word_acot:N
12159 { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_acot_o:Nw \use_i:nn }
12160 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_parse_word_acotd:N
12161 { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_acot_o:Nw \use_ii:nn }
12162 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_parse_word_atan:N
12163 { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_atan_o:Nw \use_i:nn }
12164 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_parse_word_atand:N
12165 { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_atan_o:Nw \use_ii:nn }
12166 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_parse_word_max:N
12167 { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_minmax_o:Nw 2 }
12168 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_parse_word_min:N
12169 { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_minmax_o:Nw 0 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_word\_acot:N and others.)

```

\__fp_parse_word_abs:N
\__fp_parse_word_exp:N
\__fp_parse_word_ln:N
\__fp_parse_word_sqrt:N
Unary functions.
12170 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_abs:N
12171 { \__fp_parse_unary_function:nNN { set_sign } 0 }
12172 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_parse_word_exp:N
12173 { \__fp_parse_unary_function:nNN {exp} ? }
12174 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_parse_word_ln:N
12175 { \__fp_parse_unary_function:nNN {ln} ? }
12176 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_parse_word_sqrt:N
12177 { \__fp_parse_unary_function:nNN {sqrt} ? }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_word_abs:N` and others.)

```

\__fp_parse_word_acos:N
\__fp_parse_word_acosd:N
\__fp_parse_word_acsc:N
\__fp_parse_word_acscd:N
\__fp_parse_word_asec:N
\__fp_parse_word_asecd:N
\__fp_parse_word_asin:N
\__fp_parse_word_asind:N
\__fp_parse_word_cos:N
\__fp_parse_word_cosd:N
\__fp_parse_word_cot:N
\__fp_parse_word_cotd:N
\__fp_parse_word_csc:N
\__fp_parse_word_cscd:N
\__fp_parse_word_trunc:N
\__fp_parse_word_sec:N
\__fp_parse_word_floor:N
\__fp_parse_word_ceil:N
\__fp_parse_word_sin:N
\__fp_parse_word_sind:N
\__fp_parse_word_tan:N
\__fp_parse_word_tand:N

```

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```

12178 \tl_map_inline:nn
12179 {
12180   {acos} {acsc} {asec} {asin}
12181   {cos} {cot} {csc} {sec} {sin} {tan}
12182 }
12183 {
12184   \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __fp_parse_word_#1:N }
12185     { \__fp_parse_unary_function:nnn {#1} \use_i:nn }
12186   \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __fp_parse_word_#1d:N }
12187     { \__fp_parse_unary_function:nnn {#1} \use_ii:nn }
12188 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_word_acos:N` and others.)

```

12189 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_parse_word_trunc:N
12190 { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_round_o:Nw \__fp_round_to_zero:NNN }
12191 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_parse_word_floor:N
12192 { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_round_o:Nw \__fp_round_to_ninf:NNN }
12193 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_parse_word_ceil:N
12194 { \__fp_parse_function:NNN \__fp_round_o:Nw \__fp_round_to_pinf:NNN }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_word_trunc:N`, `\__fp_parse_word_floor:N`, and `\__fp_parse_word_ceil:N`.)

```

\__fp_parse_word_round:N
\__fp_parse_round:Nw

```

```

12195 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_word_round:N #1#2
12196 {
12197   \if_meaning:w + #2
12198     \__fp_parse_round:Nw \__fp_round_to_pinf:NNN
12199   \else:
12200     \if_meaning:w 0 #2
12201       \__fp_parse_round:Nw \__fp_round_to_zero:NNN
12202     \else:
12203       \if_meaning:w - #2
12204         \__fp_parse_round:Nw \__fp_round_to_ninf:NNN
12205       \fi:
12206     \fi:
12207   \fi:
12208   \__fp_parse_function:NNN
12209   \__fp_round_o:Nw \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN #1
12210   #2
12211 }
12212 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_round:Nw
12213 #1 #2 \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN #3#4 { #2 #1 #3 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_word_round:N` and `\__fp_parse_round:Nw`.)

## 25.6 Main functions

`\__fp_parse:n` Start an `\exp:w` expansion so that `\__fp_parse:n` expands in two steps. The `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` function will perform computations until reaching an operation with precedence `\c_minus_one` or less, namely, the end of the expression. The marker `\s__fp_mark` indicates that the next token is an already parsed version of an infix operator, and `\__fp_parse_infix_end:N` has infinitely negative precedence. Finally, clean up a (well-defined) set of extra tokens and stop the initial expansion with `\exp_end:.`

```

12214 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse:n #1
12215 {
12216   \exp:w
12217   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_after:ww
12218   \exp:w
12219   \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c_minus_one
12220   \__fp_parse_expand:w #1
12221   \s__fp_mark \__fp_parse_infix_end:N
12222   \s__fp_stop
12223 }
12224 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_after:ww
12225   #1@ \__fp_parse_infix_end:N \s__fp_stop
12226 { \exp_end: #1 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse:n`.)

`\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` The `\__fp_parse_operand` This is just a shorthand which sets up both `\__fp_parse_continue:NwN` and `\__fp_parse_one:Nw` with the same precedence. Note the trailing `\exp:w`. This function should be used with much care.

```

12227 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_operand:Nw #1
12228 {
12229   \exp_end_continue_f:w
12230   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_continue:NwN
12231   \exp_after:wN #1
12232   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12233   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_one:Nw
12234   \exp_after:wN #1
12235   \exp:w
12236 }
12237 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_continue:NwN #1 #2 @ #3 { #3 #1 #2 @ }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw`.)

`\__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN` Receives  $\langle precedence \rangle \langle operand_1 \rangle @ \langle operation \rangle \langle operand_2 \rangle @ \langle infix command \rangle$ . Builds the appropriate call to the  $\langle operation \rangle$  #3.

```

12238 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN #1 #2@ #3 #4@ #5
12239 {
12240   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_continue:NwN
12241   \exp_after:wN #1
12242   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \cs:w __fp_#3_o:ww \cs_end: #2 #4
12243   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #5 #1
12244 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_parse\_apply\_binary:NwNwN.)

## 25.7 Infix operators

\\_fp\_parse\_infix\_after\_operand:NwN

```

12245 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN #1 #2;
12246 {
12247   \_fp_exp_after_f:nw { \_fp_parse_infix:NN #1 }
12248   #2;
12249 }
12250 \group_begin:
12251 \char_set_catcode_letter:N \*
12252 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_infix:NN #1 #2
12253 {
12254   \if_catcode:w \scan_stop: \exp_not:N #2
12255   \if_int_compare:w
12256     \_str_if_eq_x:nn { \s__fp_mark } { \exp_not:N #2 }
12257     = \c_zero
12258     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
12259     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_mark:NNN
12260   \else:
12261     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
12262     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_juxtapose:N
12263   \fi:
12264 \else:
12265   \if_int_compare:w
12266     \_int_eval:w
12267     ( '#2 \if_int_compare:w '#2 > 'Z - \c_thirty_two \fi: )
12268     / 26
12269     = \c_three
12270     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
12271     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_juxtapose:N
12272   \else:
12273     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_check:NNN
12274     \cs:w
12275     \_fp_parse_infix_ \token_to_str:N #2 :N
12276     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
12277     \cs_end:
12278   \fi:
12279 \fi:
12280 #1
12281 #2
12282 }
12283 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_infix_check:NNN #1#2#3
12284 {
12285   \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #1
12286     \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
12287     { kernel } { fp-missing } { * }
12288   \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_*:N

```

```

12289         \exp_after:wN #2
12290         \exp_after:wN #3
12291     \else:
12292         \exp_after:wN #1
12293         \exp_after:wN #2
12294         \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
12295     \fi:
12296 }
12297 \group_end:

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_after\_operand:NwN.)

### 25.7.1 Closing parentheses and commas

\\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_mark:NNN As an infix operator, \s\_\_fp\_mark means that the next token (#3) has already gone through \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix:NN and should be provided the precedence #1. The scan mark #2 is discarded.

```

12298 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_mark:NNN #1#2#3 { #3 #1 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_mark:NNN.)

\\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_end:N This one is a little bit odd: force every previous operator to end, regardless of the precedence.

```

12299 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_end:N #1
12300 { @ \use_none:n \__fp_parse_infix_end:N }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_end:N.)

\\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_):N This is very similar to \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_end:N, complaining about an extra closing parenthesis if the previous operator was the beginning of the expression.

```

12301 \group_begin:
12302   \char_set_catcode_letter:N \)
12303   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_):N #1
12304   {
12305     \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c_zero
12306       \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { fp-extra } { ) }
12307       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix:NN
12308       \exp_after:wN #1
12309       \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
12310     \else:
12311       \exp_after:wN @
12312       \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
12313       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_):N
12314     \fi:
12315   }
12316 \group_end:

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_):N.)

```

\__fp_parse_infix_
:N
12317 \group_begin:
12318 \char_set_catcode_letter:N \,
12319 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_,:N #1
12320 {
12321 \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_one
12322 \exp_after:wN @
12323 \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
12324 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_,:N
12325 \else:
12326 \if_int_compare:w #1 = \c_one
12327 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_comma:w
12328 \exp:w
12329 \else:
12330 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_comma_gobble:w
12331 \exp:w
12332 \fi:
12333 \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c_one
12334 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
12335 \fi:
12336 }
12337 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_comma:w #1 @
12338 { #1 @ \use_none:n }
12339 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_comma_gobble:w #1 @
12340 {
12341 \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { fp-extra-comma }
12342 @ \use_none:n
12343 }
12344 \group_end:

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_ and :N.)

### 25.7.2 Usual infix operators

As described in the “work plan”, each infix operator has an associated \...\_infix... function, a computing function, and precedence, given as arguments to \\_\_fp\_tmp:w. Using the general mechanism for arithmetic operations. The power operation must be associative in the opposite order from all others. For this, we use two distinct precedences. The odd requirement to set \+ here is to cover the case where expl3 is loaded by plain TeX: \+ is an \outer macro there, and so the following code would otherwise give an error in that case.

```

12345 \group_begin:
12346 \*package
12347 \cs_set_nopar:Npn \+ { }
12348 \*package
12349 \char_set_catcode_other:N \&
12350 \char_set_catcode_letter:N \^
12351 \char_set_catcode_letter:N \/
12352 \char_set_catcode_letter:N \-

```

```

12353 \char_set_catcode_letter:N \+
12354 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1#2#3#4
12355 {
12356   \cs_new:Npn #1 ##1
12357   {
12358     \if_int_compare:w ##1 < #3
12359       \exp_after:wN @
12360       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN
12361       \exp_after:wN #2
12362       \exp:w
12363       \__fp_parse_operand:Nw #4
12364       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
12365     \else:
12366       \exp_after:wN @
12367       \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
12368       \exp_after:wN #1
12369     \fi:
12370   }
12371 }
12372 \__fp_tmp:w \__fp_parse_infix_~:N ~ \c_fifteen \c_fourteen
12373 \__fp_tmp:w \__fp_parse_infix_/:N / \c_ten \c_ten
12374 \__fp_tmp:w \__fp_parse_infix_mul:N * \c_ten \c_ten
12375 \__fp_tmp:w \__fp_parse_infix_~:N - \c_nine \c_nine
12376 \__fp_tmp:w \__fp_parse_infix_+:N + \c_nine \c_nine
12377 \__fp_tmp:w \__fp_parse_infix_and:N & \c_five \c_five
12378 \__fp_tmp:w \__fp_parse_infix_or:N | \c_four \c_four
12379 \group_end:

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_+:N and others.)

### 25.7.3 Juxtaposition

`\__fp_parse_infix_(:N` When an opening parenthesis appears where we expect an infix operator, we compute the product of the previous operand and the contents of the parentheses using `\__fp_parse_infix_juxtapose:N`.

```

12380 \cs_new:cpn { __fp_parse_infix_(:N } #1
12381 { \__fp_parse_infix_juxtapose:N #1 ( }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_(:N.)

`\__fp_parse_infix_juxtapose:N` Juxtaposition follows the same scheme as other binary operations, but calls `\__fp_parse_apply_juxtapose:NwNwN` rather than directly calling `\__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN`. This lets us catch errors such as `...(1,2,3)pt` where one operand of the juxtaposition is not a single number: both #3 and #5 of the apply auxiliary must be empty.

```

12382 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_juxtapose:N #1
12383 {
12384   \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c_ten
12385     \exp_after:wN @

```

```

12386     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_apply_juxtapose:NwwN
12387     \exp:w
12388     \_fp_parse_operand:Nw \c_ten
12389     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_expand:w
12390     \else:
12391     \exp_after:wN @
12392     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
12393     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_juxtapose:N
12394     \fi:
12395   }
12396   \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_apply_juxtapose:NwwN #1 #2;#3@ #4;#5@
12397   {
12398     \if_catcode:w ^ \tl_to_str:n { #3 #5 } ^
12399     \else:
12400       \_fp_error:nffn { invalid-ii }
12401       { \_fp_array_to_clist:n { #2; #3 } }
12402       { \_fp_array_to_clist:n { #4; #5 } }
12403       { }
12404     \fi:
12405     \_fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN #1 #2;@ * #4;@
12406   }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_parse_infix_juxtapose:N` and `\_fp_parse_apply_juxtapose:NwwN`.)

## 25.7.4 Multi-character cases

`\_fp_parse_infix_*:N`

```

12407 \group_begin:
12408   \char_set_catcode_letter:N ^
12409   \cs_new:cpn { \_fp_parse_infix_*:N } #1#2
12410   {
12411     \if:w * \exp_not:N #2
12412       \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_^:N
12413       \exp_after:wN #1
12414     \else:
12415       \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_mul:N
12416       \exp_after:wN #1
12417       \exp_after:wN #2
12418     \fi:
12419   }
12420 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\_fp_parse_infix_*:N`.)

`\_fp_parse_infix_|:Nw`

`\_fp_parse_infix_&:Nw`

```

12421 \group_begin:
12422   \char_set_catcode_letter:N \|
12423   \char_set_catcode_letter:N \&
12424   \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_infix_|:N #1#2
12425   {

```



```

12426 \if:w | \exp_not:N #2
12427 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_|:N
12428 \exp_after:wN #1
12429 \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
12430 \else:
12431 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_or:N
12432 \exp_after:wN #1
12433 \exp_after:wN #2
12434 \fi:
12435 }
12436 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_&:N #1#2
12437 {
12438 \if:w & \exp_not:N #2
12439 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_&:N
12440 \exp_after:wN #1
12441 \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
12442 \else:
12443 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_and:N
12444 \exp_after:wN #1
12445 \exp_after:wN #2
12446 \fi:
12447 }
12448 \group_end:

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_/:Nw.)

### 25.7.5 Ternary operator

```

\__fp_parse_infix_?:N
\__fp_parse_infix_:N

```

```

12449 \group_begin:
12450 \char_set_catcode_letter:N \?
12451 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_?:N #1
12452 {
12453 \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c_three
12454 \exp_after:wN @
12455 \exp_after:wN \__fp_ternary:NwwN
12456 \exp:w
12457 \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c_three
12458 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
12459 \else:
12460 \exp_after:wN @
12461 \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
12462 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_?:N
12463 \fi:
12464 }
12465 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_:N #1
12466 {
12467 \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c_three
12468 \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnn
12469 { kernel } { fp-missing } { ? } { ~for~?: }

```

```

12470         \exp_after:wN @
12471         \exp_after:wN \__fp_ternary_auxii:NwwN
12472         \exp:w
12473         \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c_two
12474         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
12475     \else:
12476         \exp_after:wN @
12477         \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
12478         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_::N
12479     \fi:
12480 }
12481 \group_end:

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_?:N and \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_::N)

### 25.7.6 Comparisons

```

\__fp_parse_infix_<:N
\__fp_parse_infix_=:N
\__fp_parse_infix_>:N
\__fp_parse_infix_!:N
\__fp_parse_excl_error:
\__fp_parse_compare:NNNNNNN
\__fp_parse_compare_auxi:NNNNNNN
\__fp_parse_compare_auxii:NNNNN
\__fp_parse_compare_end:NNNNw
\__fp_compare:wNNNNw

```

```

12482 \cs_new:cpn { __fp_parse_infix_<:N } #1
12483 {
12484     \__fp_parse_compare:NNNNNNN #1 \c_one
12485     \c_zero \c_zero \c_zero \c_zero <
12486 }
12487 \cs_new:cpn { __fp_parse_infix_=:N } #1
12488 {
12489     \__fp_parse_compare:NNNNNNN #1 \c_one
12490     \c_zero \c_zero \c_zero \c_zero =
12491 }
12492 \cs_new:cpn { __fp_parse_infix_>:N } #1
12493 {
12494     \__fp_parse_compare:NNNNNNN #1 \c_one
12495     \c_zero \c_zero \c_zero \c_zero >
12496 }
12497 \cs_new:cpn { __fp_parse_infix_!:N } #1
12498 {
12499     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_compare:NNNNNNN
12500     \exp_after:wN #1
12501     \exp_after:wN \c_zero
12502     \exp_after:wN \c_one
12503     \exp_after:wN \c_one
12504     \exp_after:wN \c_one
12505     \exp_after:wN \c_one
12506 }
12507 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_excl_error:
12508 {
12509     \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnn
12510     { kernel } { fp-missing } { = } { ~after~!. }
12511 }
12512 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_compare:NNNNNNN #1
12513 {

```

```

12514 \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c_seven
12515 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_compare_auxi:NNNNNNN
12516 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_excl_error:
12517 \else:
12518 \exp_after:wN @
12519 \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
12520 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_compare:NNNNNNN
12521 \fi:
12522 }
12523 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_compare_auxi:NNNNNNN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
12524 {
12525 \if_case:w
12526 \if_catcode:w \scan_stop: \exp_not:N #7
12527 \c_minus_one
12528 \else:
12529 \__int_eval:w '#7 - '< \__int_eval_end:
12530 \fi:
12531 \__fp_parse_compare_auxii:NNNNN #2#2#4#5#6
12532 \or: \__fp_parse_compare_auxii:NNNNN #2#3#2#5#6
12533 \or: \__fp_parse_compare_auxii:NNNNN #2#3#4#2#6
12534 \or: \__fp_parse_compare_auxii:NNNNN #2#3#4#5#2
12535 \else: #1 \__fp_parse_compare_end:NNNNw #3#4#5#6#7
12536 \fi:
12537 }
12538 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_compare_auxii:NNNNN #1#2#3#4#5
12539 {
12540 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_compare_auxi:NNNNNNN
12541 \exp_after:wN \prg_do_nothing:
12542 \exp_after:wN #1
12543 \exp_after:wN #2
12544 \exp_after:wN #3
12545 \exp_after:wN #4
12546 \exp_after:wN #5
12547 \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
12548 }
12549 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_compare_end:NNNNw #1#2#3#4#5 \fi:
12550 {
12551 \fi:
12552 \exp_after:wN @
12553 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_compare:NwNNNNNNwN
12554 \exp_after:wN \c_one_fp
12555 \exp_after:wN #1
12556 \exp_after:wN #2
12557 \exp_after:wN #3
12558 \exp_after:wN #4
12559 \exp:w
12560 \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c_seven \__fp_parse_expand:w #5
12561 }
12562 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_apply_compare:NwNNNNNNwN
12563 #1 #2@ #3 #4#5#6#7 #8@ #9

```

```

12564 {
12565     \if_int_odd:w
12566         \if_meaning:w \c_zero_fp #3
12567         \c_zero
12568     \else:
12569         \if_case:w \__fp_compare_back:ww #8 #2 \exp_stop_f:
12570         #5 \or: #6 \or: #7 \else: #4
12571     \fi:
12572     \fi:
12573     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_compare_aux:NNwN
12574     \exp_after:wN \c_one_fp
12575 \else:
12576     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_compare_aux:NNwN
12577     \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp
12578 \fi:
12579 #1 #8 #9
12580 }
12581 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_apply_compare_aux:NNwN #1 #2 #3; #4
12582 {
12583     \if_meaning:w \__fp_parse_compare:NNNNNN #4
12584     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_continue_compare:NNwNN
12585     \exp_after:wN #1
12586     \exp_after:wN #2
12587     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12588     \__fp_exp_after_o:w #3;
12589     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12590 \else:
12591     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_continue:NwN
12592     \exp_after:wN #2
12593     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12594     \exp_after:wN #1
12595     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12596 \fi:
12597 #4 #2
12598 }
12599 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_continue_compare:NNwNN #1#2 #3@ #4#5
12600 { #4 #2 #3@ #1 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_<:N and others.)

## 25.8 Candidate: defining new l3fp functions

\fp\_function:Nw Parse the argument of the function #1 using \\_\_fp\_parse\_operand:Nw with a precedence of 16, and pass the function and argument to \\_\_fp\_function\_apply:nw.

```

12601 \cs_new:Npn \fp_function:Nw #1
12602 {
12603     \exp_after:wN \__fp_function_apply:nw
12604     \exp_after:wN #1
12605     \exp:w
12606     \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c_sixteen \__fp_parse_expand:w

```

```
12607 }
```

(End definition for \fp\_function:Nw. This function is documented on page ??.)

```
\fp_new_function:Npn
__fp_new_function:NNnnn
__fp_new_function:Ncfnn
__fp_function_args:Nwn
```

Save the code provided by the user in the control sequence \\_\_fp\_user\_#1. Define #1 to call \\_\_fp\_function\_apply:nw after parsing one operand using \\_\_fp\_parse\_operand:Nw with precedence 16. The auxiliary \\_\_fp\_function\_args:Nwn receives the user function and the number of arguments (half of the number of tokens in the parameter text #2), followed by the operand (as a token list of floating points). It checks the number of arguments, and applies the user function to the arguments (without the outer brace group).

```
12608 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_new_function:Npn #1#2#
12609 {
12610   \__fp_new_function:Ncfnn #1
12611   { __fp_user_ \cs_to_str:N #1 }
12612   { \int_eval:n { \tl_count:n {#2} / \c_two } }
12613   {#2}
12614 }
12615 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_new_function:NNnnn #1#2#3#4#5
12616 {
12617   \cs_new_nopar:Npn #1
12618   {
12619     \exp_after:wN \__fp_function_apply:nw \exp_after:wN
12620     {
12621       \exp_after:wN \__fp_function_args:Nwn
12622       \exp_after:wN #2
12623       \__int_value:w #3 \exp_after:wN ; \exp_after:wN
12624     }
12625     \exp:w
12626     \__fp_parse_operand:Nw \c_sixteen \__fp_parse_expand:w
12627   }
12628   \cs_new:Npn #2 #4 {#5}
12629 }
12630 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__fp_new_function:NNnnn { Ncf }
12631 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_function_args:Nwn #1#2; #3
12632 {
12633   \int_compare:nNnTF { \tl_count:n {#3} } = {#2}
12634   { #1 #3 }
12635   {
12636     \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnn
12637     { kernel } { fp-num-args } { #1() } {#2} {#2}
12638     \c_nan_fp
12639   }
12640 }
```

(End definition for \fp\_new\_function:Npn. This function is documented on page ??.)

```
\__fp_function_apply:nw
__fp_function_store:wwNwnn
__fp_function_store_end:wnnn
```

The auxiliary \\_\_fp\_function\_apply:nw is called after parsing an operand, so it receives some code #1, then the operand ending with @, then a function such as \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_+:N (but not always of this form, see comparisons for instance). Package the

operand (an array) into a token list with floating point items: this is the role of `\__fp_function_store:wwNwnn` and `\__fp_function_store_end:wnnn`. Then apply `\__fp_parse:n` to the code `#1` followed by a brace group with this token list. This results in a floating point result, which will correctly be parsed as the next operand of whatever was looking for one. The trailing `\s__fp_mark` is used as a special infix operator to indicate that the next token has already gone through `\__fp_parse_infix:NN`.

```

12641 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_function_apply:nw #1#2 @
12642 {
12643   \__fp_parse:n
12644   {
12645     \__fp_function_store:wwNwnn #2
12646     \s__fp_mark \__fp_function_store:wwNwnn ;
12647     \s__fp_mark \__fp_function_store_end:wnnn
12648     \s__fp_stop { } { } {#1}
12649   }
12650   \s__fp_mark
12651 }
12652 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_function_store:wwNwnn
12653   #1; #2 \s__fp_mark #3#4 \s__fp_stop #5#6
12654   { #3 #2 \s__fp_mark #3#4 \s__fp_stop { #5 #6 } { { #1; } } }
12655 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_function_store_end:wnnn
12656   #1 \s__fp_stop #2#3#4
12657   { #4 {#2} }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_function_apply:nw`, `\__fp_function_store:wwNwnn`, and `\__fp_function_store_end:wnnn`.)

## 25.9 Messages

```

12658 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { unknown-fp-word }
12659 { Unknown~fp~word~#1. }
12660 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-missing }
12661 { Missing~#1~inserted #2. }
12662 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-extra }
12663 { Extra~#1~ignored. }
12664 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-early-end }
12665 { Premature~end~in~fp~expression. }
12666 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-after-e }
12667 { Cannot~use~#1 after~'e'. }
12668 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-missing-number }
12669 { Missing~number~before~'#1'. }
12670 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-unknown-symbol }
12671 { Unknown~symbol~#1~ignored. }
12672 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-extra-comma }
12673 { Unexpected~comma:~extra~arguments~ignored. }
12674 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-num-args }
12675 { #1~expects~between~#2~and~#3~arguments. }
12676 (*package)
12677 \cs_if_exist:cT { @unexpandable@protect }

```

```

12678 {
12679   \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-robust-cmd }
12680   { Robust~command~#1 invalid-in~fp~expression! }
12681 }
12682 </package>
12683 </initex | package>

```

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```

12684 <*initex | package>
12685 <@@=fp>

```

### 26.1 Syntax of internal functions

- \\_fp\_compare\_npos:nwnw {<exp<sub>0</sub>>} <body<sub>1</sub>> ; {<exp<sub>0</sub>>} <body<sub>2</sub>> ;
- \\_fp\_minmax\_o:Nw <sign> <floating point array>
- \\_fp\_not\_o:w ? <floating point array> (with one floating point number only)
- \\_fp\_&\_o:ww <floating point> <floating point>
- \\_fp\_|\_o:ww <floating point> <floating point>
- \\_fp\_ternary:NwwN, \\_fp\_ternary\_auxi:NwwN, \\_fp\_ternary\_auxii:NwwN have to be understood.

### 26.2 Existence test

\fp\_if\_exist\_p:N Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.

```

\fp_if_exist_p:c 12686 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \fp_if_exist:N \cs_if_exist:N { TF , T , F , p }
\fp_if_exist:NTF 12687 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \fp_if_exist:c \cs_if_exist:c { TF , T , F , p }
\fp_if_exist:cTF

```

(End definition for \fp\_if\_exist:NTF and \fp\_if\_exist:cTF. These functions are documented on page 195.)

### 26.3 Comparison

\fp\_compare\_p:n Within floating point expressions, comparison operators are treated as operations, so we evaluate #1, then compare with 0.

```

\fp_compare:nTF
\_fp_compare_return:w 12688 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \fp_compare:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
12689 {
12690   \exp_after:wN \_fp_compare_return:w
12691   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \_fp_parse:n {#1}
12692 }
12693 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_compare_return:w \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #1#2;
12694 {
12695   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
12696   \prg_return_false:
12697   \else:

```

```

12698     \prg_return_true:
12699     \fi:
12700 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_compare:nTF`. This function is documented on page 196.)

`\fp_compare_p:nNn` Evaluate #1 and #3, using an auxiliary to expand both, and feed the two floating point numbers swapped to `\__fp_compare_back:ww`, defined below. Compare the result with `\fp_compare:nNnTF` ‘#2-‘=, which is -1 for <, 0 for =, 1 for > and 2 for ?.

```

12701 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \fp_compare:nNn #1#2#3 { p , T , F , TF }
12702 {
12703   \if_int_compare:w
12704     \exp_after:wN \__fp_compare_aux:wn
12705     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse:n {#1} {#3}
12706     = \__int_eval:w ‘#2 - ‘= \__int_eval_end:
12707     \prg_return_true:
12708   \else:
12709     \prg_return_false:
12710   \fi:
12711 }
12712 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_compare_aux:wn #1; #2
12713 {
12714   \exp_after:wN \__fp_compare_back:ww
12715   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse:n {#2} #1;
12716 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_compare:nNnTF`. This function is documented on page 195.)

`\__fp_compare_back:ww`  
`\__fp_compare_nan:w`

`\__fp_compare_back:ww <y> ; <x> ;`  
 Expands (in the same way as `\int_eval:n`) to -1 if  $x < y$ , 0 if  $x = y$ , 1 if  $x > y$ , and 2 otherwise (denoted as  $x?y$ ). If either operand is `nan`, stop the comparison with `\__fp_compare_nan:w` returning 2. If  $x$  is negative, swap the outputs 1 and -1 (i.e., > and <); we can henceforth assume that  $x \geq 0$ . If  $y \geq 0$ , and they have the same type, either they are normal and we compare them with `\__fp_compare_npos:nwnw`, or they are equal. If  $y \geq 0$ , but of a different type, the highest type is a larger number. Finally, if  $y \leq 0$ , then  $x > y$ , unless both are zero.

```

12717 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_compare_back:ww
12718   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2 #3;
12719   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4 #5 #6;
12720 {
12721   \__int_value:w
12722   \if_meaning:w 3 #1 \exp_after:wN \__fp_compare_nan:w \fi:
12723   \if_meaning:w 3 #4 \exp_after:wN \__fp_compare_nan:w \fi:
12724   \if_meaning:w 2 #5 - \fi:
12725   \if_meaning:w #2 #5
12726   \if_meaning:w #1 #4
12727   \if_meaning:w 1 #1
12728     \__fp_compare_npos:nwnw #6; #3;
12729   \else:

```



```

12730         0
12731         \fi:
12732     \else:
12733         \if_int_compare:w #4 < #1 - \fi: 1
12734     \fi:
12735 \else:
12736     \if_int_compare:w #1#4 = \c_zero
12737     0
12738     \else:
12739     1
12740     \fi:
12741 \fi:
12742 \exp_stop_f:
12743 }
12744 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_compare_nan:w #1 \exp_stop_f: { \c_two }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_compare\_back:ww and \\_\_fp\_compare\_nan:w.)

```

\__fp_compare_npos:nwnw \__fp_compare_npos:nwnw {\<expo1>} \<body1>} {\<expo2>} \<body2>} ;
\__fp_compare_significand:nnnnnnnn

```

Within an \\_\_int\_value:w ... \exp\_stop\_f: construction, this expands to 0 if the two numbers are equal, -1 if the first is smaller, and 1 if the first is bigger. First compare the exponents: the larger one denotes the larger number. If they are equal, we must compare significands. If both the first 8 digits and the next 8 digits coincide, the numbers are equal. If only the first 8 digits coincide, the next 8 decide. Otherwise, the first 8 digits are compared.

```

12745 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_compare_npos:nwnw #1#2; #3#4;
12746 {
12747     \if_int_compare:w #1 = #3 \exp_stop_f:
12748     \__fp_compare_significand:nnnnnnnn #2 #4
12749     \else:
12750     \if_int_compare:w #1 < #3 - \fi: 1
12751     \fi:
12752 }
12753 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_compare_significand:nnnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
12754 {
12755     \if_int_compare:w #1#2 = #5#6 \exp_stop_f:
12756     \if_int_compare:w #3#4 = #7#8 \exp_stop_f:
12757     0
12758     \else:
12759     \if_int_compare:w #3#4 < #7#8 - \fi: 1
12760     \fi:
12761     \else:
12762     \if_int_compare:w #1#2 < #5#6 - \fi: 1
12763     \fi:
12764 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_compare\_npos:nwnw.)

## 26.4 Floating point expression loops

`\fp_do_until:nn` These are quite easy given the above functions. The `do_until` and `do_while` versions execute the body, then test. The `until_do` and `while_do` do it the other way round.

```

\fp_do_while:nn
\fp_until_do:nn
\fp_while_do:nn
12765 \cs_new:Npn \fp_do_until:nn #1#2
12766 {
12767     #2
12768     \fp_compare:nF {#1}
12769     { \fp_do_until:nn {#1} {#2} }
12770 }
12771 \cs_new:Npn \fp_do_while:nn #1#2
12772 {
12773     #2
12774     \fp_compare:nT {#1}
12775     { \fp_do_while:nn {#1} {#2} }
12776 }
12777 \cs_new:Npn \fp_until_do:nn #1#2
12778 {
12779     \fp_compare:nF {#1}
12780     {
12781         #2
12782         \fp_until_do:nn {#1} {#2}
12783     }
12784 }
12785 \cs_new:Npn \fp_while_do:nn #1#2
12786 {
12787     \fp_compare:nT {#1}
12788     {
12789         #2
12790         \fp_while_do:nn {#1} {#2}
12791     }
12792 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_do_until:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 197.)

`\fp_do_until:nNnn` As above but not using the `nNn` syntax.

```

\fp_do_while:nNnn
\fp_until_do:nNnn
\fp_while_do:nNnn
12793 \cs_new:Npn \fp_do_until:nNnn #1#2#3#4
12794 {
12795     #4
12796     \fp_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
12797     { \fp_do_until:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
12798 }
12799 \cs_new:Npn \fp_do_while:nNnn #1#2#3#4
12800 {
12801     #4
12802     \fp_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
12803     { \fp_do_while:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
12804 }
12805 \cs_new:Npn \fp_until_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
12806 {

```

```

12807     \fp_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
12808     {
12809         #4
12810         \fp_until_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
12811     }
12812 }
12813 \cs_new:Npn \fp_while_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
12814 {
12815     \fp_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
12816     {
12817         #4
12818         \fp_while_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
12819     }
12820 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_do_until:nNnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 196.)

## 26.5 Extrema

`\__fp_minmax_o:Nw` The argument `#1` is 2 to find the maximum of an array `#2` of floating point numbers, and 0 to find the minimum. We read numbers sequentially, keeping track of the largest (smallest) number found so far. If numbers are equal (for instance  $\pm 0$ ), the first is kept. We append  $-\infty$  ( $\infty$ ), for the case of an empty array, currently impossible. Since no number is smaller (larger) than that, it will never alter the maximum (minimum). The weird fp-like trailing marker breaks the loop correctly: see the precise definition of `\__fp_minmax_loop:Nww`.

```

12821 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_minmax_o:Nw #1#2 @
12822 {
12823     \if_meaning:w 0 #1
12824     \exp_after:wN \__fp_minmax_loop:Nww \exp_after:wN \c_one
12825     \else:
12826     \exp_after:wN \__fp_minmax_loop:Nww \exp_after:wN \c_minus_one
12827     \fi:
12828     #2
12829     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 2 #1 \s__fp_exact ;
12830     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w { 3 \__fp_minmax_break_o:w } ;
12831 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_minmax_o:Nw`.)

`\__fp_minmax_loop:Nww` The first argument is `-1` or `1` to denote the case where the currently largest (smallest) number found (first floating point argument) should be replaced by the new number (second floating point argument). If the new number is `nan`, keep that as the extremum, unless that extremum is already a `nan`. Otherwise, compare the two numbers. If the new number is larger (in the case of `max`) or smaller (in the case of `min`), the test yields `true`, and we keep the second number as a new maximum; otherwise we keep the first number. Then loop.

```

12832 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_minmax_loop:Nww
12833     #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5;

```

```

12834 {
12835   \if_meaning:w 3 #4
12836   \if_meaning:w 3 #2
12837   \__fp_minmax_auxi:ww
12838   \else:
12839   \__fp_minmax_auxii:ww
12840   \fi:
12841   \else:
12842   \if_int_compare:w
12843   \__fp_compare_back:ww
12844   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5;
12845   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3;
12846   = #1
12847   \__fp_minmax_auxii:ww
12848   \else:
12849   \__fp_minmax_auxi:ww
12850   \fi:
12851   \fi:
12852   \__fp_minmax_loop:Nww #1
12853   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3;
12854   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5;
12855 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_minmax\_loop:Nww.)

\\_\_fp\_minmax\_auxi:ww  
\\_\_fp\_minmax\_auxii:ww

Keep the first/second number, and remove the other.

```

12856 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_minmax_auxi:ww #1 \fi: \fi: #2 \s__fp #3 ; \s__fp #4;
12857 { \fi: \fi: #2 \s__fp #3 ; }
12858 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_minmax_auxii:ww #1 \fi: \fi: #2 \s__fp #3 ;
12859 { \fi: \fi: #2 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_minmax\_auxi:ww and \\_\_fp\_minmax\_auxii:ww.)

\\_\_fp\_minmax\_break\_o:w

This function is called from within an \if\_meaning:w test. Skip to the end of the tests, close the current test with \fi:, clean up, and return the appropriate number with one post-expansion.

```

12860 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_minmax_break_o:w #1 \fi: \fi: #2 \s__fp #3; #4;
12861 { \fi: \__fp_exp_after_o:w \s__fp #3; }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_minmax\_break\_o:w.)

## 26.6 Boolean operations

\\_\_fp\_not\_o:w

Return true or false, with two expansions, one to exit the conditional, and one to please l3fp-parse. The first argument is provided by l3fp-parse and is ignored.

```

12862 \cs_new:cpn { __fp_not_o:w } #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3; @
12863 {
12864   \if_meaning:w 0 #2
12865   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \c_one_fp
12866   \else:

```

```

12867     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp
12868     \fi:
12869 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_not_o:w`.)

`\_fp_&o:ww` For **and**, if the first number is zero, return it (with the same sign). Otherwise, return  
`\_fp_|o:ww` the second one. For **or**, the logic is reversed: if the first number is non-zero, return  
`\_fp_and_return:wNw` it, otherwise return the second number: we achieve that by hi-jacking `\_fp_&o:ww`,  
inserting an extra argument, `\else:`, before `\s_fp`. In all cases, expand after the  
floating point number.

```

12870 \group_begin:
12871   \char_set_catcode_letter:N &
12872   \char_set_catcode_letter:N |
12873   \cs_new:Npn \_fp_&o:ww #1 \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #2#3;
12874   {
12875     \if_meaning:w 0 #2 #1
12876     \_fp_and_return:wNw \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #2#3;
12877     \fi:
12878     \_fp_exp_after_o:w
12879   }
12880   \cs_new_nopar:Npn \_fp_|o:ww { \_fp_&o:ww \else: }
12881 \group_end:
12882 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_and_return:wNw #1; \fi: #2#3; { \fi: #2 #1; }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_&o:ww`.)

## 26.7 Ternary operator

`\_fp_ternary:NwwN` The first function receives the test and the true branch of the `?:` ternary operator. It  
`\_fp_ternary_auxi:NwwN` returns the true branch, unless the test branch is zero. In that case, the function returns  
`\_fp_ternary_auxii:NwwN` a very specific **nan**. The second function receives the output of the first function, and the  
`\_fp_ternary_loop_break:w` false branch. It returns the previous input, unless that is the special **nan**, in which case  
`\_fp_ternary_loop:Nw` we return the false branch.  
`\_fp_ternary_map_break:`  
`\_fp_ternary_break_point:n`

```

12883 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ternary:NwwN #1 #2@ #3@ #4
12884 {
12885   \if_meaning:w \_fp_parse_infix_::N #4
12886   \_fp_ternary_loop:Nw
12887   #2
12888   \s_fp \_fp_chk:w { \_fp_ternary_loop_break:w } ;
12889   \_fp_ternary_break_point:n { \exp_after:wN \_fp_ternary_auxi:NwwN }
12890   \exp_after:wN #1
12891   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12892   \_fp_exp_after_array_f:w #3 \s_fp_stop
12893   \exp_after:wN @
12894   \exp:w
12895   \_fp_parse_operand:Nw \c_two
12896   \_fp_parse_expand:w
12897   \else:

```

```

12898     \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnn
12899     { kernel } { fp-missing } { : } { ~for~?: }
12900     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_continue:NwN
12901     \exp_after:wN #1
12902     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12903     \_fp_exp_after_array_f:w #3 \s\_fp_stop
12904     \exp_after:wN #4
12905     \exp_after:wN #1
12906     \fi:
12907   }
12908   \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ternary_loop_break:w
12909     #1 \fi: #2 \_fp_ternary_break_point:n #3
12910   {
12911     \c_zero = \c_zero \fi:
12912     \exp_after:wN \_fp_ternary_auxii:NwwN
12913   }
12914   \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ternary_loop:Nw \s\_fp \_fp_chk:w #1#2;
12915   {
12916     \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_zero
12917       \exp_after:wN \_fp_ternary_map_break:
12918       \fi:
12919     \_fp_ternary_loop:Nw
12920   }
12921   \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ternary_map_break: #1 \_fp_ternary_break_point:n #2 {#2}
12922   \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ternary_auxi:NwwN #1#2@#3@#4
12923   {
12924     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_continue:NwN
12925     \exp_after:wN #1
12926     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12927     \_fp_exp_after_array_f:w #2 \s\_fp_stop
12928     #4 #1
12929   }
12930   \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ternary_auxii:NwwN #1#2@#3@#4
12931   {
12932     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_continue:NwN
12933     \exp_after:wN #1
12934     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
12935     \_fp_exp_after_array_f:w #3 \s\_fp_stop
12936     #4 #1
12937   }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_ternary:NwwN, \\_fp\_ternary\_auxi:NwwN, and \\_fp\_ternary\_auxii:NwwN.)

```

12938   </initex | package>

```

## 27 l3fp-basics Implementation

```

12939   <*initex | package>
12940   <@@=fp>

```

The `l3fp-basics` module implements addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of two floating points, and the absolute value and sign-changing operations on one floating point. All operations implemented in this module yield the outcome of rounding the infinitely precise result of the operation to the nearest floating point.

Some algorithms used below end up being quite similar to some described in “What Every Computer Scientist Should Know About Floating Point Arithmetic”, by David Goldberg, which can be found at <http://cr.yp.to/2005-590/goldberg.pdf>.

## 27.1 Common to several operations

```

\__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
  \_fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw
  \_fp_basics_pack_high_carry:w

```

Addition and multiplication of significands are done in two steps: first compute a (more or less) exact result, then round and pack digits in the final (braced) form. These functions take care of the packing, with special attention given to the case where rounding has caused a carry. Since rounding can only shift the final digit by 1, a carry always produces an exact power of 10. Thus, `\__fp_basics_pack_high_carry:w` is always followed by four times `{0000}`.

```

12941 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6;
12942   { + #1 - \c_one ; {#2#3#4#5} {#6} ; }
12943 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6;
12944   {
12945     \if_meaning:w 2 #1
12946       \__fp_basics_pack_high_carry:w
12947     \fi:
12948     ; {#2#3#4#5} {#6}
12949   }
12950 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_basics_pack_high_carry:w \fi: ; #1
12951   { \fi: + \c_one ; {1000} }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw`, `\__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw`, and `\__fp_basics_pack_high_carry:w`.)

```

\_fp_basics_pack_weird_low:NNNNw
\__fp_basics_pack_weird_high:NNNNNNNNw

```

I don’t fully understand those functions, used for additions and divisions. Hence the name.

```

12952 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_basics_pack_weird_low:NNNNw #1 #2#3#4 #5;
12953   {
12954     \if_meaning:w 2 #1
12955       + \c_one
12956     \fi:
12957     \__int_eval_end:
12958     #2#3#4; {#5} ;
12959   }
12960 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_basics_pack_weird_high:NNNNNNNNw
12961   1 #1#2#3#4 #5#6#7#8 #9; { ; {#1#2#3#4} {#5#6#7#8} {#9} }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_basics_pack_weird_low:NNNNw` and `\__fp_basics_pack_weird_high:NNNNNNNNw`.)

## 27.2 Addition and subtraction

We define here two functions, `\__fp_-_o:ww` and `\__fp+_o:ww`, which perform the subtraction and addition of their two floating point operands, and expand the tokens following the result once.

A more obscure function, `\__fp_add_big_i_o:wNww`, is used in `l3fp-expo`.

The logic goes as follows:

- `\__fp_-_o:ww` calls `\__fp+_o:ww` to do the work, with the sign of the second operand flipped;
- `\__fp+_o:ww` dispatches depending on the type of floating point, calling specialized auxiliaries;
- in all cases except summing two normal floating point numbers, we return one or the other operands depending on the signs, or detect an invalid operation in the case of  $\infty - \infty$ ;
- for normal floating point numbers, compare the signs;
- to add two floating point numbers of the same sign or of opposite signs, shift the significand of the smaller one to match the bigger one, perform the addition or subtraction of significands, check for a carry, round, and pack using the `\__fp_basics_pack_...` functions.

The trickiest part is to round correctly when adding or subtracting normal floating point numbers.

### 27.2.1 Sign, exponent, and special numbers

`\__fp_-_o:ww` A previous version of this function grabbed its two operands, changed the sign of the second, and called `\__fp+_o:ww`. However, for efficiency reasons, the operands were swapped in the process, which means that error messages ended up wrong. Now, the `\__fp+_o:ww` auxiliary has a hook: it takes one argument between the first `\s__fp` and `\__fp_chk:w`, which is applied to the sign of the second operand. Positioning the hook there means that `\__fp+_o:ww` can still check that it was followed by `\s__fp` and not arbitrary junk.

```

12962 \cs_new_nopar:cpx { __fp_-_o:ww } \s__fp
12963 {
12964   \exp_not:c { __fp+_o:ww }
12965   \exp_not:n { \s__fp \__fp_neg_sign:N }
12966 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_-_o:ww`.)

`\__fp+_o:ww` This function is either called directly with an empty `#1` to compute an addition, or it is called by `\__fp_-_o:ww` with `\__fp_neg_sign:N` as `#1` to compute a subtraction (equivalent to changing the  $\langle sign_2 \rangle$  of the second operand). If the  $\langle types \rangle$  `#2` and `#4` are the same, dispatch to case `#2` (0, 1, 2, or 3), where we call specialized functions: thanks to



`\__int_value:w`, those receive the tweaked  $\langle sign_2 \rangle$  (expansion of `#1#5`) as an argument. If the  $\langle types \rangle$  are distinct, the result is simply the floating point number with the highest  $\langle type \rangle$ . Since case 3 (used for two `nan`) also picks the first operand, we can also use it when  $\langle type_1 \rangle$  is greater than  $\langle type_2 \rangle$ . Also note that we don't need to worry about  $\langle sign_2 \rangle$  in that case since the second operand is discarded.

```

12967 \cs_new:cpn { __fp+_o:ww }
12968   \s__fp #1 \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4 #5
12969   {
12970     \if_case:w
12971       \if_meaning:w #2 #4
12972         #2 \exp_stop_f:
12973     \else:
12974       \if_int_compare:w #2 > #4 \exp_stop_f:
12975       \c_three
12976     \else:
12977       \c_minus_one
12978     \fi:
12979   \fi:
12980     \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_zeros_o:Nww \__int_value:w
12981 \or:   \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_normal_o:Nww \__int_value:w
12982 \or:   \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_inf_o:Nww \__int_value:w
12983 \or:   \__fp_case_return_i_o:ww
12984 \else: \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_return_ii_o:Nww \__int_value:w
12985 \fi:
12986 #1 #5
12987   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 ;
12988   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4 #5
12989 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp+_o:ww`.)

`\__fp_add_return_ii_o:Nww` Ignore the first operand, and return the second, but using the sign `#1` rather than `#4`. As usual, expand after the floating point.

```

12990 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_return_ii_o:Nww #1 #2 ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #3 #4
12991   { \__fp_exp_after_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #3 #1 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_add_return_ii_o:Nww`.)

`\__fp_add_zeros_o:Nww` Adding two zeros yields `\c_zero_fp`, except if both zeros were `-0`.

```

12992 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_zeros_o:Nww #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 0 #2
12993   {
12994     \if_int_compare:w #2 #1 = 20 \exp_stop_f:
12995     \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_return_ii_o:Nww
12996   \else:
12997     \__fp_case_return_i_o:ww
12998   \fi:
12999   #1
13000   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 0 #2
13001 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp\_add\_zeros\_o:Nww`.)

`\_fp\_add\_inf\_o:Nww` If both infinities have the same sign, just return that infinity, otherwise, it is an invalid operation. We find out if that invalid operation is an addition or a subtraction by testing whether the tweaked  $\langle sign_2 \rangle$  (#1) and the  $\langle sign_2 \rangle$  (#4) are identical.

```

13002 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_add\_inf\_o:Nww
13003   #1 \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w 2 #2 #3; \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w 2 #4
13004   {
13005     \if_meaning:w #1 #2
13006     \_fp\_case\_return\_i\_o:ww
13007   \else:
13008     \_fp\_case\_use:nw
13009     {
13010       \if_meaning:w #1 #4
13011       \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_invalid\_operation\_o:Nww
13012       \exp\_after:wN +
13013     \else:
13014       \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_invalid\_operation\_o:Nww
13015       \exp\_after:wN -
13016     \fi:
13017   }
13018   \fi:
13019   \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w 2 #2 #3;
13020   \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w 2 #4
13021 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp\_add\_inf\_o:Nww`.)

`\_fp\_add\_normal\_o:Nww` `\_fp\_add\_normal\_o:Nww`  $\langle sign_2 \rangle$  `\s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w 1  $\langle sign_1 \rangle$   $\langle exp_1 \rangle$   $\langle body_1 \rangle$  ; \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w 1  $\langle initial\ sign_2 \rangle$   $\langle exp_2 \rangle$   $\langle body_2 \rangle$  ;`

We now have two normal numbers to add, and we have to check signs and exponents more carefully before performing the addition.

```

13022 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_add\_normal\_o:Nww #1 \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w 1 #2
13023   {
13024     \if_meaning:w #1#2
13025     \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_add\_npos\_o:NnwNnw
13026   \else:
13027     \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_sub\_npos\_o:NnwNnw
13028   \fi:
13029   #2
13030 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp\_add\_normal\_o:Nww`.)

### 27.2.2 Absolute addition

In this subsection, we perform the addition of two positive normal numbers.

\\_fp\_add\_npos\_o:NnwNnw

\\_fp\_add\_npos\_o:NnwNnw  $\langle sign_1 \rangle \langle exp_1 \rangle \langle body_1 \rangle$  ; \s\\_fp \\_fp\_chk:w 1  
 $\langle initial\ sign_2 \rangle \langle exp_2 \rangle \langle body_2 \rangle$  ;

Since we are doing an addition, the final sign is  $\langle sign_1 \rangle$ . Start an \\_int\_eval:w, responsible for computing the exponent: the result, and the  $\langle final\ sign \rangle$  are then given to \\_fp\_sanitize:Nw which checks for overflow. The exponent is computed as the largest exponent #2 or #5, incremented if there is a carry. To add the significands, we decimate the smaller number by the difference between the exponents. This is done by \\_fp\_add\_big\_i:wNww or \\_fp\_add\_big\_ii:wNww. We need to bring the final sign with us in the midst of the calculation to round properly at the end.

```

13031 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_add_npos_o:NnwNnw #1#2#3 ; \s\_fp \_fp_chk:w 1 #4 #5
13032 {
13033   \exp_after:wN \_fp_sanitize:Nw
13034   \exp_after:wN #1
13035   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w
13036   \if_int_compare:w #2 > #5 \exp_stop_f:
13037     #2
13038     \exp_after:wN \_fp_add_big_i_o:wNww \_int_value:w -
13039   \else:
13040     #5
13041     \exp_after:wN \_fp_add_big_ii_o:wNww \_int_value:w
13042   \fi:
13043   \_int_eval:w #5 - #2 ; #1 #3;
13044 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_add\_npos\_o:NnwNnw.)

\\_fp\_add\_big\_i\_o:wNww

\\_fp\_add\_big\_i\_o:wNww  $\langle shift \rangle$  ;  $\langle final\ sign \rangle \langle body_1 \rangle$  ;  $\langle body_2 \rangle$  ;

\\_fp\_add\_big\_ii\_o:wNww

Shift the significand of the small number, then add with \\_fp\_add\_significand\_o:NnnwnnnnN.

```

13045 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_add_big_i_o:wNww #1; #2 #3; #4;
13046 {
13047   \_fp_decimate:nNnnnn {#1}
13048   \_fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN
13049   #4
13050   #3
13051   #2
13052 }
13053 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_add_big_ii_o:wNww #1; #2 #3; #4;
13054 {
13055   \_fp_decimate:nNnnnn {#1}
13056   \_fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN
13057   #3
13058   #4
13059   #2
13060 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_add\_big\_i\_o:wNww.)

```

\__fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN
\__fp_add_significand_pack:NNNNNNN
\__fp_add_significand_test_o:N

```

$\backslash\_fp\_add\_significand\_o:NnnwnnnnN$  *<rounding digit>*  $\{\langle Y'_1 \rangle\} \{\langle Y'_2 \rangle\}$   
*<extra-digits>* ;  $\{\langle X_1 \rangle\} \{\langle X_2 \rangle\} \{\langle X_3 \rangle\} \{\langle X_4 \rangle\}$  *<final sign>*

To round properly, we must know at which digit the rounding should occur. This requires to know whether the addition produces an overall carry or not. Thus, we do the computation now and check for a carry, then go back and do the rounding. The rounding may cause a carry in very rare cases such as  $0.99 \dots 95 \rightarrow 1.00 \dots 0$ , but this situation always give an exact power of 10, for which it is easy to correct the result at the end.

```

13061 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN #1 #2#3 #4; #5#6#7#8
13062 {
13063   \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_significand_test_o:N
13064   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1#5#6 + #2
13065   \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_significand_pack:NNNNNNN
13066   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1#7#8 + #3 ; #1
13067 }
13068 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_significand_pack:NNNNNNN #1 #2#3#4#5#6#7
13069 {
13070   \if_meaning:w 2 #1
13071     + \c_one
13072   \fi:
13073   ; #2 #3 #4 #5 #6 #7 ;
13074 }
13075 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_significand_test_o:N #1
13076 {
13077   \if_meaning:w 2 #1
13078     \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_significand_carry_o:wwwNN
13079   \else:
13080     \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_significand_no_carry_o:wwwNN
13081   \fi:
13082 }

```

(End definition for  $\backslash\_fp\_add\_significand\_o:NnnwnnnnN$ .)

```

\__fp_add_significand_no_carry_o:wwwNN

```

$\backslash\_fp\_add\_significand\_no\_carry\_o:wwwNN$   $\langle 8d \rangle$  ;  $\langle 6d \rangle$  ;  $\langle 2d \rangle$  ; *<rounding digit>* *<sign>*

If there's no carry, grab all the digits again and round. The packing function  $\backslash\_fp\_basics\_pack\_high:NNNNNw$  takes care of the case where rounding brings a carry.

```

13083 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_significand_no_carry_o:wwwNN
13084   #1; #2; #3#4 ; #5#6
13085 {
13086   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw
13087   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #1
13088   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
13089   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #2 #3#4
13090   + \__fp_round:NNN #6 #4 #5
13091   \exp_after:wN ;
13092 }

```

(End definition for  $\backslash\_fp\_add\_significand\_no\_carry\_o:wwwNN$ .)

`\_fp_add_significand_carry_o:wwwNN`  $\langle 8d \rangle$  ;  $\langle 6d \rangle$  ;  $\langle 2d \rangle$  ;  $\langle \text{rounding digit} \rangle$   $\langle \text{sign} \rangle$

The case where there is a carry is very similar. Rounding can even raise the first digit from 1 to 2, but we don't care.

```

13093 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_add_significand_carry_o:wwwNN
13094   #1; #2; #3#4; #5#6
13095   {
13096     + \c_one
13097     \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_weird_high:NNNNNNNNw
13098     \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1 1 #1
13099     \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_weird_low:NNNNw
13100     \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1 #2#3 +
13101     \exp_after:wN \_fp_round:NNN
13102     \exp_after:wN #6
13103     \exp_after:wN #3
13104     \_int_value:w \_fp_round_digit:Nw #4 #5 ;
13105     \exp_after:wN ;
13106   }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_add_significand_carry_o:wwwNN`.)

### 27.2.3 Absolute subtraction

`\_fp_sub_npos_o:NnwNnw`  $\langle \text{sign}_1 \rangle$   $\langle \text{exp}_1 \rangle$   $\langle \text{body}_1 \rangle$  ; `\s\_fp` `\_fp_chk:w 1`  
`\_fp_sub_eq_o:NnwNnw`  $\langle \text{initial sign}_2 \rangle$   $\langle \text{exp}_2 \rangle$   $\langle \text{body}_2 \rangle$  ;  
`\_fp_sub_npos_ii_o:NnwNnw`

Rounding properly in some modes requires to know what the sign of the result will be. Thus, we start by comparing the exponents and significands. If the numbers coincide, return zero. If the second number is larger, swap the numbers and call `\_fp_sub_npos_i_o:NnwNnw` with the opposite of  $\langle \text{sign}_1 \rangle$ .

```

13107 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_npos_o:NnwNnw #1#2#3; \s\_fp \_fp_chk:w 1 #4#5#6;
13108   {
13109     \if_case:w \_fp_compare_npos:nwnw {#2} #3; {#5} #6; \exp_stop_f:
13110     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_eq_o:NnwNnw
13111     \or:
13112     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_npos_i_o:NnwNnw
13113     \else:
13114     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_npos_ii_o:NnwNnw
13115     \fi:
13116     #1 {#2} #3; {#5} #6;
13117   }
13118 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_eq_o:NnwNnw #1#2; #3; { \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp }
13119 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_npos_ii_o:NnwNnw #1 #2; #3;
13120   {
13121     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_npos_i_o:NnwNnw
13122     \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c_two - #1 \_int_eval_end:
13123     #3; #2;
13124   }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_sub_npos_o:NnwNnw`.)

`\__fp_sub_npos_i_o:Nnwnw` After the computation is done, `\__fp_sanitiz:Nw` checks for overflow/underflow. It expects the  $\langle final\ sign \rangle$  and the  $\langle exponent \rangle$  (delimited by ;). Start an integer expression for the exponent, which starts with the exponent of the largest number, and may be decreased if the two numbers are very close. If the two numbers have the same exponent, call the `near` auxiliary. Otherwise, decimate  $y$ , then call the `far` auxiliary to evaluate the difference between the two significands. Note that we decimate by 1 less than one could expect.

```

13125 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_npos_i_o:Nnwnw #1 #2#3; #4#5;
13126 {
13127   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitiz:Nw
13128   \exp_after:wN #1
13129   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
13130   #2
13131   \if_int_compare:w #2 = #4 \exp_stop_f:
13132     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_near_o:nnnnnnnnN
13133   \else:
13134     \exp_after:wN \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn \exp_after:wN
13135     { \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #2 - #4 - \c_one \exp_after:wN }
13136     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_far_o:NnnwnnnnnN
13137   \fi:
13138   #5
13139   #3
13140   #1
13141 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sub_npos_i_o:Nnwnw`.)

`\__fp_sub_back_near_o:nnnnnnnnN` `\__fp_sub_back_near_o:nnnnnnnnN { $\langle Y_1 \rangle$ } { $\langle Y_2 \rangle$ } { $\langle Y_3 \rangle$ } { $\langle Y_4 \rangle$ } { $\langle X_1 \rangle$ }`  
`\__fp_sub_back_near_pack:NNNNNNw` `{ $\langle X_2 \rangle$ } { $\langle X_3 \rangle$ } { $\langle X_4 \rangle$ }  $\langle final\ sign \rangle$`   
`\__fp_sub_back_near_after:wNNNNw`

In this case, the subtraction is exact, so we discard the  $\langle final\ sign \rangle$  #9. The very large shifts of  $10^9$  and  $1.1 \cdot 10^9$  are unnecessary here, but allow the auxiliaries to be reused later. Each integer expression produces a 10 digit result. If the resulting 16 digits start with a 0, then we need to shift the group, padding with trailing zeros.

```

13142 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_back_near_o:nnnnnnnnN #1#2#3#4 #5#6#7#8 #9
13143 {
13144   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_near_after:wNNNNw
13145   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 10#5#6 - #1#2 - \c_eleven
13146   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_near_pack:NNNNNNw
13147   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 11#7#8 - #3#4 \exp_after:wN ;
13148 }
13149 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_back_near_pack:NNNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6#7 ;
13150 { + #1#2 ; {#3#4#5#6} {#7} ; }
13151 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_back_near_after:wNNNNw 10 #1#2#3#4 #5 ;
13152 {
13153   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
13154     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_shift:wnnnn
13155   \fi:
13156   ; {#1#2#3#4} {#5}
13157 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_sub\_back\_near\_o:nnnnnnnnN.)

\\_fp\_sub\_back\_shift:wnnnn  
\\_fp\_sub\_back\_shift\_ii:ww  
\\_fp\_sub\_back\_shift\_iii:NNNNNNNNw  
\\_fp\_sub\_back\_shift\_iv:nnnnw

\\_fp\_sub\_back\_shift:wnnnn ; {⟨Z<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨Z<sub>2</sub>⟩} {⟨Z<sub>3</sub>⟩} {⟨Z<sub>4</sub>⟩} ;  
This function is called with ⟨Z<sub>1</sub>⟩ ≤ 999. Act with \number to trim leading zeros from ⟨Z<sub>1</sub>⟩ ⟨Z<sub>2</sub>⟩ (we don't do all four blocks at once, since non-zero blocks would then overflow T<sub>E</sub>X's integers). If the first two blocks are zero, the auxiliary receives an empty #1 and trims #2#30 from leading zeros, yielding a total shift between 7 and 16 to the exponent. Otherwise we get the shift from #1 alone, yielding a result between 1 and 6. Once the exponent is taken care of, trim leading zeros from #1#2#3 (when #1 is empty, the space before #2#3 is ignored), get four blocks of 4 digits and finally clean up. Trailing zeros are added so that digits can be grabbed safely.

```

13158 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_shift:wnnnn ; #1#2
13159 {
13160   \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_shift_ii:ww
13161   \_int_value:w #1 #2 0 ;
13162 }
13163 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_shift_ii:ww #1 0 ; #2#3 ;
13164 {
13165   \if_meaning:w @ #1 @
13166   - \c_seven
13167   - \exp_after:wN \use_i:nnn
13168   \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_shift_iii:NNNNNNNNw
13169   \_int_value:w #2#3 0 ~ 123456789;
13170 \else:
13171   - \_fp_sub_back_shift_iii:NNNNNNNNw #1 123456789;
13172 \fi:
13173 \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
13174 \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
13175 \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_shift_iv:nnnnw
13176 \exp_after:wN ;
13177 \_int_value:w
13178 #1 ~ #2#3 0 ~ 0000 0000 0000 000 ;
13179 }
13180 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_shift_iii:NNNNNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9; {#8}
13181 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_shift_iv:nnnnw #1 ; #2 ; { ; #1 ; }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_sub\_back\_shift:wnnnn.)

\\_fp\_sub\_back\_far\_o:NnnwnnnnN

\\_fp\_sub\_back\_far\_o:NnnwnnnnN ⟨rounding⟩ {⟨Y<sub>1</sub>'⟩} {⟨Y<sub>2</sub>'⟩}  
⟨extra-digits⟩ ; {⟨X<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨X<sub>2</sub>⟩} {⟨X<sub>3</sub>⟩} {⟨X<sub>4</sub>⟩} ⟨final sign⟩

If the difference is greater than 10<sup>⟨expo<sub>x</sub>⟩</sup>, call the **very\_far** auxiliary. If the result is less than 10<sup>⟨expo<sub>x</sub>⟩</sup>, call the **not\_far** auxiliary. If it is too close a call to know yet, namely if 1⟨Y<sub>1</sub>'⟩⟨Y<sub>2</sub>'⟩ = ⟨X<sub>1</sub>⟩⟨X<sub>2</sub>⟩⟨X<sub>3</sub>⟩⟨X<sub>4</sub>⟩0, then call the **quite\_far** auxiliary. We use the odd combination of space and semi-colon delimiters to allow the **not\_far** auxiliary to grab each piece individually, the **very\_far** auxiliary to use \\_fp\_pack\_eight:wNNNNNNNN, and the **quite\_far** to ignore the significands easily (using the ; delimiter).

```

13182 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_far_o:NnnwnnnnN #1 #2#3 #4; #5#6#7#8
13183 {

```

```

13184 \if_case:w
13185 \if_int_compare:w 1 #2 = #5#6 \use_i:nnnn #7 \exp_stop_f:
13186 \if_int_compare:w #3 = \use_none:n #7#8 0 \exp_stop_f:
13187 \c_zero
13188 \else:
13189 \if_int_compare:w #3 > \use_none:n #7#8 0 - \fi: \c_one
13190 \fi:
13191 \else:
13192 \if_int_compare:w 1 #2 > #5#6 \use_i:nnnn #7 - \fi: \c_one
13193 \fi:
13194 \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_quite_far_o:wwNN
13195 \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_very_far_o:wwwNN
13196 \else: \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_not_far_o:wwwNN
13197 \fi:
13198 #2 ~ #3 ; #5 #6 ~ #7 #8 ; #1
13199 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_sub\_back\_far\_o:NnnwnnnnN.)

\\_fp\_sub\_back\_quite\_far\_o:wwNN  
\\_fp\_sub\_back\_quite\_far\_ii:NN

The easiest case is when  $x - y$  is extremely close to a power of 10, namely the first digit of  $x$  is 1, and all others vanish when subtracting  $y$ . Then the *rounding* #3 and the *final sign* #4 control whether we get 1 or 0.9999999999999999. In the usual round-to-nearest mode, we will get 1 whenever the *rounding* digit is less than or equal to 5 (remember that the *rounding* digit is only equal to 5 if there was no further non-zero digit).

```

13200 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_back_quite_far_o:wwNN #1; #2; #3#4
13201 {
13202 \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_quite_far_ii:NN
13203 \exp_after:wN #3
13204 \exp_after:wN #4
13205 }
13206 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_back_quite_far_ii:NN #1#2
13207 {
13208 \if_case:w \__fp_round_neg:NNN #2 0 #1
13209 \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
13210 \else:
13211 \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
13212 \fi:
13213 { ; {1000} {0000} {0000} {0000} ; }
13214 { - \c_one ; {9999} {9999} {9999} {9999} ; }
13215 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_sub\_back\_quite\_far\_o:wwNN.)

\\_fp\_sub\_back\_not\_far\_o:wwwNN

In the present case,  $x$  and  $y$  have different exponents, but  $y$  is large enough that  $x - y$  has a smaller exponent than  $x$ . Decrement the exponent (with - \c\_one). Then proceed in a way similar to the **near** auxiliaries seen earlier, but multiplying  $x$  by 10 (#30 and #40 below), and with the added quirk that the *rounding* digit has to be taken into account. Namely, we may have to decrease the result by one unit if \\_\_fp\_round\_neg:NNN returns 1. This function expects the *final sign* #6, the last digit of 1100000000+#40-#2, and the *rounding* digit. Instead of redoing the computation for the second argument,



we note that `\_fp_round_neg:NNN` only cares about its parity, which is identical to that of the last digit of #2.

```

13216 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_not_far_o:wwwNN #1 ~ #2; #3 ~ #4; #5#6
13217 {
13218   - \c_one
13219   \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_near_after:wNNNNw
13220   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1#30 - #1 - \c_eleven
13221   \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_near_pack:NNNNNNw
13222   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 11 0000 0000 + #40 - #2
13223   - \exp_after:wN \_fp_round_neg:NNN
13224   \exp_after:wN #6
13225   \use_none:nnnnnn #2 #5
13226   \exp_after:wN ;
13227 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_sub_back_not_far_o:wwwNN`.)

`\_fp_sub_back_very_far_o:wwwNN`  
`\_fp_sub_back_very_far_ii_o:nnNwwNN`

The case where  $x - y$  and  $x$  have the same exponent is a bit more tricky, mostly because it cannot reuse the same auxiliaries. Shift the  $y$  significand by adding a leading 0. Then the logic is similar to the `not_far` functions above. Rounding is a bit more complicated: we have two *rounding* digits #3 and #6 (from the decimation, and from the new shift) to take into account, and getting the parity of the main result requires a computation. The first `\_int_value:w` triggers the second one because the number is unfinished; we can thus not use 0 in place of 2 there.

```

13228 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_very_far_o:wwwNN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
13229 {
13230   \_fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN
13231   \_fp_sub_back_very_far_ii_o:nnNwwNN
13232   { 0 #1#2#3 #4#5#6#7 }
13233   ;
13234 }
13235 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_very_far_ii_o:nnNwwNN #1#2 ; #3 ; #4 ~ #5; #6#7
13236 {
13237   \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw
13238   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1#4 - #1 - \c_one
13239   \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
13240   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 2#5 - #2
13241   - \exp_after:wN \_fp_round_neg:NNN
13242   \exp_after:wN #7
13243   \_int_value:w
13244   \if_int_odd:w \_int_eval:w #5 - #2 \_int_eval_end:
13245     1 \else: 2 \fi:
13246   \_int_value:w \_fp_round_digit:Nw #3 #6 ;
13247   \exp_after:wN ;
13248 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_sub_back_very_far_o:wwwNN`.)

## 27.3 Multiplication

### 27.3.1 Signs, and special numbers

`\__fp*_o:ww` We go through an auxiliary, which is common with `\__fp/_o:ww`. The first argument is the operation, used for the invalid operation exception. The second is inserted in a formula to dispatch cases slightly differently between multiplication and division. The third is the operation for normal floating points. The fourth is there for extra cases needed in `\__fp/_o:ww`.

```
13249 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __fp*_o:ww }
13250 {
13251   \__fp_mul_cases_o:NnNww
13252   *
13253   { - \c_two + }
13254   \__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww
13255   { }
13256 }
```

(End definition for `\__fp*_o:ww`.)

`\__fp_mul_cases_o:nNnnww` Split into 10 cases (12 for division). If both numbers are normal, go to case 0 (same sign) or case 1 (opposite signs): in both cases, call `\__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww` to do the work. If the first operand is `nan`, go to case 2, in which the second operand is discarded; if the second operand is `nan`, go to case 3, in which the first operand is discarded (note the weird interaction with the final test on signs). Then we separate the case where the first number is normal and the second is zero: this goes to cases 4 and 5 for multiplication, 10 and 11 for division. Otherwise, we do a computation which dispatches the products  $0 \times 0 = 0 \times 1 = 1 \times 0 = 0$  to case 4 or 5 depending on the combined sign, the products  $0 \times \infty$  and  $\infty \times 0$  to case 6 or 7 (invalid operation), and the products  $1 \times \infty = \infty \times 1 = \infty \times \infty = \infty$  to cases 8 and 9. Note that the code for these two cases (which return  $\pm\infty$ ) is inserted as argument #4, because it differs in the case of divisions.

```
13257 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_cases_o:NnNww
13258   #1#2#3#4 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #5#6#7; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #8#9
13259 {
13260   \if_case:w \__int_eval:w
13261     \if_int_compare:w #5 #8 = \c_eleven
13262       \c_one
13263     \else:
13264       \if_meaning:w 3 #8
13265         \c_three
13266       \else:
13267         \if_meaning:w 3 #5
13268           \c_two
13269         \else:
13270           \if_int_compare:w #5 #8 = \c_ten
13271             \c_nine #2 - \c_two
13272           \else:
13273             (#5 #2 #8) / \c_two * \c_two + \c_seven
13274         \fi:
13275     \fi:
13276 }
```

```

13275         \fi:
13276     \fi:
13277     \fi:
13278     \if_meaning:w #6 #9 - \c_one \fi:
13279     \__int_eval_end:
13280     \__fp_case_use:nw { #3 0 }
13281 \or: \__fp_case_use:nw { #3 2 }
13282 \or: \__fp_case_return_i_o:ww
13283 \or: \__fp_case_return_ii_o:ww
13284 \or: \__fp_case_return_o:Nww \c_zero_fp
13285 \or: \__fp_case_return_o:Nww \c_minus_zero_fp
13286 \or: \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww #1 }
13287 \or: \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww #1 }
13288 \or: \__fp_case_return_o:Nww \c_inf_fp
13289 \or: \__fp_case_return_o:Nww \c_minus_inf_fp
13290 #4
13291 \fi:
13292 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #5 #6 #7;
13293 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #8 #9
13294 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_mul\_cases\_o:nNnnww.)

### 27.3.2 Absolute multiplication

In this subsection, we perform the multiplication of two positive normal numbers.

```

\__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww \__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww <final sign> \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 <sign1> {<exp1>}
<body1> ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 <sign2> {<exp2>} <body2> ;

```

After the computation, \\_\_fp\_sanitize:Nw checks for overflow or underflow. As we did for addition, \\_\_int\_eval:w computes the exponent, catching any shift coming from the computation in the significand. The <final sign> is needed to do the rounding properly in the significand computation. We setup the post-expansion here, triggered by \\_\_fp\_mul\_significand\_o:nnnnNnnnn.

```

13295 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww
13296 #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 #4 #5 ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #6 #7 #8 #9 ;
13297 {
13298     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
13299     \exp_after:wN #1
13300     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
13301     #4 + #8
13302     \__fp_mul_significand_o:nnnnNnnnn #5 #1 #9
13303 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_mul\_npos\_o:Nww.)

```

\__fp_mul_significand_o:nnnnNnnnn \__fp_mul_significand_o:nnnnNnnnn {<X1>} {<X2>} {<X3>} {<X4>} <sign>
\__fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNNw {<Y1>} {<Y2>} {<Y3>} {<Y4>}
\__fp_mul_significand_keep:NNNNNw

```

Note the three semicolons at the end of the definition. One is for the last \\_\_fp\_mul\_significand\_drop:NNNNNw; one is for \\_\_fp\_round\_digit:Nw later on; and one,

preceded by `\exp_after:wN`, which is correctly expanded (within an `\__int_eval:w`), is used by `\__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw`.

The product of two 16 digit integers has 31 or 32 digits, but it is impossible to know which one before computing. The place where we round depends on that number of digits, and may depend on all digits until the last in some rare cases. The approach is thus to compute the 5 first blocks of 4 digits (the first one is between 100 and 9999 inclusive), and a compact version of the remaining 3 blocks. Afterwards, the number of digits is known, and we can do the rounding within yet another set of `\__int_eval:w`.

```

13304 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_significand_o:nnnnNnnnn #1#2#3#4 #5 #6#7#8#9
13305 {
13306   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_test_f:NNN
13307   \exp_after:wN #5
13308   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 99990000 + #1*#6 +
13309   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_keep:NNNNNw
13310   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 99990000 + #1*#7 + #2*#6 +
13311   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_keep:NNNNNw
13312   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 99990000 + #1*#8 + #2*#7 + #3*#6 +
13313   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNNw
13314   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 99990000 + #1*#9 + #2*#8 + #3*#7 + #4*#6 +
13315   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNNw
13316   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 99990000 + #2*#9 + #3*#8 + #4*#7 +
13317   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNNw
13318   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 99990000 + #3*#9 + #4*#8 +
13319   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNNw
13320   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 100000000 + #4*#9 ;
13321   ; \exp_after:wN ;
13322 }
13323 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5 #6;
13324 { #1#2#3#4#5 ; + #6 }
13325 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_significand_keep:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5 #6;
13326 { #1#2#3#4#5 ; #6 ; }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_mul_significand_o:nnnnNnnnn`.)

```

\__fp_mul_significand_test_f:NNN \__fp_mul_significand_test_f:NNN <sign> 1 <digits 1-8> ; <digits 9-12> ;
<digits 13-16> ; + <digits 17-20> + <digits 21-24> + <digits 25-28> + <digits
29-32> ; \exp_after:wN ;

```

If the *<digit 1>* is non-zero, then for rounding we only care about the digits 16 and 17, and whether further digits are zero or not (check for exact ties). On the other hand, if *<digit 1>* is zero, we care about digits 17 and 18, and whether further digits are zero.

```

13327 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_significand_test_f:NNN #1 #2 #3
13328 {
13329   \if_meaning:w 0 #3
13330     \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_small_f:NNwwwN
13331   \else:
13332     \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_large_f:NwwNNNN
13333   \fi:
13334   #1 #3
13335 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_mul_significand_test_f:NNN`.)

`\_fp_mul_significand_large_f:NwwNNN` In this branch,  $\langle digit\ 1 \rangle$  is non-zero. The result is thus  $\langle digits\ 1-16 \rangle$ , plus some rounding which depends on the digits 16, 17, and whether all subsequent digits are zero or not. Here, `\_fp_round_digit:Nw` takes digits 17 and further (as an integer expression), and replaces it by a  $\langle rounding\ digit \rangle$ , suitable for `\_fp_round:NNN`.

```

13336 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_mul_significand_large_f:NwwNNN #1 #2; #3; #4#5#6#7; +
13337 {
13338   \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw
13339   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1#2
13340   \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
13341   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1#3#4#5#6#7
13342   + \exp_after:wN \_fp_round:NNN
13343   \exp_after:wN #1
13344   \exp_after:wN #7
13345   \_int_value:w \_fp_round_digit:Nw
13346 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_mul_significand_large_f:NwwNNN`.)

`\_fp_mul_significand_small_f:NNwwN` In this branch,  $\langle digit\ 1 \rangle$  is zero. Our result will thus be  $\langle digits\ 2-17 \rangle$ , plus some rounding which depends on the digits 17, 18, and whether all subsequent digits are zero or not. The 8 digits 1#3 are followed, after expansion of the `small_pack` auxiliary, by the next digit, to form a 9 digit number.

```

13347 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_mul_significand_small_f:NNwwN #1 #2#3; #4#5; #6; + #7
13348 {
13349   - \c_one
13350   \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw
13351   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1#3#4
13352   \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
13353   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1#5#6#7
13354   + \exp_after:wN \_fp_round:NNN
13355   \exp_after:wN #1
13356   \exp_after:wN #7
13357   \_int_value:w \_fp_round_digit:Nw
13358 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_mul_significand_small_f:NNwwN`.)

## 27.4 Division

### 27.4.1 Signs, and special numbers

Time is now ripe to tackle the hardest of the four elementary operations: division.

`\_fp_/_o:ww` Filtering special floating point is very similar to what we did for multiplications, with a few variations. Invalid operation exceptions display `/` rather than `*`. In the formula for dispatch, we replace `- \c_two +` by `-`. The case of normal numbers is treated using `\_fp_div_npos_o:Nww` rather than `\_fp_mul_npos_o:Nww`. There are two additional

cases: if the first operand is normal and the second is a zero, then the division by zero exception is raised: cases 10 and 11 of the `\if_case:w` construction in `\__fp_mul_cases_o:NnNnw` are provided as the fourth argument here.

```

13359 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __fp/_o:ww }
13360 {
13361   \__fp_mul_cases_o:NnNnw
13362   /
13363   { - }
13364   \__fp_div_npos_o:Nww
13365   {
13366     \or:
13367       \__fp_case_use:nw
13368       { \__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNnw \c_inf_fp / }
13369     \or:
13370       \__fp_case_use:nw
13371       { \__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNnw \c_minus_inf_fp / }
13372   }
13373 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp/_o:ww`.)

```

\__fp_div_npos_o:Nww   \__fp_div_npos_o:Nww <final sign> \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 <sign_A> {\exp A}
                        {\langle A_1 \rangle} {\langle A_2 \rangle} {\langle A_3 \rangle} {\langle A_4 \rangle} ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 <sign_Z> {\exp Z}
                        {\langle Z_1 \rangle} {\langle Z_2 \rangle} {\langle Z_3 \rangle} {\langle Z_4 \rangle} ;

```

We want to compute  $A/Z$ . As for multiplication, `\__fp_sanitize:Nw` checks for overflow or underflow; we provide it with the  $\langle final\ sign \rangle$ , and an integer expression in which we compute the exponent. We set up the arguments of `\__fp_div_significand_i_o:wnnw`, namely an integer  $\langle y \rangle$  obtained by adding 1 to the first 5 digits of  $Z$  (explanation given soon below), then the four  $\{\langle A_i \rangle\}$ , then the four  $\{\langle Z_i \rangle\}$ , a semi-colon, and the  $\langle final\ sign \rangle$ , used for rounding at the end.

```

13374 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_npos_o:Nww
13375   #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #2 #3 #4 ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #5 #6 #7#8#9;
13376   {
13377     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
13378     \exp_after:wN #1
13379     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
13380     #3 - #6
13381     \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_i_o:wnnw
13382     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #7 \use_i:nnnn #8 + \c_one ;
13383     #4
13384     {\#7}{\#8}\#9 ;
13385     #1
13386   }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_div_npos_o:Nww`.)

### 27.4.2 Work plan

In this subsection, we explain how to avoid overflowing  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ 's integers when performing the division of two positive normal numbers.

We are given two numbers,  $A = 0.A_1A_2A_3A_4$  and  $Z = 0.Z_1Z_2Z_3Z_4$ , in blocks of 4 digits, and we know that the first digits of  $A_1$  and of  $Z_1$  are non-zero. To compute  $A/Z$ , we proceed as follows.

- Find an integer  $Q_A \simeq 10^4 A/Z$ .
- Replace  $A$  by  $B = 10^4 A - Q_A Z$ .
- Find an integer  $Q_B \simeq 10^4 B/Z$ .
- Replace  $B$  by  $C = 10^4 B - Q_B Z$ .
- Find an integer  $Q_C \simeq 10^4 C/Z$ .
- Replace  $C$  by  $D = 10^4 C - Q_C Z$ .
- Find an integer  $Q_D \simeq 10^4 D/Z$ .
- Consider  $E = 10^4 D - Q_D Z$ , and ensure correct rounding.

The result is then  $Q = 10^{-4}Q_A + 10^{-8}Q_B + 10^{-12}Q_C + 10^{-16}Q_D + \text{rounding}$ . Since the  $Q_i$  are integers,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ , and  $E$  are all exact multiples of  $10^{-16}$ , in other words, computing with 16 digits after the decimal separator yields exact results. The problem will be overflow: in general  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ , and  $E$  may be greater than 1.

Unfortunately, things are not as easy as they seem. In particular, we want all intermediate steps to be positive, since negative results would require extra calculations at the end. This requires that  $Q_A \leq 10^4 A/Z$  *etc.* A reasonable attempt would be to define  $Q_A$  as

$$\backslash\text{int\_eval:n} \left\{ \frac{A_1 A_2}{Z_1 + 1} - 1 \right\} \leq 10^4 \frac{A}{Z}$$

Subtracting 1 at the end takes care of the fact that  $\varepsilon\text{-T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ 's  $\backslash\_ \text{int\_eval:w}$  rounds divisions instead of truncating (really,  $1/2$  would be sufficient, but we work with integers). We add 1 to  $Z_1$  because  $Z_1 \leq 10^4 Z < Z_1 + 1$  and we need  $Q_A$  to be an underestimate. However, we are now underestimating  $Q_A$  too much: it can be wrong by up to 100, for instance when  $Z = 0.1$  and  $A \simeq 1$ . Then  $B$  could take values up to 10 (maybe more), and a few steps down the line, we would run into arithmetic overflow, since  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  can only handle integers less than roughly  $2 \cdot 10^9$ .

A better formula is to take

$$Q_A = \backslash\text{int\_eval:n} \left\{ \frac{10 \cdot A_1 A_2}{\lfloor 10^{-3} \cdot Z_1 Z_2 \rfloor + 1} - 1 \right\}.$$

This is always less than  $10^9 A / (10^5 Z)$ , as we wanted. In words, we take the 5 first digits of  $Z$  into account, and the 8 first digits of  $A$ , using 0 as a 9-th digit rather than the true

digit for efficiency reasons. We shall prove that using this formula to define all the  $Q_i$  avoids any overflow. For convenience, let us denote

$$y = \lfloor 10^{-3} \cdot Z_1 Z_2 \rfloor + 1,$$

so that, taking into account the fact that  $\varepsilon\text{-TeX}$  rounds ties away from zero,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_A &= \left\lfloor \frac{A_1 A_2 0}{y} - \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor \\ &> \frac{A_1 A_2 0}{y} - \frac{3}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $10^4 < y \leq 10^5$ , and  $999 \leq Q_A \leq 99989$ . Also note that this formula does not cause an overflow as long as  $A < (2^{31} - 1)/10^9 \simeq 2.147 \dots$ , since the numerator involves an integer slightly smaller than  $10^9 A$ .

Let us bound  $B$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 10^5 B &= A_1 A_2 0 + 10 \cdot 0.A_3 A_4 - 10 \cdot Z_1.Z_2 Z_3 Z_4 \cdot Q_A \\ &< A_1 A_2 0 \cdot \left( 1 - 10 \cdot \frac{Z_1.Z_2 Z_3 Z_4}{y} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \cdot 10 \cdot Z_1.Z_2 Z_3 Z_4 + 10 \\ &\leq \frac{A_1 A_2 0 \cdot (y - 10 \cdot Z_1.Z_2 Z_3 Z_4)}{y} + \frac{3}{2} y + 10 \\ &\leq \frac{A_1 A_2 0 \cdot 1}{y} + \frac{3}{2} y + 10 \leq \frac{10^9 A}{y} + 1.6 \cdot y. \end{aligned}$$

At the last step, we hide 10 into the second term for later convenience. The same reasoning yields

$$\begin{aligned} 10^5 B &< 10^9 A / y + 1.6y, \\ 10^5 C &< 10^9 B / y + 1.6y, \\ 10^5 D &< 10^9 C / y + 1.6y, \\ 10^5 E &< 10^9 D / y + 1.6y. \end{aligned}$$

The goal is now to prove that none of  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ , and  $E$  can go beyond  $(2^{31} - 1)/10^9 = 2.147 \dots$ .

Combining the various inequalities together with  $A < 1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 10^5 B &< 10^9 / y + 1.6y, \\ 10^5 C &< 10^{13} / y^2 + 1.6(y + 10^4), \\ 10^5 D &< 10^{17} / y^3 + 1.6(y + 10^4 + 10^8 / y), \\ 10^5 E &< 10^{21} / y^4 + 1.6(y + 10^4 + 10^8 / y + 10^{12} / y^2). \end{aligned}$$



All of those bounds are convex functions of  $y$  (since every power of  $y$  involved is convex, and the coefficients are positive), and thus maximal at one of the end-points of the allowed range  $10^4 < y \leq 10^5$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} 10^5 B &< \max(1.16 \cdot 10^5, 1.7 \cdot 10^5), \\ 10^5 C &< \max(1.32 \cdot 10^5, 1.77 \cdot 10^5), \\ 10^5 D &< \max(1.48 \cdot 10^5, 1.777 \cdot 10^5), \\ 10^5 E &< \max(1.64 \cdot 10^5, 1.7777 \cdot 10^5). \end{aligned}$$

All of those bounds are less than  $2.147 \cdot 10^5$ , and we are thus within  $\text{\TeX}$ 's bounds in all cases!

We will later need to have a bound on the  $Q_i$ . Their definitions imply that  $Q_A < 10^9 A/y - 1/2 < 10^5 A$  and similarly for the other  $Q_i$ . Thus, all of them are less than 177770.

The last step is to ensure correct rounding. We have

$$A/Z = \sum_{i=1}^4 (10^{-4i} Q_i) + 10^{-16} E/Z$$

exactly. Furthermore, we know that the result will be in  $[0.1, 10)$ , hence will be rounded to a multiple of  $10^{-16}$  or of  $10^{-15}$ , so we only need to know the integer part of  $E/Z$ , and a “rounding” digit encoding the rest. Equivalently, we need to find the integer part of  $2E/Z$ , and determine whether it was an exact integer or not (this serves to detect ties). Since

$$\frac{2E}{Z} = 2 \frac{10^5 E}{10^5 Z} \leq 2 \frac{10^5 E}{10^4} < 36,$$

this integer part is between 0 and 35 inclusive. We let  $\varepsilon\text{-}\text{\TeX}$  round

$$P = \backslash\text{int\_eval:n} \left\{ \frac{2 \cdot E_1 E_2}{Z_1 Z_2} \right\},$$

which differs from  $2E/Z$  by at most

$$\frac{1}{2} + 2 \left| \frac{E}{Z} - \frac{E}{10^{-8} Z_1 Z_2} \right| + 2 \left| \frac{10^8 E - E_1 E_2}{Z_1 Z_2} \right| < 1,$$

( $1/2$  comes from  $\varepsilon\text{-}\text{\TeX}$ 's rounding) because each absolute value is less than  $10^{-7}$ . Thus  $P$  is either the correct integer part, or is off by 1; furthermore, if  $2E/Z$  is an integer,  $P = 2E/Z$ . We will check the sign of  $2E - PZ$ . If it is negative, then  $E/Z \in ((P-1)/2, P/2)$ . If it is zero, then  $E/Z = P/2$ . If it is positive, then  $E/Z \in (P/2, (P+1)/2)$ . In each case, we know how to round to an integer, depending on the parity of  $P$ , and the rounding mode.

### 27.4.3 Implementing the significand division

`\_fp_div_significand_i_o:wnnw`  $\langle y \rangle$  ;  $\{\langle A_1 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle A_2 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle A_3 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle A_4 \rangle\}$   
 $\{\langle Z_1 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle Z_2 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle Z_3 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle Z_4 \rangle\}$  ;  $\langle sign \rangle$

Compute  $10^6 + Q_A$  (a 7 digit number thanks to the shift), unbrace  $\langle A_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle A_2 \rangle$ , and prepare the  $\langle continuation \rangle$  arguments for 4 consecutive calls to `\_fp_div_significand_calc:wnnnnnnnn`. Each of these calls will need  $\langle y \rangle$  (#1), and it turns out that we need post-expansion there, hence the `\_int_value:w`. Here, #4 is six brace groups, which give the six first n-type arguments of the `calc` function.

```

13387 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_div_significand_i_o:wnnw #1 ; #2#3 #4 ;
13388 {
13389   \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_test_o:w
13390   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w
13391   \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_calc:wnnnnnnnn
13392   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 999999 + #2 #3 0 / #1 ;
13393   #2 #3 ;
13394   #4
13395   { \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_ii:wnn \_int_value:w #1 }
13396   { \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_ii:wnn \_int_value:w #1 }
13397   { \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_ii:wnn \_int_value:w #1 }
13398   { \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_iii:wnnnnnn \_int_value:w #1 }
13399 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_div_significand_i_o:wnnw`.)

`\_fp_div_significand_calc:wnnnnnnnn`  $\langle 10^6 + Q_A \rangle$  ;  $\langle A_1 \rangle$   $\langle A_2 \rangle$  ;  $\{\langle A_3 \rangle\}$   
`\_fp_div_significand_calc_i:wnnnnnnnn`  $\{\langle A_4 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle Z_1 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle Z_2 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle Z_3 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle Z_4 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle continuation \rangle\}$   
`\_fp_div_significand_calc_ii:wnnnnnnnn` expands to

$\langle 10^6 + Q_A \rangle$   $\langle continuation \rangle$  ;  $\langle B_1 \rangle$   $\langle B_2 \rangle$  ;  $\{\langle B_3 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle B_4 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle Z_1 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle Z_2 \rangle\}$   $\{\langle Z_3 \rangle\}$   
 $\{\langle Z_4 \rangle\}$

where  $B = 10^4 A - Q_A \cdot Z$ . This function is also used to compute  $C$ ,  $D$ ,  $E$  (with the input shifted accordingly), and is used in `l3fp-expo`.

We know that  $0 < Q_A < 1.8 \cdot 10^5$ , so the product of  $Q_A$  with each  $Z_i$  is within  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ 's bounds. However, it is a little bit too large for our purposes: we would not be able to use the usual trick of adding a large power of 10 to ensure that the number of digits is fixed.

The bound on  $Q_A$ , implies that  $10^6 + Q_A$  starts with the digit 1, followed by 0 or 1. We test, and call different auxiliaries for the two cases. An earlier implementation did the tests within the computation, but since we added a  $\langle continuation \rangle$ , this is not possible because the macro has 9 parameters.

The result we want is then (the overall power of 10 is arbitrary):

$$\begin{aligned}
& 10^{-4}(\#2 - \#1 \cdot \#5 - 10 \cdot \langle i \rangle \cdot \#5 \#6) + 10^{-8}(\#3 - \#1 \cdot \#6 - 10 \cdot \langle i \rangle \cdot \#7) \\
& + 10^{-12}(\#4 - \#1 \cdot \#7 - 10 \cdot \langle i \rangle \cdot \#8) + 10^{-16}(-\#1 \cdot \#8),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\langle i \rangle$  stands for the  $10^5$  digit of  $Q_A$ , which is 0 or 1, and #1, #2, etc. are the parameters of either auxiliary. The factors of 10 come from the fact that  $Q_A = 10 \cdot$

$10^4 \cdot \langle i \rangle + \#1$ . As usual, to combine all the terms, we need to choose some shifts which must ensure that the number of digits of the second, third, and fourth terms are each fixed. Here, the positive contributions are at most  $10^8$  and the negative contributions can go up to  $10^9$ . Indeed, for the auxiliary with  $\langle i \rangle = 1$ , #1 is at most 80000, leading to contributions of at worst  $-8 \cdot 10^8 4$ , while the other negative term is very small  $< 10^6$  (except in the first expression, where we don't care about the number of digits); for the auxiliary with  $\langle i \rangle = 0$ , #1 can go up to 99999, but there is no other negative term. Hence, a good choice is  $2 \cdot 10^9$ , which produces totals in the range  $[10^9, 2.1 \cdot 10^9]$ . We are flirting with T<sub>E</sub>X's limits once more.

```

13400 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_calc:wwnnnnnnn #1
13401 {
13402   \if_meaning:w 1 #1
13403     \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_calc_i:wwnnnnnnn
13404   \else:
13405     \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_calc_ii:wwnnnnnnn
13406   \fi:
13407 }
13408 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_calc_i:wwnnnnnnn #1; #2;#3#4 #5#6#7#8 #9
13409 {
13410   1 1 #1
13411   #9 \exp_after:wN ;
13412   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_leading_shift_int
13413   + #2 - #1 * #5 - #5#60
13414   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
13415   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int
13416   + #3 - #1 * #6 - #70
13417   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
13418   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int
13419   + #4 - #1 * #7 - #80
13420   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
13421   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_trailing_shift_int
13422   - #1 * #8 ;
13423   {#5}{#6}{#7}{#8}
13424 }
13425 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_calc_ii:wwnnnnnnn #1; #2;#3#4 #5#6#7#8 #9
13426 {
13427   1 0 #1
13428   #9 \exp_after:wN ;
13429   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_leading_shift_int
13430   + #2 - #1 * #5
13431   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
13432   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int
13433   + #3 - #1 * #6
13434   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
13435   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int
13436   + #4 - #1 * #7
13437   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
13438   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_trailing_shift_int
13439   - #1 * #8 ;

```

```

13440      {#5}{#6}{#7}{#8}
13441    }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_div_significand_calc:wwnnnnnnn`.)

`\_fp_div_significand_ii:wwn`

```

\_fp_div_significand_ii:wwn <y> ; <B1> ; {<B2>} {<B3>} {<B4>} {<Z1>}
{<Z2>} {<Z3>} {<Z4>} <continuations> <sign>

```

Compute  $Q_B$  by evaluating  $\langle B_1 \rangle \langle B_2 \rangle 0 / y - 1$ . The result will be output to the left, in an `\_int_eval:w` which we start now. Once that is evaluated (and the other  $Q_i$  also, since later expansions are triggered by this one), a packing auxiliary takes care of placing the digits of  $Q_B$  in an appropriate way for the final addition to obtain  $Q$ . This auxiliary is also used to compute  $Q_C$  and  $Q_D$  with the inputs  $C$  and  $D$  instead of  $B$ .

```

13442 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_div_significand_ii:wwn #1; #2;#3
13443 {
13444   \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_pack:NNN
13445   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w
13446   \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_calc:wwnnnnnnn
13447   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 999999 + #2 #3 0 / #1 ; #2 #3 ;
13448 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_div_significand_ii:wwn`.)

`\_fp_div_significand_iii:wwnnnnn`

```

\_fp_div_significand_iii:wwnnnnn <y> ; <E1> ; {<E2>} {<E3>} {<E4>}
{<Z1>} {<Z2>} {<Z3>} {<Z4>} <sign>

```

We compute  $P \simeq 2E/Z$  by rounding  $2E_1E_2/Z_1Z_2$ . Note the first 0, which multiplies  $Q_D$  by 10: we will later add (roughly)  $5 \cdot P$ , which amounts to adding  $P/2 \simeq E/Z$  to  $Q_D$ , the appropriate correction from a hypothetical  $Q_E$ .

```

13449 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_div_significand_iii:wwnnnnn #1; #2;#3#4#5 #6#7
13450 {
13451   0
13452   \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_iv:wwnnnnnnn
13453   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w (\c_two * #2 #3) / #6 #7 ; % <- P
13454   #2 ; {#3} {#4} {#5}
13455   {#6} {#7}
13456 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_div_significand_iii:wwnnnnn`.)

`\_fp_div_significand_iv:wwnnnnnnn`  
`\_fp_div_significand_v:NNw`  
`\_fp_div_significand_vi:Nw`

```

\_fp_div_significand_iv:wwnnnnnnn <P> ; <E1> ; {<E2>} {<E3>} {<E4>}
{<Z1>} {<Z2>} {<Z3>} {<Z4>} <sign>

```

This adds to the current expression  $(10^7 + 10 \cdot Q_D)$  a contribution of  $5 \cdot P + \text{sign}(T)$  with  $T = 2E - PZ$ . This amounts to adding  $P/2$  to  $Q_D$ , with an extra *rounding* digit. This *rounding* digit is 0 or 5 if  $T$  does not contribute, *i.e.*, if  $0 = T = 2E - PZ$ , in other words if  $10^{16}A/Z$  is an integer or half-integer. Otherwise it is in the appropriate range,  $[1, 4]$  or  $[6, 9]$ . This is precise enough for rounding purposes (in any mode).

It seems an overkill to compute  $T$  exactly as I do here, but I see no faster way right now.

Once more, we need to be careful and show that the calculation `#1 · #6#7` below does not cause an overflow: naively,  $P$  can be up to 35, and `#6#7` up to  $10^8$ , but both

cannot happen simultaneously. To show that things are fine, we split in two (non-disjoint) cases.

- For  $P < 10$ , the product obeys  $P \cdot \#6\#7 < 10^8 \cdot P < 10^9$ .
- For large  $P \geq 3$ , the rounding error on  $P$ , which is at most 1, is less than a factor of 2, hence  $P \leq 4E/Z$ . Also,  $\#6\#7 \leq 10^8 \cdot Z$ , hence  $P \cdot \#6\#7 \leq 4E \cdot 10^8 < 10^9$ .

Both inequalities could be made tighter if needed.

Note however that  $P \cdot \#8\#9$  may overflow, since the two factors are now independent, and the result may reach  $3.5 \cdot 10^9$ . Thus we compute the two lower levels separately. The rest is standard, except that we use  $+$  as a separator (ending integer expressions explicitly).  $T$  is negative if the first character is  $-$ , it is positive if the first character is neither 0 nor  $-$ . It is also positive if the first character is 0 and second argument of `\__fp_div_significand_vi:Nw`, a sum of several terms, is also zero. Otherwise, there was an exact agreement:  $T = 0$ .

```

13457 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_iv:wnnnnnnnn #1; #2;#3#4#5 #6#7#8#9
13458 {
13459   + \c_five * #1
13460   \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_vi:Nw
13461   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w -20 + 2*#2#3 - #1*#6#7 +
13462   \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_v:NN
13463   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 199980 + 2*#4 - #1*#8 +
13464   \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_v:NN
13465   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 200000 + 2*#5 - #1*#9 ;
13466 }
13467 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_v:NN #1#2 { #1#2 \__int_eval_end: + }
13468 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_vi:Nw #1#2;
13469 {
13470   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
13471   \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #2 > \c_zero + \c_one \fi:
13472   \else:
13473   \if_meaning:w - #1 - \else: + \fi: \c_one
13474   \fi:
13475   ;
13476 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_div_significand_iv:wnnnnnnnn`, `\__fp_div_significand_v:NNw`, and `\__fp_div_significand_vi:Nw`.)

`\__fp_div_significand_pack:NNN` At this stage, we are in the following situation:  $\text{\TeX}$  is in the process of expanding several integer expressions, thus functions at the bottom expand before those above.

```

\__fp_div_significand_test_o:w 106 + QA \__fp_div_significand_
pack:NNN 106 + QB \__fp_div_significand_pack:NNN 106 + QC \__fp_
div_significand_pack:NNN 107 + 10 · QD + 5 · P + ε ; <sign>

```

Here,  $\varepsilon = \text{sign}(T)$  is 0 in case  $2E = PZ$ , 1 in case  $2E > PZ$ , which means that  $P$  was the correct value, but not with an exact quotient, and  $-1$  if  $2E < PZ$ , *i.e.*,  $P$  was an

overestimate. The packing function we define now does nothing special: it removes the  $10^6$  and carries two digits (for the  $10^5$ 's and the  $10^4$ 's).

```
13477 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_pack:NNN 1 #1 #2 { + #1 #2 ; }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_div_significand_pack:NNN`.)

```
\__fp_div_significand_test_o:w \__fp_div_significand_test_o:w 1 0 <5d> ; <4d> ; <4d> ; <5d> ; <sign>
```

The reason we know that the first two digits are 1 and 0 is that the final result is known to be between 0.1 (inclusive) and 10, hence  $\widetilde{Q}_A$  (the tilde denoting the contribution from the other  $Q_i$ ) is at most 99999, and  $10^6 + \widetilde{Q}_A = 10 \dots$ .

It is now time to round. This depends on how many digits the final result will have.

```
13478 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_test_o:w 10 #1
13479 {
13480   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
13481     \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_small_o:wwwNNNNwN
13482   \else:
13483     \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_large_o:wwwNNNNwN
13484   \fi:
13485   #1
13486 }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_div_significand_test_o:w`.)

```
\__fp_div_significand_small_o:wwwNNNNwN \__fp_div_significand_small_o:wwwNNNNwN 0 <4d> ; <4d> ; <4d> ; <5d>
; <final sign>
```

Standard use of the functions `\__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNw` and `\__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNw`. We finally get to use the `<final sign>` which has been sitting there for a while.

```
13487 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_small_o:wwwNNNNwN
13488   0 #1; #2; #3; #4#5#6#7#8; #9
13489 {
13490   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNw
13491   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #1#2
13492   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNw
13493   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #3#4#5#6#7
13494   + \__fp_round:NNN #9 #7 #8
13495   \exp_after:wN ;
13496 }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_div_significand_small_o:wwwNNNNwN`.)

```
\__fp_div_significand_large_o:wwwNNNNwN \__fp_div_significand_large_o:wwwNNNNwN <5d> ; <4d> ; <4d> ; <5d> ;
<sign>
```

We know that the final result cannot reach 10, hence `1#1#2`, together with contributions from the level below, cannot reach  $2 \cdot 10^9$ . For rounding, we build the `<rounding digit>` from the last two of our 18 digits.

```
13497 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_large_o:wwwNNNNwN
13498   #1; #2; #3; #4#5#6#7#8; #9
13499 {
```

```

13500 + \c_one
13501 \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_weird_high:NNNNNNNw
13502 \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1 #1 #2
13503 \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_weird_low:NNNNw
13504 \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1 #3 #4 #5 #6 +
13505 \exp_after:wN \_fp_round:NNN
13506 \exp_after:wN #9
13507 \exp_after:wN #6
13508 \_int_value:w \_fp_round_digit:Nw #7 #8 ;
13509 \exp_after:wN ;
13510 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_div_significand_large_o:wwwNNNNwN`.)

## 27.5 Square root

`\_fp_sqrt_o:w` Zeros are unchanged:  $\sqrt{-0} = -0$  and  $\sqrt{+0} = +0$ . Negative numbers (other than  $-0$ ) have no real square root. Positive infinity, and `nan`, are unchanged. Finally, for normal positive numbers, there is some work to do.

```

13511 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sqrt_o:w #1 \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @
13512 {
13513   \if_meaning:w 0 #2 \_fp_case_return_same_o:w \fi:
13514   \if_meaning:w 2 #3
13515     \_fp_case_use:nw { \_fp_invalid_operation_o:nw { sqrt } }
13516   \fi:
13517   \if_meaning:w 1 #2 \else: \_fp_case_return_same_o:w \fi:
13518   \_fp_sqrt_npos_o:w
13519   \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #2 #3 #4;
13520 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_sqrt_o:w`.)

```

\_fp_sqrt_npos_o:w
\_fp_sqrt_npos_auxi_o:wwwNN
\_fp_sqrt_npos_auxii_o:wwwNNNNNNN

```

Prepare `\_fp_sanitize:Nw` to receive the final sign 0 (the result is always positive) and the exponent, equal to half of the exponent #1 of the argument. If the exponent #1 is even, find a first approximation of the square root of the significand  $10^8 a_1 + a_2 = 10^8 \#2\#3 + \#4\#5$  through Newton's method, starting at  $x = 57234133 \simeq 10^{7.75}$ . Otherwise, first shift the significand of of the argument by one digit, getting  $a'_1 \in [10^6, 10^7)$  instead of  $[10^7, 10^8)$ , then use Newton's method starting at  $17782794 \simeq 10^{7.25}$ .

```

13521 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sqrt_npos_o:w \s_fp \_fp_chk:w 1 0 #1#2#3#4#5;
13522 {
13523   \exp_after:wN \_fp_sanitize:Nw
13524   \exp_after:wN 0
13525   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w
13526   \if_int_odd:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
13527     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sqrt_npos_auxi_o:wwwNN
13528   \fi:
13529   #1 / \c_two
13530   \_fp_sqrt_Newton_o:wwn 56234133; 0; {#2#3} {#4#5} 0
13531 }

```

```

13532 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_npos_auxi_o:wwnnN #1 / \c_two #2; 0; #3#4#5
13533 {
13534   ( #1 + \c_one ) / \c_two
13535   \__fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN
13536   \__fp_sqrt_npos_auxii_o:wNNNNNNNN
13537   ;
13538   0 #3 #4
13539 }
13540 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_npos_auxii_o:wNNNNNNNN #1; #2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
13541 { \__fp_sqrt_Newton_o:wwn 17782794; 0; {#1} {#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9} }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_sqrt\_npos\_o:w.)

\\_\_fp\_sqrt\_Newton\_o:wwn Newton's method maps  $x \mapsto [(x + [10^8 a_1/x])/2]$  in each iteration, where  $[b/c]$  denotes  $\varepsilon$ -TeX's division. This division rounds the real number  $b/c$  to the closest integer, rounding ties away from zero, hence when  $c$  is even,  $b/c - 1/2 + 1/c \leq [b/c] \leq b/c + 1/2$  and when  $c$  is odd,  $b/c - 1/2 + 1/(2c) \leq [b/c] \leq b/c + 1/2 - 1/(2c)$ . For all  $c$ ,  $b/c - 1/2 + 1/(2c) \leq [b/c] \leq b/c + 1/2$ .

Let us prove that the method converges when implemented with  $\varepsilon$ -TeX integer division, for any  $10^6 \leq a_1 < 10^8$  and starting value  $10^6 \leq x < 10^8$ . Using the inequalities above and the arithmetic-geometric inequality  $(x + t)/2 \geq \sqrt{xt}$  for  $t = 10^8 a_1/x$ , we find

$$x' = \left\lceil \frac{x + [10^8 a_1/x]}{2} \right\rceil \geq \frac{x + 10^8 a_1/x - 1/2 + 1/(2x)}{2} \geq \sqrt{10^8 a_1} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4x}.$$

After any step of iteration, we thus have  $\delta = x - \sqrt{10^8 a_1} \geq -0.25 + 0.25 \cdot 10^{-8}$ . The new difference  $\delta' = x' - \sqrt{10^8 a_1}$  after one step is bounded above as

$$x' - \sqrt{10^8 a_1} \leq \frac{x + 10^8 a_1/x + 1/2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{10^8 a_1} \leq \frac{\delta}{2} \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{10^8 a_1} + \delta} + \frac{3}{4}.$$

For  $\delta > 3/2$ , this last expression is  $\leq \delta/2 + 3/4 < \delta$ , hence  $\delta$  decreases at each step: since all  $x$  are integers,  $\delta$  must reach a value  $-1/4 < \delta \leq 3/2$ . In this range of values, we get  $\delta' \leq \frac{3}{4} \frac{3}{2\sqrt{10^8 a_1}} + \frac{3}{4} \leq 0.75 + 1.125 \cdot 10^{-7}$ . We deduce that the difference  $\delta = x - \sqrt{10^8 a_1}$  eventually reaches a value in the interval  $[-0.25 + 0.25 \cdot 10^{-8}, 0.75 + 11.25 \cdot 10^{-8}]$ , whose width is  $1 + 11 \cdot 10^{-8}$ . The corresponding interval for  $x$  may contain two integers, hence  $x$  might oscillate between those two values.

However, the fact that  $x \mapsto x - 1$  and  $x - 1 \mapsto x$  puts stronger constraints, which are not compatible: the first implies

$$x + [10^8 a_1/x] \leq 2x - 2$$

hence  $10^8 a_1/x \leq x - 3/2$ , while the second implies

$$x - 1 + [10^8 a_1/(x - 1)] \geq 2x - 1$$

hence  $10^8 a_1/(x - 1) \geq x - 1/2$ . Combining the two inequalities yields  $x^2 - 3x/2 \geq 10^8 a_1 \geq x - 3x/2 + 1/2$ , which cannot hold. Therefore, the iteration always converges to a single



integer  $x$ . To stop the iteration when two consecutive results are equal, the function `\_fp_sqrt_Newton_o:wnn` receives the newly computed result as `#1`, the previous result as `#2`, and  $a_1$  as `#3`. Note that  $\varepsilon$ -TeX combines the computation of a multiplication and a following division, thus avoiding overflow in `#3 * 100000000 / #1`. In any case, the result is within  $[10^7, 10^8]$ .

```

13542 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sqrt_Newton_o:wnn #1; #2; #3
13543 {
13544   \if_int_compare:w #1 = #2 \exp_stop_f:
13545     \exp_after:wN \_fp_sqrt_auxi_o:NNNNwnnN
13546     \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 9999 9999 +
13547     \exp_after:wN \_fp_use_none_until_s:w
13548   \fi:
13549   \exp_after:wN \_fp_sqrt_Newton_o:wnn
13550   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w (#1 + #3 * 1 0000 0000 / #1) / \c_two ;
13551   #1; {#3}
13552 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_sqrt_Newton_o:wnn`.)

`\_fp_sqrt_auxi_o:NNNNwnnN` This function is followed by  $10^8 + x - 1$ , which has 9 digits starting with 1, then ;  $\{ \langle a_1 \rangle \} \{ \langle a_2 \rangle \} \langle a' \rangle$ . Here,  $x \simeq \sqrt{10^8 a_1}$  and we want to estimate the square root of  $a = 10^{-8}a_1 + 10^{-16}a_2 + 10^{-17}a'$ . We set up an initial underestimate

$$y = (x - 1)10^{-8} + 0.2499998875 \cdot 10^{-8} \lesssim \sqrt{a}.$$

From the inequalities shown earlier, we know that  $y \leq \sqrt{10^{-8}a_1} \leq \sqrt{a}$  and that  $\sqrt{10^{-8}a_1} \leq y + 10^{-8} + 11 \cdot 10^{-16}$  hence (using  $0.1 \leq y \leq \sqrt{a} \leq 1$ )

$$a - y^2 \leq 10^{-8}a_1 + 10^{-8} - y^2 \leq (y + 10^{-8} + 11 \cdot 10^{-16})^2 - y^2 + 10^{-8} < 3.2 \cdot 10^{-8},$$

and  $\sqrt{a} - y = (a - y^2)/(\sqrt{a} + y) \leq 16 \cdot 10^{-8}$ . Next, `\_fp_sqrt_auxii_o:NnnnnnnnnN` will be called several times to get closer and closer underestimates of  $\sqrt{a}$ . By construction, the underestimates  $y$  are always increasing,  $a - y^2 < 3.2 \cdot 10^{-8}$  for all. Also,  $y < 1$ .

```

13553 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sqrt_auxi_o:NNNNwnnN 1 #1#2#3#4#5;
13554 {
13555   \_fp_sqrt_auxii_o:NnnnnnnnnN
13556   \_fp_sqrt_auxiii_o:wnnnnnnnnn
13557   {#1#2#3#4} {#5} {2499} {9988} {7500}
13558 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_sqrt_auxi_o:NNNNwnnN`.)

`\_fp_sqrt_auxii_o:NnnnnnnnnN` This receives a continuation function `#1`, then five blocks of 4 digits for  $y$ , then two 8-digit blocks and a single digit for  $a$ . A common estimate of  $\sqrt{a} - y = (a - y^2)/(\sqrt{a} + y)$  is  $(a - y^2)/(2y)$ , which leads to alternating overestimates and underestimates. We tweak this, to only work with underestimates (no need then to worry about signs in the computation). Each step finds the largest integer  $j \leq 6$  such that  $10^{4j}(a - y^2) < 2 \cdot 10^8$ , then computes the integer (with  $\varepsilon$ -TeX's rounding division)

$$10^{4j}z = \left[ ([10^{4j}(a - y^2)] - 257) \cdot (0.5 \cdot 10^8) / [10^8 y + 1] \right].$$

The choice of  $j$  ensures that  $10^{4j}z < 2 \cdot 10^8 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 10^8/10^7 = 10^9$ , thus  $10^9 + 10^{4j}z$  has exactly 10 digits, does not overflow  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ 's integer range, and starts with 1. Incidentally, since all  $a - y^2 \leq 3.2 \cdot 10^{-8}$ , we know that  $j \geq 3$ .

Let us show that  $z$  is an underestimate of  $\sqrt{a} - y$ . On the one hand,  $\sqrt{a} - y \leq 16 \cdot 10^{-8}$  because this holds for the initial  $y$  and values of  $y$  can only increase. On the other hand, the choice of  $j$  implies that  $\sqrt{a} - y \leq 5(\sqrt{a} + y)(\sqrt{a} - y) = 5(a - y^2) < 10^{9-4j}$ . For  $j = 3$ , the first bound is better, while for larger  $j$ , the second bound is better. For all  $j \in [3, 6]$ , we find  $\sqrt{a} - y < 16 \cdot 10^{-2j}$ . From this, we deduce that

$$10^{4j}(\sqrt{a} - y) = \frac{10^{4j}(a - y^2 - (\sqrt{a} - y)^2)}{2y} \geq \frac{\lfloor 10^{4j}(a - y^2) \rfloor - 257}{2 \cdot 10^{-8} \lfloor 10^8 y + 1 \rfloor} + \frac{1}{2}$$

where we have replaced the bound  $10^{4j}(16 \cdot 10^{-2j}) = 256$  by 257 and extracted the corresponding term  $1/(2 \cdot 10^{-8} \lfloor 10^8 y + 1 \rfloor) \geq 1/2$ . Given that  $\varepsilon\text{-T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ 's integer division obeys  $\lfloor b/c \rfloor \leq b/c + 1/2$ , we deduce that  $10^{4j}z \leq 10^{4j}(\sqrt{a} - y)$ , hence  $y + z \leq \sqrt{a}$  is an underestimate of  $\sqrt{a}$ , as claimed. One implementation detail: because the computation involves  $\text{-}\#4\text{*}\#4 - 2\text{*}\#3\text{*}\#5 - 2\text{*}\#2\text{*}\#6$  which may be as low as  $-5 \cdot 10^8$ , we need to use the `pack_big` functions, and the big shifts.

```

13559 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxii_o:NnnnnnnnN #1 #2#3#4#5#6 #7#8#9
13560 {
13561   \exp_after:wN #1
13562   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_leading_shift_int
13563   + #7 - #2 * #2
13564   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
13565   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int
13566   - 2 * #2 * #3
13567   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
13568   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int
13569   + #8 - #3 * #3 - 2 * #2 * #4
13570   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
13571   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int
13572   - 2 * #3 * #4 - 2 * #2 * #5
13573   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
13574   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int
13575   + #9 000 0000 - #4 * #4 - 2 * #3 * #5 - 2 * #2 * #6
13576   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
13577   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int
13578   - 2 * #4 * #5 - 2 * #3 * #6
13579   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
13580   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int
13581   - #5 * #5 - 2 * #4 * #6
13582   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
13583   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
13584   \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int
13585   - 2 * #5 * #6
13586   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
13587   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
13588   \c__fp_big_trailing_shift_int

```

```

13589             - #6 * #6 ;
13590         % (
13591         - 257 ) * 5000 0000 / (#2#3 + 1) + 10 0000 0000 ;
13592         {#2}{#3}{#4}{#5}{#6} {#7}{#8}#9
13593     }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_sqrt\_auxii\_o:NnnnnnnnN.)

```

\_fp_sqrt_auxiii_o:wnnnnnnnn
\_fp_sqrt_auxiv_o:NNNNNw
\_fp_sqrt_auxv_o:NNNNNw
\_fp_sqrt_auxvi_o:NNNNNw
\_fp_sqrt_auxvii_o:NNNNNw

```

We receive here the difference  $a - y^2 = d = \sum_i d_i \cdot 10^{-4i}$ , as  $\langle d_2 \rangle$  ;  $\{\langle d_3 \rangle\} \dots \{\langle d_{10} \rangle\}$ , where each block has 4 digits, except  $\langle d_2 \rangle$ . This function finds the largest  $j \leq 6$  such that  $10^{4j}(a - y^2) < 2 \cdot 10^8$ , then leaves an open parenthesis and the integer  $\lfloor 10^{4j}(a - y^2) \rfloor$  in an integer expression. The closing parenthesis is provided by the caller \\_fp\_sqrt\_auxii\_o:NnnnnnnnN, which completes the expression

$$10^{4j}z = \left[ (\lfloor 10^{4j}(a - y^2) \rfloor - 257) \cdot (0.5 \cdot 10^8) / \lfloor 10^8 y + 1 \rfloor \right]$$

for an estimate of  $10^{4j}(\sqrt{a} - y)$ . If  $d_2 \geq 2$ ,  $j = 3$  and the `auxiv` auxiliary receives  $10^{12}z$ . If  $d_2 \leq 1$  but  $10^4 d_2 + d_3 \geq 2$ ,  $j = 4$  and the `auxv` auxiliary is called, and receives  $10^{16}z$ , and so on. In all those cases, the `auxviii` auxiliary is set up to add  $z$  to  $y$ , then go back to the `auxii` step with continuation `auxiii` (the function we are currently describing). The maximum value of  $j$  is 6, regardless of whether  $10^{12}d_2 + 10^8d_3 + 10^4d_4 + d_5 \geq 1$ . In this last case, we detect when  $10^{24}z < 10^7$ , which essentially means  $\sqrt{a} - y \lesssim 10^{-17}$ : once this threshold is reached, there is enough information to find the correctly rounded  $\sqrt{a}$  with only one more call to \\_fp\_sqrt\_auxii\_o:NnnnnnnnN. Note that the iteration cannot be stuck before reaching  $j = 6$ , because for  $j < 6$ , one has  $2 \cdot 10^8 \leq 10^{4(j+1)}(a - y^2)$ , hence

$$10^{4j}z \geq \frac{(20000 - 257)(0.5 \cdot 10^8)}{\lfloor 10^8 y + 1 \rfloor} \geq (20000 - 257) \cdot 0.5 > 0.$$

```

13594 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sqrt_auxiii_o:wnnnnnnnn
13595     #1; #2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
13596     {
13597     \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_one
13598         \exp_after:wN \_fp_sqrt_auxiv_o:NNNNNw
13599         \int_use:N \_int_eval:w (#1#2 %)
13600     \else:
13601         \if_int_compare:w #1#2 > \c_one
13602             \exp_after:wN \_fp_sqrt_auxv_o:NNNNNw
13603             \int_use:N \_int_eval:w (#1#2#3 %)
13604         \else:
13605             \if_int_compare:w #1#2#3 > \c_one
13606                 \exp_after:wN \_fp_sqrt_auxvi_o:NNNNNw
13607                 \int_use:N \_int_eval:w (#1#2#3#4 %)
13608             \else:
13609                 \exp_after:wN \_fp_sqrt_auxvii_o:NNNNNw
13610                 \int_use:N \_int_eval:w (#1#2#3#4#5 %)
13611             \fi:
13612         \fi:
13613     \fi:

```

```

13614 }
13615 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxiv_o:NNNNNw 1#1#2#3#4#5#6;
13616 { \__fp_sqrt_auxviii_o:nnnnnnnn {#1#2#3#4#5#6} {00000000} }
13617 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxv_o:NNNNNw 1#1#2#3#4#5#6;
13618 { \__fp_sqrt_auxviii_o:nnnnnnnn {000#1#2#3#4#5} {#60000} }
13619 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxvi_o:NNNNNw 1#1#2#3#4#5#6;
13620 { \__fp_sqrt_auxviii_o:nnnnnnnn {0000000#1} {#2#3#4#5#6} }
13621 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxvii_o:NNNNNw 1#1#2#3#4#5#6;
13622 {
13623   \if_int_compare:w #1#2 = \c_zero
13624     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sqrt_auxx_o:Nnnnnnnnn
13625   \fi:
13626   \__fp_sqrt_auxviii_o:nnnnnnnn {00000000} {000#1#2#3#4#5}
13627 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sqrt_auxiii_o:wnnnnnnnn` and others.)

```

\__fp_sqrt_auxviii_o:nnnnnnnn
\__fp_sqrt_auxix_o:wnwnw

```

Simply add the two 8-digit blocks of  $z$ , aligned to the last four of the five 4-digit blocks of  $y$ , then call the `auxii` auxiliary to evaluate  $y'^2 = (y + z)^2$ .

```

13628 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxviii_o:nnnnnnnn #1#2 #3#4#5#6#7
13629 {
13630   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sqrt_auxix_o:wnwnw
13631   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #3
13632   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
13633   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 + 1#4#5
13634   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
13635   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #2 + 1#6#7 ;
13636 }
13637 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxix_o:wnwnw #1; #2#3; #4#5;
13638 {
13639   \__fp_sqrt_auxii_o:NnnnnnnnnN
13640   \__fp_sqrt_auxiii_o:wnnnnnnnnn {#1}{#2}{#3}{#4}{#5}
13641 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sqrt_auxviii_o:nnnnnnnn` and `\__fp_sqrt_auxix_o:wnwnw`.)

```

\__fp_sqrt_auxx_o:Nnnnnnnnn
\__fp_sqrt_auxxi_o:wnnnN

```

At this stage,  $j = 6$  and  $10^{24}z < 10^7$ , hence

$$10^7 + 1/2 > 10^{24}z + 1/2 \geq (10^{24}(a - y^2) - 258) \cdot (0.5 \cdot 10^8) / (10^8y + 1),$$

then  $10^{24}(a - y^2) - 258 < 2(10^7 + 1/2)(y + 10^{-8})$ , and

$$10^{24}(a - y^2) < (10^7 + 1290.5)(1 + 10^{-8}/y)(2y) < (10^7 + 1290.5)(1 + 10^{-7})(y + \sqrt{a}),$$

which finally implies  $0 \leq \sqrt{a} - y < 0.2 \cdot 10^{-16}$ . In particular,  $y$  is an underestimate of  $\sqrt{a}$  and  $y + 0.5 \cdot 10^{-16}$  is a (strict) overestimate. There is at exactly one multiple  $m$  of  $0.5 \cdot 10^{-16}$  in the interval  $[y, y + 0.5 \cdot 10^{-16})$ . If  $m^2 > a$ , then the square root is inexact and is obtained by rounding  $m - \epsilon$  to a multiple of  $10^{-16}$  (the precise shift  $0 < \epsilon < 0.5 \cdot 10^{-16}$  is irrelevant for rounding). If  $m^2 = a$  then the square root is exactly  $m$ , and there is no

rounding. If  $m^2 < a$  then we round  $m + \epsilon$ . For now, discard a few irrelevant arguments #1, #2, #3, and find the multiple of  $0.5 \cdot 10^{-16}$  within  $[y, y + 0.5 \cdot 10^{-16})$ ; rather, only the last 4 digits #8 of  $y$  are considered, and we do not perform any carry yet. The `auxxi` auxiliary sets up `auxii` with a continuation function `auxxii` instead of `auxiii` as before. To prevent `auxii` from giving a negative results  $a - m^2$ , we compute  $a + 10^{-16} - m^2$  instead, always positive since  $m < \sqrt{a} + 0.5 \cdot 10^{-16}$  and  $a \leq 1 - 10^{-16}$ .

```

13642 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxx_o:Nnnnnnnn #1#2#3 #4#5#6#7#8
13643 {
13644   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sqrt_auxxi_o:wwnnN
13645   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
13646     (#8 + 2499) / 5000 * 5000 ;
13647   {#4} {#5} {#6} {#7} ;
13648 }
13649 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxxi_o:wwnnN #1; #2; #3#4#5
13650 {
13651   \__fp_sqrt_auxii_o:NnnnnnnnN
13652   \__fp_sqrt_auxxii_o:nnnnnnnnw
13653   #2 {#1}
13654   {#3} { #4 + \c_one } #5
13655 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_sqrt_auxx_o:Nnnnnnnn` and `\__fp_sqrt_auxxi_o:wwnnN`.)

`\__fp_sqrt_auxxii_o:nnnnnnnnw`  
`\__fp_sqrt_auxxiii_o:w`

The difference  $0 \leq a + 10^{-16} - m^2 \leq 10^{-16} + (\sqrt{a} - m)(\sqrt{a} + m) \leq 2 \cdot 10^{-16}$  was just computed: its first 8 digits vanish, as do the next four, #1, and most of the following four, #2. The guess  $m$  is an overestimate if  $a + 10^{-16} - m^2 < 10^{-16}$ , that is, #1#2 vanishes. Otherwise it is an underestimate, unless  $a + 10^{-16} - m^2 = 10^{-16}$  exactly. For an underestimate, call the `auxxiv` function with argument 9998. For an exact result call it with 9999, and for an overestimate call it with 10000.

```

13656 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxxii_o:nnnnnnnnw 0; #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8 #9;
13657 {
13658   \if_int_compare:w #1#2 > \c_zero
13659     \if_int_compare:w #1#2 = \c_one
13660       \if_int_compare:w #3#4 = \c_zero
13661         \if_int_compare:w #5#6 = \c_zero
13662           \if_int_compare:w #7#8 = \c_zero
13663             \__fp_sqrt_auxxiii_o:w
13664           \fi:
13665         \fi:
13666       \fi:
13667     \fi:
13668     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sqrt_auxxiv_o:wnnnnnnnN
13669     \__int_value:w 9998
13670   \else:
13671     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sqrt_auxxiv_o:wnnnnnnnN
13672     \__int_value:w 10000
13673   \fi:
13674 ;
13675 }

```

```

13676 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxxiii_o:w \fi: \fi: \fi: \fi: #1 \fi: ;
13677 {
13678   \fi: \fi: \fi: \fi: \fi:
13679   \__fp_sqrt_auxxiv_o:wnnnnnnnnN 9999 ;
13680 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_sqrt\_auxxii\_o:nnnnnnnnw and \\_\_fp\_sqrt\_auxxiii\_o:w.)

\\_\_fp\_sqrt\_auxxiv\_o:wnnnnnnnnN

This receives 9998, 9999 or 10000 as #1 when  $m$  is an underestimate, exact, or an overestimate, respectively. Then comes  $m$  as five blocks of 4 digits, but where the last block #6 may be 0, 5000, or 10000. In the latter case, we need to add a carry, unless  $m$  is an overestimate (#1 is then 10000). Then comes  $a$  as three arguments. Rounding is done by \\_\_fp\_round:NNN, whose first argument is the final sign 0 (square roots are positive). We fake its second argument. It should be the last digit kept, but this is only used when ties are “rounded to even”, and only when the result is exactly half-way between two representable numbers rational square roots of numbers with 16 significant digits have: this situation never arises for the square root, as any exact square root of a 16 digit number has at most 8 significant digits. Finally, the last argument is the next digit, possibly shifted by 1 when there are further nonzero digits. This is achieved by \\_\_fp\_round\_digit:Nw, which receives (after removal of the 10000’s digit) one of 0000, 0001, 4999, 5000, 5001, or 9999, which it converts to 0, 1, 4, 5, 6, and 9, respectively.

```

13681 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sqrt_auxxiv_o:wnnnnnnnnN #1; #2#3#4#5#6 #7#8#9
13682 {
13683   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw
13684   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 0000 0000 + #2#3
13685   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
13686   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 0000 0000
13687   + #4#5
13688   \if_int_compare:w #6 > #1 \exp_stop_f: + \c_one \fi:
13689   + \exp_after:wN \__fp_round:NNN
13690   \exp_after:wN 0
13691   \exp_after:wN 0
13692   \__int_value:w
13693   \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
13694   \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_digit:Nw
13695   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #6 + 19999 - #1 ;
13696   \exp_after:wN ;
13697 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_sqrt\_auxxiv\_o:wnnnnnnnnN.)

## 27.6 Setting the sign

\\_\_fp\_set\_sign\_o:w

This function is used for the unary minus and for `abs`. It leaves the sign of `nan` invariant, turns negative numbers (sign 2) to positive numbers (sign 0) and positive numbers (sign 0) to positive or negative numbers depending on #1. It also expands after itself in the input stream, just like \\_\_fp\_+\_o:ww.

```

13698 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_set_sign_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @

```

```

13699 {
13700   \exp_after:wN \_fp_exp_after_o:w
13701   \exp_after:wN \s__fp
13702   \exp_after:wN \_fp_chk:w
13703   \exp_after:wN #2
13704   \_int_value:w
13705   \if_case:w #3 \exp_stop_f: #1 \or: 1 \or: 0 \fi: \exp_stop_f:
13706   #4;
13707 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_set\_sign\_o:w.)

```

13708 </initex | package>

```

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```

13709 <*initex | package>

```

```

13710 <@@=fp>

```

### 28.1 Description of fixed point numbers

This module provides a few functions to manipulate positive floating point numbers with extended precision (24 digits), but mostly provides functions for fixed-point numbers with this precision (24 digits). Those are used in the computation of Taylor series for the logarithm, exponential, and trigonometric functions. Since we eventually only care about the 16 first digits of the final result, some of the calculations are not performed with the full 24-digit precision. In other words, the last two blocks of each fixed point number may be wrong as long as the error is small enough to be rounded away when converting back to a floating point number. The fixed point numbers are expressed as

$$\{\langle a_1 \rangle\} \{\langle a_2 \rangle\} \{\langle a_3 \rangle\} \{\langle a_4 \rangle\} \{\langle a_5 \rangle\} \{\langle a_6 \rangle\} ;$$

where each  $\langle a_i \rangle$  is exactly 4 digits (ranging from 0000 to 9999), except  $\langle a_1 \rangle$ , which may be any “not-too-large” non-negative integer, with or without leading zeros. Here, “not-too-large” depends on the specific function (see the corresponding comments for details). Checking for overflow is the responsibility of the code calling those functions. The fixed point number  $a$  corresponding to the representation above is  $a = \sum_{i=1}^6 \langle a_i \rangle \cdot 10^{-4i}$ .

Most functions we define here have the form They perform the  $\langle calculation \rangle$  on the two  $\langle operands \rangle$ , then feed the result (6 brace groups followed by a semicolon) to the  $\langle continuation \rangle$ , responsible for the next step of the calculation. Some functions only accept an N-type  $\langle continuation \rangle$ . This allows constructions such as

```

\_fp_fixed_add:wwn \langle X_1 \rangle ; \langle X_2 \rangle ;
\_fp_fixed_mul:wwn \langle X_3 \rangle ;
\_fp_fixed_add:wwn \langle X_4 \rangle ;

```

to compute  $(X_1 + X_2) \cdot X_3 + X_4$ . This turns out to be very appropriate for computing continued fractions and Taylor series.

At the end of the calculation, the result is turned back to a floating point number using `\_fp\_fixed\_to\_float:wN`. This function has to change the exponent of the floating point number: it must be used after starting an integer expression for the overall exponent of the result.

## 28.2 Helpers for numbers with extended precision

`\c\_fp\_one\_fixed\_t1` The fixed-point number 1, used in `l3fp-expo`.

```
13711 \tl_const:Nn \c\_fp\_one\_fixed\_t1
13712 { {10000} {0000} {0000} {0000} {0000} {0000} }
```

(End definition for `\c\_fp\_one\_fixed\_t1`.)

`\_fp\_fixed\_continue:wn` This function does nothing. Of course, there is no bound on  $a_1$  (except T<sub>E</sub>X's own  $2^{31} - 1$ ).

```
13713 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_fixed\_continue:wn #1; #2 { #2 #1; }
```

(End definition for `\_fp\_fixed\_continue:wn`.)

`\_fp\_fixed\_add\_one:wN` This function adds 1 to the fixed point  $\langle a \rangle$ , by changing  $a_1$  to  $10000 + a_1$ , then calls the *continuation*. This requires  $a_1 \leq 2^{31} - 10001$ .

```
13714 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_fixed\_add\_one:wN #1#2; #3
13715 {
13716   \exp\_after:wN #3 \exp\_after:wN
13717   { \int\_use:N \_int\_eval:w \c\_ten\_thousand + #1 } #2 ;
13718 }
```

(End definition for `\_fp\_fixed\_add\_one:wN`.)

`\_fp\_fixed\_div\_myriad:wn` Divide a fixed point number by 10000. This is a little bit more subtle than just removing the last group and adding a leading group of zeros: the first group `#1` may have any number of digits, and we must split `#1` into the new first group and a second group of exactly 4 digits. The choice of shifts allows `#1` to be in the range  $[0, 5 \cdot 10^8 - 1]$ .

```
13719 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_fixed\_div\_myriad:wn #1#2#3#4#5#6;
13720 {
13721   \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_fixed\_mul\_after:wnn
13722   \int\_use:N \_int\_eval:w \c\_fp\_leading\_shift\_int
13723   \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_pack:NNNNNw
13724   \int\_use:N \_int\_eval:w \c\_fp\_trailing\_shift\_int
13725   + #1 ; {#2}{#3}{#4}{#5};
13726 }
```

(End definition for `\_fp\_fixed\_div\_myriad:wn`.)

`\_fp\_fixed\_mul\_after:wnn` The fixed point operations which involve multiplication end by calling this auxiliary. It braces the last block of digits, and places the *continuation* `#2` in front. The *continuation* was brought up through the expansions by the packing functions.

```
13727 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_fixed\_mul\_after:wnn #1; #2; #3 { #3 {#1} #2; }
```

(End definition for `\_fp\_fixed\_mul\_after:wnn`.)



### 28.3 Multiplying a fixed point number by a short one

`\_fp_fixed_mul_short:wnn` Computes the product  $c = ab$  of  $a = \sum_i \langle a_i \rangle 10^{-4i}$  and  $b = \sum_i \langle b_i \rangle 10^{-4i}$ , rounds it to the closest multiple of  $10^{-24}$ , and leaves  $\langle continuation \rangle \{ \langle c_1 \rangle \} \dots \{ \langle c_6 \rangle \}$ ; in the input stream, where each of the  $\langle c_i \rangle$  are blocks of 4 digits, except  $\langle c_1 \rangle$ , which is any TeX integer. Note that indices for  $\langle b \rangle$  start at 0: a second operand of  $\{0001\}\{0000\}\{0000\}$  will leave the first operand unchanged (rather than dividing it by  $10^4$ , as `\_fp_fixed_mul:wnn` would).

```

13728 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_mul_short:wnn #1#2#3#4#5#6; #7#8#9;
13729 {
13730   \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_mul_after:wnn
13731   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_leading_shift_int
13732   + #1*#7
13733   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack:NNNNNw
13734   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_middle_shift_int
13735   + #1*#8 + #2*#7
13736   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack:NNNNNw
13737   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_middle_shift_int
13738   + #1*#9 + #2*#8 + #3*#7
13739   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack:NNNNNw
13740   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_middle_shift_int
13741   + #2*#9 + #3*#8 + #4*#7
13742   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack:NNNNNw
13743   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_middle_shift_int
13744   + #3*#9 + #4*#8 + #5*#7
13745   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack:NNNNNw
13746   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_trailing_shift_int
13747   + #4*#9 + #5*#8 + #6*#7
13748   + ( #5*#9 + #6*#8 + #6*#9 / \c_ten_thousand )
13749   / \c_ten_thousand ; ;
13750 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_fixed_mul_short:wnn`.)

### 28.4 Dividing a fixed point number by a small integer

`\_fp_fixed_div_int:wnN` Divides the fixed point number  $\langle a \rangle$  by the (small) integer  $0 < \langle n \rangle < 10^4$  and feeds the result to the  $\langle continuation \rangle$ . There is no bound on  $a_1$ .

`\_fp_fixed_div_int:wnN` The arguments of the `i` auxiliary are 1: one of the  $a_i$ , 2:  $n$ , 3: the `ii` or the `iii` auxiliary. It computes a (somewhat tight) lower bound  $Q_i$  for the ratio  $a_i/n$ .

`\_fp_fixed_div_int_auxi:wnn` The `ii` auxiliary receives  $Q_i$ ,  $n$ , and  $a_i$  as arguments. It adds  $Q_i$  to a surrounding integer expression, and starts a new one with the initial value 9999, which ensures that the result of this expression will have 5 digits. The auxiliary also computes  $a_i - n \cdot Q_i$ , placing the result in front of the 4 digits of  $a_{i+1}$ . The resulting  $a'_{i+1} = 10^4(a_i - n \cdot Q_i) + a_{i+1}$  serves as the first argument for a new call to the `i` auxiliary.

When the `iii` auxiliary is called, the situation looks like this:

```

\_fp_fixed_div_int_after:Nw \langle continuation \rangle
-1 + Q_1

```

```

    \_fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw 9999 + Q2
    \_fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw 9999 + Q3
    \_fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw 9999 + Q4
    \_fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw 9999 + Q5
    \_fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw 9999
    \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxii:wnn Q6 ; {⟨n⟩} {⟨a6⟩}

```

where expansion is happening from the last line up. The *iii* auxiliary adds  $Q_6 + 2 \simeq a_6/n + 1$  to the last 9999, giving the integer closest to  $10000 + a_6/n$ .

Each **pack** auxiliary receives 5 digits followed by a semicolon. The first digit is added as a carry to the integer expression above, and the 4 other digits are braced. Each call to the **pack** auxiliary thus produces one brace group. The last brace group is produced by the **after** auxiliary, which places the *⟨continuation⟩* as appropriate.

```

13751 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_div_int:wwN #1#2#3#4#5#6 ; #7 ; #8
13752 {
13753   \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_div_int_after:Nw
13754   \exp_after:wN #8
13755   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c_minus_one
13756   \_fp_fixed_div_int:wnN
13757   #1; {#7} \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxi:wnn
13758   #2; {#7} \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxi:wnn
13759   #3; {#7} \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxi:wnn
13760   #4; {#7} \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxi:wnn
13761   #5; {#7} \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxi:wnn
13762   #6; {#7} \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxii:wnn ;
13763 }
13764 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_div_int:wnN #1; #2 #3
13765 {
13766   \exp_after:wN #3
13767   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w #1 / #2 - \c_one ;
13768   {#2}
13769   {#1}
13770 }
13771 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxi:wnn #1; #2 #3
13772 {
13773   + #1
13774   \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw
13775   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 9999
13776   \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_div_int:wnN
13777   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w #3 - #1*#2 \_int_eval_end:
13778 }
13779 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_div_int_auxii:wnn #1; #2 #3 { + #1 + \c_two ; }
13780 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw #1 #2; { + #1; {#2} }
13781 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_div_int_after:Nw #1 #2; { #1 {#2} }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_fixed_div_int:wwN`.)

## 28.5 Adding and subtracting fixed points

`\__fp_fixed_add:wwn` Computes  $a + b$  (resp.  $a - b$ ) and feeds the result to the  $\langle continuation \rangle$ . This function requires  $0 \leq a_1, b_1 \leq 114748$ , its result must be positive (this happens automatically for addition) and its first group must have at most 5 digits:  $(a \pm b)_1 < 100000$ . The two functions only differ by a sign, hence use a common auxiliary. It would be nice to grab the 12 brace groups in one go; only 9 parameters are allowed. Start by grabbing the sign,  $a_1, \dots, a_4$ , the rest of  $a$ , and  $b_1$  and  $b_2$ . The second auxiliary receives the rest of  $a$ , the sign multiplying  $b$ , the rest of  $b$ , and the  $\langle continuation \rangle$  as arguments. After going down through the various level, we go back up, packing digits and bringing the  $\langle continuation \rangle$  (#8, then #7) from the end of the argument list to its start.

```

13782 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_fixed_add:wwn { \__fp_fixed_add:Nnnnnwnn + }
13783 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn { \__fp_fixed_add:Nnnnnwnn - }
13784 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_add:Nnnnnwnn #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; #7#8
13785 {
13786   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_add_after:NNNNNwn
13787   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9 9999 9998 + #2#3 #1 #7#8
13788   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_add_pack:NNNNNwn
13789   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 9999 9998 + #4#5
13790   \__fp_fixed_add:nnNnnnwn #6 #1
13791 }
13792 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_add:nnNnnnwn #1#2 #3 #4#5 #6#7 ; #8
13793 {
13794   #3 #4#5
13795   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_add_pack:NNNNNwn
13796   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 2 0000 0000 #3 #6#7 + #1#2 ; {#8} ;
13797 }
13798 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_add_pack:NNNNNwn #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; #7
13799 { + #1 ; {#7} {#2#3#4#5} {#6} }
13800 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_add_after:NNNNNwn 1 #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; #7
13801 { #7 {#1#2#3#4#5} {#6} }
  
```

(End definition for `\__fp_fixed_add:wwn` and `\__fp_fixed_sub:wwn`.)

## 28.6 Multiplying fixed points

`\__fp_fixed_mul:wwn` Computes  $a \times b$  and feeds the result to  $\langle continuation \rangle$ . This function requires  $0 \leq a_1, b_1 < 10000$ . Once more, we need to play around the limit of 9 arguments for  $\text{\TeX}$  macros. Note that we don't need to obtain an exact rounding, contrarily to the `*` operator, so

things could be harder. We wish to perform carries in

$$\begin{aligned}
a \times b = & a_1 \cdot b_1 \cdot 10^{-8} \\
& + (a_1 \cdot b_2 + a_2 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^{-12} \\
& + (a_1 \cdot b_3 + a_2 \cdot b_2 + a_3 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^{-16} \\
& + (a_1 \cdot b_4 + a_2 \cdot b_3 + a_3 \cdot b_2 + a_4 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^{-20} \\
& + \left( a_2 \cdot b_4 + a_3 \cdot b_3 + a_4 \cdot b_2 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{a_3 \cdot b_4 + a_4 \cdot b_3 + a_1 \cdot b_6 + a_2 \cdot b_5 + a_5 \cdot b_2 + a_6 \cdot b_1}{10^4} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + a_1 \cdot b_5 + a_5 \cdot b_1 \right) \cdot 10^{-24} + O(10^{-24}),
\end{aligned}$$

where the  $O(10^{-24})$  stands for terms which are at most  $5 \cdot 10^{-24}$ ; ignoring those leads to an error of at most 5 ulp. Note how the first 15 terms only depend on  $a_1, \dots, a_4$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_4$ , while the last 6 terms only depend on  $a_1, a_2, a_5, a_6$ , and the corresponding parts of  $b$ . Hence, the first function grabs  $a_1, \dots, a_4$ , the rest of  $a$ , and  $b_1, \dots, b_4$ , and writes the 15 first terms of the expression, including a left parenthesis for the fraction. The `i` auxiliary receives  $a_5, a_6, b_1, b_2, a_1, a_2, b_5, b_6$  and finally the  $\langle continuation \rangle$  as arguments. It writes the end of the expression, including the right parenthesis and the denominator of the fraction. The  $\langle continuation \rangle$  is finally placed in front of the 6 brace groups by `\_fp\_fixed\_mul\_after:wwn`.

```

13802 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_fixed\_mul:wwn #1#2#3#4 #5; #6#7#8#9
13803 {
13804   \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_fixed\_mul\_after:wwn
13805   \int\_use:N \_int\_eval:w \c\_fp\_leading\_shift\_int
13806   \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_pack:NNNNNw
13807   \int\_use:N \_int\_eval:w \c\_fp\_middle\_shift\_int
13808   + #1*#6
13809   \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_pack:NNNNNw
13810   \int\_use:N \_int\_eval:w \c\_fp\_middle\_shift\_int
13811   + #1*#7 + #2*#6
13812   \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_pack:NNNNNw
13813   \int\_use:N \_int\_eval:w \c\_fp\_middle\_shift\_int
13814   + #1*#8 + #2*#7 + #3*#6
13815   \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_pack:NNNNNw
13816   \int\_use:N \_int\_eval:w \c\_fp\_middle\_shift\_int
13817   + #1*#9 + #2*#8 + #3*#7 + #4*#6
13818   \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_pack:NNNNNw
13819   \int\_use:N \_int\_eval:w \c\_fp\_trailing\_shift\_int
13820   + #2*#9 + #3*#8 + #4*#7
13821   + ( #3*#9 + #4*#8
13822     + \_fp\_fixed\_mul:nnnnnnnw #5 {#6}{#7} {#1}{#2}
13823   )
13824 \cs\_new:Npn \_fp\_fixed\_mul:nnnnnnnw #1#2 #3#4 #5#6 #7#8 ;
13825 {
13826   #1*#4 + #2*#3 + #5*#8 + #6*#7 ) / \c\_ten\_thousand

```

```

13827     + #1*#3 + #5*#7 ; ;
13828 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp\_fixed\_mul:wnn`.)

## 28.7 Combining product and sum of fixed points

`\_fp\_fixed\_mul\_add:wnn` Compute  $a \times b + c$ ,  $c - a \times b$ , and  $1 - a \times b$  and feed the result to the *(continuation)*.  
`\_fp\_fixed\_mul\_sub\_back:wnn` Those functions require  $0 \leq a_1, b_1, c_1 \leq 10000$ . Since those functions are at the heart of  
`\_fp\_fixed\_mul\_one\_minus\_mul:wnn` the computation of Taylor expansions, we over-optimize them a bit, and in particular we  
do not factor out the common parts of the three functions.

For definiteness, consider the task of computing  $a \times b + c$ . We will perform carries in

$$\begin{aligned}
a \times b + c = & (a_1 \cdot b_1 + c_1 c_2) \cdot 10^{-8} \\
& + (a_1 \cdot b_2 + a_2 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^{-12} \\
& + (a_1 \cdot b_3 + a_2 \cdot b_2 + a_3 \cdot b_1 + c_3 c_4) \cdot 10^{-16} \\
& + (a_1 \cdot b_4 + a_2 \cdot b_3 + a_3 \cdot b_2 + a_4 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^{-20} \\
& + \left( a_2 \cdot b_4 + a_3 \cdot b_3 + a_4 \cdot b_2 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{a_3 \cdot b_4 + a_4 \cdot b_3 + a_1 \cdot b_6 + a_2 \cdot b_5 + a_5 \cdot b_2 + a_6 \cdot b_1}{10^4} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + a_1 \cdot b_5 + a_5 \cdot b_1 + c_5 c_6 \right) \cdot 10^{-24} + O(10^{-24}),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $c_1 c_2, c_3 c_4, c_5 c_6$  denote the 8-digit number obtained by juxtaposing the two blocks of digits of  $c$ , and  $\cdot$  denotes multiplication. The task is obviously tough because we have 18 brace groups in front of us.

Each of the three function starts the first two levels (the first, corresponding to  $10^{-4}$ , is empty), with  $c_1 c_2$  in the first level, calls the *i* auxiliary with arguments described later, and adds a trailing  $+ c_5 c_6$ ; *{(continuation)}*; *;*. The  $+ c_5 c_6$  piece, which is omitted for `\_fp\_fixed\_one\_minus\_mul:wnn`, will be taken in the integer expression for the  $10^{-24}$  level.

```

13829 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_fixed\_mul\_add:wnn #1; #2; #3#4#5#6#7#8;
13830 {
13831   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_fixed\_mul\_after:wnn
13832   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c\_fp\_big\_leading\_shift\_int
13833   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_pack\_big:NNNNNNw
13834   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c\_fp\_big\_middle\_shift\_int + #3 #4
13835   \_fp\_fixed\_mul\_add:Nwnnnwnnn +
13836   + #5 #6 ; #2 ; #1 ; #2 ; +
13837   + #7 #8 ; ;
13838 }
13839 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_fixed\_mul\_sub\_back:wnn #1; #2; #3#4#5#6#7#8;
13840 {
13841   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_fixed\_mul\_after:wnn
13842   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c\_fp\_big\_leading\_shift\_int
13843   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_pack\_big:NNNNNNw

```

```

13844      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int + #3 #4
13845      \__fp_fixed_mul_add:Nwnnnwnnn -
13846      + #5 #6 ; #2 ; #1 ; #2 ; -
13847      + #7 #8 ; ;
13848    }
13849    \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_one_minus_mul:wnn #1; #2;
13850    {
13851      \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_mul_after:wnn
13852      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_leading_shift_int
13853      \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
13854      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int + 1 0000 0000
13855      \__fp_fixed_mul_add:Nwnnnwnnn -
13856      ; #2 ; #1 ; #2 ; -
13857      ; ;
13858    }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_fixed_mul_add:wnnn`, `\__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wnnn`, and `\__fp_fixed_mul_one_minus_mul:wnn`.)

`\__fp_fixed_mul_add:Nwnnnwnnn`

Here,  $\langle op \rangle$  is either + or -. Arguments #3, #4, #5 are  $\langle b_1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle b_2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle b_3 \rangle$ ; arguments #7, #8, #9 are  $\langle a_1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle a_2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle a_3 \rangle$ . We can build three levels:  $a_1 \cdot b_1$  for  $10^{-8}$ ,  $(a_1 \cdot b_2 + a_2 \cdot b_1)$  for  $10^{-12}$ , and  $(a_1 \cdot b_3 + a_2 \cdot b_2 + a_3 \cdot b_1 + c_3 c_4)$  for  $10^{-16}$ . The  $a-b$  products use the sign #1. Note that #2 is empty for `\__fp_fixed_one_minus_mul:wnn`. We call the *ii* auxiliary for levels  $10^{-20}$  and  $10^{-24}$ , keeping the pieces of  $\langle a \rangle$  we've read, but not  $\langle b \rangle$ , since there is another copy later in the input stream.

```

13859    \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_mul_add:Nwnnnwnnn #1 #2; #3#4#5#6; #7#8#9
13860    {
13861      #1 #7*#3
13862      \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
13863      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int
13864      #1 #7*#4 #1 #8*#3
13865      \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
13866      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int
13867      #1 #7*#5 #1 #8*#4 #1 #9*#3 #2
13868      \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
13869      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int
13870      #1 \__fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnn {#7}{#8}{#9}
13871    }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_fixed_mul_add:Nwnnnwnnn`.)

`\__fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnn`

Level  $10^{-20}$  is  $(a_1 \cdot b_4 + a_2 \cdot b_3 + a_3 \cdot b_2 + a_4 \cdot b_1)$ , multiplied by the sign, which was inserted by the *i* auxiliary. Then we prepare level  $10^{-24}$ . We don't have access to all parts of  $\langle a \rangle$  and  $\langle b \rangle$  needed to make all products. Instead, we prepare the partial expressions

$$\begin{aligned}
& b_1 + a_4 \cdot b_2 + a_3 \cdot b_3 + a_2 \cdot b_4 + a_1 \\
& b_2 + a_4 \cdot b_3 + a_3 \cdot b_4 + a_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Obviously, those expressions make no mathematical sense: we will complete them with  $a_5 \cdot$  and  $\cdot b_5$ , and with  $a_6 \cdot b_1 + a_5 \cdot$  and  $\cdot b_5 + a_1 \cdot b_6$ , and of course with the trailing  $+ c_5 c_6$ . To do all this, we keep  $a_1$ ,  $a_5$ ,  $a_6$ , and the corresponding pieces of  $\langle b \rangle$ .

```

13872 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnnn #1#2#3#4#5; #6#7#8#9
13873 {
13874   ( #1*#9 + #2*#8 + #3*#7 + #4*#6 )
13875   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
13876   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_trailing_shift_int
13877   \__fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnnwN
13878   { #6 + #4*#7 + #3*#8 + #2*#9 + #1 }
13879   { #7 + #4*#8 + #3*#9 + #2 }
13880   {#1} #5;
13881   {#6}
13882 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnnn`.)

`\_fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnnwN`

Complete the  $\langle partial_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle partial_2 \rangle$  expressions as explained for the `ii` auxiliary. The second one is divided by 10000: this is the carry from level  $10^{-28}$ . The trailing  $+ c_5 c_6$  is taken into the expression for level  $10^{-24}$ . Note that the total of level  $10^{-24}$  is in the interval  $[-5 \cdot 10^8, 6 \cdot 10^8]$  (give or take a couple of 10000), hence adding it to the shift gives a 10-digit number, as expected by the packing auxiliaries. See `l3fp-aux` for the definition of the shifts and packing auxiliaries.

```

13883 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnnwN #1#2 #3#4#5; #6#7#8; #9
13884 {
13885   #9 (#4* #1 *#7)
13886   #9 (#5*#6+#4* #2 *#7+#3*#8) / \c_ten_thousand
13887 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_fixed_mul_add:nnnnwnnnwN`.)

## 28.8 Extended-precision floating point numbers

In this section we manipulate floating point numbers with roughly 24 significant figures (“extended-precision” numbers, in short, “ep”), which take the form of an integer exponent, followed by a comma, then six groups of digits, ending with a semicolon. The first group of digit may be any non-negative integer, while other groups of digits have 4 digits. In other words, an extended-precision number is an exponent ending in a comma, then a fixed point number.

`\__fp_ep_to_fixed:wwn`  
`\__fp_ep_to_fixed_auxi:www`  
`\_fp_ep_to_fixed_auxii:nnnnnnnnwn`

Converts an extended-precision number with an exponent at most 4 to a fixed point number whose first block will have 12 digits, most often starting with many zeros.

```

13888 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_fixed:wwn #1,#2
13889 {
13890   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ep_to_fixed_auxi:www
13891   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 0000 0000 + #2 \exp_after:wN ;
13892   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
13893   \prg_replicate:nn { \c_four - \int_max:nn {#1} { -32 } } { 0 } ;

```

```

13894 }
13895 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_fixed_auxi:www #1; #2; #3#4#5#6#7;
13896 {
13897   \__fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN
13898   \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
13899   \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
13900   \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
13901   \__fp_ep_to_fixed_auxii:nnnnnnwn ;
13902   #2 #1#3#4#5#6#7 0000 !
13903 }
13904 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_fixed_auxii:nnnnnnwn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7; #8! #9
13905 { #9 {#1#2}{#3}{#4}{#5}{#6}{#7}; }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_ep\_to\_fixed:wnn.)

```

\__fp_ep_to_ep:wwN
\__fp_ep_to_ep_loop:N
\__fp_ep_to_ep_end:www
\__fp_ep_to_ep_zero:ww

```

Normalize an extended-precision number. More precisely, leading zeros are removed from the mantissa of the argument, decreasing its exponent as appropriate. Then the digits are packed into 6 groups of 4 (discarding any remaining digit, not rounding). Finally, the continuation #8 is placed before the resulting exponent–mantissa pair. The input exponent may in fact be given as an integer expression. The `loop` auxiliary grabs a digit: if it is 0, decrement the exponent and continue looping, and otherwise call the `end` auxiliary, which places all digits in the right order (the digit that was not 0, and any remaining digits), followed by some 0, then packs them up neatly in  $3 \times 2 = 6$  blocks of four. At the end of the day, remove with `\__fp_use_i:ww` any digit that did not make it in the final mantissa (typically only zeros, unless the original first block has more than 4 digits).

```

13906 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_ep:wwN #1,#2#3#4#5#6#7; #8
13907 {
13908   \exp_after:wN #8
13909   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 + \c_four
13910   \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
13911   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ep_to_ep_loop:N
13912   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 0000 0000 + #2 \__int_eval_end:
13913   #3#4#5#6#7 ; ; !
13914 }
13915 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_ep_loop:N #1
13916 {
13917   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
13918   - \c_one
13919   \else:
13920     \__fp_ep_to_ep_end:www #1
13921     \fi:
13922     \__fp_ep_to_ep_loop:N
13923   }
13924 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_ep_end:www
13925   #1 \fi: \__fp_ep_to_ep_loop:N #2; #3!
13926 {
13927   \fi:
13928   \if_meaning:w ; #1

```



```

13929         - \c_two * \c__fp_max_exponent_int
13930         \__fp_ep_to_ep_zero:ww
13931     \fi:
13932     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
13933     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
13934     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
13935     \__fp_use_i:ww , ;
13936     #1 #2 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 ;
13937 }
13938 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_ep_zero:ww \fi: #1; #2; #3;
13939 { \fi: , {1000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000} ; }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_ep\_to\_ep:wwN.)

\\_\_fp\_ep\_compare:wwwN In l3fp-trig we need to compare two extended-precision numbers. This is based on the same function for positive floating point numbers, with an extra test if comparing only 16 decimals is not enough to distinguish the numbers. Note that this function only works if the numbers are normalized so that their first block is in [1000, 9999].

```

13940 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_compare:wwwN #1,#2#3#4#5#6#7;
13941 { \__fp_ep_compare_aux:wwwN {#1}{#2}{#3}{#4}{#5}; #6#7; }
13942 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_compare_aux:wwwN #1,#2; #3,#4#5#6#7#8#9;
13943 {
13944     \if_case:w
13945         \__fp_compare_npos:wnw #1; {#3}{#4}{#5}{#6}{#7}; \exp_stop_f:
13946         \if_int_compare:w #2 = #8#9 \exp_stop_f:
13947             0
13948         \else:
13949             \if_int_compare:w #2 < #8#9 - \fi: 1
13950         \fi:
13951     \or: 1
13952     \else: -1
13953     \fi:
13954 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_ep\_compare:wwwN.)

\\_\_fp\_ep\_mul:wwwN Multiply two extended-precision numbers: first normalize them to avoid losing too much precision, then multiply the mantissas #2 and #4 as fixed point numbers, and sum the exponents #1 and #3. The result's first block is in [100, 9999].

```

13955 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_mul:wwwN #1,#2; #3,#4;
13956 {
13957     \__fp_ep_to_ep:wwN #3,#4;
13958     \__fp_fixed_continue:wn
13959     {
13960         \__fp_ep_to_ep:wwN #1,#2;
13961         \__fp_ep_mul_raw:wwwN
13962     }
13963     \__fp_fixed_continue:wn
13964 }
13965 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_mul_raw:wwwN #1,#2; #3,#4; #5

```

```

13966 {
13967   \_fp_fixed_mul:wwn #2; #4;
13968   { \exp_after:wN #5 \int_use:N \_int_eval:w #1 + #3 , }
13969 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_ep_mul:wwwn` and `\_fp_ep_mul_raw:wwwn`.)

## 28.9 Dividing extended-precision numbers

Divisions of extended-precision numbers are difficult to perform with exact rounding: the technique used in `l3fp-basics` for 16-digit floating point numbers does not generalize easily to 24-digit numbers. Thankfully, there is no need for exact rounding.

Let us call  $\langle n \rangle$  the numerator and  $\langle d \rangle$  the denominator. After a simple normalization step, we can assume that  $\langle n \rangle \in [0.1, 1)$  and  $\langle d \rangle \in [0.1, 1)$ , and compute  $\langle n \rangle / (10 \langle d \rangle) \in (0.01, 1)$ . In terms of the 6 blocks of digits  $\langle n_1 \rangle \cdots \langle n_6 \rangle$  and the 6 blocks  $\langle d_1 \rangle \cdots \langle d_6 \rangle$ , the condition translates to  $\langle n_1 \rangle, \langle d_1 \rangle \in [1000, 9999]$ .

We will first find an integer estimate  $a \simeq 10^8 / \langle d \rangle$  by computing

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \left\lceil \frac{10^9}{\langle d_1 \rangle + 1} \right\rceil \\ \beta &= \left\lceil \frac{10^9}{\langle d_1 \rangle} \right\rceil \\ a &= 10^3 \alpha + (\beta - \alpha) \cdot \left( 10^3 - \left\lceil \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rceil \right) - 1250, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\left\lceil \cdot \right\rceil$  denotes  $\varepsilon$ -TeX's rounding division, which rounds ties away from zero. The idea is to interpolate between  $10^3 \alpha$  and  $10^3 \beta$  with a parameter  $\langle d_2 \rangle / 10^4$ , so that when  $\langle d_2 \rangle = 0$  one gets  $a = 10^3 \beta - 1250 \simeq 10^{12} / \langle d_1 \rangle \simeq 10^8 / \langle d \rangle$ , while when  $\langle d_2 \rangle = 9999$  one gets  $a = 10^3 \alpha - 1250 \simeq 10^{12} / (\langle d_1 \rangle + 1) \simeq 10^8 / \langle d \rangle$ . The shift by 1250 helps to ensure that  $a$  is an underestimate of the correct value. We will prove that

$$1 - 1.755 \cdot 10^{-5} < \frac{\langle d \rangle a}{10^8} < 1.$$

We can then compute the inverse of  $\langle d \rangle a / 10^8 = 1 - \epsilon$  using the relation  $1/(1 - \epsilon) \simeq (1 + \epsilon)(1 + \epsilon^2) + \epsilon^4$ , which is correct up to a relative error of  $\epsilon^5 < 1.6 \cdot 10^{-24}$ . This allows us to find the desired ratio as

$$\frac{\langle n \rangle}{\langle d \rangle} = \frac{\langle n \rangle a}{10^8} ((1 + \epsilon)(1 + \epsilon^2) + \epsilon^4).$$

Let us prove the upper bound first (multiplied by  $10^{15}$ ). Note that  $10^7 \langle d \rangle < 10^3 \langle d_1 \rangle + 10^{-1}(\langle d_2 \rangle + 1)$ , and that  $\varepsilon$ -TeX's division  $\left\lceil \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rceil$  will at most underestimate  $10^{-1}(\langle d_2 \rangle + 1)$

by 0.5, as can be checked for each possible last digit of  $\langle d_2 \rangle$ . Then,

$$10^7 \langle d \rangle a < \left( 10^3 \langle d_1 \rangle + \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \left( 10^3 - \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor \right) \beta + \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor \alpha - 1250 \right) \quad (1)$$

$$< \left( 10^3 \langle d_1 \rangle + \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor + \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\left( \left( 10^3 - \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor \right) \left( \frac{10^9}{\langle d_1 \rangle} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor \left( \frac{10^9}{\langle d_1 \rangle + 1} + \frac{1}{2} \right) - 1250 \right) \quad (3)$$

$$< \left( 10^3 \langle d_1 \rangle + \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{10^{12}}{\langle d_1 \rangle} - \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor \frac{10^9}{\langle d_1 \rangle (\langle d_1 \rangle + 1)} - 750 \right) \quad (4)$$

We recognize a quadratic polynomial in  $[\langle d_2 \rangle / 10]$  with a negative leading coefficient: this polynomial is bounded above, according to  $([\langle d_2 \rangle / 10] + a)(b - c[\langle d_2 \rangle / 10]) \leq (b + ca)^2 / (4c)$ . Hence,

$$10^7 \langle d \rangle a < \frac{10^{15}}{\langle d_1 \rangle (\langle d_1 \rangle + 1)} \left( \langle d_1 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} 10^{-3} - \frac{3}{8} \cdot 10^{-9} \langle d_1 \rangle (\langle d_1 \rangle + 1) \right)^2$$

Since  $\langle d_1 \rangle$  takes integer values within  $[1000, 9999]$ , it is a simple programming exercise to check that the squared expression is always less than  $\langle d_1 \rangle (\langle d_1 \rangle + 1)$ , hence  $10^7 \langle d \rangle a < 10^{15}$ . The upper bound is proven. We also find that  $\frac{3}{8}$  can be replaced by slightly smaller numbers, but nothing less than  $0.374563\dots$ , and going back through the derivation of the upper bound, we find that 1250 is as small a shift as we can obtain without breaking the bound.

Now, the lower bound. The same computation as for the upper bound implies

$$10^7 \langle d \rangle a > \left( 10^3 \langle d_1 \rangle + \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{10^{12}}{\langle d_1 \rangle} - \left\lfloor \frac{\langle d_2 \rangle}{10} \right\rfloor \frac{10^9}{\langle d_1 \rangle (\langle d_1 \rangle + 1)} - 1750 \right)$$

This time, we want to find the minimum of this quadratic polynomial. Since the leading coefficient is still negative, the minimum is reached for one of the extreme values  $[y/10] = 0$  or  $[y/10] = 100$ , and we easily check the bound for those values.

We have proven that the algorithm will give us a precise enough answer. Incidentally, the upper bound that we derived tells us that  $a < 10^8 / \langle d \rangle \leq 10^9$ , hence we can compute  $a$  safely as a  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  integer, and even add  $10^9$  to it to ease grabbing of all the digits. The lower bound implies  $10^8 - 1755 < a$ , which we do not care about.

`\_fp\_ep\_div:wwwn` Compute the ratio of two extended-precision numbers. The result is an extended-precision number whose first block lies in the range  $[100, 9999]$ , and is placed after the  $\langle continuation \rangle$  once we are done. First normalize the inputs so that both first block lie in  $[1000, 9999]$ , then call `\_fp\_ep\_div\_esti:wwwn  $\langle denominator \rangle$   $\langle numerator \rangle$` , responsible for estimating the inverse of the denominator.

```

13970 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_ep\_div:wwwn #1,#2; #3,#4;
13971 {
13972   \_fp\_ep\_to\_ep:wwN #1,#2;
13973   \_fp\_fixed\_continue:wn

```

```

13974     {
13975         \__fp_ep_to_ep:wwN #3,#4;
13976         \__fp_ep_div_esti:wwwn
13977     }
13978 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_ep\_div:wwwn.)

```

\__fp_ep_div_esti:wwwn
\__fp_ep_div_estii:wwnnwwn
\__fp_ep_div_estiii:NNNNNwwn

```

The **esti** function evaluates  $\alpha = 10^9/(\langle d_1 \rangle + 1)$ , which is used twice in the expression for  $a$ , and combines the exponents #1 and #4 (with a shift by 1 because we will compute  $\langle n \rangle / (10 \langle d \rangle)$ ). Then the **estii** function evaluates  $10^9 + a$ , and puts the exponent #2 after the continuation #7: from there on we can forget exponents and focus on the mantissa. The **estiii** function multiplies the denominator #7 by  $10^{-8}a$  (obtained as  $a$  split into the single digit #1 and two blocks of 4 digits, #2#3#4#5 and #6). The result  $10^{-8}a \langle d \rangle = (1 - \epsilon)$ , and a partially packed  $10^{-9}a$  (as a block of four digits, and five individual digits, not packed by lack of available macro parameters here) are passed to **\\_\_fp\_ep\_div\_epsilon:wnNNNNn**, which computes  $10^{-9}a/(1 - \epsilon)$ , that is,  $1/(10 \langle d \rangle)$  and we finally multiply this by the numerator #8.

```

13979 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_div_esti:wwwn #1,#2#3; #4,
13980 {
13981     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ep_div_estii:wwnnwwn
13982     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 10 0000 0000 / ( #2 + \c_one )
13983     \exp_after:wN ;
13984     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #4 - #1 + \c_one ,
13985     {#2} #3;
13986 }
13987 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_div_estii:wwnnwwn #1; #2,#3#4#5; #6; #7
13988 {
13989     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ep_div_estiii:NNNNNwwn
13990     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 10 0000 0000 - 1750
13991     + #1 000 + (10 0000 0000 / #3 - #1) * (1000 - #4 / 10) ;
13992     {#3}{#4}#5; #6; { #7 #2, }
13993 }
13994 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_div_estiii:NNNNNwwn 1#1#2#3#4#5#6; #7;
13995 {
13996     \__fp_fixed_mul_short:wnn #7; {#1}{#2#3#4#5}{#6};
13997     \__fp_ep_div_epsilon:wnNNNNNn {#1#2#3#4}#5#6
13998     \__fp_fixed_mul:wnn
13999 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_ep\_div\_esti:wwwn, \\_\_fp\_ep\_div\_estii:wwnnwwn, and \\_\_fp\_ep\_div\_estiii:NNNNNwwn.)

```

\__fp_ep_div_epsilon:wnNNNNNn
\__fp_ep_div_eps_pack:NNNNNw
\__fp_ep_div_epsilon:wnNNNNNn

```

The bounds shown above imply that the **epsi** function's first operand is  $(1 - \epsilon)$  with  $\epsilon \in [0, 1.755 \cdot 10^{-5}]$ . The **epsi** function computes  $\epsilon$  as  $1 - (1 - \epsilon)$ . Since  $\epsilon < 10^{-4}$ , its first block vanishes and there is no need to explicitly use #1 (which is 9999). Then **epsii** evaluates  $10^{-9}a/(1 - \epsilon)$  as  $(1 + \epsilon^2)(1 + \epsilon)(10^{-9}a\epsilon) + 10^{-9}a$ . Importantly, we compute  $10^{-9}a\epsilon$  before multiplying it with the rest, rather than multiplying by  $\epsilon$  and then  $10^{-9}a$ ,

as this second option loses more precision. Also, the combination of `short_mul` and `div_myriad` is both faster and more precise than a simple `mul`.

```

14000 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_div_epsilon:wnNNNNNn #1#2#3#4#5#6;
14001 {
14002   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ep_div_epsilon:wnNNNNNn
14003   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 9998 - #2
14004   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ep_div_epsilon_pack:NNNNNw
14005   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 9999 9998 - #3#4
14006   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ep_div_epsilon_pack:NNNNNw
14007   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 2 0000 0000 - #5#6 ; ;
14008 }
14009 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_div_epsilon_pack:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6;
14010 { + #1 ; {#2#3#4#5} {#6} }
14011 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_div_epsilon:wnNNNNNn 1#1; #2; #3#4#5#6#7#8
14012 {
14013   \__fp_fixed_mul:wnn {0000}{#1}#2; {0000}{#1}#2;
14014   \__fp_fixed_add_one:wN
14015   \__fp_fixed_mul:wnn {10000} {#1} #2 ;
14016   {
14017     \__fp_fixed_mul_short:wnn {0000}{#1}#2; {#3}{#4#5#6#7}{#8000};
14018     \__fp_fixed_div_myriad:wn
14019     \__fp_fixed_mul:wnn
14020   }
14021   \__fp_fixed_add:wnn {#3}{#4#5#6#7}{#8000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
14022 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ep_div_epsilon:wnNNNNNn`, `\__fp_ep_div_epsilon_pack:NNNNNw`, and `\__fp_ep_div_epsilon:wnNNNNNn`.)

## 28.10 Inverse square root of extended precision numbers

The idea here is similar to division. Normalize the input, multiplying by powers of 100 until we have  $x \in [0.01, 1)$ . Then find an integer approximation  $r \in [101, 1003]$  of  $10^2/\sqrt{x}$ , as the fixed point of iterations of the Newton method: essentially  $r \mapsto (r + 10^8/(x_1 r))/2$ , starting from a guess that optimizes the number of steps before convergence. In fact, just as there is a slight shift when computing divisions to ensure that some inequalities hold, we will replace  $10^8$  by a slightly larger number which will ensure that  $r^2 x \geq 10^4$ . This also causes  $r \in [101, 1003]$ . Another correction to the above is that the input is actually normalized to  $[0.1, 1)$ , and we use either  $10^8$  or  $10^9$  in the Newton method, depending on the parity of the exponent. Skipping those technical hurdles, once we have the approximation  $r$ , we set  $y = 10^{-4} r^2 x$  (or rather, the correct power of 10 to get  $y \simeq 1$ ) and compute  $y^{-1/2}$  through another application of Newton's method. This time, the starting value is  $z = 1$ , each step maps  $z \mapsto z(1.5 - 0.5yz^2)$ , and we perform a fixed number of steps. Our final result combines  $r$  with  $y^{-1/2}$  as  $x^{-1/2} = 10^{-2} r y^{-1/2}$ .

```

\__fp_ep_isqrt:wnn First normalize the input, then check the parity of the exponent #1. If it is even, the
\__fp_ep_isqrt_aux:wnn result's exponent will be  $-\#1/2$ , otherwise it will be  $(\#1 - 1)/2$  (except in the case
\__fp_ep_isqrt_auxii:wnnnwnn where the input was an exact power of 100). The auxii function receives as #1 the

```

result's exponent just computed, as #2 the starting value for the iteration giving  $r$  (the values 168 and 535 lead to the least number of iterations before convergence, on average), as #3 and #4 one empty argument and one 0, depending on the parity of the original exponent, as #5 and #6 the normalized mantissa ( $\#5 \in [1000, 9999]$ ), and as #7 the continuation. It sets up the iteration giving  $r$ : the `esti` function thus receives the initial two guesses #2 and 0, an approximation #5 of  $10^4x$  (its first block of digits), and the empty/zero arguments #3 and #4, followed by the mantissa and an altered continuation where we have stored the result's exponent.

```

14023 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_isqrt:wnn #1,#2;
14024 {
14025   \__fp_ep_to_ep:wwN #1,#2;
14026   \__fp_ep_isqrt_auxi:wnn
14027 }
14028 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_isqrt_auxi:wnn #1,
14029 {
14030   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ep_isqrt_auxii:wwnnwn
14031   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
14032   \int_if_odd:nTF {#1}
14033     { (\c_one - #1) / \c_two , 535 , { 0 } { } }
14034     { \c_one - #1 / \c_two , 168 , { } { 0 } }
14035 }
14036 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_isqrt_auxii:wwnnwn #1, #2, #3#4 #5#6; #7
14037 {
14038   \__fp_ep_isqrt_esti:wwnnwn #2, 0, #5, {#3} {#4}
14039   {#5} #6 ; { #7 #1 , }
14040 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ep_isqrt:wnn`.)

```

\__fp_ep_isqrt_esti:wwnnwn
\__fp_ep_isqrt_estii:wwnnwn
\__fp_ep_isqrt_estiii:NNNNwwn

```

If the last two approximations gave the same result, we are done: call the `estii` function to clean up. Otherwise, evaluate  $(\langle prev \rangle + 1.005 \cdot 10^8 \text{ or } 9 / (\langle prev \rangle \cdot x)) / 2$ , as the next approximation: omitting the 1.005 factor, this would be Newton's method. We can check by brute force that if #4 is empty (the original exponent was even), the process computes an integer slightly larger than  $100/\sqrt{x}$ , while if #4 is 0 (the original exponent was odd), the result is an integer slightly larger than  $100/\sqrt{x/10}$ . Once we are done, we evaluate  $100r^2/2$  or  $10r^2/2$  (when the exponent is even or odd, respectively) and feed that to `estiii`. This third auxiliary finds  $y_{\text{even}}/2 = 10^{-4}r^2x/2$  or  $y_{\text{odd}}/2 = 10^{-5}r^2x/2$  (again, depending on earlier parity). A simple program shows that  $y \in [1, 1.0201]$ . The number  $y/2$  is fed to `\__fp_ep_isqrt_epsilon:wN`, which computes  $1/\sqrt{y}$ , and we finally multiply the result by  $r$ .

```

14041 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_isqrt_esti:wwnnwn #1, #2, #3, #4
14042 {
14043   \if_int_compare:w #1 = #2 \exp_stop_f:
14044   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ep_isqrt_estii:wwnnwn
14045   \fi:
14046   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ep_isqrt_esti:wwnnwn
14047   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
14048   (#1 + 1 0050 0000 #4 / (#1 * #3)) / \c_two ,

```

```

14049     #1, #3, {#4}
14050   }
14051   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_isqrt_estii:wwnnwn #1, #2, #3, #4#5
14052   {
14053     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ep_isqrt_estiii:NNNNNwwnn
14054     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1000 0000 + #2 * #2 #5 * \c_five
14055     \exp_after:wN , \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 10000 + #2 ;
14056   }
14057   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_isqrt_estiii:NNNNNwwnn 1#1#2#3#4#5#6, 1#7#8; #9;
14058   {
14059     \__fp_fixed_mul_short:wwn #9; {#1} {#2#3#4#5} {#600} ;
14060     \__fp_ep_isqrt_epsilon:wN
14061     \__fp_fixed_mul_short:wwn {#7} {#80} {0000} ;
14062   }

(End definition for \__fp_ep_isqrt_esti:wwnnwn, \__fp_ep_isqrt_estii:wwnnwn, and \__fp_ep_
isqrt_estiii:NNNNNwwnn.)

```

\\_\_fp\_ep\_isqrt\_epsilon:wN Here, we receive a fixed point number  $y/2$  with  $y \in [1, 1.0201]$ . Starting from  $z = 1$  we  
\\_\_fp\_ep\_isqrt\_epsilonii:wwN iterate  $z \mapsto z(3/2 - z^2y/2)$ . In fact, we start from the first iteration  $z = 3/2 - y/2$  to  
avoid useless multiplications. The `epsii` auxiliary receives  $z$  as `#1` and  $y$  as `#2`.

```

14063   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_isqrt_epsilon:wN #1;
14064   {
14065     \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn {15000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}; #1;
14066     \__fp_ep_isqrt_epsilonii:wwN #1;
14067     \__fp_ep_isqrt_epsilonii:wwN #1;
14068     \__fp_ep_isqrt_epsilonii:wwN #1;
14069   }
14070   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_isqrt_epsilonii:wwN #1; #2;
14071   {
14072     \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #1; #1;
14073     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwnn #2;
14074     {15000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
14075     \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #1;
14076   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_ep\_isqrt\_epsilon:wN and \\_\_fp\_ep\_isqrt\_epsilonii:wwN.)

## 28.11 Converting from fixed point to floating point

After computing Taylor series, we wish to convert the result from extended precision (with or without an exponent) to the public floating point format. The functions here should be called within an integer expression for the overall exponent of the floating point.

\\_\_fp\_ep\_to\_float:wwN An extended-precision number is simply a comma-delimited exponent followed by a fixed  
\\_\_fp\_ep\_inv\_to\_float:wwN point number. Leave the exponent in the current integer expression then convert the  
fixed point number.

```

14077   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_to_float:wwN #1,

```

```

14078 { + \__int_eval:w #1 \__fp_fixed_to_float:wN }
14079 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ep_inv_to_float:wwN #1,#2;
14080 {
14081   \__fp_ep_div:wwwN 1,{1000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}; #1,#2;
14082   \__fp_ep_to_float:wwN
14083 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_ep\_to\_float:wwN and \\_\_fp\_ep\_inv\_to\_float:wwN.)

\\_\_fp\_fixed\_inv\_to\_float:wN Another function which reduces to converting an extended precision number to a float.

```

14084 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_inv_to_float:wN
14085 { \__fp_ep_inv_to_float:wwN 0, }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_fixed\_inv\_to\_float:wN.)

\\_\_fp\_fixed\_to\_float\_rad:wN Converts the fixed point number #1 from degrees to radians then to a floating point number. This could perhaps remain in l3fp-trig.

```

14086 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_float_rad:wN #1;
14087 {
14088   \__fp_fixed_mul:wwN #1; {5729}{5779}{5130}{8232}{0876}{7981};
14089   { \__fp_ep_to_float:wwN 2, }
14090 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_fixed\_to\_float\_rad:wN.)

\\_\_fp\_fixed\_to\_float:wN yields

\\_\_fp\_fixed\_to\_float:Nw  $\langle exponent \rangle$  ;  $\{\langle a'_1 \rangle\} \{\langle a'_2 \rangle\} \{\langle a'_3 \rangle\} \{\langle a'_4 \rangle\}$  ;

And the to\_fixed version gives six brace groups instead of 4, ensuring that  $1000 \leq \langle a'_1 \rangle \leq 9999$ . At this stage, we know that  $\langle a'_1 \rangle$  is positive (otherwise, it is sign of an error before), and we assume that it is less than  $10^8$ .<sup>10</sup>

```

14091 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_float:Nw #1#2; { \__fp_fixed_to_float:wN #2; #1 }
14092 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_float:wN #1#2#3#4#5#6; #7
14093 {
14094   + \__int_eval:w \c_four % for the 8-digit-at-the-start thing.
14095   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
14096   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_loop:N
14097   \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
14098   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
14099   1 0000 0000 + #1 \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_none_stop_f:n
14100   \__int_value:w 1#2 \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_none_stop_f:n
14101   \__int_value:w 1#3#4 \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_none_stop_f:n
14102   \__int_value:w 1#5#6
14103   \exp_after:wN ;
14104   \exp_after:wN ;
14105 }
14106 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_loop:N #1
14107 {

```

<sup>10</sup>Bruno: I must double check this assumption.



```

14108     \if_meaning:w 0 #1
14109         - \c_one
14110         \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_loop:N
14111     \else:
14112         \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_loop_end:w
14113         \exp_after:wN #1
14114     \fi:
14115 }
14116 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_loop_end:w #1 #2 ;
14117 {
14118     \if_meaning:w ; #1
14119         \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_float_zero:w
14120     \else:
14121         \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
14122         \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
14123         \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_float_pack:ww
14124         \exp_after:wN ;
14125     \fi:
14126     #1 #2 0000 0000 0000 0000 ;
14127 }
14128 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_float_zero:w ; 0000 0000 0000 0000 ;
14129 {
14130     - \c_two * \c__fp_max_exponent_int ;
14131     {0000} {0000} {0000} {0000} ;
14132 }
14133 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_float_pack:ww #1 ; #2#3 ; ;
14134 {
14135     \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_four
14136         \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_float_round_up:wnnnnw
14137     \fi:
14138     ; #1 ;
14139 }
14140 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_float_round_up:wnnnnw ; #1#2#3#4 ;
14141 {
14142     \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw
14143     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #1#2
14144     \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
14145     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #3#4 + \c_one ;
14146 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_fixed\_to\_float:wN and \\_\_fp\_fixed\_to\_float:Nw.)

```

14147 </initex | package>

```

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```

14148 <*initex | package>
14149 <@@=fp>

```

## 29.1 Logarithm

### 29.1.1 Work plan

As for many other functions, we filter out special cases in `\_fp\_ln\_o:w`. Then `\_fp\_ln\_npos\_o:w` receives a positive normal number, which we write in the form  $a \cdot 10^b$  with  $a \in [0.1, 1)$ .

*The rest of this section is actually not in sync with the code. Or is the code not in sync with the section? In the current code,  $c \in [1, 10]$  will be such that  $0.7 \leq ac < 1.4$ .*

We are given a positive normal number, of the form  $a \cdot 10^b$  with  $a \in [0.1, 1)$ . To compute its logarithm, we find a small integer  $5 \leq c < 50$  such that  $0.91 \leq ac/5 < 1.1$ , and use the relation

$$\ln(a \cdot 10^b) = b \cdot \ln(10) - \ln(c/5) + \ln(ac/5).$$

The logarithms  $\ln(10)$  and  $\ln(c/5)$  are looked up in a table. The last term is computed using the following Taylor series of  $\ln$  near 1:

$$\ln\left(\frac{ac}{5}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{1+t}{1-t}\right) = 2t \left(1 + t^2 \left(\frac{1}{3} + t^2 \left(\frac{1}{5} + t^2 \left(\frac{1}{7} + t^2 \left(\frac{1}{9} + \dots\right)\right)\right)\right)\right)$$

where  $t = 1 - 10/(ac + 5)$ . We can now see one reason for the choice of  $ac \sim 5$ : then  $ac + 5 = 10(1 - \epsilon)$  with  $-0.05 < \epsilon \leq 0.045$ , hence

$$t = \frac{\epsilon}{1 - \epsilon} = \epsilon(1 + \epsilon)(1 + \epsilon^2)(1 + \epsilon^4) \dots,$$

is not too difficult to compute.

### 29.1.2 Some constants

A few values of the logarithm as extended fixed point numbers. Those are needed in the implementation. It turns out that we don't need the value of  $\ln(5)$ .

<code>\c\_fp\_ln\_i\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>\tl\_const:Nn \c\_fp\_ln\_i\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>{ {0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000} }</code>
<code>\c\_fp\_ln\_ii\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>\tl\_const:Nn \c\_fp\_ln\_ii\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>{ {6931}{4718}{0559}{9453}{0941}{7232} }</code>
<code>\c\_fp\_ln\_iii\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>\tl\_const:Nn \c\_fp\_ln\_iii\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>{ {10986}{1228}{8668}{1096}{9139}{5245} }</code>
<code>\c\_fp\_ln\_iv\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>\tl\_const:Nn \c\_fp\_ln\_iv\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>{ {13862}{9436}{1119}{8906}{1883}{4464} }</code>
<code>\c\_fp\_ln\_vii\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>\tl\_const:Nn \c\_fp\_ln\_vi\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>{ {17917}{5946}{9228}{0550}{0081}{2477} }</code>
<code>\c\_fp\_ln\_viii\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>\tl\_const:Nn \c\_fp\_ln\_vii\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>{ {19459}{1014}{9055}{3133}{0510}{5353} }</code>
<code>\c\_fp\_ln\_ix\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>\tl\_const:Nn \c\_fp\_ln\_viii\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>{ {20794}{4154}{1679}{8359}{2825}{1696} }</code>
<code>\c\_fp\_ln\_x\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>\tl\_const:Nn \c\_fp\_ln\_ix\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>{ {21972}{2457}{7336}{2193}{8279}{0490} }</code>
	<code>\tl\_const:Nn \c\_fp\_ln\_x\_fixed\_t1</code>	<code>{ {23025}{8509}{2994}{0456}{8401}{7991} }</code>

(End definition for `\c\_fp\_ln\_i\_fixed\_t1` and others.)

### 29.1.3 Sign, exponent, and special numbers

`\_fp\_ln\_o:w` The logarithm of negative numbers (including  $-\infty$  and  $-0$ ) raises the “invalid” exception. The logarithm of  $+0$  is  $-\infty$ , raising a division by zero exception. The logarithm of  $+\infty$  or a `nan` is itself. Positive normal numbers call `\_fp\_ln\_npos\_o:w`.

```

14159 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @
14160 {
14161   \if_meaning:w 2 #3
14162     \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:nw { ln } }
14163   \fi:
14164   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
14165     \__fp_case_use:nw
14166       { \__fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw \c_minus_inf_fp { ln } }
14167   \or:
14168   \else:
14169     \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
14170   \fi:
14171   \__fp_ln_npos_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4;
14172 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_ln\_o:w.)

#### 29.1.4 Absolute ln

\\_\_fp\_ln\_npos\_o:w We catch the case of a significand very close to 0.1 or to 1. In all other cases, the final result is at least  $10^{-4}$ , and then an error of  $0.5 \cdot 10^{-20}$  is acceptable.

```

14173 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_npos_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 10#1#2#3;
14174 { %^A todo: ln(1) should be "exact zero", not "underflow"
14175   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitizew:Nw
14176   \__int_value:w % for the overall sign
14177   \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c_one
14178     2
14179   \else:
14180     0
14181   \fi:
14182   \exp_after:wN \exp_stop_f:
14183   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w % for the exponent
14184   \__fp_ln_significand:NNNNnnnnN #2#3
14185   \__fp_ln_exponent:wn {#1}
14186 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_ln\_npos\_o:w.)

\\_\_fp\_ln\_significand:NNNNnnnnN \\_\_fp\_ln\_significand:NNNNnnnnN  $\langle X_1 \rangle \{ \langle X_2 \rangle \} \{ \langle X_3 \rangle \} \{ \langle X_4 \rangle \} \langle continuation \rangle$

This function expands to

$\langle continuation \rangle \{ \langle Y_1 \rangle \} \{ \langle Y_2 \rangle \} \{ \langle Y_3 \rangle \} \{ \langle Y_4 \rangle \} \{ \langle Y_5 \rangle \} \{ \langle Y_6 \rangle \} ;$

where  $Y = -\ln(X)$  as an extended fixed point.

```

14187 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_significand:NNNNnnnnN #1#2#3#4
14188 {
14189   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_x_ii:wnnnn
14190   \__int_value:w
14191   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
14192   \or:

```

```

14193         \if_int_compare:w #2 < \c_four
14194         \__int_eval:w \c_ten - #2
14195         \else:
14196             6
14197         \fi:
14198     \or: 4
14199     \or: 3
14200     \or: 2
14201     \or: 2
14202     \or: 2
14203     \else: 1
14204     \fi:
14205     ; { #1 #2 #3 #4 }
14206 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ln_significand:NNNNnnnnN`.)

`\__fp_ln_x_ii:wnnnn` We have thus found  $c \in [1, 10]$  such that  $0.7 \leq ac < 1.4$  in all cases. Compute  $1 + x = 1 + ac \in [1.7, 2.4)$ .

```

14207 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_x_ii:wnnnn #1; #2#3#4#5
14208 {
14209     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_div_after:Nw
14210     \cs:w c__fp_ln_ \__int_to_roman:w #1 _fixed_tl \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
14211     \__int_value:w
14212     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_x_iv:wnnnnnnnn
14213     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
14214     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_x_iii_var:NNNNNw
14215     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 9990 + #1*#2#3 +
14216     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_x_iii:NNNNNNw
14217     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 10 0000 0000 + #1*#4#5 ;
14218     {20000} {0000} {0000} {0000}
14219 } %^A todo: reoptimize (a generalization attempt failed).
14220 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_x_iii:NNNNNNw #1#2 #3#4#5#6 #7;
14221 { #1#2; {#3#4#5#6} {#7} }
14222 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_x_iii_var:NNNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6;
14223 {
14224     #1#2#3#4#5 + \c_one ;
14225     {#1#2#3#4#5} {#6}
14226 }

```

The Taylor series will be expressed in terms of  $t = (x-1)/(x+1) = 1-2/(x+1)$ . We now compute the quotient with extended precision, reusing some code from `\__fp_/_o:ww`. Note that  $1+x$  is known exactly.

To reuse notations from `l3fp-basics`, we want to compute  $A/Z$  with  $A = 2$  and  $Z = x + 1$ . In `l3fp-basics`, we considered the case where both  $A$  and  $Z$  are arbitrary, in the range  $[0.1, 1)$ , and we had to monitor the growth of the sequence of remainders  $A, B, C$ , etc. to ensure that no overflow occurred during the computation of the next quotient. The main source of risk was our choice to define the quotient as roughly  $10^9 \cdot A/10^5 \cdot Z$ : then  $A$  was bound to be below  $2.147 \dots$ , and this limit was never far.

In our case, we can simply work with  $10^8 \cdot A$  and  $10^4 \cdot Z$ , because our reason to work with higher powers has gone: we needed the integer  $y \simeq 10^5 \cdot Z$  to be at least  $10^4$ , and now, the definition  $y \simeq 10^4 \cdot Z$  suffices.

Let us thus define  $y = \lfloor 10^4 \cdot Z \rfloor + 1 \in (1.7 \cdot 10^4, 2.4 \cdot 10^4]$ , and

$$Q_1 = \left\lfloor \frac{\lfloor 10^8 \cdot A \rfloor}{y} - \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

(The  $1/2$  comes from how eTeX rounds.) As for division, it is easy to see that  $Q_1 \leq 10^4 A/Z$ , *i.e.*,  $Q_1$  is an underestimate.

Exactly as we did for division, we set  $B = 10^4 A - Q_1 Z$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} 10^4 B &\leq A_1 A_2 \cdot A_3 A_4 - \left( \frac{A_1 A_2}{y} - \frac{3}{2} \right) 10^4 Z \\ &\leq A_1 A_2 \left( 1 - \frac{10^4 Z}{y} \right) + 1 + \frac{3}{2} y \\ &\leq 10^8 \frac{A}{y} + 1 + \frac{3}{2} y \end{aligned}$$

In the same way, and using  $1.7 \cdot 10^4 \leq y \leq 2.4 \cdot 10^4$ , and convexity, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 10^4 A &= 2 \cdot 10^4 \\ 10^4 B &\leq 10^8 \frac{A}{y} + 1.6y \leq 4.7 \cdot 10^4 \\ 10^4 C &\leq 10^8 \frac{B}{y} + 1.6y \leq 5.8 \cdot 10^4 \\ 10^4 D &\leq 10^8 \frac{C}{y} + 1.6y \leq 6.3 \cdot 10^4 \\ 10^4 E &\leq 10^8 \frac{D}{y} + 1.6y \leq 6.5 \cdot 10^4 \\ 10^4 F &\leq 10^8 \frac{E}{y} + 1.6y \leq 6.6 \cdot 10^4 \end{aligned}$$

Note that we compute more steps than for division: since  $t$  is not the end result, we need to know it with more accuracy (on the other hand, the ending is much simpler, as we don't need an exact rounding for transcendental functions, but just a faithful rounding).<sup>11</sup>

`\_fp\_ln\_x\_iv:wnnnnnnnnn <1 or 2> <8d> ; {\<4d>} {\<4d>} <fixed-tl>`

The number is  $x$ . Compute  $y$  by adding 1 to the five first digits.

14227 `\cs_new:Npn \_fp\_ln\_x\_iv:wnnnnnnnnn #1; #2#3#4#5 #6#7#8#9`  
14228 `{`

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<sup>11</sup>Bruno: to be completed.

```

14229 \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_pack:NNN
14230 \int_use:N \_int_eval:w
14231 \_fp_ln_div_i:w #1 ;
14232 #6 #7 ; {#8} {#9}
14233 {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5}
14234 { \exp_after:wN \_fp_ln_div_ii:wwn \_int_value:w #1 }
14235 { \exp_after:wN \_fp_ln_div_ii:wwn \_int_value:w #1 }
14236 { \exp_after:wN \_fp_ln_div_ii:wwn \_int_value:w #1 }
14237 { \exp_after:wN \_fp_ln_div_ii:wwn \_int_value:w #1 }
14238 { \exp_after:wN \_fp_ln_div_vi:wwn \_int_value:w #1 }
14239 }
14240 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ln_div_i:w #1;
14241 {
14242 \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_calc:wwnnnnnnn
14243 \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 999999 + 2 0000 0000 / #1 ; % Q1
14244 }
14245 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ln_div_ii:wwn #1; #2;#3 % y; B1;B2 <- for k=1
14246 {
14247 \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_pack:NNN
14248 \int_use:N \_int_eval:w
14249 \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_calc:wwnnnnnnn
14250 \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 999999 + #2 #3 / #1 ; % Q2
14251 #2 #3 ;
14252 }
14253 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ln_div_vi:wwn #1; #2;#3#4#5 #6#7#8#9 %y;F1;F2F3F4x1x2x3x4
14254 {
14255 \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_pack:NNN
14256 \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1000000 + #2 #3 / #1 ; % Q6
14257 }

```

We now have essentially<sup>12</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}
& \_fp\_ln\_div\_after:Nw \langle fixed\ tl \rangle \_fp\_div\_significand\_pack:NNN 10^6 + \\
& Q_1 \_fp\_div\_significand\_pack:NNN 10^6 + Q_2 \_fp\_div\_significand\_ \\
& pack:NNN 10^6 + Q_3 \_fp\_div\_significand\_pack:NNN 10^6 + Q_4 \_fp\_ \\
& div\_significand\_pack:NNN 10^6 + Q_5 \_fp\_div\_significand\_pack:NNN \\
& 10^6 + Q_6 ; \langle exponent \rangle ; \langle continuation \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\langle fixed\ tl \rangle$  holds the logarithm of a number in  $[1, 10]$ , and  $\langle exponent \rangle$  is the exponent. Also, the expansion is done backwards. Then `\_fp\_div\_significand\_pack:NNN` puts things in the correct order to add the  $Q_i$  together and put semicolons between each piece. Once those have been expanded, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \_fp\_ln\_div\_after:Nw \langle fixed\ tl \rangle \langle 1d \rangle ; \langle 4d \rangle ; \langle 4d \rangle ; \langle 4d \rangle ; \langle 4d \rangle ; \langle 4d \rangle ; \\
& \langle 4d \rangle ; \langle exponent \rangle ;
\end{aligned}$$

Just as with division, we know that the first two digits are 1 and 0 because of bounds on the final result of the division  $2/(x+1)$ , which is between roughly 0.8 and 1.2. We then compute  $1 - 2/(x+1)$ , after testing whether  $2/(x+1)$  is greater than or smaller than 1.

<sup>12</sup>Bruno: add a mention that the error on  $Q_6$  is bounded by 10 (probably 6.7), and thus corresponds to an error of  $10^{-23}$  on the final result, small enough in all cases.

```

14258 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_div_after:Nw #1#2;
14259 {
14260   \if_meaning:w 0 #2
14261     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_t_small:Nw
14262   \else:
14263     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_t_large:NNw
14264     \exp_after:wN -
14265   \fi:
14266   #1
14267 }
14268 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_t_small:Nw #1 #2; #3; #4; #5; #6; #7;
14269 {
14270   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_t_large:NNw
14271   \exp_after:wN + % <sign>
14272   \exp_after:wN #1
14273   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 - #2 \exp_after:wN ;
14274   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 - #3 \exp_after:wN ;
14275   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 - #4 \exp_after:wN ;
14276   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 - #5 \exp_after:wN ;
14277   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 - #6 \exp_after:wN ;
14278   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 0000 - #7 ;
14279 }

\__fp_ln_t_large:NNw <sign><fixed tl> <t123456

```

Compute the square  $t^2$ , and keep  $t$  at the end with its sign. We know that  $t < 0.1765$ , so every piece has at most 4 digits. However, since we were not careful in `\__fp_ln_t_small:w`, they can have less than 4 digits.

```

14280 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_t_large:NNw #1 #2 #3; #4; #5; #6; #7; #8;
14281 {
14282   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_square_t_after:w
14283   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 0000 + #3*#3
14284   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_square_t_pack:NNNNNw
14285   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 0000 + 2*#3*#4
14286   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_square_t_pack:NNNNNw
14287   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 0000 + 2*#3*#5 + #4*#4
14288   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_square_t_pack:NNNNNw
14289   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 0000 + 2*#3*#6 + 2*#4*#5
14290   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_square_t_pack:NNNNNw
14291   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 0000 0000 + 2*#3*#7 + 2*#4*#6 + #5*#5
14292   + (2*#3*#8 + 2*#4*#7 + 2*#5*#6) / 1 0000
14293   % ; ; ;
14294   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_after:w
14295   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w -1 + 2*#3
14296   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw
14297   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 + 2*#4
14298   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw
14299   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 + 2*#5

```

```

14300      \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw
14301      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 + 2*#6
14302      \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw
14303      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 + 2*#7
14304      \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw
14305      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 10000 + 2*#8 ; ;
14306      { \__fp_ln_c:NwNw #1 }
14307      #2
14308    }
14309    \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw #1 #2; { + #1 ; {#2} }
14310    \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_twice_t_after:w #1; { ; ; ; {#1} }
14311    \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_square_t_pack:NNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6;
14312      { + #1#2#3#4#5 ; {#6} }
14313    \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_square_t_after:w 1 0 #1#2#3 #4;
14314      { \__fp_ln_Taylor:wwNw {0#1#2#3} {#4} }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_ln\_x\_ii:wnnnn.)

\\_\_fp\_ln\_Taylor:wwNw Denoting  $T = t^2$ , we get

```

\__fp_ln_Taylor:wwNw {\langle T_1 \rangle} {\langle T_2 \rangle} {\langle T_3 \rangle} {\langle T_4 \rangle} {\langle T_5 \rangle} {\langle T_6 \rangle} ; ;
{\langle (2t)_1 \rangle} {\langle (2t)_2 \rangle} {\langle (2t)_3 \rangle} {\langle (2t)_4 \rangle} {\langle (2t)_5 \rangle} {\langle (2t)_6 \rangle} ; { \__fp_ln_
c:NwNn \langle sign \rangle } \langle fixed tl \rangle \langle exponent \rangle ; \langle continuation \rangle

```

And we want to compute

$$\ln\left(\frac{1+t}{1-t}\right) = 2t \left(1 + T \left(\frac{1}{3} + T \left(\frac{1}{5} + T \left(\frac{1}{7} + T \left(\frac{1}{9} + \dots\right)\right)\right)\right)\right)$$

The process looks as follows

```

\loop 5; A;
\div_int 5; 1.0; \add A; \mul T; {\loop \eval 5-2;}
\add 0.2; A; \mul T; {\loop \eval 5-2;}
\mul B; T; {\loop 3;}
\loop 3; C;

```

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This uses the routine for dividing a number by a small integer ( $< 10^4$ ).

```

14315 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_Taylor:wwNw
14316   { \__fp_ln_Taylor_loop:www 21 ; {0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000} ; }
14317 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_Taylor_loop:www #1; #2; #3;
14318   {
14319     \if_int_compare:w #1 = \c_one
14320       \__fp_ln_Taylor_break:w
14321     \fi:
14322     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_div_int:wwN \c__fp_one_fixed_tl ; #1;
14323     \__fp_fixed_add:wwN #2;
14324     \__fp_fixed_mul:wwN #3;

```

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<sup>13</sup>Bruno: add explanations.



```

14325 {
14326   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_Taylor_loop:www
14327   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 - \c_two ;
14328 }
14329 #3;
14330 }
14331 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_Taylor_break:w \fi: #1 \__fp_fixed_add:wwn #2#3; #4 ;;
14332 {
14333   \fi:
14334   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn
14335   \exp_after:wN { \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 10000 + #2 } #3;
14336 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ln_Taylor:wwNw`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\__fp_ln_c:NwNw`      `\__fp_ln_c:NwNw`  $\langle sign \rangle \{ \langle r_1 \rangle \} \{ \langle r_2 \rangle \} \{ \langle r_3 \rangle \} \{ \langle r_4 \rangle \} \{ \langle r_5 \rangle \} \{ \langle r_6 \rangle \}$  ;  $\langle fixed\ tl \rangle$   
 $\langle exponent \rangle$  ;  $\langle continuation \rangle$

We are now reduced to finding  $\ln(c)$  and  $\langle exponent \rangle \ln(10)$  in a table, and adding it to the mixture. The first step is to get  $\ln(c) - \ln(x) = -\ln(a)$ , then we get  $b \ln(10)$  and add or subtract.

For now,  $\ln(x)$  is given as  $\cdot 10^0$ . Unless both the exponent is 1 and  $c = 1$ , we shift to working in units of  $\cdot 10^4$ , since the final result will be at least  $\ln(10/7) \simeq 0.35$ .<sup>14</sup>

```

14337 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_c:NwNw #1 #2; #3
14338 {
14339   \if_meaning:w + #1
14340     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn
14341   \else:
14342     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_add:wwn
14343   \fi:
14344   #3 ; #2 ;
14345 }

```

<sup>15</sup>

(End definition for `\__fp_ln_c:NwNw`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\__fp_ln_exponent:wn`      `\__fp_ln_exponent:wn`  $\{ \langle s_1 \rangle \} \{ \langle s_2 \rangle \} \{ \langle s_3 \rangle \} \{ \langle s_4 \rangle \} \{ \langle s_5 \rangle \} \{ \langle s_6 \rangle \}$  ;  
 $\{ \langle exponent \rangle \}$

Compute  $\langle exponent \rangle$  times  $\ln(10)$ . Apart from the cases where  $\langle exponent \rangle$  is 0 or 1, the result will necessarily be at least  $\ln(10) \simeq 2.3$  in magnitude. We can thus drop the least significant 4 digits. In the case of a very large (positive or negative) exponent, we can (and we need to) drop 4 additional digits, since the result is of order  $10^4$ . Naively, one would think that in both cases we can drop 4 more digits than we do, but that would be slightly too tight for rounding to happen correctly. Besides, we already have addition and subtraction for 24 digits fixed point numbers.

```

14346 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_exponent:wn #1; #2
14347 {

```

<sup>14</sup>Bruno: that was wrong at some point, I must check.

<sup>15</sup>Bruno: this *must* be updated with correct values!

```

14348 \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
14349 \c_zero \__fp_case_return:nw { \__fp_fixed_to_float:Nw 2 }
14350 \or:
14351 \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_exponent_one:ww \__int_value:w
14352 \else:
14353 \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_zero
14354 \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_exponent_small:NNww
14355 \exp_after:wN 0
14356 \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn \__int_value:w
14357 \else:
14358 \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_exponent_small:NNww
14359 \exp_after:wN 2
14360 \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_add:wwn \__int_value:w -
14361 \fi:
14362 \fi:
14363 #2; #1;
14364 }

```

Now we painfully write all the cases.<sup>16</sup> No overflow nor underflow can happen, except when computing  $\ln(1)$ .

```

14365 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_exponent_one:ww #1; #1;
14366 {
14367 \c_zero
14368 \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn \c__fp_ln_x_fixed_t1 ; #1;
14369 \__fp_fixed_to_float:wN 0
14370 }

```

For small exponents, we just drop one block of digits, and set the exponent of the log to 4 (minus any shift coming from leading zeros in the conversion from fixed point to floating point). Note that here the exponent has been made positive.

```

14371 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_exponent_small:NNww #1#2#3; #4#5#6#7#8#9;
14372 {
14373 \c_four
14374 \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn
14375 \c__fp_ln_x_fixed_t1 ;
14376 {#3}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000} ;
14377 #2
14378 {0000}{#4}{#5}{#6}{#7}{#8};
14379 \__fp_fixed_to_float:wN #1
14380 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ln_exponent:wn`. This function is documented on page ??.)

## 29.2 Exponential

### 29.2.1 Sign, exponent, and special numbers

`\__fp_exp_o:w`

```

14381 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @

```

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<sup>16</sup>Bruno: do rounding.

```

14382 {
14383     \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
14384         \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_one_fp
14385     \or:
14386         \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_normal:w
14387     \or:
14388         \if_meaning:w 0 #3
14389             \exp_after:wN \__fp_case_return_o:Nw
14390             \exp_after:wN \c_inf_fp
14391         \else:
14392             \exp_after:wN \__fp_case_return_o:Nw
14393             \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp
14394         \fi:
14395     \or:
14396         \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
14397     \fi:
14398     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4;
14399 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_exp\_o:w.)

\\_\_fp\_exp\_normal:w  
\\_\_fp\_exp\_pos:Nnwnw

```

14400 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_normal:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#1
14401 {
14402     \if_meaning:w 0 #1
14403         \__fp_exp_pos:Nnwnw + \__fp_fixed_to_float:wN
14404     \else:
14405         \__fp_exp_pos:Nnwnw - \__fp_fixed_inv_to_float:wN
14406     \fi:
14407 }
14408 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_pos:Nnwnw #1#2#3 \fi: #4#5;
14409 {
14410     \fi:
14411     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
14412     \exp_after:wN 0
14413     \__int_value:w #1 \__int_eval:w
14414     \if_int_compare:w #4 < - \c_eight
14415         \c_one
14416         \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_big_i_o:wNww
14417         \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_one - #4 ;
14418         0 {1000}{0000}{0000}{0000} ; #5;
14419         \exp:w
14420     \else:
14421         \if_int_compare:w #4 > \c_five % cf \__fp_max_exponent_int
14422             \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_overflow:
14423             \exp:w
14424         \else:
14425             \if_int_compare:w #4 < \c_zero
14426                 \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
14427             \else:

```

```

14428         \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
14429     \fi:
14430     {
14431         \c_zero
14432         \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn { - #4 }
14433         \__fp_exp_Taylor:Nnnwn
14434     }
14435     {
14436         \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn { \c_sixteen - #4 }
14437         \__fp_exp_pos_large:NnnNwn
14438     }
14439     #5
14440     {#4}
14441     #1 #2 0
14442     \exp:w
14443     \fi:
14444     \fi:
14445     \exp_after:wN \c_zero
14446 }
14447 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_overflow:
14448 { + \c_two * \c__fp_max_exponent_int ; {1000} {0000} {0000} {0000} ; }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_exp\_normal:w and \\_\_fp\_exp\_pos:Nnnwnw.)

```

\__fp_exp_Taylor:Nnnwn
\__fp_exp_Taylor_loop:www
\__fp_exp_Taylor_break:Nww

```

This function is called for numbers in the range  $[10^{-9}, 10^{-1})$ . Our only task is to compute the Taylor series. The first argument is irrelevant (rounding digit used by some other functions). The next three arguments, at least 16 digits, delimited by a semicolon, form a fixed point number, so we pack it in blocks of 4 digits.

```

14449 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_Taylor:Nnnwn #1#2#3 #4; #5 #6
14450 {
14451     #6
14452     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
14453     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
14454     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
14455     \__fp_exp_Taylor_ii:ww
14456     ; #2#3#4 0000 0000 ;
14457 }
14458 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_Taylor_ii:ww #1; #2;
14459 { \__fp_exp_Taylor_loop:www 10 ; #1 ; #1 ; \s_stop }
14460 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_Taylor_loop:www #1; #2; #3;
14461 {
14462     \if_int_compare:w #1 = \c_one
14463     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_Taylor_break:Nww
14464     \fi:
14465     \__fp_fixed_div_int:wwN #3 ; #1 ;
14466     \__fp_fixed_add_one:wN
14467     \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #2 ;
14468     {
14469         \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_Taylor_loop:www
14470         \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 - 1 ;

```

```

14471         #2 ;
14472     }
14473 }
14474 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_Taylor_break:Nww #1 #2; #3 \s_stop
14475 { \__fp_fixed_add_one:wN #2 ; }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_exp\_Taylor:Nnnwn.)

```

\__fp_exp_pos_large:NnnNwn
\__fp_exp_large_after:wnn
  \__fp_exp_large:w
    \__fp_exp_large_v:wN
  \__fp_exp_large_iv:wN
\__fp_exp_large_iii:wN
\__fp_exp_large_ii:wN
\__fp_exp_large_i:wN
\__fp_exp_large_:wN

```

The first two arguments are irrelevant (a rounding digit, and a brace group with 8 zeros). The third argument is the integer part of our number, then we have the decimal part delimited by a semicolon, and finally the exponent, in the range  $[0, 5]$ . Remove leading zeros from the integer part: putting #4 in there too ensures that an integer part of 0 is also removed. Then read digits one by one, looking up  $\exp(\langle digit \rangle \cdot 10^{\langle exponent \rangle})$  in a table, and multiplying that to the current total. The loop is done by having the auxiliary for one exponent call the auxiliary for the next exponent. The current total is expressed by leaving the exponent behind in the input stream (we are currently within an \\_\_int\_eval:w), and keeping track of a fixed point number, #1 for the numbered auxiliaries. Our usage of \if\_case:w is somewhat dirty for optimization: T<sub>E</sub>X jumps to the appropriate case, but we then close the \if\_case:w “by hand”, using \or: and \fi: as delimiters.

```

14476 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_pos_large:NnnNwn #1#2#3 #4#5; #6
14477 {
14478   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
14479   \cs:w \__fp_exp_large_ \__int_to_roman:w #6 :wN \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
14480   \exp_after:wN \c__fp_one_fixed_tl
14481   \exp_after:wN ;
14482   \__int_value:w #3 #4 \exp_stop_f:
14483   #5 00000 ;
14484 }
14485 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large:w #1 \or: #2 \fi:
14486 { \fi: \__fp_fixed_mul:wnn #1; }
14487 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_v:wN #1; #2
14488 {
14489   \if_case:w #2 ~ \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wn \or:
14490   + 4343 \__fp_exp_large:w {8806}{8182}{2566}{2921}{5872}{6150} \or:
14491   + 8686 \__fp_exp_large:w {7756}{0047}{2598}{6861}{0458}{3204} \or:
14492   + 13029 \__fp_exp_large:w {6830}{5723}{7791}{4884}{1932}{7351} \or:
14493   + 17372 \__fp_exp_large:w {6015}{5609}{3095}{3052}{3494}{7574} \or:
14494   + 21715 \__fp_exp_large:w {5297}{7951}{6443}{0315}{3251}{3576} \or:
14495   + 26058 \__fp_exp_large:w {4665}{6719}{0099}{3379}{5527}{2929} \or:
14496   + 30401 \__fp_exp_large:w {4108}{9724}{3326}{3186}{5271}{5665} \or:
14497   + 34744 \__fp_exp_large:w {3618}{6973}{3140}{0875}{3856}{4102} \or:
14498   + 39087 \__fp_exp_large:w {3186}{9209}{6113}{3900}{6705}{9685} \or:
14499   \fi:
14500   #1;
14501   \__fp_exp_large_iv:wN
14502 }
14503 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_iv:wN #1; #2
14504 {
14505   \if_case:w #2 ~ \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wn \or:

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14506 + 435 \__fp_exp_large:w {1970}{0711}{1401}{7046}{9938}{8888} \or:
14507 + 869 \__fp_exp_large:w {3881}{1801}{9428}{4368}{5764}{8232} \or:
14508 + 1303 \__fp_exp_large:w {7646}{2009}{8905}{4704}{8893}{1073} \or:
14509 + 1738 \__fp_exp_large:w {1506}{3559}{7005}{0524}{9009}{7592} \or:
14510 + 2172 \__fp_exp_large:w {2967}{6283}{8402}{3667}{0689}{6630} \or:
14511 + 2606 \__fp_exp_large:w {5846}{4389}{5650}{2114}{7278}{5046} \or:
14512 + 3041 \__fp_exp_large:w {1151}{7900}{5080}{6878}{2914}{4154} \or:
14513 + 3475 \__fp_exp_large:w {2269}{1083}{0850}{6857}{8724}{4002} \or:
14514 + 3909 \__fp_exp_large:w {4470}{3047}{3316}{5442}{6408}{6591} \or:
14515 \fi:
14516 #1;
14517 \__fp_exp_large_iii:wN
14518 }
14519 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_iii:wN #1; #2
14520 {
14521 \if_case:w #2 ~ \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wn \or:
14522 + 44 \__fp_exp_large:w {2688}{1171}{4181}{6135}{4484}{1263} \or:
14523 + 87 \__fp_exp_large:w {7225}{9737}{6812}{5749}{2581}{7748} \or:
14524 + 131 \__fp_exp_large:w {1942}{4263}{9524}{1255}{9365}{8421} \or:
14525 + 174 \__fp_exp_large:w {5221}{4696}{8976}{4143}{9505}{8876} \or:
14526 + 218 \__fp_exp_large:w {1403}{5922}{1785}{2837}{4107}{3977} \or:
14527 + 261 \__fp_exp_large:w {3773}{0203}{0092}{9939}{8234}{0143} \or:
14528 + 305 \__fp_exp_large:w {1014}{2320}{5473}{5004}{5094}{5533} \or:
14529 + 348 \__fp_exp_large:w {2726}{3745}{7211}{2566}{5673}{6478} \or:
14530 + 391 \__fp_exp_large:w {7328}{8142}{2230}{7421}{7051}{8866} \or:
14531 \fi:
14532 #1;
14533 \__fp_exp_large_ii:wN
14534 }
14535 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_ii:wN #1; #2
14536 {
14537 \if_case:w #2 ~ \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wn \or:
14538 + 5 \__fp_exp_large:w {2202}{6465}{7948}{0671}{6516}{9579} \or:
14539 + 9 \__fp_exp_large:w {4851}{6519}{5409}{7902}{7796}{9107} \or:
14540 + 14 \__fp_exp_large:w {1068}{6474}{5815}{2446}{2146}{9905} \or:
14541 + 18 \__fp_exp_large:w {2353}{8526}{6837}{0199}{8540}{7900} \or:
14542 + 22 \__fp_exp_large:w {5184}{7055}{2858}{7072}{4640}{8745} \or:
14543 + 27 \__fp_exp_large:w {1142}{0073}{8981}{5684}{2836}{6296} \or:
14544 + 31 \__fp_exp_large:w {2515}{4386}{7091}{9167}{0062}{6578} \or:
14545 + 35 \__fp_exp_large:w {5540}{6223}{8439}{3510}{0525}{7117} \or:
14546 + 40 \__fp_exp_large:w {1220}{4032}{9431}{7840}{8020}{0271} \or:
14547 \fi:
14548 #1;
14549 \__fp_exp_large_i:wN
14550 }
14551 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_i:wN #1; #2
14552 {
14553 \if_case:w #2 ~ \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wn \or:
14554 + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {2718}{2818}{2845}{9045}{2353}{6029} \or:
14555 + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {7389}{0560}{9893}{0650}{2272}{3043} \or:

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14556     + 2 \__fp_exp_large:w {2008}{5536}{9231}{8766}{7740}{9285} \or:
14557     + 2 \__fp_exp_large:w {5459}{8150}{0331}{4423}{9078}{1103} \or:
14558     + 3 \__fp_exp_large:w {1484}{1315}{9102}{5766}{0342}{1116} \or:
14559     + 3 \__fp_exp_large:w {4034}{2879}{3492}{7351}{2260}{8387} \or:
14560     + 4 \__fp_exp_large:w {1096}{6331}{5842}{8458}{5992}{6372} \or:
14561     + 4 \__fp_exp_large:w {2980}{9579}{8704}{1728}{2747}{4359} \or:
14562     + 4 \__fp_exp_large:w {8103}{0839}{2757}{5384}{0077}{1000} \or:
14563     \fi:
14564     #1;
14565     \__fp_exp_large_:wN
14566 }
14567 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_:wN #1; #2
14568 {
14569     \if_case:w #2 ~          \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wn \or:
14570     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1105}{1709}{1807}{5647}{6248}{1171} \or:
14571     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1221}{4027}{5816}{0169}{8339}{2107} \or:
14572     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1349}{8588}{0757}{6003}{1039}{8374} \or:
14573     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1491}{8246}{9764}{1270}{3178}{2485} \or:
14574     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1648}{7212}{7070}{0128}{1468}{4865} \or:
14575     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1822}{1188}{0039}{0508}{9748}{7537} \or:
14576     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {2013}{7527}{0747}{0476}{5216}{2455} \or:
14577     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {2225}{5409}{2849}{2467}{6045}{7954} \or:
14578     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {2459}{6031}{1115}{6949}{6638}{0013} \or:
14579     \fi:
14580     #1;
14581     \__fp_exp_large_after:wnn
14582 }
14583 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_after:wnn #1; #2; #3
14584 {
14585     \__fp_exp_Taylor:Nnnwn ? { } { } 0 #2; {} #3
14586     \__fp_fixed_mul:wnn #1;
14587 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_exp\_pos\_large:NnnNwn and others.)

## 29.3 Power

Raising a number  $a$  to a power  $b$  leads to many distinct situations.

$a^b$	$-\infty$	$-y$	$-n$	$\pm 0$	$+n$	$+y$	$+\infty$	NaN
$+\infty$	+0	+0	+0	+1	$+\infty$	$+\infty$	$+\infty$	NaN
$1 < x$	+0	$+x^{-y}$	$+x^{-n}$	+1	$+x^n$	$+x^y$	$+\infty$	NaN
+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1
$0 < x < 1$	$+\infty$	$+x^{-y}$	$+x^{-n}$	+1	$+x^n$	$+x^y$	+0	NaN
+0	$+\infty$	$+\infty$	$+\infty$	+1	+0	+0	+0	NaN
-0	NaN	NaN	$\pm\infty$	+1	$\pm 0$	+0	+0	NaN
$-1 < -x < 0$	NaN	NaN	$\pm x^{-n}$	+1	$\pm x^n$	NaN	+0	NaN
-1	NaN	NaN	$\pm 1$	+1	$\pm 1$	NaN	NaN	NaN
$-x < -1$	+0	NaN	$\pm x^{-n}$	+1	$\pm x^n$	NaN	NaN	NaN
$-\infty$	+0	+0	$\pm 0$	+1	$\pm\infty$	NaN	NaN	NaN
NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	+1	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN

One peculiarity of this operation is that  $\text{NaN}^0 = 1^{\text{NaN}} = 1$ , because this relation is obeyed for any number, even  $\pm\infty$ .

`\__fp^_o:ww` We cram a most of the tests into a single function to save csnames. First treat the case  $b = 0$ :  $a^0 = 1$  for any  $a$ , even `nan`. Then test the sign of  $a$ .

- If it is positive, and  $a$  is a normal number, call `\__fp_pow_normal:ww` followed by the two `fp`  $a$  and  $b$ . For  $a = +0$  or  $+\infty$ , call `\__fp_pow_zero_or_inf:ww` instead, to return either  $+0$  or  $+\infty$  as appropriate.
- If  $a$  is a `nan`, then skip to the next semicolon (which happens to be conveniently the end of  $b$ ) and return `nan`.
- Finally, if  $a$  is negative, compute  $a^b$  (`\__fp_pow_normal:ww` which ignores the sign of its first operand), and keep an extra copy of  $a$  and  $b$  (the second brace group, containing  $\{ b a \}$ , is inserted between  $a$  and  $b$ ). Then do some tests to find the final sign of the result if it exists.

```

14588 \cs_new:cpn { __fp_ \iow_char:N \^_ _o:ww }
14589   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2#3; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5#6;
14590   {
14591     \if_meaning:w 0 #4
14592       \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_one_fp
14593     \fi:
14594     \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
14595       \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
14596     \or:
14597       \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_nan_fp
14598     \else:
14599       \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_neg:www
14600       \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \exp_after:wN \use:nn
14601     \fi:
14602     {
14603       \if_meaning:w 1 #1
14604         \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_normal:ww
14605       \else:

```



```

14606         \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_zero_or_inf:ww
14607         \fi:
14608         \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2#3;
14609     }
14610     { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5#6; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2#3; }
14611     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5#6;
14612 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_~o:ww.)

\\_\_fp\_pow\_zero\_or\_inf:ww

Raising  $-0$  or  $-\infty$  to **nan** yields **nan**. For other powers, the result is  $+0$  if  $0$  is raised to a positive power or  $\infty$  to a negative power, and  $+\infty$  otherwise. Thus, if the type of  $a$  and the sign of  $b$  coincide, the result is  $0$ , since those conveniently take the same possible values,  $0$  and  $2$ . Otherwise, either  $a = \pm 0$  with  $b < 0$  and we have a division by zero, or  $a = \pm \infty$  and  $b > 0$  and the result is also  $+\infty$ , but without any exception.

```

14613 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_zero_or_inf:ww
14614     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #3#4
14615 {
14616     \if_meaning:w 1 #4
14617     \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
14618     \fi:
14619     \if_meaning:w #1 #4
14620     \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_zero_fp
14621     \fi:
14622     \if_meaning:w 0 #1
14623     \__fp_case_use:nw
14624     {
14625         \__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww \c_inf_fp ^
14626         \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2 ;
14627     }
14628     \else:
14629     \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_inf_fp
14630     \fi:
14631     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #3#4
14632 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_pow\_zero\_or\_inf:ww.)

\\_\_fp\_pow\_normal:ww

We have in front of us  $a$ , and  $b \neq 0$ , we know that  $a$  is a normal number, and we wish to compute  $|a|^b$ . If  $|a| = 1$ , we return  $1$ , unless  $a = -1$  and  $b$  is **nan**. Indeed, returning  $1$  at this point would wrongly raise “invalid” when the sign is considered. If  $|a| \neq 1$ , test the type of  $b$ :

0 Impossible, we already filtered  $b = \pm 0$ .

1 Call \\_\_fp\_pow\_npos:ww.

2 Return  $+\infty$  or  $+0$  depending on the sign of  $b$  and whether the exponent of  $a$  is positive or not.

3 Return  $b$ .

```

14633 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_normal:ww
14634   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1#2#3; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5
14635   {
14636     \if_int_compare:w \__str_if_eq_x:nn { #2 #3 }
14637       { 1 {1000} {0000} {0000} {0000} } = \c_zero
14638       \if_int_compare:w #4 #1 = 32 \exp_stop_f:
14639       \exp_after:wN \__fp_case_return_ii_o:ww
14640       \fi:
14641       \__fp_case_return_o:Nww \c_one_fp
14642       \fi:
14643       \if_case:w #4 \exp_stop_f:
14644       \or:
14645       \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_npos:Nww
14646       \exp_after:wN #5
14647       \or:
14648       \if_meaning:w 2 #5 \exp_after:wN \reverse_if:N \fi:
14649       \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_zero
14650       \exp_after:wN \__fp_case_return_o:Nww
14651       \exp_after:wN \c_inf_fp
14652       \else:
14653       \exp_after:wN \__fp_case_return_o:Nww
14654       \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp
14655       \fi:
14656       \or:
14657       \__fp_case_return_ii_o:ww
14658       \fi:
14659       \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1 {#2} #3 ;
14660       \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4 #5
14661   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_pow\_normal:ww.)

\\_\_fp\_pow\_npos:Nww

We now know that  $a \neq \pm 1$  is a normal number, and  $b$  is a normal number too. We want to compute  $|a|^b = (|x| \cdot 10^n)^{y \cdot 10^p} = \exp((\ln|x| + n \ln(10)) \cdot y \cdot 10^p) = \exp(z)$ . To compute the exponential accurately, we need to know the digits of  $z$  up to the 16-th position. Since the exponential of  $10^5$  is infinite, we only need at most 21 digits, hence the fixed point result of \\_\_fp\_ln\_o:w is precise enough for our needs. Start an integer expression for the decimal exponent of  $e^{|z|}$ . If  $z$  is negative, negate that decimal exponent, and prepare to take the inverse when converting from the fixed point to the floating point result.

```

14662 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_npos:Nww #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#2#3
14663   {
14664     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitizew:Nw
14665     \exp_after:wN 0
14666     \__int_value:w
14667     \if:w #1 \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_zero 0 \else: 2 \fi:
14668     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_npos_aux:NNww
14669     \exp_after:wN +
14670     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_float:wN
14671     \else:

```

```

14672         \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_npos_aux:NNnww
14673         \exp_after:wN -
14674         \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_inv_to_float:wN
14675     \fi:
14676     {#3}
14677 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_pow\_npos:Nww.)

\\_\_fp\_pow\_npos\_aux:NNnww

The first argument is the conversion function from fixed point to float. Then comes an exponent and the 4 brace groups of  $x$ , followed by  $b$ . Compute  $-\ln(x)$ .

```

14678 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_npos_aux:NNnww #1#2#3#4#5; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#6#7#8;
14679 {
14680     #1
14681     \__int_eval:w
14682     \__fp_ln_significand:NNNNnnnN #4#5
14683     \__fp_pow_exponent:wnN {#3}
14684     \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #8 {0000}{0000} ;
14685     \__fp_pow_B:wwN #7;
14686     #1 #2 0 % fixed_to_float:wN
14687 }
14688 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_exponent:wnN #1; #2
14689 {
14690     \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_zero
14691         \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_exponent:Nwnnnnnw % n\ln(10) - (-\ln(x))
14692         \exp_after:wN +
14693     \else:
14694         \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_exponent:Nwnnnnnw % -(|n|\ln(10) + (-\ln(x)))
14695         \exp_after:wN -
14696     \fi:
14697     #2; #1;
14698 }
14699 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_exponent:Nwnnnnnw #1#2; #3#4#5#6#7#8;
14700 { %^A todo: use that in ln.
14701     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_mul_after:wwn
14702     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_leading_shift_int
14703     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNw
14704     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
14705     #1#2*23025 - #1 #3
14706     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNw
14707     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
14708     #1 #2*8509 - #1 #4
14709     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNw
14710     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
14711     #1 #2*2994 - #1 #5
14712     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNw
14713     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
14714     #1 #2*0456 - #1 #6
14715     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNw
14716     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_trailing_shift_int

```

```

14717             #1 #2*8401 - #1 #7
14718             #1 ( #2*7991 - #8 ) / 1 0000 ; ;
14719     }
14720 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_B:wwN #1#2#3#4#5#6; #7;
14721 {
14722     \if_int_compare:w #7 < \c_zero
14723     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_neg:w \__int_value:w -
14724     \else:
14725     \if_int_compare:w #7 < 22 \exp_stop_f:
14726     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_pos:w \__int_value:w
14727     \else:
14728     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_overflow:w \__int_value:w
14729     \fi:
14730     \fi:
14731     #7 \exp_after:wN ;
14732     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 10 0000 + #1 \__int_eval_end:
14733     #2#3#4#5#6 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 ; %^A todo: how many 0?
14734 }
14735 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_C_overflow:w #1; #2; #3
14736 {
14737     + \c_two * \c_fp_max_exponent_int
14738     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wn \c__fp_one_fixed_tl ;
14739 }
14740 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_C_neg:w #1 ; 1
14741 {
14742     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_pack:w
14743     \prg_replicate:nn {#1} {0}
14744 }
14745 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_C_pos:w #1; 1
14746 { \__fp_pow_C_pos_loop:wN #1; }
14747 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_C_pos_loop:wN #1; #2
14748 {
14749     \if_meaning:w 0 #1
14750     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_pack:w
14751     \exp_after:wN #2
14752     \else:
14753     \if_meaning:w 0 #2
14754     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_pos_loop:wN \__int_value:w
14755     \else:
14756     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_overflow:w \__int_value:w
14757     \fi:
14758     \__int_eval:w #1 - \c_one \exp_after:wN ;
14759     \fi:
14760 }
14761 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_C_pack:w
14762 { \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_large_v:wN \c__fp_one_fixed_tl ; }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_pow\_npos\_aux:NNnww.)

\\_\_fp\_pow\_neg:www  
\\_\_fp\_pow\_neg\_aux:wNN

This function is followed by three floating point numbers:  $a^b$ ,  $a \in [-\infty, -0]$ , and  $b$ . If  $b$  is

an even integer (case  $-1$ ),  $a^b = a^b$ . If  $b$  is an odd integer (case  $0$ ),  $a^b = -a^b$ , obtained by a call to `\__fp_pow_neg_aux:wNN`. Otherwise, the sign is undefined. This is invalid, unless  $a^b$  turns out to be  $+0$  or `nan`, in which case we return that as  $a^b$ . In particular, since the underflow detection occurs before `\__fp_pow_neg:www` is called,  $(-0.1)**(12345.6)$  will give  $+0$  rather than complaining that the sign is not defined.

```

14763 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_neg:www \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2; #3; #4;
14764 {
14765   \if_case:w \__fp_pow_neg_case:w #4 ;
14766     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_neg_aux:wNN
14767   \or:
14768     \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #1 / \c_two = \c_one
14769       \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww ^ #3; #4;
14770     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
14771     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
14772     \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_none_until_s:w
14773   \fi:
14774   \fi:
14775   \__fp_exp_after_o:w
14776   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2;
14777 }
14778 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_neg_aux:wNN #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3
14779 {
14780   \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_o:w
14781   \exp_after:wN \s__fp
14782   \exp_after:wN \__fp_chk:w
14783   \exp_after:wN #2
14784   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_two - #3 \__int_eval_end:
14785 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_pow_neg:www` and `\__fp_pow_neg_aux:wNN`.)

```

\__fp_pow_neg_case:w
\__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:nnnnn
\__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:NNNNNNNNw

```

This function expects a floating point number, and “returns”  $-1$  if it is an even integer,  $0$  if it is an odd integer, and  $1$  if it is not an integer. Zeros are even,  $\pm\infty$  and `nan` are non-integers. The sign of normal numbers is irrelevant to parity. If the exponent is greater than sixteen, then the number is even. If the exponent is non-positive, the number cannot be an integer. We also separate the ranges of exponent  $[1, 8]$  and  $[9, 16]$ . In the former case, check that the last 8 digits are zero (otherwise we don’t have an integer). In both cases, consider the appropriate 8 digits, either `#4#5` or `#2#3`, remove the first few: we are then left with  $\langle digit \rangle \langle digits \rangle$ ; which would be the digits surrounding the decimal period. If the  $\langle digits \rangle$  are non-zero, the number is not an integer. Otherwise, check the parity of the  $\langle digit \rangle$  and return `\c_zero` or `\c_minus_one`.

```

14786 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_neg_case:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2#3;
14787 {
14788   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
14789     \c_minus_one
14790   \or:   \__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:nnnnn #3
14791   \else: \c_one
14792   \fi:
14793 }

```

```

14794 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
14795 {
14796   \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_eight
14797     \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_sixteen
14798       \c_minus_one
14799     \else:
14800       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
14801       \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:NNNNNNNNw
14802       \prg_replicate:nn { \c_sixteen - #1 } { 0 } #4#5 ;
14803     \fi:
14804   \else:
14805     \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_zero
14806       \if_int_compare:w #4#5 = \c_zero
14807         \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
14808         \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:NNNNNNNNw
14809         \prg_replicate:nn { \c_eight - #1 } { 0 } #2#3 ;
14810       \else:
14811         \c_one
14812       \fi:
14813     \else:
14814       \c_one
14815     \fi:
14816   \fi:
14817 }
14818 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:NNNNNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9;
14819 {
14820   \if_int_compare:w 0 #9 = \c_zero
14821     \if_int_odd:w #8 \exp_stop_f:
14822       \c_zero
14823     \else:
14824       \c_minus_one
14825     \fi:
14826   \else:
14827     \c_one
14828   \fi:
14829 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_pow\_neg\_case:w, \\_\_fp\_pow\_neg\_case\_aux:nnnnn, and \\_\_fp\_pow\_neg\_case\_aux:NNNNNNNNw.)

```

14830 </initex | package>

```

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14831 <*initex | package>
14832 <@@=fp>

```

### 30.1 Direct trigonometric functions

The approach for all trigonometric functions (sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent, cosecant, and secant), with arguments given in radians or in degrees, is the same.

- Filter out special cases ( $\pm 0$ ,  $\pm \infty$  and NaN).
- Keep the sign for later, and work with the absolute value  $|x|$  of the argument.
- Small numbers ( $|x| < 1$  in radians,  $|x| < 10$  in degrees) are converted to fixed point numbers (and to radians if  $|x|$  is in degrees).
- For larger numbers, we need argument reduction. Subtract a multiple of  $\pi/2$  (in degrees, 90) to bring the number to the range to  $[0, \pi/2)$  (in degrees,  $[0, 90)$ ).
- Reduce further to  $[0, \pi/4]$  (in degrees,  $[0, 45]$ ) using  $\sin x = \cos(\pi/2 - x)$ , and when working in degrees, convert to radians.
- Use the appropriate power series depending on the octant  $\lfloor \frac{x}{\pi/4} \rfloor \bmod 8$  (in degrees, the same formula with  $\pi/4 \rightarrow 45$ ), the sign, and the function to compute.

### 30.1.1 Filtering special cases

`\__fp_sin_o:w` This function, and its analogs for `cos`, `csc`, `sec`, `tan`, and `cot` instead of `sin`, are followed either by `\use_i:nn` and a float in radians or by `\use_ii:nn` and a float in degrees. The sine of  $\pm 0$  or NaN is the same float. The sine of  $\pm \infty$  raises an invalid operation exception with the appropriate function name. Otherwise, call the `trig` function to perform argument reduction and if necessary convert the reduced argument to radians. Then, `\__fp_sin_series_o:NNwww` will be called to compute the Taylor series: this function receives a sign `#3`, an initial octant of 0, and the function `\__fp_ep_to_float:wwN` which converts the result of the series to a floating point directly rather than taking its inverse, since  $\sin(x) = \#3 \sin|x|$ .

```

14833 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sin_o:w #1 \s_fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @
14834 {
14835   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
14836     \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
14837   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
14838     {
14839       \__fp_trig:NNNNwn #1 \__fp_sin_series_o:NNwww
14840       \__fp_ep_to_float:wwN #3 \c_zero
14841     }
14842   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
14843     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { sin } { sind } } }
14844   \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
14845   \fi:
14846   \s_fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 #4;
14847 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_sin\_o:w.)*

`\__fp_cos_o:w` The cosine of  $\pm 0$  is 1. The cosine of  $\pm \infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. The cosine of NaN is itself. Otherwise, the `trig` function reduces the argument to at most half a right-angle and converts if necessary to radians. We will then call the same series as

for sine, but using a positive sign 0 regardless of the sign of  $x$ , and with an initial octant of 2, because  $\cos(x) = +\sin(\pi/2 + |x|)$ .

```

14848 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_cos_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3; @
14849 {
14850   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
14851     \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_one_fp
14852   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
14853     {
14854       \__fp_trig:NNNNNwn #1 \__fp_sin_series_o:NNwww
14855       \__fp_ep_to_float:wwN 0 \c_two
14856     }
14857   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
14858     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { cos } { cosd } } }
14859   \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
14860   \fi:
14861   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3;
14862 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_cos_o:w`.)

`\__fp_csc_o:w` The cosecant of  $\pm 0$  is  $\pm\infty$  with the same sign, with a division by zero exception (see `\__fp_cot_zero_o:Nfw` defined below), which requires the function name. The cosecant of  $\pm\infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. The cosecant of NaN is itself. Otherwise, the `trig` function performs the argument reduction, and converts if necessary to radians before calling the same series as for sine, using the sign #3, a starting octant of 0, and inverting during the conversion from the fixed point sine to the floating point result, because  $\csc(x) = \#3(\sin|x|)^{-1}$ .

```

14863 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_csc_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @
14864 {
14865   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
14866     \__fp_cot_zero_o:Nfw #3 { #1 { csc } { cscd } }
14867   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
14868     {
14869       \__fp_trig:NNNNNwn #1 \__fp_sin_series_o:NNwww
14870       \__fp_ep_inv_to_float:wwN #3 \c_zero
14871     }
14872   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
14873     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { csc } { cscd } } }
14874   \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
14875   \fi:
14876   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 #4;
14877 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_csc_o:w`.)

`\__fp_sec_o:w` The secant of  $\pm 0$  is 1. The secant of  $\pm\infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. The secant of NaN is itself. Otherwise, the `trig` function reduces the argument and turns it to radians before calling the same series as for sine, using a positive sign 0, a starting octant of 2, and inverting upon conversion, because  $\sec(x) = +1/\sin(\pi/2 + |x|)$ .



```

14878 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sec_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3; @
14879 {
14880   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
14881     \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_one_fp
14882   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
14883     {
14884       \__fp_trig:NNNNNwn #1 \__fp_sin_series_o:NNwww
14885       \__fp_ep_inv_to_float:wwN 0 \c_two
14886     }
14887   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
14888     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { sec } { secd } } }
14889   \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
14890   \fi:
14891   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3;
14892 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_sec\_o:w.)

**\\_\_fp\_tan\_o:w** The tangent of  $\pm 0$  or NaN is the same floating point number. The tangent of  $\pm\infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. Once more, the `trig` function does the argument reduction step and conversion to radians before calling `\__fp_tan_series_o:NNwww`, with a sign `#3` and an initial octant of 1 (this shift is somewhat arbitrary). See `\__fp_cot_o:w` for an explanation of the 0 argument.

```

14893 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tan_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @
14894 {
14895   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
14896     \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
14897   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
14898     {
14899       \__fp_trig:NNNNNwn #1
14900       \__fp_tan_series_o:NNwww 0 #3 \c_one
14901     }
14902   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
14903     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { tan } { tand } } }
14904   \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
14905   \fi:
14906   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 #4;
14907 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_tan\_o:w.)

**\\_\_fp\_cot\_o:w** The cotangent of  $\pm 0$  is  $\pm\infty$  with the same sign, with a division by zero exception (see `\__fp_cot_zero_o:Nfw`). The cotangent of  $\pm\infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. The cotangent of NaN is itself. We use  $\cot x = -\tan(\pi/2 + x)$ , and the initial octant for the tangent was chosen to be 1, so the octant here starts at 3. The change in sign is obtained by feeding `\__fp_tan_series_o:NNwww` two signs rather than just the sign of the argument: the first of those indicates whether we compute tangent or cotangent. Those signs are eventually combined.

```

14908 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_cot_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @

```

```

14909 {
14910   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
14911     \__fp_cot_zero_o:Nfw #3 { #1 { cot } { cotd } }
14912   \or:   \__fp_case_use:nw
14913     {
14914       \__fp_trig:NNNNNwn #1
14915       \__fp_tan_series_o:NNwww 2 #3 \c_three
14916     }
14917   \or:   \__fp_case_use:nw
14918     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { cot } { cotd } } }
14919   \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
14920   \fi:
14921   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 #4;
14922 }
14923 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_cot_zero_o:Nfw #1#2#3 \fi:
14924 {
14925   \fi:
14926   \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF 0 #1
14927   { \exp_args:Nnf \__fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw \c_inf_fp }
14928   { \exp_args:Nnf \__fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw \c_minus_inf_fp }
14929   {#2}
14930 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_cot\_o:w.)

### 30.1.2 Distinguishing small and large arguments

\\_\_fp\_trig:NNNNNwn The first argument is \use\_i:nn if the operand is in radians and \use\_ii:nn if it is in degrees. Arguments #2 to #5 control what trigonometric function we compute, and #6 to #8 are pieces of a normal floating point number. Call the `_series` function #2, with arguments #3, either a conversion function (\\_\_fp\_ep\_to\_float:wN or \\_\_fp\_ep\_inv\_to\_float:wN) or a sign 0 or 2 when computing tangent or cotangent; #4, a sign 0 or 2; the octant, computed in an integer expression starting with #5 and stopped by a period; and a fixed point number obtained from the floating point number by argument reduction (if necessary) and conversion to radians (if necessary). Any argument reduction adjusts the octant accordingly by leaving a (positive) shift into its integer expression. Let us explain the integer comparison. Two of the four \exp\_after:wN are expanded, the expansion hits the test, which is true if the float is at least 1 when working in radians, and at least 10 when working in degrees. Then one of the remaining \exp\_after:wN hits #1, which picks the `trig` or `trigd` function in whichever branch of the conditional was taken. The final \exp\_after:wN closes the conditional. At the end of the day, a number is `large` if it is  $\geq 1$  in radians or  $\geq 10$  in degrees, and `small` otherwise. All four `trig`/`trigd` auxiliaries receive the operand as an extended-precision number.

```

14931 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig:NNNNNwn #1#2#3#4#5 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#6#7#8;
14932 {
14933   \exp_after:wN #2
14934   \exp_after:wN #3
14935   \exp_after:wN #4

```

```

14936 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #5
14937 \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
14938 \if_int_compare:w #7 > #1 \c_zero \c_one
14939 #1 \__fp_trig_large:ww \__fp_trigd_large:ww
14940 \else:
14941 #1 \__fp_trig_small:ww \__fp_trigd_small:ww
14942 \fi:
14943 #7,#8{0000}{0000};
14944 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_trig:NNNNwn.)

### 30.1.3 Small arguments

\\_\_fp\_trig\_small:ww This receives a small extended-precision number in radians and converts it to a fixed point number. Some trailing digits may be lost in the conversion, so we keep the original floating point number around: when computing sine or tangent (or their inverses), the last step will be to multiply by the floating point number (as an extended-precision number) rather than the fixed point number. The period serves to end the integer expression for the octant.

```

14945 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_small:ww #1,#2;
14946 { \__fp_ep_to_fixed:wwn #1,#2; . #1,#2; }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_trig\_small:ww.)

\\_\_fp\_trigd\_small:ww Convert the extended-precision number to radians, then call \\_\_fp\_trig\_small:ww to massage it in the form appropriate for the `_series` auxiliary.

```

14947 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trigd_small:ww #1,#2;
14948 {
14949 \__fp_ep_mul_raw:wwwN
14950 -1,{1745}{3292}{5199}{4329}{5769}{2369}; #1,#2;
14951 \__fp_trig_small:ww
14952 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_trigd\_small:ww.)

### 30.1.4 Argument reduction in degrees

\\_\_fp\_trigd\_large:ww Note that  $25 \times 360 = 9000$ , so  $10^{k+1} \equiv 10^k \pmod{360}$  for  $k \geq 3$ . When the exponent #1 is very large, we can thus safely replace it by 22 (or even 19). We turn the floating point number into a fixed point number with two blocks of 8 digits followed by five blocks of 4 digits. The original float is  $100 \times \langle block_1 \rangle \cdots \langle block_3 \rangle . \langle block_4 \rangle \cdots \langle block_7 \rangle$ , or is equal to it modulo 360 if the exponent #1 is very large. The first auxiliary finds  $\langle block_1 \rangle + \langle block_2 \rangle \pmod{9}$ , a single digit, and prepends it to the 4 digits of  $\langle block_3 \rangle$ . It also unpacks  $\langle block_4 \rangle$  and grabs the 4 digits of  $\langle block_7 \rangle$ . The second auxiliary grabs the  $\langle block_3 \rangle$  plus any contribution from the first two blocks as #1, the first digit of  $\langle block_4 \rangle$  (just after the decimal point in hundreds of degrees) as #2, and the three other digits as #3. It finds the quotient and remainder of #1#2 modulo 9, adds twice the quotient to the integer expression for the octant, and places the remainder (between 0 and 8) before #3 to form

a new  $\langle block_4 \rangle$ . The resulting fixed point number is  $x \in [0, 0.9]$ . If  $x \geq 0.45$ , we add 1 to the octant and feed  $0.9 - x$  with an exponent of 2 (to compensate the fact that we are working in units of hundreds of degrees rather than degrees) to `\_fp_trigd_small:ww`. Otherwise, we feed it  $x$  with an exponent of 2. The third auxiliary also discards digits which were not packed into the various  $\langle blocks \rangle$ . Since the original exponent #1 is at least 2, those are all 0 and no precision is lost (#6 and #7 are four 0 each).

```

14953 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_trigd_large:ww #1, #2#3#4#5#6#7;
14954 {
14955   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN
14956   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN
14957   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
14958   \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
14959   \exp_after:wN \_fp_trigd_large_auxi:nnnnwNNNN
14960   \exp_after:wN ;
14961   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
14962   \prg_replicate:nn { \int_max:nn { 22 - #1 } { 0 } } { 0 }
14963   #2#3#4#5#6#7 0000 0000 0000 !
14964 }
14965 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_trigd_large_auxi:nnnnwNNNN #1#2#3#4#5; #6#7#8#9
14966 {
14967   \exp_after:wN \_fp_trigd_large_auxii:wNw
14968   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w #1 + #2
14969   - (#1 + #2 - \c_four) / \c_nine * \c_nine \_int_eval_end:
14970   #3;
14971   #4; #5{#6#7#8#9};
14972 }
14973 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_trigd_large_auxii:wNw #1; #2#3;
14974 {
14975   + (#1#2 - \c_four) / \c_nine * \c_two
14976   \exp_after:wN \_fp_trigd_large_auxiii:www
14977   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w #1#2
14978   - (#1#2 - \c_four) / \c_nine * \c_nine \_int_eval_end: #3 ;
14979 }
14980 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_trigd_large_auxiii:www #1; #2; #3!
14981 {
14982   \if_int_compare:w #1 < 4500 \exp_stop_f:
14983   \exp_after:wN \_fp_use_i_until_s:nw
14984   \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_continue:wn
14985   \else:
14986   + \c_one
14987   \fi:
14988   \_fp_fixed_sub:wwn {9000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
14989   {#1}#2{0000}{0000};
14990   { \_fp_trigd_small:ww 2, }
14991 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_trigd_large:ww` and others.)

### 30.1.5 Argument reduction in radians

Arguments greater or equal to 1 need to be reduced to a range where we only need a few terms of the Taylor series. We reduce to the range  $[0, 2\pi]$  by subtracting multiples of  $2\pi$ , then to the smaller range  $[0, \pi/2]$  by subtracting multiples of  $\pi/2$  (keeping track of how many times  $\pi/2$  is subtracted), then to  $[0, \pi/4]$  by mapping  $x \rightarrow \pi/2 - x$  if appropriate. When the argument is very large, say,  $10^{100}$ , an equally large multiple of  $2\pi$  must be subtracted, hence we must work with a very good approximation of  $2\pi$  in order to get a sensible remainder modulo  $2\pi$ .

Specifically, we multiply the argument by an approximation of  $1/(2\pi)$  with 10048 digits, then discard the integer part of the result, keeping 52 digits of the fractional part. From the fractional part of  $x/(2\pi)$  we deduce the octant (quotient of the first three digits by 125). We then multiply by 8 or  $-8$  (the latter when the octant is odd), ignore any integer part (related to the octant), and convert the fractional part to an extended precision number, before multiplying by  $\pi/4$  to convert back to a value in radians in  $[0, \pi/4]$ .

It is possible to prove that given the precision of floating points and their range of exponents, the 52 digits may start at most with 24 zeros. The 5 last digits are affected by carries from computations which are not done, hence we are left with at least  $52 - 24 - 5 = 23$  significant digits, enough to round correctly up to  $0.6 \cdot \text{ulp}$  in all cases.

`\_fp_trig_inverse_two_pi:` This macro expands to `,,!` or `,!` followed by 10112 decimals of  $10^{-16}/(2\pi)$ . The number of decimals we really need is the maximum exponent plus the number of digits we will need later, 52, plus 12 (4 - 1 groups of 4 digits). We store the decimals as a control sequence name, and convert it to a token list when required: strings take up less memory than their token list representation.

```

14992 \cs_new_nopar:Npx \_fp_trig_inverse_two_pi:
14993 {
14994   \exp_not:n { \exp_after:wN \use_none:n \token_to_str:N }
14995   \cs:w , , !
14996   0000000000000000159154943091895335768883763372514362034459645740 ~
14997   4564487476673440588967976342265350901138027662530859560728427267 ~
14998   5795803689291184611457865287796741073169983922923996693740907757 ~
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15146 0058714939141652065302070085265624074703660736605333805263766757 ~
15147 2018839497277047222153633851135483463624619855425993871933367482 ~
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15150 7113207021049823238195747175985519501864630940297594363194450091 ~
15151 9150616049228764323192129703446093584259267276386814363309856853 ~
15152 2786024332141052330760658841495858718197071242995959226781172796 ~
15153 4438853796763139274314227953114500064922126500133268623021550837
15154 \cs_end:
15155 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_trig\_inverse\_two\_pi:.)

```

\_fp_trig_large:ww
\_fp_trig_large_auxi:wwwww
\_fp_trig_large_auxii:ww
\_fp_trig_large_auxiii:wnnnnnnnn
\_fp_trig_large_auxiv:wN

```

The exponent #1 is between 1 and 10000. We discard the integer part of  $10^{\#1-16}/(2\pi)$ , that is, the first #1 digits of  $10^{-16}/(2\pi)$ , because it yields an integer contribution to  $x/(2\pi)$ . The auxii auxiliary discards 64 digits at a time thanks to spaces inserted in the result of \\_fp\_trig\_inverse\_two\_pi:, while auxiii discards 8 digits at a time, and



`auxiv` discards digits one at a time. Then 64 digits are packed into groups of 4 and the `auxv` auxiliary is called.

```

15156 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large:ww #1, #2#3#4#5#6;
15157 {
15158   \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_auxi:wwwww
15159   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w (#1 - 32) / 64 \exp_after:wN ,
15160   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w (#1 - 4) / 8 \exp_after:wN ,
15161   \__int_value:w #1 \__fp_trig_inverse_two_pi: ;
15162   {#2}{#3}{#4}{#5} ;
15163 }
15164 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxi:wwwww #1, #2, #3, #4!
15165 {
15166   \prg_replicate:nn {#1} { \__fp_trig_large_auxii:ww }
15167   \prg_replicate:nn { #2 - #1 * \c_eight }
15168   { \__fp_trig_large_auxiii:wNNNNNNNN }
15169   \prg_replicate:nn { #3 - #2 * \c_eight }
15170   { \__fp_trig_large_auxiv:wN }
15171   \prg_replicate:nn { \c_eight } { \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN }
15172   \__fp_trig_large_auxv:www
15173   ;
15174 }
15175 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxii:ww #1; #2 ~ { #1; }
15176 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxiii:wNNNNNNNN
15177   #1; #2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9 { #1; }
15178 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxiv:wN #1; #2 { #1; }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_trig_large:ww` and others.)

```

\__fp_trig_large_auxv:www
\__fp_trig_large_auxvi:wNNNNNNNN
\__fp_trig_large_pack:NNNNw

```

First come the first 64 digits of the fractional part of  $10^{*1-16}/(2\pi)$ , arranged in 16 blocks of 4, and ending with a semicolon. Then some more digits of the same fractional part, ending with a semicolon, then 4 blocks of 4 digits holding the significand of the original argument. Multiply the 16-digit significand with the 64-digit fractional part: the `auxvi` auxiliary receives the significand as `#2#3#4#5` and 16 digits of the fractional part as `#6#7#8#9`, and computes one step of the usual ladder of `pack` functions we use for multiplication (see *e.g.*, `\__fp_fixed_mul:wwn`), then discards one block of the fractional part to set things up for the next step of the ladder. We perform 13 such steps, replacing the last `middle` shift by the appropriate `trailing` shift, then discard the significand and remaining 3 blocks from the fractional part, as there are not enough digits to compute any more step in the ladder. The last semicolon closes the ladder, and we return control to the `auxvii` auxiliary.

```

15179 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxv:www #1; #2; #3;
15180 {
15181   \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_i_until_s:nw
15182   \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_auxvii:w
15183   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_leading_shift_int
15184   \prg_replicate:nn { \c_thirteen }
15185   { \__fp_trig_large_auxvi:wNNNNNNNN }
15186   + \c__fp_trailing_shift_int - \c__fp_middle_shift_int
15187   \__fp_use_i_until_s:nw

```

```

15188         ; #3 #1 ; ;
15189     }
15190 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxvi:wnnnnnnnn #1; #2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
15191 {
15192     \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_pack:NNNNNw
15193     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
15194         + #2*#9 + #3*#8 + #4*#7 + #5*#6
15195         #1; {#2}{#3}{#4}{#5} {#7}{#8}{#9}
15196 }
15197 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_pack:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6;
15198 { + #1#2#3#4#5 ; #6 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_trig\_large\_auxv:www, \\_\_fp\_trig\_large\_auxvi:wnnnnnnnn, and \\_\_fp\_trig\_large\_pack:NNNNNw.)

```

\__fp_trig_large_auxvii:w
\__fp_trig_large_auxviii:w
\__fp_trig_large_auxix:Nw
\__fp_trig_large_auxx:wNNNNN
\__fp_trig_large_auxxi:w

```

The `auxvii` auxiliary is followed by 52 digits and a semicolon. We find the octant as the integer part of 8 times what follows, or equivalently as the integer part of  $\#1\#2\#3/125$ , and add it to the surrounding integer expression for the octant. We then compute 8 times the 52-digit number, with a minus sign if the octant is odd. Again, the last `middle shift` is converted to a `trailing shift`. Any integer part (including negative values which come up when the octant is odd) is discarded by `\__fp_use_i_until_s:nw`. The resulting fractional part should then be converted to radians by multiplying by  $2\pi/8$ , but first, build an extended precision number by abusing `\__fp_ep_to_ep_loop:N` with the appropriate trailing markers. Finally, `\__fp_trig_small:ww` sets up the argument for the functions which compute the Taylor series.

```

15199 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxvii:w #1#2#3
15200 {
15201     \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_auxviii:ww
15202     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w (#1#2#3 - 62) / 125 ;
15203     #1#2#3
15204 }
15205 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxviii:ww #1;
15206 {
15207     + #1
15208     \if_int_odd:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
15209         \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_auxix:Nw
15210         \exp_after:wN -
15211     \else:
15212         \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_auxix:Nw
15213         \exp_after:wN +
15214     \fi:
15215 }
15216 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxix:Nw
15217 {
15218     \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_i_until_s:nw
15219     \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_auxxi:w
15220     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_leading_shift_int
15221     \prg_replicate:nn { \c_thirteen }
15222     { \__fp_trig_large_auxx:wNNNNN }

```

```

15223         + \c__fp_trailing_shift_int - \c__fp_middle_shift_int
15224     ;
15225 }
15226 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxx:wNNNNN #1; #2 #3#4#5#6
15227 {
15228     \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_pack:NNNNNw
15229     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
15230     #2 \c_eight * #3#4#5#6
15231     #1; #2
15232 }
15233 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_auxxi:w #1;
15234 {
15235     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ep_mul_raw:wwwN
15236     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_zero \__fp_ep_to_ep_loop:N #1 ; ; !
15237     0,{7853}{9816}{3397}{4483}{0961}{5661};
15238     \__fp_trig_small:ww
15239 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_trig\_large\_auxvii:w and \\_\_fp\_trig\_large\_auxviii:w.)

### 30.1.6 Computing the power series

```

\__fp_sin_series_o:NNwww
\__fp_sin_series_aux_o:NNwww

```

Here we receive a conversion function \\_\_fp\_ep\_to\_float:wwN or \\_\_fp\_ep\_inv\_to\_float:wwN, a *sign* (0 or 2), a (non-negative) *octant* delimited by a dot, a *fixed point* number delimited by a semicolon, and an extended-precision number. The auxiliary receives:

- the conversion function #1;
- the final sign, which depends on the octant #3 and the sign #2;
- the octant #3, which will control the series we use;
- the square #4 \* #4 of the argument as a fixed point number, computed with \\_\_fp\_fixed\_mul:wwn;
- the number itself as an extended-precision number.

If the octant is in {1, 2, 5, 6, ...}, we are near an extremum of the function and we use the series

$$\cos(x) = 1 - x^2 \left( \frac{1}{2!} - x^2 \left( \frac{1}{4!} - x^2 \left( \dots \right) \right) \right).$$

Otherwise, the series

$$\sin(x) = x \left( 1 - x^2 \left( \frac{1}{3!} - x^2 \left( \frac{1}{5!} - x^2 \left( \dots \right) \right) \right) \right)$$

is used. Finally, the extended-precision number is converted to a floating point number with the given sign, and \\_\_fp\_sanitize:Nw checks for overflow and underflow.

```

15240 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sin_series_o:NNwww #1#2#3. #4;

```

```

15241 {
15242   \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #4; #4;
15243   {
15244     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sin_series_aux_o:NNnwww
15245     \exp_after:wN #1
15246     \__int_value:w
15247     \if_int_odd:w \__int_eval:w (#3 + \c_two) / \c_four \__int_eval_end:
15248       #2
15249     \else:
15250       \if_meaning:w #2 0 2 \else: 0 \fi:
15251     \fi:
15252     {#3}
15253   }
15254 }
15255 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sin_series_aux_o:NNnwww #1#2#3 #4; #5,#6;
15256 {
15257   \if_int_odd:w \__int_eval:w #3 / \c_two \__int_eval_end:
15258   \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
15259   \else:
15260     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
15261   \fi:
15262   { % 1/18!
15263     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn {0000}{0000}{0000}{0001}{5619}{2070};
15264     #4;{0000}{0000}{0000}{0477}{9477}{3324};
15265     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0000}{0000}{0011}{4707}{4559}{7730};
15266     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0000}{0000}{2087}{6756}{9878}{6810};
15267     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0000}{0027}{5573}{1922}{3985}{8907};
15268     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0000}{2480}{1587}{3015}{8730}{1587};
15269     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0013}{8888}{8888}{8888}{8888}{8889};
15270     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0416}{6666}{6666}{6666}{6666}{6667};
15271     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{5000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
15272     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn#4;{10000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
15273     { \__fp_fixed_continue:wn 0, }
15274   }
15275   { % 1/17!
15276     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn {0000}{0000}{0000}{0028}{1145}{7254};
15277     #4;{0000}{0000}{0000}{7647}{1637}{3182};
15278     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0000}{0000}{0160}{5904}{3836}{8216};
15279     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0000}{0002}{5052}{1083}{8544}{1719};
15280     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0000}{0275}{5731}{9223}{9858}{9065};
15281     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0001}{9841}{2698}{4126}{9841}{2698};
15282     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{0083}{3333}{3333}{3333}{3333}{3333};
15283     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4;{1666}{6666}{6666}{6666}{6666}{6667};
15284     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn#4;{10000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
15285     { \__fp_ep_mul:wwwn 0, } #5,#6;
15286   }
15287   {
15288     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
15289     \exp_after:wN #2
15290     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1

```

```

15291     }
15292     #2
15293   }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_sin_series_o:NNwww` and `\_fp_sin_series_aux_o:NNwww`.)

```

\_fp_tan_series_o:NNwww
\_fp_tan_series_aux_o:Nnwww

```

Contrarily to `\_fp_sin_series_o:NNwww` which received a conversion auxiliary as #1, here, #1 is 0 for tangent and 2 for cotangent. Consider first the case of the tangent. The octant #3 starts at 1, which means that it is 1 or 2 for  $|x| \in [0, \pi/2]$ , it is 3 or 4 for  $|x| \in [\pi/2, \pi]$ , and so on: the intervals on which  $\tan|x| \geq 0$  coincide with those for which  $\lfloor (\#3+1)/2 \rfloor$  is odd. We also have to take into account the original sign of  $x$  to get the sign of the final result; it is straightforward to check that the first `\_int_value:w` expansion produces 0 for a positive final result, and 2 otherwise. A similar story holds for  $\cot(x)$ .

The auxiliary receives the sign, the octant, the square of the (reduced) input, and the (reduced) input (an extended-precision number) as arguments. It then computes the numerator and denominator of

$$\tan(x) \simeq \frac{x(1 - x^2(a_1 - x^2(a_2 - x^2(a_3 - x^2(a_4 - x^2 a_5))))))}{1 - x^2(b_1 - x^2(b_2 - x^2(b_3 - x^2(b_4 - x^2 b_5)))}.$$

The ratio is computed by `\_fp_ep_div:wwwn`, then converted to a floating point number. For octants #3 (really, quadrants) next to a pole of the functions, the fixed point numerator and denominator are exchanged before computing the ratio. Note that this `\if_int_odd:w` test relies on the fact that the octant is at least 1.

```

15294 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_tan_series_o:NNwww #1#2#3. #4;
15295 {
15296   \_fp_fixed_mul:wwn #4; #4;
15297   {
15298     \exp_after:wN \_fp_tan_series_aux_o:Nnwww
15299     \_int_value:w
15300     \if_int_odd:w \_int_eval:w #3 / \c_two \_int_eval_end:
15301     \exp_after:wN \reverse_if:N
15302     \fi:
15303     \if_meaning:w #1#2 2 \else: 0 \fi:
15304     {#3}
15305   }
15306 }
15307 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_tan_series_aux_o:Nnwww #1 #2 #3; #4,#5;
15308 {
15309   \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn {0000}{0000}{1527}{3493}{0856}{7059};
15310   #3; {0000}{0159}{6080}{0274}{5257}{6472};
15311   \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {0002}{4571}{2320}{0157}{2558}{8481};
15312   \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {0115}{5830}{7533}{5397}{3168}{2147};
15313   \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {1929}{8245}{6140}{3508}{7719}{2982};
15314   \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {10000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
15315   { \_fp_ep_mul:wwwn 0, } #4,#5;
15316   {
15317     \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn {0000}{0007}{0258}{0681}{9408}{4706};

```

```

15318                                     #3;{0000}{2343}{7175}{1399}{6151}{7670};
15319 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3;{0019}{2638}{4588}{9232}{8861}{3691};
15320 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3;{0536}{6357}{0691}{4344}{6852}{4252};
15321 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3;{5263}{1578}{9473}{6842}{1052}{6315};
15322 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn#3;{10000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
15323 {
15324     \reverse_if:N \if_int_odd:w
15325     \__int_eval:w (#2 - \c_one) / \c_two \__int_eval_end:
15326     \exp_after:wN \__fp_reverse_args:Nww
15327     \fi:
15328     \__fp_ep_div:wwwn 0,
15329 }
15330 }
15331 {
15332     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
15333     \exp_after:wN #1
15334     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \__fp_ep_to_float:wwN
15335 }
15336 #1
15337 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_tan_series_o:NNwww` and `\__fp_tan_series_aux_o:Nnwww`.)

## 30.2 Inverse trigonometric functions

All inverse trigonometric functions (arcsine, arccosine, arctangent, arccotangent, arcsecant, and arcsecant) are based on a function often denoted `atan2`. This function is accessed directly by feeding two arguments to arctangent, and is defined by  $\text{atan}(y, x) = \text{atan}(y/x)$  for generic  $y$  and  $x$ . Its advantages over the conventional arctangent is that it takes values in  $[-\pi, \pi]$  rather than  $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$ , and that it is better behaved in boundary cases. Other inverse trigonometric functions are expressed in terms of `atan` as

$$\arccos x = \text{atan}(\sqrt{1 - x^2}, x) \quad (5)$$

$$\arcsin x = \text{atan}(x, \sqrt{1 - x^2}) \quad (6)$$

$$\text{asec } x = \text{atan}(\sqrt{x^2 - 1}, 1) \quad (7)$$

$$\text{acsc } x = \text{atan}(1, \sqrt{x^2 - 1}) \quad (8)$$

$$\text{atan } x = \text{atan}(x, 1) \quad (9)$$

$$\text{acot } x = \text{atan}(1, x). \quad (10)$$

Rather than introducing a new function, `atan2`, the arctangent function `atan` is overloaded: it can take one or two arguments. In the comments below, following many texts, we call the first argument  $y$  and the second  $x$ , because  $\text{atan}(y, x) = \text{atan}(y/x)$  is the angular coordinate of the point  $(x, y)$ .

As for direct trigonometric functions, the first step in computing  $\text{atan}(y, x)$  is argument reduction. The sign of  $y$  will give that of the result. We distinguish eight regions

where the point  $(x, |y|)$  can lie, of angular size roughly  $\pi/8$ , characterized by their “octant”, between 0 and 7 included. In each region, we compute an arctangent as a Taylor series, then shift this arctangent by the appropriate multiple of  $\pi/4$  and sign to get the result. Here is a list of octants, and how we compute the arctangent (we assume  $y > 0$ : otherwise replace  $y$  by  $-y$  below):

0  $0 < |y| < 0.41421x$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x}$  is given by a nicely convergent Taylor series;

1  $0 < 0.41421x < |y| < x$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x} = \frac{\pi}{4} - \operatorname{atan} \frac{x-|y|}{x+|y|}$ ;

2  $0 < 0.41421|y| < x < |y|$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x} = \frac{\pi}{4} + \operatorname{atan} \frac{-x+|y|}{x+|y|}$ ;

3  $0 < x < 0.41421|y|$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \operatorname{atan} \frac{x}{|y|}$ ;

4  $0 < -x < 0.41421|y|$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x} = \frac{\pi}{2} + \operatorname{atan} \frac{-x}{|y|}$ ;

5  $0 < 0.41421|y| < -x < |y|$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x} = \frac{3\pi}{4} - \operatorname{atan} \frac{x+|y|}{-x+|y|}$ ;

6  $0 < -0.41421x < |y| < -x$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x} = \frac{3\pi}{4} + \operatorname{atan} \frac{-x-|y|}{-x+|y|}$ ;

7  $0 < |y| < -0.41421x$ , then  $\operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{x} = \pi - \operatorname{atan} \frac{|y|}{-x}$ .

In the following, we will denote by  $z$  the ratio among  $|\frac{y}{x}|$ ,  $|\frac{x}{y}|$ ,  $|\frac{x+y}{x-y}|$ ,  $|\frac{x-y}{x+y}|$  which appears in the right-hand side above.

### 30.2.1 Arctangent and arccotangent

The parsing step manipulates `atan` and `acot` like `min` and `max`, reading in an array of operands, but also leaves `\use_i:nn` or `\use_ii:nn` depending on whether the result should be given in radians or in degrees. Here, we dispatch according to the number of arguments. The one-argument versions of arctangent and arccotangent are special cases of the two-argument ones:  $\operatorname{atan}(y) = \operatorname{atan}(y, 1) = \operatorname{acot}(1, y)$  and  $\operatorname{acot}(x) = \operatorname{atan}(1, x) = \operatorname{acot}(x, 1)$ .

`\__fp_atan_o:Nw`  
`\__fp_acot_o:Nw`  
`\__fp_atan_dispatch_o:NNnNw`

```

15338 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_atan_o:Nw
15339 {
15340   \__fp_atan_dispatch_o:NNnNw
15341   \__fp_acotii_o:Nww \__fp_atanii_o:Nww { atan }
15342 }
15343 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_acot_o:Nw
15344 {
15345   \__fp_atan_dispatch_o:NNnNw
15346   \__fp_atanii_o:Nww \__fp_acotii_o:Nww { acot }
15347 }
15348 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_dispatch_o:NNnNw #1#2#3#4#5@
15349 {
15350   \if_case:w
15351     \__int_eval:w \__fp_array_count:n {#5} - \c_one \__int_eval_end:

```

```

15352         \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #4 \c_one_fp #5
15353         \exp:w
15354     \or: #2 #4 #5 \exp:w
15355     \else:
15356         \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnn
15357         { kernel } { fp-num-args } { #3() } { 1 } { 2 }
15358         \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp \exp:w
15359     \fi:
15360     \exp_after:wN \c_zero
15361 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_atan_o:Nw` and `\_fp_acot_o:Nw`.)

`\_fp_atanii_o:Nww` If either operand is `nan`, we return it. If both are normal, we call `\_fp_atan_normal_o:NNnwNnw`. If both are zero or both infinity, we call `\_fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw` with argument 2, leading to a result among  $\{\pm\pi/4, \pm3\pi/4\}$  (in degrees,  $\{\pm45, \pm135\}$ ). Otherwise, one is much bigger than the other, and we call `\_fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw` with either an argument of 4, leading to the values  $\pm\pi/2$  (in degrees,  $\pm90$ ), or 0, leading to  $\{\pm0, \pm\pi\}$  (in degrees,  $\{\pm0, \pm180\}$ ). Since  $\text{acot}(x, y) = \text{atan}(y, x)$ , `\_fp_acotii_o:ww` simply reverses its two arguments.

```

15362 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_atanii_o:Nww
15363     #1 \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #2#3#4; \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #5
15364 {
15365     \if_meaning:w 3 #2 \_fp_case_return_i_o:ww \fi:
15366     \if_meaning:w 3 #5 \_fp_case_return_ii_o:ww \fi:
15367     \if_case:w
15368         \if_meaning:w #2 #5
15369         \if_meaning:w 1 #2 \c_ten \else: \c_zero \fi:
15370     \else:
15371         \if_int_compare:w #2 > #5 \c_one \else: \c_two \fi:
15372     \fi:
15373     \_fp_case_return:nw { \_fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw #1 #3 \c_two }
15374     \or: \_fp_case_return:nw { \_fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw #1 #3 \c_four }
15375     \or: \_fp_case_return:nw { \_fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw #1 #3 \c_zero }
15376     \fi:
15377     \_fp_atan_normal_o:NNnwNnw #1
15378     \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #2#3#4;
15379     \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #5
15380 }
15381 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_acotii_o:Nww #1#2; #3;
15382 { \_fp_atanii_o:Nww #1#3; #2; }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_atanii_o:Nww` and `\_fp_acotii_o:Nww`.)

`\_fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw` This auxiliary is called whenever one number is  $\pm0$  or  $\pm\infty$  (and neither is `NaN`). Then the result only depends on the signs, and its value is a multiple of  $\pi/4$ . We use the same auxiliary as for normal numbers, `\_fp_atan_combine_o:NwwwwwN`, with arguments the final sign `#2`; the octant `#3`;  $\text{atan } z/z = 1$  as a fixed point number;  $z = 0$  as a fixed point number; and  $z = 0$  as an extended-precision number. Given the values we provide,  $\text{atan } z$



will be computed to be 0, and the result will be  $[\#3/2] \cdot \pi/4$  if the sign #5 of  $x$  is positive, and  $[(7 - \#3)/2] \cdot \pi/4$  for negative  $x$ , where the divisions are rounded up.

```

15383 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw #1#2#3 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5#6;
15384 {
15385   \exp_after:wN \__fp_atan_combine_o:NwwwwwN
15386   \exp_after:wN #2
15387   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
15388   \if_meaning:w 2 #5 \c_seven - \fi: #3 \exp_after:wN ;
15389   \c__fp_one_fixed_tl ;
15390   {0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
15391   0,{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}; #1
15392 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_atan\_inf\_o:NNNw.)

\\_\_fp\_atan\_normal\_o:NNNwNnw

Here we simply reorder the floating point data into a pair of signed extended-precision numbers, that is, a sign, an exponent ending with a comma, and a six-block mantissa ending with a semi-colon. This extended precision is required by other inverse trigonometric functions, to compute things like  $\text{atan}(x, \sqrt{1 - x^2})$  without intermediate rounding errors.

```

15393 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_atan_normal_o:NNNwNnw
15394   #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#2#3#4; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#5#6#7;
15395 {
15396   \__fp_atan_test_o:NwwNwwN
15397   #2 #3, #4{0000}{0000};
15398   #5 #6, #7{0000}{0000}; #1
15399 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_atan\_normal\_o:NNNwNnw.)

\\_\_fp\_atan\_test\_o:NwwNwwN

This receives: the sign #1 of  $y$ , its exponent #2, its 24 digits #3 in groups of 4, and similarly for  $x$ . We prepare to call \\_\_fp\_atan\_combine\_o:NwwwwwN which expects the sign #1, the octant, the ratio  $(\text{atan } z)/z = 1 - \dots$ , and the value of  $z$ , both as a fixed point number and as an extended-precision floating point number with a mantissa in  $[0.01, 1)$ . For now, we place #1 as a first argument, and start an integer expression for the octant. The sign of  $x$  does not affect what  $z$  will be, so we simply leave a contribution to the octant:  $\langle \text{octant} \rangle \rightarrow 7 - \langle \text{octant} \rangle$  for negative  $x$ . Then we order  $|y|$  and  $|x|$  in a non-decreasing order: if  $|y| > |x|$ , insert 3- in the expression for the octant, and swap the two numbers. The finer test with 0.41421 is done by \\_\_fp\_atan\_div:wnwnw after the operands have been ordered.

```

15400 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_test_o:NwwNwwN #1#2,#3; #4#5,#6;
15401 {
15402   \exp_after:wN \__fp_atan_combine_o:NwwwwwN
15403   \exp_after:wN #1
15404   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
15405   \if_meaning:w 2 #4
15406     \c_seven - \__int_eval:w
15407   \fi:
15408   \if_int_compare:w

```

```

15409         \_fp_ep_compare:www #2,#3; #5,#6; > \c_zero
15410         \c_three -
15411         \exp_after:wN \_fp_reverse_args:Nww
15412     \fi:
15413     \_fp_atan_div:wnwnw #2,#3; #5,#6;
15414 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_atan\_test\_o:NwwNwwN.)

```

\_fp_atan_div:wnwnw
\_fp_atan_near:wwn
\_fp_atan_near_aux:wn

```

This receives two positive numbers  $a$  and  $b$  (equal to  $|x|$  and  $|y|$  in some order), each as an exponent and 6 blocks of 4 digits, such that  $0 < a < b$ . If  $0.41421b < a$ , the two numbers are “near”, hence the point  $(y, x)$  that we started with is closer to the diagonals  $\{|y| = |x|\}$  than to the axes  $\{xy = 0\}$ . In that case, the octant is 1 (possibly combined with the 7– and 3– inserted earlier) and we wish to compute  $\text{atan} \frac{b-a}{a+b}$ . Otherwise, the octant is 0 (again, combined with earlier terms) and we wish to compute  $\text{atan} \frac{a}{b}$ . In any case, call \\_fp\_atan\_auxi:ww followed by  $z$ , as a comma-delimited exponent and a fixed point number.

```

15415 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_atan_div:wnwnw #1,#2#3; #4,#5#6;
15416 {
15417     \if_int_compare:w
15418         \_int_eval:w 41421 * #5 < #2 000
15419         \if_case:w \_int_eval:w #4 - #1 \_int_eval_end: 00 \or: 0 \fi:
15420     \exp_stop_f:
15421     \exp_after:wN \_fp_atan_near:wwn
15422     \fi:
15423     \c_zero
15424     \_fp_ep_div:wwwn #1,{#2}#3; #4,{#5}#6;
15425     \_fp_atan_auxi:ww
15426 }
15427 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_atan_near:wwn
15428     \c_zero \_fp_ep_div:wwwn #1,#2; #3,
15429     {
15430         \c_one
15431         \_fp_ep_to_fixed:wn #1 - #3, #2;
15432         \_fp_atan_near_aux:wn
15433     }
15434 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_atan_near_aux:wn #1; #2;
15435 {
15436     \_fp_fixed_add:wn #1; #2;
15437     { \_fp_fixed_sub:wn #2; #1; { \_fp_ep_div:wwwn 0, } 0, }
15438 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_atan\_div:wnwnw and \\_fp\_atan\_near:wwn.)

```

\_fp_atan_auxi:ww
\_fp_atan_auxii:w

```

Convert  $z$  from a representation as an exponent and a fixed point number in  $[0.01, 1)$  to a fixed point number only, then set up the call to \\_fp\_atan\_Taylor\_loop:www, followed by the fixed point representation of  $z$  and the old representation.

```

15439 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_atan_auxi:ww #1,#2;
15440 { \_fp_ep_to_fixed:wn #1,#2; \_fp_atan_auxii:w #1,#2; }

```

```

15441 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_auxii:w #1;
15442 {
15443   \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #1; #1;
15444   {
15445     \__fp_atan_Taylor_loop:www 39 ;
15446     {0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000} ;
15447   }
15448   ! #1;
15449 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_atan\_auxi:ww and \\_\_fp\_atan\_auxii:w.)

\\_\_fp\_atan\_Taylor\_loop:www  
 \\_\_fp\_atan\_Taylor\_break:w

We compute the series of  $(\operatorname{atan} z)/z$ . A typical intermediate stage has  $\#1 = 2k - 1$ ,  $\#2 = \frac{1}{2k+1} - z^2(\frac{1}{2k+3} - z^2(\dots - z^2\frac{1}{39}))$ , and  $\#3 = z^2$ . To go to the next step  $k \rightarrow k - 1$ , we compute  $\frac{1}{2k-1}$ , then subtract from it  $z^2$  times  $\#2$ . The loop stops when  $k = 0$ : then  $\#2$  is  $(\operatorname{atan} z)/z$ , and there is a need to clean up all the unnecessary data, end the integer expression computing the octant with a semicolon, and leave the result  $\#2$  afterwards.

```

15450 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_Taylor_loop:www #1; #2; #3;
15451 {
15452   \if_int_compare:w #1 = \c_minus_one
15453     \__fp_atan_Taylor_break:w
15454   \fi:
15455   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_div_int:wwN \c__fp_one_fixed_tl ; #1;
15456   \__fp_rrot:www \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #2; #3;
15457   {
15458     \exp_after:wN \__fp_atan_Taylor_loop:www
15459     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 - \c_two ;
15460   }
15461   #3;
15462 }
15463 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_Taylor_break:w
15464   \fi: #1 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #2; #3 !
15465   { \fi: ; #2 ; }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_atan\_Taylor\_loop:www and \\_\_fp\_atan\_Taylor\_break:w.)

\\_\_fp\_atan\_combine\_o:NwwwN  
 \\_\_fp\_atan\_combine\_aux:ww

This receives a  $\langle sign \rangle$ , an  $\langle octant \rangle$ , a fixed point value of  $(\operatorname{atan} z)/z$ , a fixed point number  $z$ , and another representation of  $z$ , as an  $\langle exponent \rangle$  and the fixed point number  $10^{-\langle exponent \rangle} z$ , followed by either  $\backslash\text{use\_i:nn}$  (when working in radians) or  $\backslash\text{use\_ii:nn}$  (when working in degrees). The function computes the floating point result

$$\langle sign \rangle \left( \left\lceil \frac{\langle octant \rangle}{2} \right\rceil \frac{\pi}{4} + (-1)^{\langle octant \rangle} \frac{\operatorname{atan} z}{z} \cdot z \right), \quad (11)$$

multiplied by  $180/\pi$  if working in degrees, and using in any case the most appropriate representation of  $z$ . The floating point result is passed to  $\backslash\text{__fp\_sanitize:Nw}$ , which checks for overflow or underflow. If the octant is 0, leave the exponent  $\#5$  for  $\backslash\text{__fp\_sanitize:Nw}$ , and multiply  $\#3 = \frac{\operatorname{atan} z}{z}$  with  $\#6$ , the adjusted  $z$ . Otherwise, multiply  $\#3 = \frac{\operatorname{atan} z}{z}$  with  $\#4 = z$ , then compute the appropriate multiple of  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  and add or subtract

the product #3 · #4. In both cases, convert to a floating point with `\__fp_fixed_to_float:wN`.

```

15466 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_combine_o:NwwwwN #1 #2; #3; #4; #5,#6; #7
15467 {
15468   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitizewN
15469   \exp_after:wN #1
15470   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
15471   \if_meaning:w 0 #2
15472     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
15473   \else:
15474     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
15475   \fi:
15476   { #5 \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #3; #6; }
15477   {
15478     \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #3; #4;
15479     {
15480       \exp_after:wN \__fp_atan_combine_aux:ww
15481       \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #2 / \c_two ; #2;
15482     }
15483   }
15484   { #7 \__fp_fixed_to_float:wN \__fp_fixed_to_float_rad:wN }
15485   #1
15486 }
15487 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_atan_combine_aux:ww #1; #2;
15488 {
15489   \__fp_fixed_mul_short:wwn
15490   {7853}{9816}{3397}{4483}{0961}{5661};
15491   {#1}{0000}{0000};
15492   {
15493     \if_int_odd:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
15494       \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn
15495     \else:
15496       \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_add:wwn
15497     \fi:
15498   }
15499 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_atan_combine_o:NwwwwN` and `\__fp_atan_combine_aux:ww`.)

### 30.2.2 Arcsine and arccosine

`\__fp_asin_o:w` Again, the first argument provided by `l3fp-parse` is `\use_i:nn` if we are to work in radians and `\use_ii:nn` for degrees. Then comes a floating point number. The arcsine of  $\pm 0$  or `NaN` is the same floating point number. The arcsine of  $\pm\infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. Otherwise, call an auxiliary common with `\__fp_acos_o:w`, feeding it information about what function is being performed (for “invalid operation” exceptions).

```

15500 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_asin_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3; @
15501 {
15502   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:

```

```

15503     \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
15504 \or:
15505     \__fp_case_use:nw
15506     { \__fp_asin_normal_o:NfwNnnnnw #1 { #1 { asin } { asind } } }
15507 \or:
15508     \__fp_case_use:nw
15509     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { asin } { asind } } }
15510 \else:
15511     \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
15512 \fi:
15513 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3;
15514 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_asin\_o:w.)

\\_\_fp\_acos\_o:w The arccosine of  $\pm 0$  is  $\pi/2$  (in degrees, 90). The arccosine of  $\pm\infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. The arccosine of NaN is itself. Otherwise, call an auxiliary common with \\_\_fp\_sin\_o:w, informing it that it was called by acos or acosd, and preparing to swap some arguments down the line.

```

15515 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_acos_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3; @
15516 {
15517     \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
15518     \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_atan_inf_o:NNnw #1 0 \c_four }
15519 \or:
15520     \__fp_case_use:nw
15521     {
15522         \__fp_asin_normal_o:NfwNnnnnw #1 { #1 { acos } { acosd } }
15523         \__fp_reverse_args:Nww
15524     }
15525 \or:
15526     \__fp_case_use:nw
15527     { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { acos } { acosd } } }
15528 \else:
15529     \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
15530 \fi:
15531 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3;
15532 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_acos\_o:w.)

\\_\_fp\_asin\_normal\_o:NfwNnnnnw If the exponent #5 is strictly less than 1, the operand lies within  $(-1, 1)$  and the operation is permitted: call \\_\_fp\_asin\_auxi\_o:nNww with the appropriate arguments. If the number is exactly  $\pm 1$  (the test works because we know that  $\#5 \geq 1$ ,  $\#6\#7 \geq 10000000$ ,  $\#8\#9 \geq 0$ , with equality only for  $\pm 1$ ), we also call \\_\_fp\_asin\_auxi\_o:nNww. Otherwise, \\_\_fp\_use\_i:ww gets rid of the asin auxiliary, and raises instead an invalid operation, because the operand is outside the domain of arcsine or arccosine.

```

15533 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_asin_normal_o:NfwNnnnnw
15534     #1#2#3 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#4#5#6#7#8#9;
15535 {

```

```

15536 \if_int_compare:w #5 < \c_one
15537 \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_none_until_s:w
15538 \fi:
15539 \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #5 + #6#7 + #8#9 = 1000 0001 ~
15540 \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_none_until_s:w
15541 \fi:
15542 \__fp_use_i:ww
15543 \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw {#2}
15544 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#4{#5}{#6}{#7}{#8}{#9};
15545 \__fp_asin_auxi_o:NnNww
15546 #1 {#3} #4 #5,{#6}{#7}{#8}{#9}{0000}{0000};
15547 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_asin\_normal\_o:NfwNnnnnw.)

\\_\_fp\_asin\_auxi\_o:NnNww  
 \\_\_fp\_asin\_isqrt:wn

We compute  $x/\sqrt{1-x^2}$ . This function is used by `asin` and `acos`, but also by `acsc` and `asec` after inverting the operand, thus it must manipulate extended-precision numbers. First evaluate  $1-x^2$  as  $(1+x)(1-x)$ : this behaves better near  $x=1$ . We do the addition/subtraction with fixed point numbers (they are not implemented for extended-precision floats), but go back to extended-precision floats to multiply and compute the inverse square root  $1/\sqrt{1-x^2}$ . Finally, multiply by the (positive) extended-precision float  $|x|$ , and feed the (signed) result, and the number  $+1$ , as arguments to the arctangent function. When computing the arccosine, the arguments  $x/\sqrt{1-x^2}$  and  $+1$  are swapped by `#2` (`\__fp_reverse_args:Nww` in that case) before `\__fp_atan_test_o:NwwNwwN` is evaluated. Note that the arctangent function requires normalized arguments, hence the need for `ep_to_ep` and continue after `ep_mul`.

```

15548 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_asin_auxi_o:NnNww #1#2#3#4,#5;
15549 {
15550   \__fp_ep_to_fixed:wwn #4,#5;
15551   \__fp_asin_isqrt:wn
15552   \__fp_ep_mul:wwwwn #4,#5;
15553   \__fp_ep_to_ep:wwN
15554   \__fp_fixed_continue:wn
15555   { #2 \__fp_atan_test_o:NwwNwwN #3 }
15556   0 1,{1000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}; #1
15557 }
15558 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_asin_isqrt:wn #1;
15559 {
15560   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn \c__fp_one_fixed_tl ; #1;
15561   {
15562     \__fp_fixed_add_one:wN #1;
15563     \__fp_fixed_continue:wn { \__fp_ep_mul:wwwwn 0, } 0,
15564   }
15565   \__fp_ep_isqrt:wwn
15566 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_asin\_auxi\_o:NnNww and \\_\_fp\_asin\_isqrt:wn.)

### 30.2.3 Arc cosecant and arcsecant

`\__fp_acsc_o:w` Cases are mostly labelled by #2, except when #2 is 2: then we use #3#2, which is 02 = 2 when the number is  $+\infty$  and 22 when the number is  $-\infty$ . The arc cosecant of  $\pm 0$  raises an invalid operation exception. The arc cosecant of  $\pm\infty$  is  $\pm 0$  with the same sign. The arc cosecant of NaN is itself. Otherwise, `\__fp_acsc_normal_o:NfwNnw` does some more tests, keeping the function name (acsc or acscd) as an argument for invalid operation exceptions.

```

15567 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_acsc_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; @
15568 {
15569     \if_case:w \if_meaning:w 2 #2 #3 \fi: #2 \exp_stop_f:
15570         \__fp_case_use:nw
15571         { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { acsc } { acscd } } }
15572     \or: \__fp_case_use:nw
15573         { \__fp_acsc_normal_o:NfwNnw #1 { #1 { acsc } { acscd } } }
15574     \or: \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_zero_fp
15575     \or: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
15576     \else: \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_minus_zero_fp
15577     \fi:
15578     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 #4;
15579 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_acsc_o:w`.)

`\__fp_asec_o:w` The arcsecant of  $\pm 0$  raises an invalid operation exception. The arcsecant of  $\pm\infty$  is  $\pi/2$  (in degrees, 90). The arc cosecant of NaN is itself. Otherwise, do some more tests, keeping the function name asec (or asecd) as an argument for invalid operation exceptions, and a `\__fp_reverse_args:Nww` following precisely that appearing in `\__fp_acos_o:w`.

```

15580 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_asec_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3; @
15581 {
15582     \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
15583         \__fp_case_use:nw
15584         { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw { #1 { asec } { asecd } } }
15585     \or:
15586         \__fp_case_use:nw
15587         {
15588             \__fp_acsc_normal_o:NfwNnw #1 { #1 { asec } { asecd } }
15589             \__fp_reverse_args:Nww
15590         }
15591     \or: \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_atan_inf_o:NNNw #1 0 \c_four }
15592     \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
15593     \fi:
15594     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3;
15595 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_asec_o:w`.)

`\__fp_acsc_normal_o:NfwNnw` If the exponent is non-positive, the operand is less than 1 in absolute value, which is always an invalid operation: complain. Otherwise, compute the inverse of the operand,

and feed it to `\__fp_asin_auxi_o:nNww` (with all the appropriate arguments). This computes what we want thanks to  $\operatorname{acsc}(x) = \operatorname{asin}(1/x)$  and  $\operatorname{asec}(x) = \operatorname{acos}(1/x)$ .

```

15596 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_acsc_normal_o:NfwNnw #1#2#3 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#4#5#6;
15597 {
15598   \int_compare:nNnTF {#5} < \c_one
15599   {
15600     \__fp_invalid_operation_o:fw {#2}
15601     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#4{#5}#6;
15602   }
15603   {
15604     \__fp_ep_div:wwwn
15605     1,{1000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
15606     #5,#6{0000}{0000};
15607     { \__fp_asin_auxi_o:NnNww #1 {#3} #4 }
15608   }
15609 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_acsc_normal_o:NfwNnw`.)

```

15610 </initex | package>

```

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```

15611 <*initex | package>

```

```

15612 <@@=fp>

```

### 31.1 Trimming trailing zeros

`\__fp_trim_zeros:w` If #1 ends with a 0, the loop auxiliary takes that zero as an end-delimiter for its first argument, and the second argument is the same loop auxiliary. Once the last trailing zero is reached, the second argument will be the dot auxiliary, which removes a trailing dot if any. We then clean-up with the `end` auxiliary, keeping only the number.

```

15613 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trim_zeros:w #1 ;
15614 {
15615   \__fp_trim_zeros_loop:w #1
15616   ; \__fp_trim_zeros_loop:w 0; \__fp_trim_zeros_dot:w .; \s__stop
15617 }
15618 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trim_zeros_loop:w #1 0; #2 { #2 #1 ; #2 }
15619 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trim_zeros_dot:w #1 .; { \__fp_trim_zeros_end:w #1 ; }
15620 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trim_zeros_end:w #1 ; #2 \s__stop { #1 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_trim_zeros:w`.)

### 31.2 Scientific notation

`\fp_to_scientific:N` The three public functions evaluate their argument, then pass it to `\__fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w`.

`\fp_to_scientific:c`

`\fp_to_scientific:n`

```

15621 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_scientific:N #1
15622 { \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w #1 }

```



```

15623 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_to_scientific:N { c }
15624 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \fp_to_scientific:n
15625 {
15626   \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w
15627   \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse:n
15628 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_to_scientific:N`, `\fp_to_scientific:c`, and `\fp_to_scientific:n`. These functions are documented on page 194.)

```

\__fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w
\__fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn
\__fp_to_scientific_normal:wNw

```

Expressing an internal floating point number in scientific notation is quite easy: no rounding, and the format is very well defined. First cater for the sign: negative numbers ( $\#2 = 2$ ) start with `-`; we then only need to care about positive numbers and `nan`. Then filter the special cases:  $\pm 0$  are represented as `0`; infinities are converted to a number slightly larger than the largest after an “invalid\_operation” exception; `nan` is represented as `0` after an “invalid\_operation” exception. In the normal case, decrement the exponent and unbrace the 4 brace groups, then in a second step grab the first digit (previously hidden in braces) to order the various parts correctly. Finally trim zeros. The whole construction is within a call to `\tl_to_lowercase:n`, responsible for creating `e` with category “other”.

```

15629 \group_begin:
15630 \char_set_catcode_other:N E
15631 \tl_to_lowercase:n
15632 {
15633   \group_end:
15634   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2
15635   {
15636     \if_meaning:w 2 #2 \exp_after:wN - \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \fi:
15637     \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
15638       \__fp_case_return:nw { 0 }
15639     \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn
15640     \or:
15641       \__fp_case_use:nw
15642       {
15643         \__fp_invalid_operation:nnw
15644         {
15645           \exp_after:wN 1
15646           \exp_after:wN E
15647           \int_use:N \c__fp_max_exponent_int
15648         }
15649         { fp_to_scientific }
15650       }
15651     \or:
15652       \__fp_case_use:nw
15653       {
15654         \__fp_invalid_operation:nnw
15655         { 0 }
15656         { fp_to_scientific }
15657       }

```

```

15658         \fi:
15659         \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2
15660     }
15661     \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn
15662         \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1 #2 #3#4#5#6 ;
15663     {
15664         \if_int_compare:w #2 = \c_one
15665             \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_scientific_normal:wNw
15666         \else:
15667             \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_scientific_normal:wNw
15668             \exp_after:wN E
15669             \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #2 - \c_one
15670         \fi:
15671         ; #3 #4 #5 #6 ;
15672     }
15673 }
15674 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_scientific_normal:wNw #1 ; #2#3;
15675 { \__fp_trim_zeros:w #2.#3 ; #1 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w`, `\__fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn`, and `\__fp_to_scientific_normal:wNw`.)

### 31.3 Decimal representation

`\fp_to_decimal:N` All three public variants are based on the same `\__fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w` after evaluating their argument to an internal floating point.

`\fp_to_decimal:c`  
`\fp_to_decimal:n`

```

15676 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_decimal:N #1
15677 { \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w #1 }
15678 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_to_decimal:N { c }
15679 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \fp_to_decimal:n
15680 {
15681     \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w
15682     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse:n
15683 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_to_decimal:N`, `\fp_to_decimal:c`, and `\fp_to_decimal:n`. These functions are documented on page 193.)

`\__fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w`  
`\__fp_to_decimal_normal:wnnnnn`  
`\__fp_to_decimal_large:Nnnw`  
`\__fp_to_decimal_huge:wnnnn`

The structure is similar to `\__fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w`. Insert `-` for negative numbers. Zero gives 0,  $\pm\infty$  and NaN yield an “invalid operation” exception; note that  $\pm\infty$  produces a very large output, which we don’t expand now since it most likely won’t be needed. Normal numbers with an exponent in the range  $[1, 15]$  have that number of digits before the decimal separator: “decimate” them, and remove leading zeros with `\__int_value:w`, then trim trailing zeros and dot. Normal numbers with an exponent 16 or larger have no decimal separator, we only need to add trailing zeros. When the exponent is non-positive, the result should be `0.<zeros><digits>`, trimmed.

```

15684 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2
15685 {
15686     \if_meaning:w 2 #2 \exp_after:wN - \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \fi:

```

```

15687 \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
15688     \__fp_case_return:nw { 0 }
15689 \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal_normal:wnnnnn
15690 \or:
15691     \__fp_case_use:nw
15692     {
15693         \__fp_invalid_operation:nnw
15694         {
15695             \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN 1
15696             \prg_replicate:nn \c__fp_max_exponent_int 0
15697         }
15698         { fp_to_decimal }
15699     }
15700 \or:
15701     \__fp_case_use:nw
15702     {
15703         \__fp_invalid_operation:nnw
15704         { 0 }
15705         { fp_to_decimal }
15706     }
15707 \fi:
15708 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2
15709 }
15710 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_decimal_normal:wnnnnn
15711 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1 #2 #3#4#5#6 ;
15712 {
15713     \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} > \c_zero
15714     {
15715         \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} < \c_sixteen
15716         {
15717             \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn { \c_sixteen - #2 }
15718             \__fp_to_decimal_large:Nnnw
15719         }
15720         {
15721             \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
15722             \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal_huge:wnnnn
15723             \prg_replicate:nn { #2 - \c_sixteen } { 0 } ;
15724         }
15725         {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
15726     }
15727     {
15728         \exp_after:wN \__fp_trim_zeros:w
15729         \exp_after:wN 0
15730         \exp_after:wN .
15731         \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \prg_replicate:nn { - #2 } { 0 }
15732         #3#4#5#6 ;
15733     }
15734 }
15735 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_decimal_large:Nnnw #1#2#3#4;
15736 {

```

```

15737     \exp_after:wN \_fp_trim_zeros:w \_int_value:w
15738     \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_zero
15739         #2
15740     \fi:
15741     \exp_stop_f:
15742     #3.#4 ;
15743 }
15744 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_to_decimal_huge:wnnnn #1; #2#3#4#5 { #2#3#4#5 #1 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w` and others.)

### 31.4 Token list representation

`\fp_to_tl:N` These three public functions evaluate their argument, then pass it to `\_fp_to_tl_dispatch:w`.  
`\fp_to_tl:c`  
`\fp_to_tl:n`

```

15745 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_tl:N #1 { \exp_after:wN \_fp_to_tl_dispatch:w #1 }
15746 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_to_tl:N { c }
15747 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \fp_to_tl:n
15748 {
15749     \exp_after:wN \_fp_to_tl_dispatch:w
15750     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \_fp_parse:n
15751 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_to_tl:N`, `\fp_to_tl:c`, and `\fp_to_tl:n`. These functions are documented on page 194.)

`\_fp_to_tl_dispatch:w` A structure similar to `\_fp_to_scientific_dispatch:w` and `\_fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w`, but without the “invalid operation” exception. First filter special cases. We express normal numbers in decimal notation if the exponent is in the range  $[-2, 16]$ , and otherwise use scientific notation.

```

15752 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_to_tl_dispatch:w \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #1#2
15753 {
15754     \if_meaning:w 2 #2 \exp_after:wN - \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \fi:
15755     \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
15756         \_fp_case_return:nw { 0 }
15757     \or: \exp_after:wN \_fp_to_tl_normal:nnnnn
15758     \or: \_fp_case_return:nw { \tl_to_str:n {inf} }
15759     \else: \_fp_case_return:nw { \tl_to_str:n {nan} }
15760     \fi:
15761 }
15762 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_to_tl_normal:nnnnn #1
15763 {
15764     \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_sixteen
15765         \exp_after:wN \_fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn
15766     \else:
15767         \if_int_compare:w #1 < - \c_two
15768             \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
15769             \exp_after:wN \_fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn
15770         \else:
15771             \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN

```

```

15772         \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal_normal:wnnnnn
15773         \fi:
15774     \fi:
15775     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 0 {#1}
15776 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_to\_tl\_dispatch:w and \\_\_fp\_to\_tl\_normal:nnnnn.)

## 31.5 Formatting

This is not implemented yet, as it is not yet clear what a correct interface would be, for this kind of structured conversion from a floating point (or other types of variables) to a string. Ideas welcome.

## 31.6 Convert to dimension or integer

**\fp\_to\_dim:N** These three public functions rely on \fp\_to\_decimal:n internally. We make sure to produce pt with category other.

**\fp\_to\_dim:c**

**\fp\_to\_dim:n**

```

15777 \cs_new:Npx \fp_to_dim:N #1
15778 { \exp_not:N \fp_to_decimal:N #1 \tl_to_str:n {pt} }
15779 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_to_dim:N { c }
15780 \cs_new:Npx \fp_to_dim:n #1
15781 { \exp_not:N \fp_to_decimal:n {#1} \tl_to_str:n {pt} }

```

(End definition for \fp\_to\_dim:N, \fp\_to\_dim:c, and \fp\_to\_dim:n. These functions are documented on page 194.)

**\fp\_to\_int:N** These three public functions evaluate their argument, then pass it to \fp\_to\_int\_dispatch:w.

**\fp\_to\_int:c**

**\fp\_to\_int:n**

```

15782 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_int:N #1 { \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_int_dispatch:w #1 }
15783 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_to_int:N { c }
15784 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \fp_to_int:n
15785 {
15786     \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_int_dispatch:w
15787     \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w \__fp_parse:n
15788 }

```

(End definition for \fp\_to\_int:N, \fp\_to\_int:c, and \fp\_to\_int:n. These functions are documented on page 194.)

**\\_\_fp\_to\_int\_dispatch:w** To convert to an integer, first round to 0 places (to the nearest integer), then express the result as a decimal number: the definition of \\_\_fp\_to\_decimal\_dispatch:w is such that there will be no trailing dot nor zero.

```

15789 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_int_dispatch:w #1;
15790 {
15791     \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal_dispatch:w \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w
15792     \__fp_round:Nwn \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN #1; { 0 }
15793 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_to\_int\_dispatch:w.)

### 31.7 Convert from a dimension

`\dim_to_fp:n` The dimension expression (which can in fact be a glue expression) is evaluated, converted to a number (*i.e.*, expressed in scaled points), then multiplied by  $2^{-16} = 0.0000152587890625$  to give a value expressed in points. The auxiliary `\__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww` expects the desired *final sign* and two floating point operands (of the form `\s__fp ...`;) as arguments. This set of functions is also used to convert dimension registers to floating points while parsing expressions: in this context there is an additional exponent, which is the first argument of `\__fp_from_dim_test:ww`, and is combined with the exponent  $-4$  of  $2^{-16}$ . There is also a need to expand afterwards: this is performed by `\__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww`, and cancelled by `\prg_do_nothing:` in `\dim_to_fp:n`.

```

15794 \cs_new:Npn \dim_to_fp:n #1
15795 {
15796   \exp_after:wN \__fp_from_dim_test:ww
15797   \exp_after:wN 0
15798   \exp_after:wN ,
15799   \__int_value:w \etex_glueexpr:D #1 ;
15800 }
15801 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_from_dim_test:ww #1, #2
15802 {
15803   \if_meaning:w 0 #2
15804     \__fp_case_return:nw { \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp }
15805   \else:
15806     \exp_after:wN \__fp_from_dim:wNw
15807     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 - \c_four
15808     \if_meaning:w - #2
15809       \exp_after:wN , \exp_after:wN 2 \__int_value:w
15810     \else:
15811       \exp_after:wN , \exp_after:wN 0 \__int_value:w #2
15812     \fi:
15813   \fi:
15814 }
15815 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_from_dim:wNw #1,#2#3;
15816 {
15817   \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN \__fp_from_dim:wNNnnnnnn ;
15818   #3 000 0000 00 {10}987654321; #2 {#1}
15819 }
15820 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_from_dim:wNNnnnnnn #1; #2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
15821 { \__fp_from_dim:wnnnnwNn #1 {#2#300} {0000} ; }
15822 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_from_dim:wnnnnwNn #1; #2#3#4#5#6; #7#8
15823 {
15824   \__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww #7
15825   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #7 {#5} #1 ;
15826   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 0 {#8} {1525} {8789} {0625} {0000} ;
15827   \prg_do_nothing:
15828 }
```

(End definition for `\dim_to_fp:n`. This function is documented on page 85.)

## 31.8 Use and eval

**\fp\_use:N** Those public functions are simple copies of the decimal conversions.

```
\fp_use:c 15829 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_use:N \fp_to_decimal:N
\fp_eval:n 15830 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_use:N { c }
15831 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_eval:n \fp_to_decimal:n
```

(End definition for \fp\_use:N, \fp\_use:c, and \fp\_eval:n. These functions are documented on page 194.)

**\fp\_abs:n** Trivial but useful. See the implementation of \fp\_add:Nn for an explanation of why to use \\_\_fp\_parse:n, namely, for better error reporting.

```
15832 \cs_new:Npn \fp_abs:n #1
15833 { \fp_to_decimal:n { abs \__fp_parse:n {#1} } }
```

(End definition for \fp\_abs:n. This function is documented on page 207.)

**\fp\_max:nn** Similar to \fp\_abs:n, for consistency with \int\_max:nn, etc.

```
\fp_min:nn 15834 \cs_new:Npn \fp_max:nn #1#2
15835 { \fp_to_decimal:n { max ( \__fp_parse:n {#1} , \__fp_parse:n {#2} ) } }
15836 \cs_new:Npn \fp_min:nn #1#2
15837 { \fp_to_decimal:n { min ( \__fp_parse:n {#1} , \__fp_parse:n {#2} ) } }
```

(End definition for \fp\_max:nn and \fp\_min:nn. These functions are documented on page 208.)

## 31.9 Convert an array of floating points to a comma list

**\\_\_fp\_array\_to\_clist:n** Converts an array of floating point numbers to a comma-list. If speed here ends up irrelevant, we can simplify the code for the auxiliary to become

```
\cs_new:Npn \__fp_array_to_clist_loop:Nw #1#2;
{
  \use_none:n #1
  { , ~ } \fp_to_tl:n { #1 #2 ; }
  \__fp_array_to_clist_loop:Nw
}
```

The \use\_ii:nn function is expanded after \\_\_fp\_expand:n is done, and it removes ,~ from the start of the representation.

```
15838 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_array_to_clist:n #1
15839 {
15840   \tl_if_empty:nF {#1}
15841   {
15842     \__fp_expand:n
15843     {
15844       { \use_ii:nn }
15845       \__fp_array_to_clist_loop:Nw #1 { ? \__prg_break: } ;
15846       \__prg_break_point:
15847     }
15848   }
```

```

15849 }
15850 \cs_new:Npx \__fp_array_to_clist_loop:Nw #1#2;
15851 {
15852   \exp_not:N \use_none:n #1
15853   \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN
15854   {
15855     \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN ,
15856     \exp_not:N \exp_after:wN \c_space_tl
15857     \exp_not:N \exp:w
15858     \exp_not:N \exp_end_continue_f:w
15859     \exp_not:N \__fp_to_tl_dispatch:w #1 #2 ;
15860   }
15861   \exp_not:N \__fp_array_to_clist_loop:Nw
15862 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_array\_to\_clist:n.)

```

15863 </initex | package>

```

## 32 l3fp-assign implementation

```

15864 <*initex | package>
15865 <@@=fp>

```

### 32.1 Assigning values

**\fp\_new:N** Floating point variables are initialized to be +0.

```

15866 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_new:N #1
15867 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \c_zero_fp }
15868 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_new:N {c}

```

(End definition for \fp\_new:N. This function is documented on page 192.)

**\fp\_set:Nn** Simply use \\_\_fp\_parse:n within various f-expanding assignments.

**\fp\_set:cn** 15869 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \fp\_set:Nn #1#2

**\fp\_gset:Nn** 15870 { \tl\_set:Nx #1 { \exp\_not:f { \\_\_fp\_parse:n {#2} } } }

**\fp\_gset:cn** 15871 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \fp\_gset:Nn #1#2

**\fp\_const:Nn** 15872 { \tl\_gset:Nx #1 { \exp\_not:f { \\_\_fp\_parse:n {#2} } } }

**\fp\_const:cn** 15873 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \fp\_const:Nn #1#2

15874 { \tl\_const:Nx #1 { \exp\_not:f { \\_\_fp\_parse:n {#2} } } }

15875 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \fp\_set:Nn {c}

15876 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \fp\_gset:Nn {c}

15877 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \fp\_const:Nn {c}

(End definition for \fp\_set:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page 193.)

**\fp\_set\_eq:NN** Copying a floating point is the same as copying the underlying token list.

**\fp\_set\_eq:cN** 15878 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \fp\_set\_eq:NN \tl\_set\_eq:NN

**\fp\_set\_eq:Nc** 15879 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \fp\_gset\_eq:NN \tl\_gset\_eq:NN

**\fp\_set\_eq:cc** 15880 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \fp\_set\_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }

**\fp\_gset\_eq:NN** 15881 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \fp\_gset\_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }

**\fp\_gset\_eq:cN**

**\fp\_gset\_eq:Nc**

**\fp\_gset\_eq:cc**



(End definition for `\fp_set_eq:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 193.)

```

\fp_zero:N Setting a floating point to zero: copy \c_zero_fp.
\fp_zero:c 15882 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_zero:N #1 { \fp_set_eq:NN #1 \c_zero_fp }
\fp_gzero:N 15883 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_gzero:N #1 { \fp_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_zero_fp }
\fp_gzero:c 15884 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_zero:N { c }
15885 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gzero:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\fp_zero:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 192.)

```

\fp_zero_new:N Set the floating point to zero, or define it if needed.
\fp_zero_new:c 15886 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_zero_new:N #1
\fp_gzero_new:N 15887 { \fp_if_exist:NTF #1 { \fp_zero:N #1 } { \fp_new:N #1 } }
\fp_gzero_new:c 15888 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_gzero_new:N #1
15889 { \fp_if_exist:NTF #1 { \fp_gzero:N #1 } { \fp_new:N #1 } }
15890 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_zero_new:N { c }
15891 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gzero_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\fp_zero_new:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 192.)

## 32.2 Updating values

These match the equivalent functions in `l3int` and `l3skip`.

```

\fp_add:Nn For the sake of error recovery we should not simply set #1 to #1±(#2): for instance, if #2
\fp_add:cn is 0)+2, the parsing error would be raised at the last closing parenthesis rather than at
\fp_gadd:Nn the closing parenthesis in the user argument. Thus we evaluate #2 instead of just putting
\fp_gadd:cn parentheses. As an optimization we use \__fp_parse:n rather than \fp_eval:n, which
\fp_sub:Nn would convert the result away from the internal representation and back.
\fp_sub:cn 15892 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_add:Nn { \__fp_add:NNNn \fp_set:Nn + }
\fp_gsub:Nn 15893 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_gadd:Nn { \__fp_add:NNNn \fp_gset:Nn + }
\fp_gsub:cn 15894 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_sub:Nn { \__fp_add:NNNn \fp_set:Nn - }
\__fp_add:NNNn 15895 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_gsub:Nn { \__fp_add:NNNn \fp_gset:Nn - }
15896 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_add:NNNn #1#2#3#4
15897 { #1 #3 { #3 #2 \__fp_parse:n {#4} } }
15898 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_add:Nn { c }
15899 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gadd:Nn { c }
15900 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_sub:Nn { c }
15901 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gsub:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\fp_add:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 193.)

### 32.3 Showing values

**\fp\_show:N** This shows the result of computing its argument. The input of `\_msg_show_variable:NNNnn` must start with `>~` (or be empty).

**\fp\_show:c**

**\fp\_show:n**

```

15902 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_show:N #1
15903 {
15904   \_msg_show_variable:NNNnn #1 \fp_if_exist:NTF ? { }
15905   { > ~ \token_to_str:N #1 = \fp_to_tl:N #1 }
15906 }
15907 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_show:n
15908 { \_msg_show_wrap:Nn \fp_to_tl:n }
15909 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_show:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\fp_show:N`, `\fp_show:c`, and `\fp_show:n`. These functions are documented on page 200.)

### 32.4 Some useful constants and scratch variables

**\c\_one\_fp** Some constants.

**\c\_e\_fp**

```

15910 \fp_const:Nn \c_e_fp { 2.718 2818 2845 9045 }
15911 \fp_const:Nn \c_one_fp { 1 }

```

(End definition for `\c_one_fp` and `\c_e_fp`. These variables are documented on page 198.)

**\c\_pi\_fp** We simply round  $\pi$  to the closest multiple of  $10^{-15}$ .

**\c\_one\_degree\_fp**

```

15912 \fp_const:Nn \c_pi_fp { 3.141 5926 5358 9793 }
15913 \fp_const:Nn \c_one_degree_fp { 0.0 1745 3292 5199 4330 }

```

(End definition for `\c_pi_fp` and `\c_one_degree_fp`. These variables are documented on page 198.)

**\l\_tmpa\_fp** Scratch variables are simply initialized there.

**\l\_tmpb\_fp**

**\g\_tmpa\_fp**

**\g\_tmpb\_fp**

```

15914 \fp_new:N \l_tmpa_fp
15915 \fp_new:N \l_tmpb_fp
15916 \fp_new:N \g_tmpa_fp
15917 \fp_new:N \g_tmpb_fp

```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_fp` and others. These variables are documented on page 198.)

15918 `\>/initex | package)`

## 33 l3candidates Implementation

15919 `\>*initex | package)`

### 33.1 Additions to l3basics

15920 `\>@@=cs)`

**\cs\_log:N** Use `\cs_show:N` or `\cs_show:c` after calling `\_msg_log_next:` to redirect their output to the log file only. Note that `\cs_log:c` is not just a variant of `\cs_log:N` as the csname should be turned to a control sequence within a group (see `\cs_show:c`).

**\cs\_log:c**

```

15921 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_log:N
15922   { \__msg_log_next: \cs_show:N }
15923 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_log:c
15924   { \__msg_log_next: \cs_show:c }

```

(End definition for \cs\_log:N and \cs\_log:c. These functions are documented on page 211.)

**\\_\_kernel\_register\_log:N** Redirect the output of \\_\_kernel\_register\_show:N to the log.

```

\__kernel_register_log:c
15925 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__kernel_register_log:N
15926   { \__msg_log_next: \__kernel_register_show:N }
15927 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__kernel_register_log:N { c }

```

(End definition for \\_\_kernel\_register\_log:N and \\_\_kernel\_register\_log:c.)

## 33.2 Additions to l3box

```

15928 \@@=box

```

## 33.3 Affine transformations

**\l\_\_box\_angle\_fp** When rotating boxes, the angle itself may be needed by the engine-dependent code. This is done using the fp module so that the value is tidied up properly.

```

15929 \fp_new:N \l__box_angle_fp

```

(End definition for \l\_\_box\_angle\_fp. This variable is documented on page 214.)

**\l\_\_box\_cos\_fp** These are used to hold the calculated sine and cosine values while carrying out a rotation.

```

\l__box_sin_fp
15930 \fp_new:N \l__box_cos_fp
15931 \fp_new:N \l__box_sin_fp

```

(End definition for \l\_\_box\_cos\_fp and \l\_\_box\_sin\_fp. These variables are documented on page 214.)

**\l\_\_box\_top\_dim** These are the positions of the four edges of a box before manipulation.

```

\l__box_bottom_dim
15932 \dim_new:N \l__box_top_dim
\l__box_left_dim
15933 \dim_new:N \l__box_bottom_dim
\l__box_right_dim
15934 \dim_new:N \l__box_left_dim
15935 \dim_new:N \l__box_right_dim

```

(End definition for \l\_\_box\_top\_dim and others. These variables are documented on page ??.)

**\l\_\_box\_top\_new\_dim** These are the positions of the four edges of a box after manipulation.

```

\l__box_bottom_new_dim
15936 \dim_new:N \l__box_top_new_dim
\l__box_left_new_dim
15937 \dim_new:N \l__box_bottom_new_dim
\l__box_right_new_dim
15938 \dim_new:N \l__box_left_new_dim
15939 \dim_new:N \l__box_right_new_dim

```

(End definition for \l\_\_box\_top\_new\_dim and others. These variables are documented on page ??.)

**\l\_\_box\_internal\_box** Scratch space, but also needed by some parts of the driver.

```

15940 \box_new:N \l__box_internal_box

```

(End definition for \l\_\_box\_internal\_box. This variable is documented on page 215.)

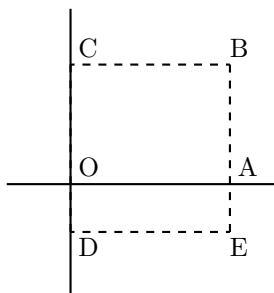


Figure 1: Co-ordinates of a box prior to rotation.

**\box\_rotate:Nn** Rotation of a box starts with working out the relevant sine and cosine. The actual rotation is in an auxiliary to keep the flow slightly clearer

**\\_\_box\_rotate:N**

**\\_\_box\_rotate\_x:nnN**

**\\_\_box\_rotate\_y:nnN**

**\\_\_box\_rotate\_quadrant\_one:**

**\\_\_box\_rotate\_quadrant\_two:**

**\\_\_box\_rotate\_quadrant\_three:**

**\\_\_box\_rotate\_quadrant\_four:**

```

15941 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_rotate:Nn #1#2
15942 {
15943   \hbox_set:Nn #1
15944   {
15945     \group_begin:
15946     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_angle_fp {#2}
15947     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_sin_fp { sind ( \l__box_angle_fp ) }
15948     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_cos_fp { cosd ( \l__box_angle_fp ) }
15949     \__box_rotate:N #1
15950   \group_end:
15951   }
15952 }

```

The edges of the box are then recorded: the left edge will always be at zero. Rotation of the four edges then takes place: this is most efficiently done on a quadrant by quadrant basis.

```

15953 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate:N #1
15954 {
15955   \dim_set:Nn \l__box_top_dim { \box_ht:N #1 }
15956   \dim_set:Nn \l__box_bottom_dim { -\box_dp:N #1 }
15957   \dim_set:Nn \l__box_right_dim { \box_wd:N #1 }
15958   \dim_zero:N \l__box_left_dim

```

The next step is to work out the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates of vertices of the rotated box in relation to its original coordinates. The box can be visualized with vertices  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$  and  $E$  is illustrated (Figure 1). The vertex  $O$  is the reference point on the baseline, and in this implementation is also the centre of rotation. The formulae are, for a point  $P$  and angle  $\alpha$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 P'_x &= P_x - O_x \\
 P'_y &= P_y - O_y \\
 P''_x &= (P'_x \cos(\alpha)) - (P'_y \sin(\alpha)) \\
 P''_y &= (P'_x \sin(\alpha)) + (P'_y \cos(\alpha)) \\
 P'''_x &= P''_x + O_x + L_x \\
 P'''_y &= P''_y + O_y
 \end{aligned}$$

The “extra” horizontal translation  $L_x$  at the end is calculated so that the leftmost point of the resulting box has  $x$ -coordinate 0. This is desirable as  $\text{\TeX}$  boxes must have the reference point at the left edge of the box. (As  $O$  is always  $(0,0)$ , this part of the calculation is omitted here.)

```

15959 \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_sin_fp > \c_zero_fp
15960 {
15961     \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_cos_fp > \c_zero_fp
15962     { \__box_rotate_quadrant_one: }
15963     { \__box_rotate_quadrant_two: }
15964 }
15965 {
15966     \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_cos_fp < \c_zero_fp
15967     { \__box_rotate_quadrant_three: }
15968     { \__box_rotate_quadrant_four: }
15969 }

```

The position of the box edges are now known, but the box at this stage be misplaced relative to the current  $\text{\TeX}$  reference point. So the content of the box is moved such that the reference point of the rotated box will be in the same place as the original.

```

15970 \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \box_use:N #1 }
15971 \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
15972 {
15973     \tex_kern:D -\l__box_left_new_dim
15974     \hbox:n
15975     {
15976         \__driver_box_rotate_begin:
15977         \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box
15978         \__driver_box_rotate_end:
15979     }
15980 }

```

Tidy up the size of the box so that the material is actually inside the bounding box. The result can then be used to reset the original box.

```

15981 \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \l__box_top_new_dim }
15982 \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box { -\l__box_bottom_new_dim }
15983 \box_set_wd:Nn \l__box_internal_box
15984 { \l__box_right_new_dim - \l__box_left_new_dim }
15985 \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box
15986 }

```

These functions take a general point  $(\#1,\#2)$  and rotate its location about the origin, using the previously-set sine and cosine values. Each function gives only one component of the location of the updated point. This is because for rotation of a box each step needs only one value, and so performance is gained by avoiding working out both  $x'$  and  $y'$  at the same time. Contrast this with the equivalent function in the `l3coffins` module, where both parts are needed.

```

15987 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_x:nnN #1#2#3
15988 {
15989     \dim_set:Nn #3
15990     {

```

```

15991         \fp_to_dim:n
15992         {
15993             \l__box_cos_fp * \dim_to_fp:n {#1}
15994             - \l__box_sin_fp * \dim_to_fp:n {#2}
15995         }
15996     }
15997 }
15998 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_y:nnN #1#2#3
15999 {
16000     \dim_set:Nn #3
16001     {
16002         \fp_to_dim:n
16003         {
16004             \l__box_sin_fp * \dim_to_fp:n {#1}
16005             + \l__box_cos_fp * \dim_to_fp:n {#2}
16006         }
16007     }
16008 }

```

Rotation of the edges is done using a different formula for each quadrant. In every case, the top and bottom edges only need the resulting  $y$ -values, whereas the left and right edges need the  $x$ -values. Each case is a question of picking out which corner ends up at with the maximum top, bottom, left and right value. Doing this by hand means a lot less calculating and avoids lots of comparisons.

```

16009 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_quadrant_one:
16010 {
16011     \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_top_dim
16012     \l__box_top_new_dim
16013     \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
16014     \l__box_bottom_new_dim
16015     \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_top_dim
16016     \l__box_left_new_dim
16017     \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
16018     \l__box_right_new_dim
16019 }
16020 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_quadrant_two:
16021 {
16022     \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
16023     \l__box_top_new_dim
16024     \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_top_dim
16025     \l__box_bottom_new_dim
16026     \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_top_dim
16027     \l__box_left_new_dim
16028     \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
16029     \l__box_right_new_dim
16030 }
16031 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_quadrant_three:
16032 {
16033     \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
16034     \l__box_top_new_dim

```

```

16035 \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_top_dim
16036 \l__box_bottom_new_dim
16037 \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
16038 \l__box_left_new_dim
16039 \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_top_dim
16040 \l__box_right_new_dim
16041 }
16042 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_quadrant_four:
16043 {
16044 \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_top_dim
16045 \l__box_top_new_dim
16046 \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
16047 \l__box_bottom_new_dim
16048 \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
16049 \l__box_left_new_dim
16050 \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_top_dim
16051 \l__box_right_new_dim
16052 }

```

(End definition for \box\_rotate:Nn. This function is documented on page 213.)

**\l\_\_box\_scale\_x\_fp** Scaling is potentially-different in the two axes.  
**\l\_\_box\_scale\_y\_fp**

```

16053 \fp_new:N \l__box_scale_x_fp
16054 \fp_new:N \l__box_scale_y_fp

```

(End definition for \l\_\_box\_scale\_x\_fp and \l\_\_box\_scale\_y\_fp. These variables are documented on page 215.)

**\box\_resize:Nnn** Resizing a box starts by working out the various dimensions of the existing box.  
**\box\_resize:cnm**  
**\\_\_box\_resize\_set\_corners:N**  
**\\_\_box\_resize:N**  
**\\_\_box\_resize:NNN**

```

16055 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_resize:Nnn #1#2#3
16056 {
16057 \hbox_set:Nn #1
16058 {
16059 \group_begin:
16060 \__box_resize_set_corners:N #1

```

The  $x$ -scaling and resulting box size is easy enough to work out: the dimension is that given as #2, and the scale is simply the new width divided by the old one.

```

16061 \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_x_fp
16062 { \dim_to_fp:n {#2} / \dim_to_fp:n { \l__box_right_dim } }

```

The  $y$ -scaling needs both the height and the depth of the current box.

```

16063 \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_y_fp
16064 {
16065 \dim_to_fp:n {#3}
16066 / \dim_to_fp:n { \l__box_top_dim - \l__box_bottom_dim }
16067 }

```

Hand off to the auxiliary which does the rest of the work.

```

16068 \__box_resize:N #1
16069 \group_end:

```

```

16070     }
16071   }
16072   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_resize:Nnn { c }
16073   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_resize_set_corners:N #1
16074   {
16075     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_top_dim { \box_ht:N #1 }
16076     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_bottom_dim { -\box_dp:N #1 }
16077     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_right_dim { \box_wd:N #1 }
16078     \dim_zero:N \l__box_left_dim
16079   }

```

With at least one real scaling to do, the next phase is to find the new edge co-ordinates. In the  $x$  direction this is relatively easy: just scale the right edge. In the  $y$  direction, both dimensions have to be scaled, and this again needs the absolute scale value. Once that is all done, the common resize/rescale code can be employed.

```

16080   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_resize:N #1
16081   {
16082     \__box_resize:NNN \l__box_right_new_dim
16083     \l__box_scale_x_fp \l__box_right_dim
16084     \__box_resize:NNN \l__box_bottom_new_dim
16085     \l__box_scale_y_fp \l__box_bottom_dim
16086     \__box_resize:NNN \l__box_top_new_dim
16087     \l__box_scale_y_fp \l__box_top_dim
16088     \__box_resize_common:N #1
16089   }
16090   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_resize:NNN #1#2#3
16091   {
16092     \dim_set:Nn #1
16093     { \fp_to_dim:n { \fp_abs:n { #2 } * \dim_to_fp:n { #3 } } }
16094   }

```

(End definition for `\box_resize:Nnn` and `\box_resize:cnn`. These functions are documented on page 212.)

`\box_resize_to_ht:Nn`    Scaling to a (total) height or to a width is a simplified version of the main resizing operation, with the scale simply copied between the two parts. The internal auxiliary is called using the scaling value twice, as the sign for both parts is needed (as this allows the same internal code to be used as for the general case).

`\box_resize_to_ht:cn`

`\box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:Nn`

`\box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:cn`

```

16095   \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_resize_to_ht:Nn #1#2
16096   {
16097     \hbox_set:Nn #1
16098     {
16099       \group_begin:
16100       \__box_resize_set_corners:N #1
16101       \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_y_fp
16102       {
16103         \dim_to_fp:n {#2}
16104         / \dim_to_fp:n { \l__box_top_dim }
16105       }
16106       \fp_set_eq:NN \l__box_scale_x_fp \l__box_scale_y_fp

```



```

16107         \__box_resize:N #1
16108     \group_end:
16109 }
16110 }
16111 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_resize_to_ht:Nn { c }
16112 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:Nn #1#2
16113 {
16114     \hbox_set:Nn #1
16115     {
16116         \group_begin:
16117         \__box_resize_set_corners:N #1
16118         \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_y_fp
16119         {
16120             \dim_to_fp:n {#2}
16121             / \dim_to_fp:n { \l__box_top_dim - \l__box_bottom_dim }
16122         }
16123         \fp_set_eq:NN \l__box_scale_x_fp \l__box_scale_y_fp
16124         \__box_resize:N #1
16125     \group_end:
16126 }
16127 }
16128 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:Nn { c }
16129 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_resize_to_wd:Nn #1#2
16130 {
16131     \hbox_set:Nn #1
16132     {
16133         \group_begin:
16134         \__box_resize_set_corners:N #1
16135         \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_x_fp
16136         { \dim_to_fp:n {#2} / \dim_to_fp:n { \l__box_right_dim } }
16137         \fp_set_eq:NN \l__box_scale_y_fp \l__box_scale_x_fp
16138         \__box_resize:N #1
16139     \group_end:
16140 }
16141 }
16142 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_resize_to_wd:Nn { c }
16143 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_resize_to_wd_and_ht:Nnn #1#2#3
16144 {
16145     \hbox_set:Nn #1
16146     {
16147         \group_begin:
16148         \__box_resize_set_corners:N #1
16149         \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_x_fp
16150         { \dim_to_fp:n {#2} / \dim_to_fp:n { \l__box_right_dim } }
16151         \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_y_fp
16152         {
16153             \dim_to_fp:n {#3}
16154             / \dim_to_fp:n { \l__box_top_dim }
16155         }
16156         \__box_resize:N #1

```

```

16157         \group_end:
16158     }
16159 }
16160 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_resize_to_wd_and_ht:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\box_resize_to_ht:Nn` and `\box_resize_to_ht:cn`. These functions are documented on page 212.)

**`\box_scale:Nnn`** When scaling a box, setting the scaling itself is easy enough. The new dimensions are also relatively easy to find, allowing only for the need to keep them positive in all cases. Once that is done then after a check for the trivial scaling a hand-off can be made to the common code. The dimension scaling operations are carried out using the  $\text{\TeX}$  mechanism as it avoids needing to use too many `fp` operations.

**`\box_scale:cnn`**

```

16161 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_scale:Nnn #1#2#3
16162 {
16163     \hbox_set:Nn #1
16164     {
16165         \group_begin:
16166         \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_x_fp {#2}
16167         \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_y_fp {#3}
16168         \dim_set:Nn \l__box_top_dim { \box_ht:N #1 }
16169         \dim_set:Nn \l__box_bottom_dim { -\box_dp:N #1 }
16170         \dim_set:Nn \l__box_right_dim { \box_wd:N #1 }
16171         \dim_zero:N \l__box_left_dim
16172         \dim_set:Nn \l__box_top_new_dim
16173             { \fp_abs:n { \l__box_scale_y_fp } \l__box_top_dim }
16174         \dim_set:Nn \l__box_bottom_new_dim
16175             { \fp_abs:n { \l__box_scale_y_fp } \l__box_bottom_dim }
16176         \dim_set:Nn \l__box_right_new_dim
16177             { \fp_abs:n { \l__box_scale_x_fp } \l__box_right_dim }
16178         \__box_resize_common:N #1
16179     \group_end:
16180 }
16181 }
16182 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_scale:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\box_scale:Nnn` and `\box_scale:cnn`. These functions are documented on page 213.)

**`\__box_resize_common:N`** The main resize function places in input into a box which will start of with zero width, and includes the handles for engine rescaling.

```

16183 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_resize_common:N #1
16184 {
16185     \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
16186     {
16187         \__driver_box_scale_begin:
16188         \hbox_overlap_right:n { \box_use:N #1 }
16189         \__driver_box_scale_end:
16190     }

```

The new height and depth can be applied directly.

```

16191 \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_scale_y_fp > \c_zero_fp
16192 {
16193   \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \l__box_top_new_dim }
16194   \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box { -\l__box_bottom_new_dim }
16195 }
16196 {
16197   \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \l__box_top_new_dim }
16198   \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box { -\l__box_bottom_new_dim }
16199 }

```

Things are not quite as obvious for the width, as the reference point needs to remain unchanged. For positive scaling factors resizing the box is all that is needed. However, for case of a negative scaling the material must be shifted such that the reference point ends up in the right place.

```

16200 \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_scale_x_fp < \c_zero_fp
16201 {
16202   \hbox_to_wd:nn { \l__box_right_new_dim }
16203   {
16204     \tex_kern:D \l__box_right_new_dim
16205     \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box
16206     \tex_hss:D
16207   }
16208 }
16209 {
16210   \box_set_wd:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \l__box_right_new_dim }
16211   \hbox:n
16212   {
16213     \tex_kern:D \c_zero_dim
16214     \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box
16215     \tex_hss:D
16216   }
16217 }
16218 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_box\_resize\_common:N.)*

### 33.4 Viewing part of a box

**\box\_clip:N** A wrapper around the driver-dependent code.

```

\box_clip:c 16219 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_clip:N #1
16220 { \hbox_set:Nn #1 { \__driver_box_use_clip:N #1 } }
16221 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_clip:N { c }

```

*(End definition for \box\_clip:N and \box\_clip:c. These functions are documented on page 214.)*

**\box\_trim:Nnnnn** Trimming from the left- and right-hand edges of the box is easy: kern the appropriate parts off each side.

```

\box_trim:cnnnn 16222 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_trim:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
16223 {

```

```

16224 \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
16225 {
16226   \tex_kern:D -\__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end:
16227   \box_use:N #1
16228   \tex_kern:D -\__dim_eval:w #4 \__dim_eval_end:
16229 }

```

For the height and depth, there is a need to watch the baseline is respected. Material always has to stay on the correct side, so trimming has to check that there is enough material to trim. First, the bottom edge. If there is enough depth, simply set the depth, or if not move down so the result is zero depth. `\box_move_down:nn` is used in both cases so the resulting box always contains a `\lower` primitive. The internal box is used here as it allows safe use of `\box_set_dp:Nn`.

```

16230 \dim_compare:nNnTF { \box_dp:N #1 } > {#3}
16231 {
16232   \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
16233   {
16234     \box_move_down:nn \c_zero_dim
16235     { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box }
16236   }
16237   \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \box_dp:N #1 - (#3) }
16238 }
16239 {
16240   \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
16241   {
16242     \box_move_down:nn { #3 - \box_dp:N #1 }
16243     { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box }
16244   }
16245   \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box \c_zero_dim
16246 }

```

Same thing, this time from the top of the box.

```

16247 \dim_compare:nNnTF { \box_ht:N \l__box_internal_box } > {#5}
16248 {
16249   \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
16250   {
16251     \box_move_up:nn \c_zero_dim
16252     { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box }
16253   }
16254   \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box
16255   { \box_ht:N \l__box_internal_box - (#5) }
16256 }
16257 {
16258   \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
16259   {
16260     \box_move_up:nn { #5 - \box_ht:N \l__box_internal_box }
16261     { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box }
16262   }
16263   \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box \c_zero_dim
16264 }

```

```

16265 \box_set_eq:Nn #1 \l__box_internal_box
16266 }
16267 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_trim:Nnnnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\box_trim:Nnnnn` and `\box_trim:cnnnn`. These functions are documented on page 214.)

**`\box_viewport:Nnnnn`** The same general logic as for the trim operation, but with absolute dimensions. As a result, there are some things to watch out for in the vertical direction.

**`\box_viewport:cnnnn`**

```

16268 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_viewport:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
16269 {
16270   \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
16271   {
16272     \tex_kern:D -\dim_eval:w #2 \dim_eval_end:
16273     \box_use:N #1
16274     \tex_kern:D \dim_eval:w #4 - \box_wd:N #1 \dim_eval_end:
16275   }
16276   \dim_compare:nNnTF {#3} < \c_zero_dim
16277   {
16278     \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
16279     {
16280       \box_move_down:nn \c_zero_dim
16281       { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box }
16282     }
16283     \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box { -\dim_eval:n {#3} }
16284   }
16285   {
16286     \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
16287     { \box_move_down:nn {#3} { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box } }
16288     \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box \c_zero_dim
16289   }
16290   \dim_compare:nNnTF {#5} > \c_zero_dim
16291   {
16292     \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
16293     {
16294       \box_move_up:nn \c_zero_dim
16295       { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box }
16296     }
16297     \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box
16298     {
16299       #5
16300       \dim_compare:nNnT {#3} > \c_zero_dim
16301       { - (#3) }
16302     }
16303   }
16304   {
16305     \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
16306     {
16307       \box_move_up:nn { -\dim_eval:n {#5} }
16308       { \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box }

```

```

16309         }
16310         \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box \c_zero_dim
16311     }
16312     \box_set_eq:NN #1 \l__box_internal_box
16313 }
16314 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_viewport:Nnnnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\box_viewport:Nnnnn` and `\box_viewport:cnnnn`. These functions are documented on page 214.)

### 33.5 Additions to `l3clist`

```

16315 <@@=clist>
\clist_log:N Redirect output of \clist_show:N to the log.
\clist_log:c
\clist_log:n
16316 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \clist_log:N
16317 { \__msg_log_next: \clist_show:N }
16318 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \clist_log:n
16319 { \__msg_log_next: \clist_show:n }
16320 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_log:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_log:N`, `\clist_log:c`, and `\clist_log:n`. These functions are documented on page 215.)

### 33.6 Additions to `l3coffins`

```

16321 <@@=coffin>

```

### 33.7 Rotating coffins

```

\l__coffin_sin_fp Used for rotations to get the sine and cosine values.
\l__coffin_cos_fp
16322 \fp_new:N \l__coffin_sin_fp
16323 \fp_new:N \l__coffin_cos_fp

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_sin_fp`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l__coffin_bounding_prop` A property list for the bounding box of a coffin. This is only needed during the rotation, so there is just the one.

```

16324 \prop_new:N \l__coffin_bounding_prop

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_bounding_prop`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim` The shift of the bounding box of a coffin from the real content.

```

16325 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l__coffin_left_corner_dim`  
`\l__coffin_right_corner_dim`  
`\l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim`  
`\l__coffin_top_corner_dim` These are used to hold maxima for the various corner values: these thus define the minimum size of the bounding box after rotation.

```

16326 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_left_corner_dim
16327 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_right_corner_dim
16328 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim
16329 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_top_corner_dim

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_left_corner_dim`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\coffin_rotate:Nn` Rotating a coffin requires several steps which can be conveniently run together. The sine and cosine of the angle in degrees are computed. This is then used to set `\l__coffin_sin_fp` and `\l__coffin_cos_fp`, which are carried through unchanged for the rest of the procedure.

```
16330 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_rotate:Nn #1#2
16331 {
16332   \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_sin_fp { sind ( #2 ) }
16333   \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_cos_fp { cosd ( #2 ) }
```

The corners and poles of the coffin can now be rotated around the origin. This is best achieved using mapping functions.

```
16334   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
16335   { \__coffin_rotate_corner:Nnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
16336   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
16337   { \__coffin_rotate_pole:Nnnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
```

The bounding box of the coffin needs to be rotated, and to do this the corners have to be found first. They are then rotated in the same way as the corners of the coffin material itself.

```
16338   \__coffin_set_bounding:N #1
16339   \prop_map_inline:Nn \l__coffin_bounding_prop
16340   { \__coffin_rotate_bounding:nnn {##1} ##2 }
```

At this stage, there needs to be a calculation to find where the corners of the content and the box itself will end up.

```
16341   \__coffin_find_corner_maxima:N #1
16342   \__coffin_find_bounding_shift:
16343   \box_rotate:Nn #1 {#2}
```

The correction of the box position itself takes place here. The idea is that the bounding box for a coffin is tight up to the content, and has the reference point at the bottom-left. The  $x$ -direction is handled by moving the content by the difference in the positions of the bounding box and the content left edge. The  $y$ -direction is dealt with by moving the box down by any depth it has acquired. The internal box is used here to allow for the next step.

```
16344   \hbox_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_box
16345   {
16346     \tex_kern:D
16347     \__dim_eval:w
16348     \l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim - \l__coffin_left_corner_dim
16349     \__dim_eval_end:
16350     \box_move_down:nn { \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim }
16351     { \box_use:N #1 }
16352   }
```

If there have been any previous rotations then the size of the bounding box will be bigger than the contents. This can be corrected easily by setting the size of the box to the height and width of the content. As this operation requires setting box dimensions and

these transcend grouping, the safe way to do this is to use the internal box and to reset the result into the target box.

```

16353 \box_set_ht:Nn \l__coffin_internal_box
16354 { \l__coffin_top_corner_dim - \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim }
16355 \box_set_dp:Nn \l__coffin_internal_box { 0 pt }
16356 \box_set_wd:Nn \l__coffin_internal_box
16357 { \l__coffin_right_corner_dim - \l__coffin_left_corner_dim }
16358 \hbox_set:Nn #1 { \box_use:N \l__coffin_internal_box }

```

The final task is to move the poles and corners such that they are back in alignment with the box reference point.

```

16359 \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
16360 { \__coffin_shift_corner:Nnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
16361 \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
16362 { \__coffin_shift_pole:Nnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
16363 }
16364 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_rotate:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for \coffin\_rotate:Nn and \coffin\_rotate:cn. These functions are documented on page 215.)

`\__coffin_set_bounding:N` The bounding box corners for a coffin are easy enough to find: this is the same code as for the corners of the material itself, but using a dedicated property list.

```

16365 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_set_bounding:N #1
16366 {
16367   \prop_put:Nnx \l__coffin_bounding_prop { tl }
16368   { { 0 pt } { \dim_use:N \box_ht:N #1 } }
16369   \prop_put:Nnx \l__coffin_bounding_prop { tr }
16370   { { \dim_use:N \box_wd:N #1 } { \dim_use:N \box_ht:N #1 } }
16371   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_dim { - \box_dp:N #1 }
16372   \prop_put:Nnx \l__coffin_bounding_prop { bl }
16373   { { 0 pt } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_internal_dim } }
16374   \prop_put:Nnx \l__coffin_bounding_prop { br }
16375   { { \dim_use:N \box_wd:N #1 } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_internal_dim } }
16376 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_coffin\_set\_bounding:N. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\__coffin_rotate_bounding:nnn` Rotating the position of the corner of the coffin is just a case of treating this as a vector from the reference point. The same treatment is used for the corners of the material itself and the bounding box.

`\__coffin_rotate_corner:Nnnn`

```

16377 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_rotate_bounding:nnn #1#2#3
16378 {
16379   \__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN {#2} {#3} \l__coffin_x_dim \l__coffin_y_dim
16380   \prop_put:Nnx \l__coffin_bounding_prop {#1}
16381   { { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim } }
16382 }
16383 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_rotate_corner:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
16384 {
16385   \__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN {#3} {#4} \l__coffin_x_dim \l__coffin_y_dim

```



```

16386     \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2}
16387     { { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim } }
16388 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_coffin\_rotate\_bounding:nnn. This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_\_coffin\_rotate\_pole:Nnnnnn Rotating a single pole simply means shifting the co-ordinate of the pole and its direction. The rotation here is about the bottom-left corner of the coffin.

```

16389 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_rotate_pole:Nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
16390 {
16391     \__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN {#3} {#4} \l__coffin_x_dim \l__coffin_y_dim
16392     \__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN {#5} {#6}
16393     \l__coffin_x_prime_dim \l__coffin_y_prime_dim
16394     \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 {#2}
16395     {
16396         { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim }
16397         { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_prime_dim }
16398         { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_prime_dim }
16399     }
16400 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_coffin\_rotate\_pole:Nnnnnn. This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_\_coffin\_rotate\_vector:nnNN A rotation function, which needs only an input vector (as dimensions) and an output space. The values \l\_\_coffin\_cos\_fp and \l\_\_coffin\_sin\_fp should previously have been set up correctly. Working this way means that the floating point work is kept to a minimum: for any given rotation the sin and cosine values do no change, after all.

```

16401 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN #1#2#3#4
16402 {
16403     \dim_set:Nn #3
16404     {
16405         \fp_to_dim:n
16406         {
16407             \dim_to_fp:n {#1} * \l__coffin_cos_fp
16408             - \dim_to_fp:n {#2} * \l__coffin_sin_fp
16409         }
16410     }
16411     \dim_set:Nn #4
16412     {
16413         \fp_to_dim:n
16414         {
16415             \dim_to_fp:n {#1} * \l__coffin_sin_fp
16416             + \dim_to_fp:n {#2} * \l__coffin_cos_fp
16417         }
16418     }
16419 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_coffin\_rotate\_vector:nnNN. This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_coffin\_find\_corner\_maxima:N  
\\_coffin\_find\_corner\_maxima\_aux:nn

The idea here is to find the extremities of the content of the coffin. This is done by looking for the smallest values for the bottom and left corners, and the largest values for the top and right corners. The values start at the maximum dimensions so that the case where all are positive or all are negative works out correctly.

```

16420 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_find_corner_maxima:N #1
16421 {
16422   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_top_corner_dim { -\c_max_dim }
16423   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_right_corner_dim { -\c_max_dim }
16424   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim { \c_max_dim }
16425   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_left_corner_dim { \c_max_dim }
16426   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
16427     { \__coffin_find_corner_maxima_aux:nn ##2 }
16428 }
16429 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_find_corner_maxima_aux:nn #1#2
16430 {
16431   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_left_corner_dim
16432     { \dim_min:nn { \l__coffin_left_corner_dim } {#1} }
16433   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_right_corner_dim
16434     { \dim_max:nn { \l__coffin_right_corner_dim } {#1} }
16435   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim
16436     { \dim_min:nn { \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim } {#2} }
16437   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_top_corner_dim
16438     { \dim_max:nn { \l__coffin_top_corner_dim } {#2} }
16439 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_coffin\_find\_corner\_maxima:N. This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_coffin\_find\_bounding\_shift:  
\\_coffin\_find\_bounding\_shift\_aux:nn

The approach to finding the shift for the bounding box is similar to that for the corners. However, there is only one value needed here and a fixed input property list, so things are a bit clearer.

```

16440 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__coffin_find_bounding_shift:
16441 {
16442   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim { \c_max_dim }
16443   \prop_map_inline:Nn \l__coffin_bounding_prop
16444     { \__coffin_find_bounding_shift_aux:nn ##2 }
16445 }
16446 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_find_bounding_shift_aux:nn #1#2
16447 {
16448   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim
16449     { \dim_min:nn { \l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim } {#1} }
16450 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_coffin\_find\_bounding\_shift:. This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_coffin\_shift\_corner:Nnnn  
\\_coffin\_shift\_pole:Nnnnnn

Shifting the corners and poles of a coffin means subtracting the appropriate values from the  $x$ - and  $y$ -components. For the poles, this means that the direction vector is unchanged.

```

16451 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_shift_corner:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
16452 {

```

```

16453 \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _ prop } {#2}
16454 {
16455   { \dim_eval:n { #3 - \l__coffin_left_corner_dim } }
16456   { \dim_eval:n { #4 - \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim } }
16457 }
16458 }
16459 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_shift_pole:Nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
16460 {
16461   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _ prop } {#2}
16462   {
16463     { \dim_eval:n { #3 - \l__coffin_left_corner_dim } }
16464     { \dim_eval:n { #4 - \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim } }
16465     {#5} {#6}
16466   }
16467 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_coffin\_shift\_corner:Nnnn. This function is documented on page ??.)

### 33.8 Resizing coffins

\l\_\_coffin\_scale\_x\_fp Storage for the scaling factors in  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively.  
 \l\_\_coffin\_scale\_y\_fp

```

16468 \fp_new:N \l__coffin_scale_x_fp
16469 \fp_new:N \l__coffin_scale_y_fp

```

(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_scale\_x\_fp. This variable is documented on page ??.)

\l\_\_coffin\_scaled\_total\_height\_dim When scaling, the values given have to be turned into absolute values.  
 \l\_\_coffin\_scaled\_width\_dim

```

16470 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_scaled_total_height_dim
16471 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_scaled_width_dim

```

(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_scaled\_total\_height\_dim. This variable is documented on page ??.)

**\coffin\_resize:Nnn** Resizing a coffin begins by setting up the user-friendly names for the dimensions of the coffin box. The new sizes are then turned into scale factor. This is the same operation as takes place for the underlying box, but that operation is grouped and so the same calculation is done here.  
**\coffin\_resize:cnn**

```

16472 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_resize:Nnn #1#2#3
16473 {
16474   \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_scale_x_fp
16475   { \dim_to_fp:n {#2} / \dim_to_fp:n { \coffin_wd:N #1 } }
16476   \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_scale_y_fp
16477   {
16478     \dim_to_fp:n {#3}
16479     / \dim_to_fp:n { \coffin_ht:N #1 + \coffin_dp:N #1 }
16480   }
16481   \box_resize:Nnn #1 {#2} {#3}
16482   \__coffin_resize_common:Nnn #1 {#2} {#3}
16483 }
16484 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_resize:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_resize:Nnn` and `\coffin_resize:cnn`. These functions are documented on page 215.)

`\__coffin_resize_common:Nnn` The poles and corners of the coffin are scaled to the appropriate places before actually resizing the underlying box.

```

16485 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_resize_common:Nnn #1#2#3
16486 {
16487   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
16488   { \__coffin_scale_corner:Nnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
16489   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
16490   { \__coffin_scale_pole:Nnnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }

```

Negative  $x$ -scaling values will place the poles in the wrong location: this is corrected here.

```

16491 \fp_compare:nNnT \l__coffin_scale_x_fp < \c_zero_fp
16492 {
16493   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
16494   { \__coffin_x_shift_corner:Nnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
16495   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
16496   { \__coffin_x_shift_pole:Nnnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
16497 }
16498 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_resize_common:Nnn`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\coffin_scale:Nnn` For scaling, the opposite calculation is done to find the new dimensions for the coffin.  
`\coffin_scale:cnn` Only the total height is needed, as this is the shift required for corners and poles. The scaling is done the T<sub>E</sub>X way as this works properly with floating point values without needing to use the `fp` module.

```

16499 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_scale:Nnn #1#2#3
16500 {
16501   \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_scale_x_fp {#2}
16502   \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_scale_y_fp {#3}
16503   \box_scale:Nnn #1 { \l__coffin_scale_x_fp } { \l__coffin_scale_y_fp }
16504   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_dim
16505   { \coffin_ht:N #1 + \coffin_dp:N #1 }
16506   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_scaled_total_height_dim
16507   { \fp_abs:n { \l__coffin_scale_y_fp } \l__coffin_internal_dim }
16508   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_scaled_width_dim
16509   { -\fp_abs:n { \l__coffin_scale_x_fp } \coffin_wd:N #1 }
16510   \__coffin_resize_common:Nnn #1
16511   { \l__coffin_scaled_width_dim } { \l__coffin_scaled_total_height_dim }
16512 }
16513 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_scale:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_scale:Nnn` and `\coffin_scale:cnn`. These functions are documented on page 215.)

`\_coffin_scale_vector:nnNN` This functions scales a vector from the origin using the pre-set scale factors in  $x$  and  $y$ . This is a much less complex operation than rotation, and as a result the code is a lot clearer.

```

16514 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_scale_vector:nnNN #1#2#3#4
16515 {
16516   \dim_set:Nn #3
16517     { \fp_to_dim:n { \dim_to_fp:n {#1} * \l__coffin_scale_x_fp } }
16518   \dim_set:Nn #4
16519     { \fp_to_dim:n { \dim_to_fp:n {#2} * \l__coffin_scale_y_fp } }
16520 }

```

(End definition for `\_coffin_scale_vector:nnNN`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\_coffin_scale_corner:Nnnn` `\_coffin_scale_pole:Nnnnnn` Scaling both corners and poles is a simple calculation using the preceding vector scaling.

```

16521 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_scale_corner:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
16522 {
16523   \_coffin_scale_vector:nnNN {#3} {#4} \l__coffin_x_dim \l__coffin_y_dim
16524   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2}
16525     { { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim } }
16526 }
16527 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_scale_pole:Nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
16528 {
16529   \_coffin_scale_vector:nnNN {#3} {#4} \l__coffin_x_dim \l__coffin_y_dim
16530   \_coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 {#2}
16531   {
16532     { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim }
16533     {#5} {#6}
16534   }
16535 }

```

(End definition for `\_coffin_scale_corner:Nnnn`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\_coffin_x_shift_corner:Nnnn` `\_coffin_x_shift_pole:Nnnnnn` These functions correct for the  $x$  displacement that takes place with a negative horizontal scaling.

```

16536 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_x_shift_corner:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
16537 {
16538   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2}
16539     {
16540       { \dim_eval:n { #3 + \box_wd:N #1 } } {#4}
16541     }
16542 }
16543 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_x_shift_pole:Nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
16544 {
16545   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2}
16546     {
16547       { \dim_eval:n { #3 + \box_wd:N #1 } } {#4}
16548       {#5} {#6}
16549     }
16550 }

```

(End definition for `\_coffin_x_shift_corner:Nnnn`. This function is documented on page ??.)

### 33.9 Coffin diagnostics

**\coffin\_log\_structure:N** Redirect output of \coffin\_show\_structure:N to the log.

```
\coffin_log_structure:c 16551 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \coffin_log_structure:N
16552 { \__msg_log_next: \coffin_show_structure:N }
16553 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_log_structure:N { c }
```

(End definition for \coffin\_log\_structure:N and \coffin\_log\_structure:c. These functions are documented on page 215.)

### 33.10 Additions to l3file

```
16554 <@@=file>
```

**\file\_if\_exist\_input:nTF** Input of a file with a test for existence cannot be done the usual way as the tokens to insert are in an odd place.

```
16555 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_if_exist_input:n #1
16556 {
16557   \file_if_exist:nT {#1}
16558   { \__file_input:V \l__file_internal_name_tl }
16559 }
16560 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_if_exist_input:nT #1#2
16561 {
16562   \file_if_exist:nT {#1}
16563   {
16564     #2
16565     \__file_input:V \l__file_internal_name_tl
16566   }
16567 }
16568 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_if_exist_input:nF #1
16569 {
16570   \file_if_exist:nTF {#1}
16571   { \__file_input:V \l__file_internal_name_tl }
16572 }
16573 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_if_exist_input:nTF #1#2
16574 {
16575   \file_if_exist:nTF {#1}
16576   {
16577     #2
16578     \__file_input:V \l__file_internal_name_tl
16579   }
16580 }
```

(End definition for \file\_if\_exist\_input:nTF. This function is documented on page 216.)

```
16581 <@@=ior>
```

**\ior\_map\_break:** Usual map breaking functions. Those are not yet in l3kernel proper since the mapping below is the first of its kind.

```
\ior_map_break:n 16582 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \ior_map_break:
16583 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \ior_map_break: { } }
```

```

16584 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \ior_map_break:n
16585 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \ior_map_break: }

```

(End definition for \ior\_map\_break: and \ior\_map\_break:n. These functions are documented on page 216.)

```

\ior_map_inline:Nn Mapping to an input stream can be done on either a token or a string basis, hence the
\ior_str_map_inline:Nn set up. Within that, there is a check to avoid reading past the end of a file, hence the
  \__ior_map_inline:NNn two applications of \ior_if_eof:N. This mapping cannot be nested as the stream has
  \__ior_map_inline:NNNn only one “current line”.
\_ior_map_inline_loop:NNN
  \l_ior_internal_tl
16586 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \ior_map_inline:Nn
16587 { \__ior_map_inline:NNn \ior_get:NN }
16588 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \ior_str_map_inline:Nn
16589 { \__ior_map_inline:NNn \ior_get_str:NN }
16590 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__ior_map_inline:NNn
16591 {
16592   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
16593   \exp_args:Nc \__ior_map_inline:NNNn
16594   { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :n }
16595 }
16596 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_map_inline:NNNn #1#2#3#4
16597 {
16598   \cs_set:Npn #1 ##1 {#4}
16599   \ior_if_eof:NF #3 { \__ior_map_inline_loop:NNN #1#2#3 }
16600   \__prg_break_point:Nn \ior_map_break:
16601   { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
16602 }
16603 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_map_inline_loop:NNN #1#2#3
16604 {
16605   #2 #3 \l_ior_internal_tl
16606   \ior_if_eof:NF #3
16607   {
16608     \exp_args:No #1 \l_ior_internal_tl
16609     \__ior_map_inline_loop:NNN #1#2#3
16610   }
16611 }
16612 \tl_new:N \l_ior_internal_tl

```

(End definition for \ior\_map\_inline:Nn and \ior\_str\_map\_inline:Nn. These functions are documented on page 216.)

**\ior\_log\_streams:** Redirect output of \ior\_list\_streams: to the log.

```

16613 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \ior_log_streams:
16614 { \__msg_log_next: \ior_list_streams: }

```

(End definition for \ior\_log\_streams:. This function is documented on page 217.)

```

16615 <@@=iow>

```

**\iow\_log\_streams:** Redirect output of \iow\_list\_streams: to the log.

```

16616 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \iow_log_streams:
16617 { \__msg_log_next: \iow_list_streams: }

```

(End definition for `\iow_log_streams:`. This function is documented on page 217.)

### 33.11 Additions to l3fp-assign

16618 `<@@=fp>`

`\fp_log:N` Redirect output of `\fp_show:N` to the log.

`\fp_log:c` 16619 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_log:N`

`\fp_log:n` 16620 `{ \__msg_log_next: \fp_show:N }`

16621 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_log:n`

16622 `{ \__msg_log_next: \fp_show:n }`

16623 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_log:N { c }`

(End definition for `\fp_log:N`, `\fp_log:c`, and `\fp_log:n`. These functions are documented on page 217.)

### 33.12 Additions to l3int

`\int_log:N` Redirect output of `\int_show:N` to the log. This is not just a copy of `\__kernel_-`

`\int_log:c` `register_log:N` because of subtleties involving `\currentgrouplevel` and `\currentgrouptype`. See `\int_show:N` for details.

16624 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \int_log:N`

16625 `{ \__msg_log_next: \int_show:N }`

16626 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_log:N { c }`

(End definition for `\int_log:N` and `\int_log:c`. These functions are documented on page 217.)

`\int_log:n` Redirect output of `\int_show:n` to the log.

16627 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \int_log:n`

16628 `{ \__msg_log_next: \int_show:n }`

(End definition for `\int_log:n`. This function is documented on page 218.)

### 33.13 Additions to l3keys

16629 `<@@=keys>`

`\keys_log:nn` Redirect output of `\keys_show:nn` to the log.

16630 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \keys_log:nn`

16631 `{ \__msg_log_next: \keys_show:nn }`

(End definition for `\keys_log:nn`. This function is documented on page 218.)



### 33.14 Additions to l3msg

```

16632 <@@=msg>
\msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn Pass to an auxiliary the message to display and the module name
\msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn
\msg_expandable_error:nnnn
\msg_expandable_error:nnn
\msg_expandable_error:nn
\msg_expandable_error:nnfff
\msg_expandable_error:nnfff
\msg_expandable_error:nnff
\msg_expandable_error:nnf
  \_msg_expandable_error_module:nn
16633 \cs_new:Npn \msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
16634 {
16635   \exp_args:Nf \_msg_expandable_error_module:nn
16636   {
16637     \exp_args:Nf \tl_to_str:n
16638     { \use:c { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6} }
16639   }
16640   {#1}
16641 }
16642 \cs_new:Npn \msg_expandable_error:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
16643 { \msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} { } }
16644 \cs_new:Npn \msg_expandable_error:nnnn #1#2#3#4
16645 { \msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} { } { } }
16646 \cs_new:Npn \msg_expandable_error:nnn #1#2#3
16647 { \msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} { } { } { } }
16648 \cs_new:Npn \msg_expandable_error:nn #1#2
16649 { \msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn {#1} {#2} { } { } { } { } }
16650 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn { nnffff }
16651 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \msg_expandable_error:nnnnnn { nnfff }
16652 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \msg_expandable_error:nnnn { nnff }
16653 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \msg_expandable_error:nnn { nnf }
16654 \cs_new:Npn \_msg_expandable_error_module:nn #1#2
16655 {
16656   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
16657   \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
16658   \use:n { \:error ! ~ #2 : ~ #1 } \q_stop
16659 }

```

(End definition for \msg\_expandable\_error:nnnnnn and others. These functions are documented on page 218.)

### 33.15 Additions to l3prg

```

16660 <@@=bool>
\bool_all_p:n Go through the list of expressions, stopping whenever an expression is false. If the end
\_bool_all_aux:n is reached without finding any false expression, then the result is true.
16661 \cs_new:Npn \bool_all_p:n #1
16662 { \_bool_all_aux:n #1 \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop }
16663 \cs_new:Npn \_bool_all_aux:n #1
16664 {
16665   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn {#1} { \c_true_bool }
16666   \bool_if:nF {#1}
16667   { \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw { \c_false_bool } }
16668   \_bool_all_aux:n
16669 }

```

(End definition for \bool\_all\_p:n. This function is documented on page 219.)

**\bool\_and\_p:nn** Only evaluate the second expression if the first is true.

```
16670 \cs_new:Npn \bool_and_p:nn #1#2
16671 { \bool_if:nTF {#1} { \bool_if_p:n {#2} } { \c_false_bool } }
```

(End definition for \bool\_and\_p:nn. This function is documented on page 219.)

**\bool\_any\_p:n** Go through the list of expressions, stopping whenever an expression is true. If the end is reached without finding any true expression, then the result is false.

**\\_\_bool\_any\_aux:n**

```
16672 \cs_new:Npn \bool_any_p:n #1
16673 { \__bool_any_aux:n #1 \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop }
16674 \cs_new:Npn \__bool_any_aux:n #1
16675 {
16676   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn {#1} { \c_false_bool }
16677   \bool_if:nT {#1}
16678   { \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw { \c_true_bool } }
16679   \__bool_any_aux:n
16680 }
```

(End definition for \bool\_any\_p:n. This function is documented on page 219.)

**\bool\_not\_p:n** The Not variant just reverses the outcome of \bool\_if\_p:n. Can be optimized but this is nice and simple and according to the implementation plan. Not even particularly useful to have it when the infix notation is easier to use.

```
16681 \cs_new:Npn \bool_not_p:n #1 { \bool_if_p:n { ! ( #1 ) } }
```

(End definition for \bool\_not\_p:n. This function is documented on page 219.)

**\bool\_or\_p:nn** Only evaluate the second expression if the first is false.

```
16682 \cs_new:Npn \bool_or_p:nn #1#2
16683 { \bool_if:nTF {#1} { \c_true_bool } { \bool_if_p:n {#2} } }
```

(End definition for \bool\_or\_p:nn. This function is documented on page 219.)

**\bool\_xor\_p:nn** Exclusive or. If the boolean expressions have same truth value, return false, otherwise return true.

```
16684 \cs_new:Npn \bool_xor_p:nn #1#2
16685 {
16686   \int_compare:nNnTF { \bool_if_p:n {#1} } = { \bool_if_p:n {#2} }
16687   \c_false_bool
16688   \c_true_bool
16689 }
```

(End definition for \bool\_xor\_p:nn. This function is documented on page 220.)

**\bool\_log:N** Redirect output of \bool\_show:N to the log.

**\bool\_log:c**

**\bool\_log:n**

```
16690 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \bool_log:N
16691 { \__msg_log_next: \bool_show:N }
16692 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \bool_log:n
16693 { \__msg_log_next: \bool_show:n }
16694 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_log:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\bool_log:N`, `\bool_log:c`, and `\bool_log:n`. These functions are documented on page 220.)

### 33.16 Additions to l3prop

16695 `<@@=prop>`

`\prop_map_tokens:Nn`  
`\prop_map_tokens:cn`  
`\__prop_map_tokens:nwn`

The mapping is very similar to `\prop_map_function:NN`. It grabs one key–value pair at a time, and stops when reaching the marker key `\q_recursion_tail`, which cannot appear in normal keys since those are strings. The odd construction `\use:n {#1}` allows #1 to contain any token without interfering with `\prop_map_break:`. Argument #2 of `\__prop_map_tokens:nwn` is `\s__prop` the first time, and is otherwise empty.

```
16696 \cs_new:Npn \prop_map_tokens:Nn #1#2
16697 {
16698   \exp_last_unbraced:Nno \__prop_map_tokens:nwn {#2} #1
16699   \__prop_pair:wn \q_recursion_tail \s__prop { }
16700   \__prg_break_point:Nn \prop_map_break: { }
16701 }
16702 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_map_tokens:nwn #1#2 \__prop_pair:wn #3 \s__prop #4
16703 {
16704   \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #3
16705   \exp_after:wN \prop_map_break:
16706   \fi:
16707   \use:n {#1} {#3} {#4}
16708   \__prop_map_tokens:nwn {#1}
16709 }
16710 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_map_tokens:Nn { c }
```

(End definition for `\prop_map_tokens:Nn` and `\prop_map_tokens:cn`. These functions are documented on page 220.)

`\prop_log:N`  
`\prop_log:c`

Redirect output of `\prop_show:N` to the log.

```
16711 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \prop_log:N
16712 { \__msg_log_next: \prop_show:N }
16713 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_log:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\prop_log:N` and `\prop_log:c`. These functions are documented on page 220.)

### 33.17 Additions to l3seq

16714 `<@@=seq>`

`\seq_mapthread_function:NNN`  
`\seq_mapthread_function:NcN`  
`\seq_mapthread_function:cNN`  
`\seq_mapthread_function:ccN`  
`\__seq_mapthread_function:wNN`  
`\__seq_mapthread_function:wNw`  
`\__seq_mapthread_function:Nnnwn`

The idea is to first expand both sequences, adding the usual `{ ? \__prg_break: } { }` to the end of each one. This is most conveniently done in two steps using an auxiliary function. The mapping then throws away the first tokens of #2 and #5, which for items in the sequences will both be `\s__seq \__seq_item:n`. The function to be mapped will then be applied to the two entries. When the code hits the end of one of the sequences, the break material will stop the entire loop and tidy up. This avoids needing to find the count of the two sequences, or worrying about which is longer.

```
16715 \cs_new:Npn \seq_mapthread_function:NNN #1#2#3
```

```

16716 { \exp_after:wN \__seq_mapthread_function:wNN #2 \q_stop #1 #3 }
16717 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_mapthread_function:wNN \s__seq #1 \q_stop #2#3
16718 {
16719   \exp_after:wN \__seq_mapthread_function:wNw #2 \q_stop #3
16720   #1 { ? \__prg_break: } { }
16721   \__prg_break_point:
16722 }
16723 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_mapthread_function:wNw \s__seq #1 \q_stop #2
16724 {
16725   \__seq_mapthread_function:Nnnwnn #2
16726   #1 { ? \__prg_break: } { }
16727   \q_stop
16728 }
16729 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_mapthread_function:Nnnwnn #1#2#3#4 \q_stop #5#6
16730 {
16731   \use_none:n #2
16732   \use_none:n #5
16733   #1 {#3} {#6}
16734   \__seq_mapthread_function:Nnnwnn #1 #4 \q_stop
16735 }
16736 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_mapthread_function:NNN { Nc }
16737 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_mapthread_function:NNN { c , cc }

```

(End definition for `\seq_mapthread_function:NNN` and others. These functions are documented on page 220.)

`\seq_set_filter:NNn` Similar to `\seq_map_inline:Nn`, without a `\__prg_break_point:` because the user's  
`\seq_gset_filter:NNn` code is performed within the evaluation of a boolean expression, and skipping out of that  
`\__seq_set_filter:NNNn` would break horribly. The `\__seq_wrap_item:n` function inserts the relevant `\__seq-`  
`item:n` without expansion in the input stream, hence in the x-expanding assignment.

```

16738 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_set_filter:NNn
16739 { \__seq_set_filter:NNNn \tl_set:Nx }
16740 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_gset_filter:NNn
16741 { \__seq_set_filter:NNNn \tl_gset:Nx }
16742 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_set_filter:NNNn #1#2#3#4
16743 {
16744   \__seq_push_item_def:n { \bool_if:nT {#4} { \__seq_wrap_item:n {##1} } }
16745   #1 #2 { #3 }
16746   \__seq_pop_item_def:
16747 }

```

(End definition for `\seq_set_filter:NNn` and `\seq_gset_filter:NNn`. These functions are documented on page 221.)

`\seq_set_map:NNn` Very similar to `\seq_set_filter:NNn`. We could actually merge the two within a single  
`\seq_gset_map:NNn` function, but it would have weird semantics.

```

\__seq_set_map:NNNn
16748 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_set_map:NNn
16749 { \__seq_set_map:NNNn \tl_set:Nx }
16750 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_gset_map:NNn
16751 { \__seq_set_map:NNNn \tl_gset:Nx }

```

```

16752 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_set_map:NNNn #1#2#3#4
16753 {
16754   \__seq_push_item_def:n { \exp_not:N \__seq_item:n {#4} }
16755   #1 #2 { #3 }
16756   \__seq_pop_item_def:
16757 }

```

(End definition for `\seq_set_map:NNn` and `\seq_gset_map:NNn`. These functions are documented on page 221.)

**`\seq_log:N`** Redirect output of `\seq_show:N` to the log.

```

\seq_log:c 16758 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_log:N
16759 { \__msg_log_next: \seq_show:N }
16760 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_log:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_log:N` and `\seq_log:c`. These functions are documented on page 221.)

### 33.18 Additions to l3skip

```

16761 <@@=skip>

```

**`\skip_split_finite_else_action:nnNN`** This macro is useful when performing error checking in certain circumstances. If the `<skip>` register holds finite glue it sets #3 and #4 to the stretch and shrink component, resp. If it holds infinite glue set #3 and #4 to zero and issue the special action #2 which is probably an error message. Assignments are local.

```

16762 \cs_new:Npn \skip_split_finite_else_action:nnNN #1#2#3#4
16763 {
16764   \skip_if_finite:nTF {#1}
16765   {
16766     #3 = \etex_gluestretch:D #1 \scan_stop:
16767     #4 = \etex_glueshrink:D #1 \scan_stop:
16768   }
16769   {
16770     #3 = \c_zero_skip
16771     #4 = \c_zero_skip
16772     #2
16773   }
16774 }

```

(End definition for `\skip_split_finite_else_action:nnNN`. This function is documented on page 221.)

**`\dim_log:N`** Diagnostics. Redirect output of `\dim_show:n` to the log.

```

\dim_log:c 16775 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_log:N \__kernel_register_log:N
\dim_log:n 16776 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_log:c \__kernel_register_log:c
16777 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \dim_log:n
16778 { \__msg_log_next: \dim_show:n }

```

(End definition for `\dim_log:N`, `\dim_log:c`, and `\dim_log:n`. These functions are documented on page 221.)

`\skip_log:N` Diagnostics. Redirect output of `\skip_show:n` to the log.  
`\skip_log:c` 16779 `\cs_new_eq:NN \skip_log:N \__kernel_register_log:N`  
`\skip_log:n` 16780 `\cs_new_eq:NN \skip_log:c \__kernel_register_log:c`  
16781 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \skip_log:n`  
16782 `{ \__msg_log_next: \skip_show:n }`

(End definition for `\skip_log:N`, `\skip_log:c`, and `\skip_log:n`. These functions are documented on page 222.)

`\muskip_log:N` Diagnostics. Redirect output of `\muskip_show:n` to the log.  
`\muskip_log:c` 16783 `\cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_log:N \__kernel_register_log:N`  
`\muskip_log:n` 16784 `\cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_log:c \__kernel_register_log:c`  
16785 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \muskip_log:n`  
16786 `{ \__msg_log_next: \muskip_show:n }`

(End definition for `\muskip_log:N`, `\muskip_log:c`, and `\muskip_log:n`. These functions are documented on page 222.)

### 33.19 Additions to `l3tl`

16787 `<@@=tl>`

`\tl_if_single_token_p:n` There are four cases: empty token list, token list starting with a normal token, with a  
`\tl_if_single_token:nTF` brace group, or with a space token. If the token list starts with a normal token, remove it and check for emptiness. For the next case, an empty token list is not a single token. Finally, we have a non-empty token list starting with a space or a brace group. Applying f-expansion yields an empty result if and only if the token list is a single space.

16788 `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_single_token:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }`  
16789 `{`  
16790 `\tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {#1}`  
16791 `{ \__tl_if_empty_return:o { \use_none:n #1 } }`  
16792 `{`  
16793 `\tl_if_empty:nTF {#1}`  
16794 `{ \prg_return_false: }`  
16795 `{ \__tl_if_empty_return:o { \exp:w \exp_end_continue_f:w #1 } }`  
16796 `}`  
16797 `}`

(End definition for `\tl_if_single_token:nTF`. This function is documented on page 222.)

`\tl_reverse_tokens:n` The same as `\tl_reverse:n` but with recursion within brace groups.  
`\__tl_reverse_group:nn`

16798 `\cs_new:Npn \tl_reverse_tokens:n #1`  
16799 `{`  
16800 `\etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN`  
16801 `{`  
16802 `\exp:w`  
16803 `\__tl_act:NNNnn`  
16804 `\__tl_reverse_normal:nN`  
16805 `\__tl_reverse_group:nn`  
16806 `\__tl_reverse_space:n`

```

16807         { }
16808         {#1}
16809     }
16810 }
16811 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_reverse_group:nn #1
16812 {
16813     \__tl_act_group_recurse:Nnn
16814     \__tl_act_reverse_output:n
16815     { \tl_reverse_tokens:n }
16816 }

```

In many applications of `\__tl_act:NNNnn`, we need to recursively apply some transformation within brace groups, then output. In this code, `#1` is the output function, `#2` is the transformation, which should expand in two steps, and `#3` is the group.

```

16817 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_group_recurse:Nnn #1#2#3
16818 {
16819     \exp_args:Nf #1
16820     { \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN { #2 {#3} } }
16821 }

```

(End definition for `\tl_reverse_tokens:n`. This function is documented on page 222.)

The token count is computed through an `\int_eval:n` construction. Each `1+` is output to the *left*, into the integer expression, and the sum is ended by the `\exp_end:` inserted by `\__tl_act_end:wn` (which is technically implemented as `\c_zero`). Somewhat a hack!

```

\tl_count_tokens:n
\__tl_act_count_normal:nN
\__tl_act_count_group:nn
\__tl_act_count_space:n
16822 \cs_new:Npn \tl_count_tokens:n #1
16823 {
16824     \int_eval:n
16825     {
16826         \__tl_act:NNNnn
16827         \__tl_act_count_normal:nN
16828         \__tl_act_count_group:nn
16829         \__tl_act_count_space:n
16830         { }
16831         {#1}
16832     }
16833 }
16834 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_count_normal:nN #1 #2 { 1 + }
16835 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_count_space:n #1 { 1 + }
16836 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_count_group:nn #1 #2
16837 { 2 + \tl_count_tokens:n {#2} + }

```

(End definition for `\tl_count_tokens:n`. This function is documented on page 222.)

The approach here is similar to that for doing a rescan, and so the same internals can be reused. Thus the plan is to insert a pair of tokens of the same charcode but different catcodes after the file has been read. This plus `\exp_not:N` allows the primitive to be used to carry out a set operation.

```

\tl_set_from_file:Nnn
\tl_set_from_file:cnn
\tl_gset_from_file:Nnn
\tl_gset_from_file:cnn
\__tl_set_from_file:NNnn
\__tl_from_file_do:w
16838 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_set_from_file:Nnn

```

```

16839 { \_tl\_set\_from\_file:NNnn \tl\_set:Nn }
16840 \cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:Npn \tl\_gset\_from\_file:Nnn
16841 { \_tl\_set\_from\_file:NNnn \tl\_gset:Nn }
16842 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_set\_from\_file:Nnn { c }
16843 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_gset\_from\_file:Nnn { c }
16844 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \_tl\_set\_from\_file:NNnn #1#2#3#4
16845 {
16846   \_file\_if\_exist:nT {#4}
16847   {
16848     \group\_begin:
16849     \exp\_args:No \etex\_everyeof:D
16850     { \c\_tl\_rescan\_marker\_tl \exp\_not:N }
16851     #3 \scan\_stop:
16852     \exp\_after:wN \_tl\_from\_file\_do:w
16853     \exp\_after:wN \prg\_do\_nothing:
16854     \tex\_input:D \l\_file\_internal\_name\_tl \scan\_stop:
16855     \exp\_args:NNNo \group\_end:
16856     #1 #2 \l\_tl\_internal\_a\_tl
16857   }
16858 }
16859 \exp\_args:Nno \use:nn
16860 { \cs\_set\_protected:Npn \_tl\_from\_file\_do:w #1 }
16861 { \c\_tl\_rescan\_marker\_tl }
16862 { \tl\_set:No \l\_tl\_internal\_a\_tl {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\tl\_set\_from\_file:Nnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 225.)

`\tl\_set\_from\_file\_x:Nnn` When reading a file and allowing expansion of the content, the set up only needs to prevent T<sub>E</sub>X complaining about the end of the file. That is done simply, with a group then used to trap the definition needed. Once the business is done using some scratch space, the tokens can be transferred to the real target.

```

\__tl\_set\_from\_file\_x:NNnn 16863 \cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:Npn \tl\_set\_from\_file\_x:Nnn
16864 { \_tl\_set\_from\_file\_x:NNnn \tl\_set:Nn }
16865 \cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:Npn \tl\_gset\_from\_file\_x:Nnn
16866 { \_tl\_set\_from\_file\_x:NNnn \tl\_gset:Nn }
16867 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_set\_from\_file\_x:Nnn { c }
16868 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \tl\_gset\_from\_file\_x:Nnn { c }
16869 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \_tl\_set\_from\_file\_x:NNnn #1#2#3#4
16870 {
16871   \_file\_if\_exist:nT {#4}
16872   {
16873     \group\_begin:
16874     \etex\_everyeof:D { \exp\_not:N }
16875     #3 \scan\_stop:
16876     \tl\_set:Nx \l\_tl\_internal\_a\_tl
16877     { \tex\_input:D \l\_file\_internal\_name\_tl \c\_space\_token }
16878     \exp\_args:NNNo \group\_end:
16879     #1 #2 \l\_tl\_internal\_a\_tl
16880   }
16881 }

```



(End definition for `\tl_set_from_file_x:Nnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 226.)

### 33.19.1 Unicode case changing

The mechanisms needed for case changing are somewhat involved, particularly to allow for all of the special cases. These functions also require the appropriate data extracted from the Unicode documentation (either manually or automatically), which is covered by `l3unicode-data`.

`\tl_if_head_eq_catcode:oNTF` Extra variants.

```
16882 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_head_eq_catcode:nNTF { o }
```

(End definition for `\tl_if_head_eq_catcode:oNTF`. This function is documented on page ??.)

`\tl_lower_case:n` `\tl_upper_case:n` `\tl_mixed_case:n` `\tl_lower_case:nn` `\tl_upper_case:nn` `\tl_mixed_case:nn`

The user level functions here are all wrappers around the internal functions for case changing. Note that `\tl_mixed_case:nn` could be done without an internal, but this way the logic is slightly clearer as everything essentially follows the same path.

```
16883 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_lower_case:n { \__tl_change_case:nnn { lower } { } }
16884 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_upper_case:n { \__tl_change_case:nnn { upper } { } }
16885 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_mixed_case:n { \__tl_mixed_case:nn { } }
16886 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_lower_case:nn { \__tl_change_case:nnn { lower } { } }
16887 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_upper_case:nn { \__tl_change_case:nnn { upper } { } }
16888 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_mixed_case:nn { \__tl_mixed_case:nn { } }
```

(End definition for `\tl_lower_case:n`, `\tl_upper_case:n`, and `\tl_mixed_case:n`. These functions are documented on page 223.)

`\__tl_change_case:nnn` `\__tl_change_case_aux:nnn` `\__tl_change_case_loop:wnn` `\__tl_change_case_output:nwn` `\__tl_change_case_output:Vwn` `\__tl_change_case_output:own` `\__tl_change_case_output:fwN` `\__tl_change_case_end:wn` `\__tl_change_case_group:nwnn` `\__tl_change_case_space:wnn`

The mechanism for the core conversion of case is based on the idea that we can use a loop to grab the entire token list plus a quark: the latter is used as an end marker and to avoid any brace stripping. Depending on the nature of the first item in the grabbed argument, it can either be processed as a single token, treated as a group or treated as a space. These different cases all work by re-reading #1 in the appropriate way, hence the repetition of #1 `\q_recursion_stop`.

```
16889 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case:nnn #1#2#3
16890 {
16891   \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
16892   {
16893     \exp:w
16894     \__tl_change_case_aux:nnn {#1} {#2} {#3}
16895   }
16896 }
16897 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_aux:nnn #1#2#3
16898 {
16899   \group_align_safe_begin:
16900   \__tl_change_case_loop:wnn
16901   #3 \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop {#1} {#2}
16902   \__tl_change_case_result:n { }
16903 }
```

```
\__tl_change_case_char:Nnn
\__tl_change_case_char:Nn
\__tl_change_case_char:NNNNNNNn
\__tl_change_case_cs:Nnnn
\__tl_change_case_cs:nNnnn
\__tl_change_case_cs_three:NNNw
\__tl_change_case_cs_four:NNNNw
\__tl_change_case_cs_cyr:NnNNNNw
\__tl_change_case_cs_type:Nnnnn
\__tl_change_case_cs_type:nnn
\__tl_change_case_cs:N
\__tl_change_case_cs:NN
```

```

16904 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_loop:wnn #1 \q_recursion_stop
16905 {
16906   \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {#1}
16907   { \__tl_change_case_N_type:Nwnn }
16908   {
16909     \tl_if_head_is_group:nTF {#1}
16910     { \__tl_change_case_group:nwnn }
16911     { \__tl_change_case_space:wnn }
16912   }
16913   #1 \q_recursion_stop
16914 }

```

Earlier versions of the code where only x-type expandable rather than f-type: this causes issues with nesting and so the slight performance hit is taken for a better outcome in usability terms. Setting up for f-type expandability has two requirements: a marker token after the main loop (see above) and a mechanism to “load” and finalise the result. That is handled in the code below, which includes the necessary material to end the `\exp:w` expansion.

```

16915 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_output:nwn #1#2 \__tl_change_case_result:n #3
16916 { #2 \__tl_change_case_result:n { #3 #1 } }
16917 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__tl_change_case_output:nwn { V , o , f }
16918 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_end:wn #1 \__tl_change_case_result:n #2
16919 {
16920   \group_align_safe_end:
16921   \exp_end:
16922   #2
16923 }

```

Handling for the cases where the current argument is a brace group or a space is relatively easy. For the brace case, the routine works recursively, using the expandability of the mechanism to ensure that the result is finalised before storage. For the space case it is simply a question of removing the space in the input and storing it in the output. In both cases, and indeed for the N-type grabber, after removing the current item from the input `\__tl_change_case_loop:wnn` is inserted in front of the remaining tokens.

```

16924 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_group:nwnn #1#2 \q_recursion_stop #3#4
16925 {
16926   \__tl_change_case_output:own
16927   {
16928     \exp_after:wN
16929     {
16930       \exp:w
16931       \__tl_change_case_aux:nnn {#3} {#4} {#1}
16932     }
16933   }
16934   \__tl_change_case_loop:wnn #2 \q_recursion_stop {#3} {#4}
16935 }
16936 \exp_last_unbraced:NNo \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_space:wnn \c_space_tl
16937 {
16938   \__tl_change_case_output:nwn { ~ }
16939   \__tl_change_case_loop:wnn

```

```
16940 }
```

For N-type arguments there are several stages to the approach. First, a simply check for the end-of-input marker, which if found triggers the final clean up and output step. Assuming that is not the case, the first check is for math-mode escaping: this test can encompass control sequences or other N-type tokens so is handled up front.

```
16941 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_N_type:Nwnn #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
16942 {
16943   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #1
16944   { \__tl_change_case_end:wn }
16945   \exp_after:wN \__tl_change_case_N_type:NNNnnn
16946   \exp_after:wN #1 \l_tl_change_case_math_tl
16947   \q_recursion_tail ? \q_recursion_stop {#2}
16948 }
```

Looking for math mode escape first requires a loop over the possible token pairs to see if the current input (#1) matches an open-math case (#2). If it does then this test loop is ended and a new input-gathering one is begun. The latter simply transfers material from the input to the output without any expansion, testing each N-type token to see if it matches the close-math case required. If that is the situation then the “math loop” stops and resumes the main loop: as that might be either the standard case-changing one or the mixed-case alternative, it is not hard-coded into the math loop but is rather passed as argument #3 to \\_\_tl\_change\_case\_math:NNNnnn. If no close-math token is found then the final clean-up will be forced (*i.e.* there is no assumption of “well-behaved” code in terms of math mode).

```
16949 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_N_type:NNNnnn #1#2#3
16950 {
16951   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #2
16952   { \__tl_change_case_N_type:Nnnn #1 }
16953   \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #1 #2
16954   {
16955     \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw
16956     {
16957       \__tl_change_case_math:NNNnnn
16958       #1 #3 \__tl_change_case_loop:wnn
16959     }
16960   }
16961   { \__tl_change_case_N_type:NNNnnn #1 }
16962 }
16963 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_math:NNNnnn #1#2#3#4
16964 {
16965   \__tl_change_case_output:nwn {#1}
16966   \__tl_change_case_math_loop:wNNnn #4 \q_recursion_stop #2 #3
16967 }
16968 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_math_loop:wNNnn #1 \q_recursion_stop
16969 {
16970   \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {#1}
16971   { \__tl_change_case_math:NwNNnn }
16972 }
```

```

16973         \tl_if_head_is_group:nTF {#1}
16974         { \tl_change_case_math_group:nwNNnn }
16975         { \tl_change_case_math_space:wNNnn }
16976     }
16977     #1 \q_recursion_stop
16978 }
16979 \cs_new:Npn \tl_change_case_math:NwNNnn #1#2 \q_recursion_stop #3#4
16980 {
16981     \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF \q_recursion_tail #1
16982     { \tl_change_case_end:wn }
16983     {
16984         \tl_change_case_output:nwn {#1}
16985         \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #1 #3
16986         { #4 #2 \q_recursion_stop }
16987         { \tl_change_case_math_loop:wNNnn #2 \q_recursion_stop #3#4 }
16988     }
16989 }
16990 \cs_new:Npn \tl_change_case_math_group:nwNNnn #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
16991 {
16992     \tl_change_case_output:nwn { {#1} }
16993     \tl_change_case_math_loop:wNNnn #2 \q_recursion_stop
16994 }
16995 \exp_last_unbraced:NNo
16996 \cs_new:Npn \tl_change_case_math_space:wNNnn \c_space_tl
16997 {
16998     \tl_change_case_output:nwn { ~ }
16999     \tl_change_case_math_loop:wNNnn
17000 }

```

Once potential math-mode cases are filtered out the next stage is to test if the token grabbed is a control sequence: they cannot be used in the lookup table and also may require expansion. At this stage the loop code starting `\tl_change_case_loop:wnn` is inserted: all subsequent steps in the code which need a look-ahead are coded to rely on this and thus have w-type arguments if they may do a look-ahead.

```

17001 \cs_new:Npn \tl_change_case_N_type:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
17002 {
17003     \token_if_cs:NNTF #1
17004     <*initex>
17005     { \tl_change_case_cs:N #1 }
17006     </initex>
17007     <*package>
17008     {
17009         \tl_change_case_cs:Nnnn #1 {#3}
17010         { }
17011         { \tl_change_case_cs:N #1 }
17012     }
17013     </package>
17014     { \tl_change_case_char:Nnn #1 {#3} {#4} }
17015     \tl_change_case_loop:wnn #2 \q_recursion_stop {#3} {#4}
17016 }

```

For character tokens there are a couple of potential special cases to handle then the core idea of the loop: a lookup table. The latter uses the character code to spilt what would otherwise be a very long list into 100 manageable blocks (this is a balance between hash table usage and performance). Notice that the special case code may do a look-ahead so requires a final `w`-type argument whereas the core lookup table does not and also guarantees an output so `f`-type expansion may be used to obtain the case-changed result.

```

17017 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char:Nnn #1#2#3
17018 {
17019   \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __tl_change_case_ #2 _ #3 :Nnw }
17020   { \use_ii:nn }
17021   #1
17022   {
17023     \use:c { __tl_change_case_ #2 _ sigma:Nnw } #1
17024     { \__tl_change_case_char:Nn #1 {#2} }
17025   }
17026 }
17027 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char:Nn #1#2
17028 {
17029   \__tl_change_case_output:fwn
17030   {
17031     \str_case:nvF #1 { c__unicode_ #2 _exceptions_tl }
17032     {
17033       \exp_after:wN \__tl_change_case_char:NNNNNNNNn
17034       \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1000000 + '#1 \__int_eval_end:
17035       #1 {#2}
17036     }
17037   }
17038 }
17039 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_char:NNNNNNNNn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
17040 {
17041   \str_case:nvF #8
17042   { c__unicode_ #9 _ #6 _X_ #7 _tl }
17043   { \exp_stop_f: #8 }
17044 }

```

If a control sequence has been given as the argument and it is not on the list of those with an argument to examine, the other possibility is that it is a character represented as a command such as `\aa`. To deal with that there is a need again to balance performance against name use. For  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$  the list of possible special cases is quite long (there are around 100 for Cyrillic alone) so a single long `\str_case:nvF` is inefficient. On the other hand, using one `tl` per special case would use a lot of names. The balance here is to split up the special cases by type and for Cyrillic to further subdivide. This works as there are various cases:

- Short (one or two letter) names for special Latin characters
- Cyrillic names, all starting `cyr`
- Greek names, all starting `text`

- Greek accents, all starting `acc` and only applicable for upper casing
- Other cases (“bits and pieces”)

Thus a split can be carried out by converting the control sequence to a string then examining the first four characters. For Cyrillic, the fourth character can be used for a second split based on the character code.

Note that as this is dependent on  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\epsilon}$ , in format mode the code goes straight to the final phase of handling control sequences.

```

17045 <*package>
17046 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_cs:Nnnn #1#2
17047 {
17048   \exp_args:Nf \__tl_change_case_cs:nNnnn
17049   { \cs_to_str:N #1 } #1 {#2}
17050 }
17051 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_cs:nNnnn #1#2#3
17052 {
17053   \tl_if_head_eq_catcode:oNTF { \use_none:nnn #1 a a a a } a
17054   { \__tl_change_case_cs_type:Nnnnn #2 { latin } {#3} }
17055   {
17056     \str_if_eq_x:nnTF
17057     { \__tl_change_case_cs_three:NNNw #1 \q_nil }
17058     { \str_if_eq:nnTF {#3} { lower } { CYR } { cyr } }
17059     { \__tl_change_case_cs_cyr:NnNNNw #2 {#3} #1 \q_stop }
17060     {
17061       \str_if_eq_x:nnTF
17062       { \__tl_change_case_cs_three:NNNw #1 \q_nil }
17063       { acc }
17064       { \__tl_change_case_cs_type:Nnnnn #2 { acc } {#3} }
17065       {
17066         \str_if_eq_x:nnTF
17067         { \__tl_change_case_cs_four:NNNNw #1 \q_nil }
17068         { text }
17069         { \__tl_change_case_cs_type:Nnnnn #2 { greek } {#3} }
17070         { \__tl_change_case_cs_type:Nnnnn #2 { misc } {#3} }
17071       }
17072     }
17073   }
17074 }
17075 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_cs_three:NNNw #1#2#3#4 \q_nil { #1#2#3 }
17076 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_cs_four:NNNNw #1#2#3#4#5 \q_nil { #1#2#3#4 }
17077 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_cs_cyr:NnNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6#7 \q_stop
17078 {
17079   \__tl_change_case_cs_type:Nnnnn #1
17080   { cyrillic }
17081   {
17082     #2 _
17083     \int_to_roman:n
17084     {
17085       1 +

```

```

17086         \int_div_truncate:nn
17087         {
17088             '#6 - \str_if_eq:nnTF {#2} { lower } { 'A } { 'a }
17089         }
17090         { 7 }
17091     }
17092 }
17093 }
17094 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_cs_type:Nnnnn #1#2#3
17095 {
17096     \exp_args:Nf \__tl_change_case_cs_type:nnn
17097     {
17098         \str_case:nvF #1
17099         { c__tl_change_case_ #2 _ #3 _ tl }
17100         { \exp_stop_f: }
17101     }
17102 }
17103 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_cs_type:nnn #1#2#3
17104 {
17105     \tl_if_blank:nTF {#1}
17106     {#3}
17107     {
17108         \__tl_change_case_output:nwn {#1}
17109         #2
17110     }
17111 }
17112 </package>

```

To deal with a control sequence there is first a need to test if it is on the list which indicate that case changing should be skipped. That's done using a loop as for the other special cases. If a hit is found then the argument is grabbed: that comes *after* the loop function which is therefore rearranged.

```

17113 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_cs:N #1
17114 {
17115     \exp_after:wN \__tl_change_case_cs:NN
17116     \exp_after:wN #1 \l_tl_case_change_exclude_tl
17117     \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
17118 }
17119 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_cs:NN #1#2
17120 {
17121     \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #2
17122     {
17123         \__tl_change_case_cs_expand:Nnw #1
17124         { \__tl_change_case_output:nwn {#1} }
17125     }
17126     \str_if_eq:nnTF {#1} {#2}
17127     {
17128         \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw
17129         { \__tl_change_case_cs:NNn #1 }
17130     }

```

```

17131     { \_tl_change_case_cs:NN #1 }
17132   }
17133   \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_cs:NNn #1#2#3
17134   {
17135     \_tl_change_case_output:nwn { #1 {#3} }
17136     #2
17137   }

```

When a control sequence is not on the exclude list the other test if to see if it is expandable. Once again, if there is a hit then the loop function is grabbed as part of the clean-up and reinserted before the now expanded material. The test for expandability has to check for end-of-recursion as it is needed by the look-ahead code which might hit the end of the input. The test is done in two parts as \bool\_if:nTF will choke if #1 is (!

```

17138   \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_if_expandable:NTF #1
17139   {
17140     \token_if_expandable:NTF #1
17141     {
17142       \bool_if:nTF
17143       {
17144         \token_if_protected_macro_p:N #1
17145         || \token_if_protected_long_macro_p:N #1
17146         || \token_if_eq_meaning_p:NN \q_recursion_tail #1
17147       }
17148       { \use_ii:nn }
17149       { \use_i:nn }
17150     }
17151     { \use_ii:nn }
17152   }
17153   \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_cs_expand:Nnw #1#2
17154   {
17155     \_tl_change_case_if_expandable:NTF #1
17156     { \_tl_change_case_cs_expand:NN #1 }
17157     { #2 }
17158   }
17159   \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_cs_expand:NN #1#2
17160   { \exp_after:wN #2 #1 }

```

(End definition for \\_tl\_change\_case:nnn.)

```

\_tl_change_case_lower_sigma:Nnw
\_tl_change_case_lower_sigma:w
\_tl_change_case_lower_sigma:Nw
\_tl_change_case_upper_sigma:Nnw

```

If the current char is an upper case sigma, the a check is made on the next item in the input. If it is N-type and not a control sequence then there is a look-ahead phase.

```

17161   \cs_new:Npn \_tl_change_case_lower_sigma:Nnw #1#2#3#4 \q_recursion_stop
17162   {
17163     \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } = { "03A3 }
17164     {
17165       \_tl_change_case_output:fwN
17166       { \_tl_change_case_lower_sigma:w #4 \q_recursion_stop }
17167     }
17168     {#2}
17169     #3 #4 \q_recursion_stop

```



```

17170 }
17171 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_sigma:w #1 \q_recursion_stop
17172 {
17173   \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {#1}
17174   { \__tl_change_case_lower_sigma:Nw #1 \q_recursion_stop }
17175   { \c__unicode_final_sigma_tl }
17176 }
17177 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_sigma:Nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
17178 {
17179   \__tl_change_case_if_expandable:NTF #1
17180   {
17181     \exp_after:wN \__tl_change_case_lower_sigma:w #1
17182     #2 \q_recursion_stop
17183   }
17184   {
17185     \token_if_letter:NTF #1
17186     { \c__unicode_std_sigma_tl }
17187     { \c__unicode_final_sigma_tl }
17188   }
17189 }

```

Simply skip to the final step for upper casing.

```

17190 \cs_new_eq:NN \__tl_change_case_upper_sigma:Nnw \use_ii:nn

```

(End definition for \\_\_tl\_change\_case\_lower\_sigma:Nnw.)

```

\__tl_change_case_lower_tr:Nnw
\__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxi:Nw
\__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxii:Nw
\__tl_change_case_upper_tr:Nnw
\__tl_change_case_lower_az:Nnw
\__tl_change_case_upper_az:Nnw

```

The Turkic languages need special treatment for dotted-i and dotless-i. The lower casing rule can be expressed in terms of searching first for either a dotless-I or a dotted-I. In the latter case the mapping is easy, but in the former there is a second stage search.

```

17191 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_tr:Nnw #1#2
17192 {
17193   \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } = { "0049 }
17194   { \__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxi:Nw }
17195   {
17196     \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } = { "0130 }
17197     { \__tl_change_case_output:nwn { i } }
17198     { #2 }
17199   }
17200 }

```

After a dotless-I there may be a dot-above character. If there is then a dotted-i should be produced, otherwise output a dotless-i. When the combination is found both the dotless-I and the dot-above char have to be removed from the input, which is done by the \use\_ii:nn (it grabs \\_\_tl\_change\_case\_loop:wn and the dot-above char and discards the latter).

```

17201 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxi:Nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
17202 {
17203   \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {#2}
17204   { \__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxii:Nw #2 \q_recursion_stop }
17205   { \__tl_change_case_output:Vwn \c__unicode_dotless_i_tl }

```

```

17206     #1 #2 \q_recursion_stop
17207   }
17208 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxii:Nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
17209 {
17210   \__tl_change_case_if_expandable:NTF #1
17211   {
17212     \exp_after:wN \__tl_change_case_lower_tr_auxi:Nw #1
17213     #2 \q_recursion_stop
17214   }
17215   {
17216     \bool_if:nTF
17217     {
17218       \token_if_cs_p:N #1
17219       || ! ( \int_compare_p:nNn { '#1 } = { "0307 } )
17220     }
17221     { \__tl_change_case_output:Vwn \c__unicode_dotless_i_tl }
17222     {
17223       \__tl_change_case_output:nwn { i }
17224       \use_i:nn
17225     }
17226   }
17227 }

```

Upper casing is easier: just one exception with no context.

```

17228 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_upper_tr:Nnw #1#2
17229 {
17230   \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } = { "0069 }
17231   { \__tl_change_case_output:Vwn \c__unicode_dotted_I_tl }
17232   {#2}
17233 }

```

Straight copies.

```

17234 \cs_new_eq:NN \__tl_change_case_lower_az:Nnw \__tl_change_case_lower_tr:Nnw
17235 \cs_new_eq:NN \__tl_change_case_upper_az:Nnw \__tl_change_case_upper_tr:Nnw

```

(End definition for \\_\_tl\_change\_case\_lower\_tr:Nnw.)

\\_tl\\_change\\_case\\_lower\\_lt:Nnw For Lithuanian, the issue to be dealt with is dots over lower case letters: these should be present if there is another accent. That means that there is some work to do when lower casing I and J. The first step is a simple match attempt: \c\\_tl\\_accents\\_lt\\_tl contains accented upper case letters which should gain a dot-above char in their lower case form. This is done using f-type expansion so only one pass is needed to find if it works or not. If there was no hit, the second stage is to check for I, J and I-ogonek, and if the current char is a match to look for a following accent.

```

17236 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_lt:Nnw #1
17237 {
17238   \exp_args:Nf \__tl_change_case_lower_lt:nNnw
17239   { \str_case:nVF #1 \c__unicode_accents_lt_tl \exp_stop_f: }
17240   #1
17241 }

```

```

17242 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_lt:nNnw #1#2
17243 {
17244   \tl_if_blank:nTF {#1}
17245   {
17246     \exp_args:Nf \__tl_change_case_lower_lt:nnw
17247     {
17248       \int_case:nnF {'#2}
17249       {
17250         { "0049 } i
17251         { "004A } j
17252         { "012E } \c__unicode_i_ogonek_tl
17253       }
17254       \exp_stop_f:
17255     }
17256   }
17257   {
17258     \__tl_change_case_output:wnw {#1}
17259     \use_none:n
17260   }
17261 }
17262 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_lt:nnw #1#2
17263 {
17264   \tl_if_blank:nTF {#1}
17265   {#2}
17266   {
17267     \__tl_change_case_output:wnw {#1}
17268     \__tl_change_case_lower_lt:Nw
17269   }
17270 }

```

Grab the next char and see if it is one of the accents used in Lithuanian: if it is, add the dot-above char into the output.

```

17271 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_lt:Nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
17272 {
17273   \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nT {#2}
17274   { \__tl_change_case_lower_lt:NNw }
17275   #1 #2 \q_recursion_stop
17276 }
17277 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_lower_lt:NNw #1#2#3 \q_recursion_stop
17278 {
17279   \__tl_change_case_if_expandable:NTF #2
17280   {
17281     \exp_after:wN \__tl_change_case_lower_lt:Nw \exp_after:wN #1 #2
17282     #3 \q_recursion_stop
17283   }
17284   {
17285     \bool_if:nT
17286     {
17287       ! \token_if_cs_p:N #2
17288       &&

```

```

17289         (
17290             \int_compare_p:nNn { '#2 } = { "0300 }
17291             || \int_compare_p:nNn { '#2 } = { "0301 }
17292             || \int_compare_p:nNn { '#2 } = { "0303 }
17293         )
17294     }
17295     { \__tl_change_case_output:Vwn \c__unicode_dot_above_tl }
17296     #1 #2#3 \q_recursion_stop
17297 }
17298 }

```

For upper casing, the test required is for a dot-above char after an I, J or I-ogonek. First a test for the appropriate letter, and if found a look-ahead and potentially one token dropped.

```

17299 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:Nnw #1
17300 {
17301     \exp_args:Nf \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:nnw
17302     {
17303         \int_case:nnF { '#1 }
17304         {
17305             { "0069 } I
17306             { "006A } J
17307             { "012F } \c__unicode_I_ogonek_tl
17308         }
17309         \exp_stop_f:
17310     }
17311 }
17312 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:nnw #1#2
17313 {
17314     \tl_if_blank:nTF {#1}
17315     {#2}
17316     {
17317         \__tl_change_case_output:nnw {#1}
17318         \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:Nw
17319     }
17320 }
17321 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:Nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
17322 {
17323     \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nT {#2}
17324     { \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:NNw }
17325     #1 #2 \q_recursion_stop
17326 }
17327 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:NNw #1#2#3 \q_recursion_stop
17328 {
17329     \__tl_change_case_if_expandable:NTF #2
17330     {
17331         \exp_after:wN \__tl_change_case_upper_lt:Nw \exp_after:wN #1 #2
17332         #3 \q_recursion_stop
17333     }
17334     {

```

```

17335 \bool_if:nTF
17336 {
17337     ! \token_if_cs_p:N #2
17338     && \int_compare_p:nNn { '#2 } = { "0307 }
17339 }
17340 { #1 }
17341 { #1 #2 }
17342 #3 \q_recursion_stop
17343 }
17344 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_tl\_change\_case\_lower\_lt:Nnw.)

\\_\_tl\_change\_case\_upper\_de-alt:Nnw A simple alternative version for German.

```

17345 \cs_new:cpn { __tl_change_case_upper_de-alt:Nnw } #1#2
17346 {
17347     \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } = { 223 }
17348     { \__tl_change_case_output:Vwn \c__unicode_upper_Eszett_tl }
17349     {#2}
17350 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_tl\_change\_case\_upper\_de-alt:Nnw. This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\__tl_mixed_case:nn
\__tl_mixed_case_aux:nn
\__tl_mixed_case_loop:wn
\__tl_mixed_case_group:nwn
\__tl_mixed_case_space:wn
\__tl_mixed_case_N_type:Nwn
\__tl_mixed_case_N_type:NNNnn
\__tl_mixed_case_N_type:Nnn
\__tl_mixed_case_char:Nn
\__tl_mixed_case_skip:N
\__tl_mixed_case_skip:NN
\__tl_mixed_case_skip_tidy:Nwn
\__tl_mixed_case_char:nN

```

Mixed (title) casing requires some custom handling of the case changing of the first letter in the input followed by a switch to the normal lower casing routine. That could be covered by passing a set of functions to generic routines, but at the cost of making the process rather opaque. Instead, the approach taken here is to use a dedicated set of functions which keep the different loop requirements clearly separate.

The main loop looks for the first “real” char in the input (skipping any pre-letter chars). Once one is found, it is case changed to upper case but first checking that there is not an entry in the exceptions list. Note that simply grabbing the first token in the input is no good here: it can’t handle pre-letter tokens or any special treatment of the first letter found (*e.g.* words starting with *i* in Turkish). Spaces at the start of the input are passed through without counting as being the “start” of the first word, while a brace group is assumed to be contain the first char with everything after the brace therefore lower cased.

```

17351 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_mixed_case:nn #1#2
17352 {
17353     \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
17354     {
17355         \exp:w
17356         \__tl_mixed_case_aux:nn {#1} {#2}
17357     }
17358 }
17359 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_mixed_case_aux:nn #1#2
17360 {
17361     \group_align_safe_begin:
17362     \__tl_mixed_case_loop:wn
17363     #2 \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop {#1}

```

```

17364     \_tl_change_case_result:n { }
17365   }
17366   \cs_new:Npn \_tl_mixed_case_loop:wn #1 \q_recursion_stop
17367   {
17368     \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {#1}
17369     { \_tl_mixed_case_N_type:Nwn }
17370     {
17371       \tl_if_head_is_group:nTF {#1}
17372       { \_tl_mixed_case_group:nwn }
17373       { \_tl_mixed_case_space:wn }
17374     }
17375     #1 \q_recursion_stop
17376   }
17377   \cs_new:Npn \_tl_mixed_case_group:nwn #1#2 \q_recursion_stop #3
17378   {
17379     \_tl_change_case_output:own
17380     {
17381       \exp_after:wN
17382       {
17383         \exp:w
17384         \_tl_mixed_case_aux:nn {#3} {#1}
17385       }
17386     }
17387     \_tl_change_case_loop:wnn #2 \q_recursion_stop { lower } {#3}
17388   }
17389   \exp_last_unbraced:NNo \cs_new:Npn \_tl_mixed_case_space:wn \c_space_tl
17390   {
17391     \_tl_change_case_output:nwn { ~ }
17392     \_tl_mixed_case_loop:wn
17393   }
17394   \cs_new:Npn \_tl_mixed_case_N_type:Nwn #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
17395   {
17396     \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #1
17397     { \_tl_change_case_end:wn }
17398     \exp_after:wN \_tl_mixed_case_N_type:NNNnn
17399     \exp_after:wN #1 \l_tl_case_change_math_tl
17400     \q_recursion_tail ? \q_recursion_stop {#2}
17401   }
17402   \cs_new:Npn \_tl_mixed_case_N_type:NNNnn #1#2#3
17403   {
17404     \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #2
17405     { \_tl_mixed_case_N_type:Nnn #1 }
17406     \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #1 #2
17407     {
17408       \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw
17409       {
17410         \_tl_change_case_math:NNNnnn
17411         #1 #3 \_tl_mixed_case_loop:wn
17412       }
17413     }

```

```

17414     { \_tl\_mixed\_case\_N\_type:NNnn #1 }
17415 }

```

The business end of the loop is here: there is first a need to deal with any control sequence cases before looking for characters to skip.

```

17416 \cs\_new:Npn \_tl\_mixed\_case\_N\_type:Nnn #1#2#3
17417 {
17418   \token\_if\_cs:NTF #1
17419   <*initex>
17420   {
17421     \_tl\_change\_case\_cs:N #1
17422     \_tl\_mixed\_case\_loop:wn #2 \q\_recursion\_stop {#3}
17423   }
17424   </initex>
17425   <*package>
17426   {
17427     \_tl\_change\_case\_cs:Nnnn #1 { upper }
17428     {
17429       \_tl\_change\_case\_loop:wnn
17430       #2 \q\_recursion\_stop { lower } {#3}
17431     }
17432     {
17433       \_tl\_change\_case\_cs:N #1
17434       \_tl\_mixed\_case\_loop:wn #2 \q\_recursion\_stop {#3}
17435     }
17436   }
17437   </package>
17438   {
17439     \_tl\_mixed\_case\_char:Nn #1 {#3}
17440     \_tl\_change\_case\_loop:wnn #2 \q\_recursion\_stop { lower } {#3}
17441   }
17442 }

```

As detailed above, handling a mixed case char means first looking for exceptions then treating as an upper cased letter, but with a list of tokens to skip over too.

```

17443 \cs\_new:Npn \_tl\_mixed\_case\_char:Nn #1#2
17444 {
17445   \cs\_if\_exist\_use:cF { \_tl\_change\_case\_mixed\_ #2 :Nnw }
17446   {
17447     \cs\_if\_exist\_use:cF { \_tl\_change\_case\_upper\_ #2 :Nnw }
17448     { \use\_ii:nn }
17449   }
17450   #1
17451   { \_tl\_mixed\_case\_skip:N #1 }
17452 }
17453 \cs\_new:Npn \_tl\_mixed\_case\_skip:N #1
17454 {
17455   \exp\_after:wN \_tl\_mixed\_case\_skip:NN
17456   \exp\_after:wN #1 \l\_tl\_mixed\_case\_ignore\_tl
17457   \q\_recursion\_tail \q\_recursion\_stop

```

```

17458 }
17459 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_mixed_case_skip:NN #1#2
17460 {
17461   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn {#2}
17462   {
17463     \exp_args:Nf \__tl_mixed_case_char:nN
17464     { \str_case:nVF #1 \c__unicode_mixed_exceptions_tl \exp_stop_f: }
17465     #1
17466   }
17467   \int_compare:nNnT { '#1 } = { '#2 }
17468   {
17469     \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw
17470     {
17471       \__tl_change_case_output:nwn {#1}
17472       \__tl_mixed_case_skip_tidy:Nwn
17473     }
17474   }
17475   \__tl_mixed_case_skip:NN #1
17476 }
17477 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_mixed_case_skip_tidy:Nwn #1#2 \q_recursion_stop #3
17478 {
17479   \__tl_mixed_case_loop:wn #2 \q_recursion_stop
17480 }
17481 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_mixed_case_char:nN #1#2
17482 {
17483   \tl_if_blank:nTF {#1}
17484   { \__tl_change_case_char:Nn #2 { upper } }
17485   { \__tl_change_case_output:nwn {#1} }
17486 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_tl\_mixed\_case:nn.)

\\_\_tl\_change\_case\_mixed\_n1:Nnw  
 \\_\_tl\_change\_case\_mixed\_n1:Nw  
 \\_\_tl\_change\_case\_mixed\_n1:NNw

For Dutch, there is a single look-ahead test for ij when title casing. If the appropriate letters are found, produce IJ and gobble the j/J.

```

17487 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_mixed_n1:Nnw #1
17488 {
17489   \bool_if:nTF
17490   {
17491     \int_compare_p:nNn { '#1 } = { 'i }
17492     || \int_compare_p:nNn { '#1 } = { 'I }
17493   }
17494   {
17495     \__tl_change_case_output:nwn { I }
17496     \__tl_change_case_mixed_n1:Nw
17497   }
17498 }
17499 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_mixed_n1:Nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop
17500 {
17501   \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nT {#2}
17502   { \__tl_change_case_mixed_n1:NNw }

```



```

17503     #1 #2 \q_recursion_stop
17504   }
17505   \cs_new:Npn \__tl_change_case_mixed_n1:NNw #1#2#3 \q_recursion_stop
17506   {
17507     \__tl_change_case_if_expandable:NTF #2
17508     {
17509       \exp_after:wN \__tl_change_case_mixed_n1:Nw \exp_after:wN #1 #2
17510       #3 \q_recursion_stop
17511     }
17512     {
17513       \bool_if:nTF
17514       {
17515         ! ( \token_if_cs_p:N #2 )
17516         &&
17517         (
17518           \int_compare_p:nNn { '#2 } = { 'j }
17519           || \int_compare_p:nNn { '#2 } = { 'J }
17520         )
17521       }
17522       {
17523         \__tl_change_case_output:nwn { J }
17524         #1
17525       }
17526       { #1 #2 }
17527     #3 \q_recursion_stop
17528   }
17529 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_tl\_change\_case\_mixed\_n1:Nnw.)

**\l\_tl\_case\_change\_math\_tl** The list of token pairs which are treated as math mode and so not case changed.

```

17530 \tl_new:N \l_tl_case_change_math_tl
17531 <*package>
17532 \tl_set:Nn \l_tl_case_change_math_tl
17533 { $ $ \ ( \ ) }
17534 </package>

```

(End definition for \l\_tl\_case\_change\_math\_tl. This variable is documented on page 223.)

**\l\_tl\_case\_change\_exclude\_tl** The list of commands for which an argument is not case changed.

```

17535 \tl_new:N \l_tl_case_change_exclude_tl
17536 <*package>
17537 \tl_set:Nn \l_tl_case_change_exclude_tl
17538 { \cite \ensuremath \label \ref }
17539 </package>

```

(End definition for \l\_tl\_case\_change\_exclude\_tl. This variable is documented on page 224.)

**\l\_tl\_mixed\_case\_ignore\_tl** Characters to skip over when finding the first letter in a word to be mixed cased.

```

17540 \tl_new:N \l_tl_mixed_case_ignore_tl

```

```

17541 \tl_set:Nx \l_tl_mixed_case_ignore_tl
17542 {
17543   ( % )
17544   [ % ]
17545   \cs_to_str:N \{ % \}
17546   ,
17547   -
17548 }

```

(End definition for `\l_tl_mixed_case_ignore_tl`. This variable is documented on page 225.)

The data for case changing control sequences representing characters is stored such that further expansion is inhibited. This is required as many of the  $\text{\LaTeX} 2_{\varepsilon}$  commands are fragile and so will fail inside an x-type expansion without this precaution. As such, there is a bit of set up to deal with the various requirements here: upper and lower case mappings are not identical so special end cases are needed to get everything set up correctly with minimal repetition.

```

17549 <*package>
17550 \group_begin:
17551 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__tl_change_case_setup:nnnn #1#2#3#4
17552 {
17553   \tl_const:cx { c__tl_change_case_ #1 _upper #2 _tl }
17554   {
17555     \__tl_change_case_map:NN
17556     #3 \q_recursion_tail ? \q_recursion_stop
17557   }
17558   \tl_const:cx { c__tl_change_case_ #1 _lower #2 _tl }
17559   {
17560     \__tl_change_case_map:NNN #4
17561     #3 \q_recursion_tail ? \q_recursion_stop
17562   }
17563 }
17564 \cs_set:Npn \__tl_change_case_map:NN #1#2
17565 {
17566   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N #1
17567   \exp_not:N #1 \exp_not:n { { \exp_stop_f: #2 } }
17568   \__tl_change_case_map:NN
17569 }
17570 \cs_set:Npn \__tl_change_case_map:NNN #1#2#3
17571 {
17572   \str_if_eq:nnT {#1} {#2}
17573   { \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w }
17574   \exp_not:N #3 \exp_not:n { { \exp_stop_f: #2 } }
17575   \__tl_change_case_map:NNN #1
17576 }
17577 \__tl_change_case_setup:nnnn
17578 { latin }
17579 { }
17580 {
17581   \aa \AA

```

```

17582      \ae \AE
17583      \dh \DH
17584      \dj \DJ
17585      \l  \L
17586      \ng \NG
17587      \o  \O
17588      \oe \OE
17589      \ss \SS
17590      \th \TH
17591      \i  I
17592      \j  J
17593      }
17594      { \i }
17595      \_tl_change_case_setup:nnnn
17596      { cyrillic }
17597      { _i }
17598      {
17599          \cyr      \CYRA
17600          \cyrabhch \CYRABHCH
17601          \cyrabhchdsc \CYRABHCHDSC
17602          \cyrabhdze \CYRABHDZE
17603          \cyrabhha  \CYRABHHA
17604          \cyræ      \CYRAE
17605          \cyrb      \CYRB
17606          \cyrbyus   \CYRBYUS
17607          \cyrç      \CYRC
17608          \cyrch     \CYRCH
17609          \cyrchldsc \CYRCHLDSC
17610          \cyrchrdsc \CYRCHRDSC
17611          \cyrchvcrs \CYRCHVCRS
17612          \cyrd      \CYRD
17613          \cyrdelta  \CYRDELTA
17614          \cyrdje     \CYRDJE
17615          \cyrdze     \CYRDZE
17616          \cyrdzhe    \CYRDZHE
17617          \cyre       \CYRE
17618          \cyreps     \CYREPS
17619          \cyrerev    \CYREREV
17620          \cyrery     \CYRERY
17621          \cyrf       \CYRF
17622          \cyrfita    \CYRFITA
17623          \cyrç       \CYRG
17624          \cyrçdsc    \CYRGDSC
17625          \cyrçdschcrs \CYRGDSCHCRS
17626          \cyrghcrs   \CYRGHCRS
17627          \cyrghk     \CYRGHK
17628          \cyrçup     \CYRGUP
17629      }
17630      { \q_recursion_tail }
17631      \_tl_change_case_setup:nnnn

```

```

17632 { cyrillic }
17633 { _ii }
17634 {
17635     \cyrh          \CYRH
17636     \cyrhdsc       \CYRHDSC
17637     \cyrhcrs       \CYRHHCRS
17638     \cyrhhk        \CYRHHK
17639     \cyrhdsn       \CYRHRDSN
17640     \cyri          \CYRI
17641     \cyrise        \CYRIE
17642     \cyrri         \CYRII
17643     \cyrishrt      \CYRISHRT
17644     \cyrishrtdsc   \CYRISHRTDSC
17645     \cyrizh        \CYRIZH
17646     \cyrje         \CYRJE
17647     \cyrk          \CYRK
17648     \cyrkbeak      \CYRKBEAK
17649     \cyrkds        \CYRKDSC
17650     \cyrkcrs       \CYRKHCRS
17651     \cyrkhhk       \CYRKHK
17652     \cyrkvcrs      \CYRKVCRS
17653     \cyrld         \CYRL
17654     \cyrldsc       \CYRLDSC
17655     \cyrllhk       \CYRLHK
17656     \cyrllje       \CYRLJE
17657     \cyrldm        \CYRLM
17658     \cyrldmcs      \CYRLDSC
17659     \cyrldmhk      \CYRLMHK
17660     \cyrldn        \CYRLN
17661     \cyrldsc       \CYRLDSC
17662     \cyrldng       \CYRLNG
17663     \cyrldnhk      \CYRLNHK
17664     \cyrldnje      \CYRLNJE
17665     \cyrldnlhk     \CYRLNLHK
17666 }
17667 { \q_recursion_tail }
17668 \_tl_change_case_setup:nnnn
17669 { cyrillic }
17670 { _iii }
17671 {
17672     \cyro          \CYRO
17673     \cyrotld       \CYROTLD
17674     \cyrp          \CYRP
17675     \cyrphk        \CYRPHK
17676     \cyrq          \CYRQ
17677     \cyrp          \CYRP
17678     \cyrpds        \CYRPDSC
17679     \cyrphk        \CYRPHK
17680     \cyrprrtick    \CYRRTICK
17681     \cyrp          \CYRS

```

```

17682      \cyr sacs      \CYRSACRS
17683      \cyr schwa     \CYRSCHWA
17684      \cyr sdsc      \CYRSDSC
17685      \cyr semisftsn \CYRSEMISFTSN
17686      \cyr sftsn     \CYRSFTSN
17687      \cyr sh         \CYRSH
17688      \cyr shch      \CYRSHCH
17689      \cyr shha      \CYRSHHA
17690      \cyr t          \CYRT
17691      \cyr tdsc       \CYRTDSC
17692      \cyr tetse      \CYRTETSE
17693      \cyr tshe       \CYRTSHE
17694      \cyr u           \CYRU
17695      \cyrushrt      \CYRUSHRT
17696      }
17697      { \q_recursion_tail }
17698      \_tl_change_case_setup:nnnn
17699      { cyrillic }
17700      { _iv }
17701      {
17702          \cyr v        \CYRV
17703          \cyr w        \CYRW
17704          \cyr y        \CYRY
17705          \cyr ya       \CYRYA
17706          \cyr yat      \CYRYAT
17707          \cyr yhcrs    \CYRYHCRS
17708          \cyr yi       \CYRYI
17709          \cyr yo       \CYRYO
17710          \cyr yu       \CYRYU
17711          \cyr z        \CYRZ
17712          \cyr zdsc     \CYRZDSC
17713          \cyr zh       \CYRZH
17714          \cyr zhdsc    \CYRZHDSC
17715      }
17716      { \q_recursion_tail }
17717      \_tl_change_case_setup:nnnn
17718      { greek }
17719      { }
17720      {
17721          \textalpha     \textAlpha
17722          \textbeta      \textBeta
17723          \textchi       \textChi
17724          \textdelta     \textDelta
17725          \textdigamma   \textDigamma
17726          \texteta       \textEta
17727          \textepsilon    \textEpsilon
17728          \textgamma     \textGamma
17729          \textiota      \textIota
17730          \textkappa     \textKappa
17731          \textlambda     \textLambda

```

```

17732      \textmu      \textMu
17733      \textnu      \textNu
17734      \textomega   \textOmega
17735      \textomicron   \textOmicron
17736      \textphi     \textPhi
17737      \textpi      \textPi
17738      \textpsi     \textPsi
17739      \textqoppa   \textQoppa
17740      \textrho     \textRho
17741      \textsampi   \textSampi
17742      \textautosigma \textSigma
17743      \textstigma  \textStigma
17744      \texttheta   \textTheta
17745      \texttau     \textTau
17746      \textupsilon \textUpsilon
17747      \textxi      \textXi
17748      \textzeta    \textZeta
17749      \textsigma   \textSigma
17750      \textvarsigma \textSigma
17751      \textvarstigma \textStigma
17752    }
17753    { \textsigma }
17754    \tl_const:Nn \c__tl_change_case_acc_upper_tl
17755    {
17756      \accdasia      { \exp_stop_f: \LGR@accdropped }
17757      \accdasiaoxia  { \exp_stop_f: \LGR@hiatus }
17758      \accdasiavaria { \exp_stop_f: \LGR@accdropped }
17759      \accdasiaperispomeni { \exp_stop_f: \LGR@accdropped }
17760      \accpsili      { \exp_stop_f: \LGR@hiatus }
17761      \accpsilioxia  { \exp_stop_f: \LGR@hiatus }
17762      \accpsilivaria { \exp_stop_f: \LGR@hiatus }
17763      \accpsiliperispomeni { \exp_stop_f: \LGR@accdropped }
17764      \acctonos      { \exp_stop_f: \LGR@hiatus }
17765      \accvaria      { \exp_stop_f: \LGR@accdropped }
17766      \accdialytikatonos { \exp_stop_f: \LGR@accDialytika }
17767      \accdialytikavaria { \exp_stop_f: \LGR@accDialytika }
17768      \accdialytikaperispomeni { \exp_stop_f: \LGR@accDialytika }
17769      \accperispomeni { \exp_stop_f: \LGR@accdropped }
17770    }
17771    \tl_const:Nn \c__tl_change_case_acc_lower_tl { }
17772    \tl_const:Nn \c__tl_change_case_misc_upper_tl
17773    {
17774      \ypogegrammeni { \exp_stop_f: \prosgegrammeni }
17775      \abreve         { \exp_stop_f: \Abreve }
17776      \acircumflex    { \exp_stop_f: \Acircumflex }
17777      \ecircumflex    { \exp_stop_f: \Ecircumflex }
17778      \ocircumflex    { \exp_stop_f: \Ocircumflex }
17779      \ohorn          { \exp_stop_f: \Ohorn }
17780      \uhorn          { \exp_stop_f: \Uhorn }
17781    }

```

```

17782 \tl_const:Nn \c__tl_change_case_misc_lower_tl
17783 {
17784   \prosgegrammeni { \exp_stop_f: \ypogegrammeni }
17785   \Abreve          { \exp_stop_f: \abreve }
17786   \Acircumflex     { \exp_stop_f: \acircumflex }
17787   \Ecircumflex     { \exp_stop_f: \ecircumflex }
17788   \Ocircumflex     { \exp_stop_f: \ocircumflex }
17789   \Ohorn           { \exp_stop_f: \ohorn }
17790   \Uhorn           { \exp_stop_f: \uhorn }
17791   \ABREVE          { \exp_stop_f: \abreve }
17792   \ACIRCUMFLEX     { \exp_stop_f: \acircumflex }
17793   \ECIRCUMFLEX     { \exp_stop_f: \ecircumflex }
17794   \OCIRCUMFLEX     { \exp_stop_f: \ocircumflex }
17795   \OHORN           { \exp_stop_f: \ohorn }
17796   \UHORN           { \exp_stop_f: \uhorn }
17797 }
17798 \group_end:
17799 </package>

```

(End definition for `\c__tl_change_case_latin_upper_tl` and others. These variables are documented on page ??.)

**`\tl_log:N`** Redirect output of `\tl_show:N` to the log.

```

\tl_log:c 17800 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_log:N
17801 { \__msg_log_next: \tl_show:N }
17802 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_log:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_log:N` and `\tl_log:c`. These functions are documented on page 226.)

**`\tl_log:n`** Redirect output of `\tl_show:n` to the log.

```

17803 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_log:n
17804 { \__msg_log_next: \tl_show:n }

```

(End definition for `\tl_log:n`. This function is documented on page 226.)

## 33.20 Additions to l3tokens

```

17805 <@@=char>

```

**`\char_set_active_eq:NN`** Four simple functions with very similar definitions, so set up using an auxiliary.

```

\char_gset_active_eq:NN 17806 \group_begin:
\char_set_active_eq:nN   17807   \char_set_catcode_active:N \^^@
\char_gset_active_eq:nN 17808   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__char_tmp:nN #1#2
17809   {
17810     \cs_new_protected:cpn { #1 :nN } ##1
17811     {
17812       \group_begin:
17813       \char_set_catcode_active:n { ##1 }
17814       \char_set_lccode:nn { '\^^@ } { ##1 }
17815       \tex_lowercase:D { \group_end: #2 ^^@ }
17816     }

```

```

17817 \cs_new_protected:cpx { #1 :NN } ##1
17818 { \exp_not:c { #1 : nN } { '##1 } }
17819 }
17820 \__char_tmp:nN { char_set_active_eq } \cs_set_eq:NN
17821 \__char_tmp:nN { char_gset_active_eq } \cs_gset_eq:NN
17822 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\char_set_active_eq:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page 226.)

```

\char_generate:nn
\__char_generate_aux:nn
\__char_generate_aux:nnw
\l__char_tmp_tl
\c__char_max_int
\__char_generate_invalid_catcode:

```

The aim here is to generate characters of (broadly) arbitrary category code. Where possible, that is done using engine support (Xe<sub>La</sub>TeX, Lua<sub>TeX</sub>). There are though various issues which are covered below. At the interface layer, turn the two arguments into integers up-front so this is only done once.

```

17823 \cs_new:Npn \char_generate:nn #1#2
17824 {
17825 \exp:w \exp_after:wN \__char_generate_aux:w
17826 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;
17827 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #2 ;
17828 }

```

Before doing any actual conversion, first some special case filtering. The `\Ucharcat` primitive cannot make active chars, so that is turned off here: if the primitive gets altered then the code is already in place for 8-bit engines and will kick in for Lua<sub>TeX</sub> too. Spaces are also banned here as Lua<sub>TeX</sub> emulation only makes normal (charcode 32 spaces). However, `^^@` is filtered out separately as that can't be done with macro emulation either, so is flagged up separately. That done, hand off to the engine-dependent part.

```

17829 \cs_new:Npn \__char_generate_aux:w #1 ; #2 ;
17830 {
17831 \if_int_compare:w #2 = \c_thirteen
17832 \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { char-active }
17833 \else:
17834 \if_int_compare:w #2 = \c_ten
17835 \if_int_compare:w #1 = \c_zero
17836 \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { char-null-space }
17837 \else:
17838 \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { char-space }
17839 \fi:
17840 \else:
17841 \if_int_odd:w 0
17842 \if_int_compare:w #2 < \c_one 1 \fi:
17843 \if_int_compare:w #2 = \c_five 1 \fi:
17844 \if_int_compare:w #2 = \c_nine 1 \fi:
17845 \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_thirteen 1 \fi: \exp_stop_f:
17846 \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn { kernel }
17847 { char-invalid-catcode }
17848 \else:
17849 \if_int_odd:w 0
17850 \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c_zero 1 \fi:
17851 \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c__char_max_int 1 \fi: \exp_stop_f:
17852 \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn { kernel }

```



```

17853         { char-out-of-range }
17854     \else:
17855         \__char_generate_aux:nnw {#1} {#2}
17856     \fi:
17857 \fi:
17858 \fi:
17859 \fi:
17860 \exp_end:
17861 }
17862 \tl_new:N \l__char_tmp_tl

```

Engine-dependent definitions are now needed for the implementation. For LuaTeX and recent XeTeX releases there is engine-level support. They can do cases that macro emulation can't. All of those are filtered out here using a primitive-based boolean expression for speed. The final level is the basic definition at the engine level: the arguments here are integers so there is no need to worry about them too much.

```

17863 \group_begin:
17864 <*package>
17865 \cs_set_nopar:Npn ^^L { }
17866 </package>
17867 \char_set_catcode_other:n { 0 }
17868 \if_int_odd:w 0
17869     \cs_if_exist:NT \luatex_directlua:D { 1 }
17870     \cs_if_exist:NT \utex_charcat:D { 1 } \exp_stop_f:
17871     \int_const:Nn \c__char_max_int { 1114111 }
17872     \cs_if_exist:NTF \luatex_directlua:D
17873     {
17874         \cs_new:Npn \__char_generate_aux:nnw #1#2#3 \exp_end:
17875         {
17876             #3
17877             \exp_after:wN \exp_end:
17878             \luatex_directlua:D { l3kernel.charcat(#1, #2) }
17879         }
17880     }
17881     {
17882         \cs_new:Npn \__char_generate_aux:nnw #1#2#3 \exp_end:
17883         {
17884             #3
17885             \exp_after:wN \exp_end:
17886             \utex_charcat:D #1 ~ #2 ~
17887         }
17888     }
17889 \else:

```

For engines where \Ucharcat isn't available (or emulated) then we have to work in macros, and cover only the 8-bit range. The first stage is to build up a `tl` containing `^^@` with each category code that can be accessed in this way, with an error set up for the other cases. This is all done such that it can be quickly accessed using a `\if_case:w` low-level conditional. There are a few things to notice here. As `^^L` is `\outer` we need to locally set it to avoid a problem. To get open/close braces into the list, they are set up

using `\if_false:` pairing here and will later be x-type expanded into the desired form. For making spaces, there needs to be an o-type expansion of a `\use:n` (or some other tokenization) to avoid dropping the space. We also set up active tokens although they are (currently) filtered out by the interface layer (`\Ucharcat` cannot make active tokens).

```

17890 \int_const:Nn \c__char_max_int { 255 }
17891 \tl_set:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \exp_not:N \or: }
17892 \char_set_catcode_group_begin:n { 0 } % {
17893 \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { ^^@ \if_false: } }
17894 \char_set_catcode_group_end:n { 0 }
17895 \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { { \fi: \exp_not:N \or: ^^@ } % }
17896 \tl_set:Nx \l__char_tmp_tl { \l__char_tmp_tl }
17897 \char_set_catcode_math_toggle:n { 0 }
17898 \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: ^^@ }
17899 \char_set_catcode_alignment:n { 0 }
17900 \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: ^^@ }
17901 \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: }
17902 \char_set_catcode_parameter:n { 0 }
17903 \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: ^^@ }
17904 \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:n { 0 }
17905 \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: ^^@ }
17906 \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:n { 0 }
17907 \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: ^^@ }
17908 \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: }
17909 \char_set_catcode_space:n { 0 }
17910 \tl_put_right:No \l__char_tmp_tl { \use:n { \or: } ^^@ }
17911 \char_set_catcode_letter:n { 0 }
17912 \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: ^^@ }
17913 \char_set_catcode_other:n { 0 }
17914 \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: ^^@ }
17915 \char_set_catcode_active:n { 0 }
17916 \tl_put_right:Nn \l__char_tmp_tl { \or: ^^@ }

```

Convert the above temporary list into a series of constant token lists, one for each character code, using `\tex_lowercase:D` to convert `^^@` in each case. The x-type expansion deals with the `\if_false:` stuff introduced earlier. This is done in three parts as `^^L` is awkward. Notice that at this stage `^^@` is active. In format mode this is not needed.

```

17917 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__char_tmp:n #1
17918 {
17919 \char_set_lccode:nn { 0 } {#1}
17920 \char_set_lccode:nn { 32 } {#1}
17921 \exp_args:Nx \tex_lowercase:D
17922 {
17923 \tl_const:Nn
17924 \exp_not:c { c__char_ \__int_to_roman:w #1 _tl }
17925 { \exp_not:o \l__char_tmp_tl }
17926 }
17927 }
17928 (*package)
17929 \int_step_function:nnnN { 0 } { 1 } { 11 } \__char_tmp:n

```

```

17930 \group_begin:
17931 \tl_replace_once:Nnn \l__char_tmp_tl { ^^@ } { \ERROR }
17932 \__char_tmp:n { 12 }
17933 \group_end:
17934 \int_step_function:nnnN { 13 } { 1 } { 255 } \__char_tmp:n
17935 </package>
17936 <*initex>
17937 \int_step_function:nnnN { 0 } { 1 } { 255 } \__char_tmp:n
17938 </initex>
17939 \cs_new:Npn \__char_generate_aux:nnw #1#2#3 \exp_end:
17940 {
17941     #3
17942     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
17943     \exp_after:wN \exp_end:
17944     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
17945     \if_case:w #2
17946         \exp_last_unbraced:Nv \exp_stop_f:
17947         { c__char_ \__int_to_roman:w #1 _tl }
17948     \fi:
17949 }
17950 \fi:
17951 \group_end:

```

Job done, set up a few messages.

```

17952 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { char-active }
17953 { Cannot~generate~active~chars. }
17954 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { char-invalid-catcode }
17955 { Invalid~catcode~for~char~generation. }
17956 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { char-null-space }
17957 { Cannot~generate~null~char~as~a~space. }
17958 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { char-out-of-range }
17959 { Charcode~requested~out~of~engine~range. }
17960 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { char-space }
17961 { Cannot~generate~space~chars. }

```

(End definition for `\char_generate:nn`. This function is documented on page 227.)

```

17962 <@@=peek>

```

**\peek\_N\_type:TF** All tokens are N-type tokens, except in four cases: begin-group tokens, end-group tokens, space tokens with character code 32, and outer tokens. Since `\l_peek_token` might be outer, we cannot use the convenient `\bool_if:nTF` function, and must resort to the old trick of using `\ifodd` to expand a set of tests. The `false` branch of this test is taken if the token is one of the first three kinds of non-N-type tokens (explicit or implicit), thus we call `\__peek_false:w`. In the `true` branch, we must detect outer tokens, without impacting performance too much for non-outer tokens. The first filter is to search for `outer` in the `\meaning` of `\l_peek_token`. If that is absent, `\use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w` cleans up, and we call `\__peek_true:w`. Otherwise, the token can be a non-outer macro or a primitive mark whose parameter or replacement text contains `outer`, it can be the primitive `\outer`, or it can be an outer token. Macros and marks would have ma

in the part before the first occurrence of `outer`; the meaning of `\outer` has nothing after `outer`, contrarily to `outer` macros; and that covers all cases, calling `\__peek_true:w` or `\__peek_false:w` as appropriate. Here, there is no *search token*, so we feed a dummy `\scan_stop:` to the `\__peek_token_generic:NNTF` function.

```

17963 \group_begin:
17964   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__peek_tmp:w #1 \q_stop
17965   {
17966     \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__peek_execute_branches_N_type:
17967     {
17968       \if_int_odd:w
17969         \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N \l_peek_token { \c_two \fi:
17970         \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N \l_peek_token } \c_two \fi:
17971         \if_meaning:w \l_peek_token \c_space_token \c_two \fi:
17972         \c_one
17973         \exp_after:wN \__peek_N_type:w
17974         \token_to_meaning:N \l_peek_token
17975         \q_mark \__peek_N_type_aux:nnw
17976         #1 \q_mark \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
17977         \q_stop
17978         \exp_after:wN \__peek_true:w
17979       \else:
17980         \exp_after:wN \__peek_false:w
17981       \fi:
17982     }
17983     \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_N_type:w ##1 #1 ##2 \q_mark ##3
17984     { ##3 {##1} {##2} }
17985   }
17986   \exp_after:wN \__peek_tmp:w \tl_to_str:n { outer } \q_stop
17987 \group_end:
17988 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_N_type_aux:nnw #1 #2 #3 \fi:
17989 {
17990   \fi:
17991   \tl_if_in:noTF {#1} { \tl_to_str:n {ma} }
17992   { \__peek_true:w }
17993   { \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2} { \__peek_true:w } { \__peek_false:w } }
17994 }
17995 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \peek_N_type:TF
17996 { \__peek_token_generic:NNTF \__peek_execute_branches_N_type: \scan_stop: }
17997 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \peek_N_type:T
17998 { \__peek_token_generic:NNT \__peek_execute_branches_N_type: \scan_stop: }
17999 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \peek_N_type:F
18000 { \__peek_token_generic:NNTF \__peek_execute_branches_N_type: \scan_stop: }

```

(End definition for `\peek_N_type:TF`. This function is documented on page 227.)

```

18001 \</initex | package)

```

## 34 l3sys implementation

```
18002 <*initex | package>
```

### 34.1 The name of the job

`\c_sys_jobname_str` Inherited from the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 name for the primitive: this needs to actually contain the text of the job name rather than the name of the primitive, of course.

```
18003 <*initex>
18004 \tex_everyjob:D \exp_after:wN
18005 {
18006   \tex_the:D \tex_everyjob:D
18007   \str_const:Nx \c_sys_jobname_str { \tex_jobname:D }
18008 }
18009 </initex>
18010 <*package>
18011 \str_const:Nx \c_sys_jobname_str { \tex_jobname:D }
18012 </package>
```

(End definition for `\c_sys_jobname_str`. This variable is documented on page 228.)

### 34.2 Time and date

`\c_sys_minute_int` Copies of the information provided by T<sub>E</sub>X

```
\c_sys_hour_int
\c_sys_day_int
\c_sys_month_int
\c_sys_year_int
18013 \int_const:Nn \c_sys_minute_int
18014 { \int_mod:nn { \tex_time:D } { 60 } }
18015 \int_const:Nn \c_sys_hour_int
18016 { \int_div_truncate:nn { \tex_time:D } { 60 } }
18017 \int_const:Nn \c_sys_day_int { \tex_day:D }
18018 \int_const:Nn \c_sys_month_int { \tex_month:D }
18019 \int_const:Nn \c_sys_year_int { \tex_year:D }
```

(End definition for `\c_sys_minute_int` and others. These variables are documented on page 228.)

### 34.3 Detecting the engine

`\sys_if_engine luatex_p:` Set up the engine tests on the basis exactly one test should be true. Mainly a case of looking for the appropriate marker primitive. For up<sub>l</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X, there is a complexity in that setting `-kanji-internal=sjis` or `-kanji-internal=euc` effective makes it more like p<sub>l</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X. In those cases we therefore report p<sub>l</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X rather than up<sub>l</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X.

```
\sys_if_engine luatex_p:
\sys_if_engine pdftex_p:
\sys_if_engine ptex_p:
\sys_if_engine uptex_p:
\sys_if_engine xetex_p:
18020 \clist_map_inline:nn { lua , pdf , p , up , xe }
18021 {
18022   \cs_new_eq:cN { sys_if_engine_ #1 tex:T } \use_none:n
18023   \cs_new_eq:cN { sys_if_engine_ #1 tex:F } \use:n
18024   \cs_new_eq:cN { sys_if_engine_ #1 tex:TF } \use_ii:nn
18025   \cs_new_eq:cN { sys_if_engine_ #1 tex:p: } \c_false_bool
18026 }
18027 \cs_if_exist:NT \luatex luatexversion:D
18028 {
18029   \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine luatex:T \use:n
18030   \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine luatex:F \use_none:n
```

```

18031 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine luatex:TF \use_i:nn
18032 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine luatex_p: \c_true_bool
18033 \str_const:Nn \c_sys_engine_str { luatex }
18034 }
18035 \cs_if_exist:NT \pdfTeX_pdfTeXversion:D
18036 {
18037 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine pdfTeX:T \use:n
18038 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine pdfTeX:F \use_none:n
18039 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine pdfTeX:TF \use_i:nn
18040 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine pdfTeX_p: \c_true_bool
18041 \str_const:Nn \c_sys_engine_str { pdfTeX }
18042 }
18043 \cs_if_exist:NT \ptex_kanjiskip:D
18044 {
18045 \bool_if:nTF
18046 {
18047 \cs_if_exist_p:N \uptex_disablecjktoken:D &&
18048 \int_compare_p:nNn { \ptex_jis:D "2121 } = { "3000 }
18049 }
18050 {
18051 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine uptex:T \use:n
18052 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine uptex:F \use_none:n
18053 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine uptex:TF \use_i:nn
18054 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine uptex_p: \c_true_bool
18055 \str_const:Nn \c_sys_engine_str { uptex }
18056 }
18057 {
18058 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine ptex:T \use:n
18059 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine ptex:F \use_none:n
18060 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine ptex:TF \use_i:nn
18061 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine ptex_p: \c_true_bool
18062 \str_const:Nn \c_sys_engine_str { ptex }
18063 }
18064 }
18065 \cs_if_exist:NT \xetex_XeTeXversion:D
18066 {
18067 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine xetex:T \use:n
18068 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine xetex:F \use_none:n
18069 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine xetex:TF \use_i:nn
18070 \cs_gset_eq:NN \sys_if_engine xetex_p: \c_true_bool
18071 \str_const:Nn \c_sys_engine_str { xetex }
18072 }

```

(End definition for `\sys_if_engine luatex:TF` and others. These functions are documented on page 228.)

## 34.4 Detecting the output

```

\sys_if_output_dvi_p:
\sys_if_output_pdf_p:
\sys_if_output_dvi:TF
\sys_if_output_pdf:TF
\c_sys_output_str

```

This is a simple enough concept: the two views here are complementary.

```
18073 \bool_if:nTF
```

```

18074 {
18075     \cs_if_exist_p:N \pdftex_pdfoutput:D
18076     && \int_compare_p:nNn \pdftex_pdfoutput:D > \c_zero
18077 }
18078 {
18079     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi:T \use_none:n
18080     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi:F \use:n
18081     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi:TF \use_ii:nn
18082     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi_p: \c_false_bool
18083     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf:T \use:n
18084     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf:F \use_none:n
18085     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf:TF \use_i:nn
18086     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf_p: \c_true_bool
18087     \str_const:Nn \c_sys_output_str { pdf }
18088 }
18089 {
18090     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi:T \use:n
18091     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi:F \use_none:n
18092     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi:TF \use_i:nn
18093     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_dvi_p: \c_true_bool
18094     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf:T \use_none:n
18095     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf:F \use:n
18096     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf:TF \use_ii:nn
18097     \cs_new_eq:NN \sys_if_output_pdf_p: \c_false_bool
18098     \str_const:Nn \c_sys_output_str { dvi }
18099 }

```

(End definition for `\sys_if_output_dvi:TF` and `\sys_if_output_pdf:TF`. These functions are documented on page 229.)

## 34.5 Deprecated functions

Deprecated 2015-09-07 for removal after 2016-12-31. The older logic supported only three engines so that has to be allowed for.

```

18100 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \luatex_if_engine: \sys_if_engine_luatex:
18101 { T , F , TF , p }
18102 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \xetex_if_engine: \sys_if_engine_xetex:
18103 { T , F , TF , p }
18104 \bool_if:nTF
18105 {
18106     \sys_if_engine_luatex_p: ||
18107     \sys_if_engine_xetex_p:
18108 }
18109 {
18110     \cs_new_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine:T \use_none:n
18111     \cs_new_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine:F \use:n
18112     \cs_new_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine:TF \use_ii:nn
18113     \cs_new_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine_p: \c_false_bool
18114 }
18115 {

```

```

18116 \cs_new_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine:T \use:n
18117 \cs_new_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine:F \use_none:n
18118 \cs_new_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine:TF \use_i:nn
18119 \cs_new_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine_p: \c_true_bool
18120 }
    Deprecated 2015-09-19 for removal after 2016-12-31.
18121 \cs_set_eq:NN \c_job_name_tl \c_sys_jobname_str
18122 </initex | package>

```

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```

18123 <*initex | package>

```

### 35.0.1 Breaking out to Lua

`\lua_now_x:n` Wrappers around the primitives. As with engines other than LuaTeX these have to be macros, we give them the same status in all cases. When LuaTeX is not in use, simply give an error message/

```

18124 \cs_new:Npn \lua_now_x:n #1 { \luatex_directlua:D {#1} }
18125 \cs_new:Npn \lua_now:n #1 { \lua_now_x:n { \exp_not:n {#1} } }
18126 \cs_new_protected:Npn \lua_shipout_x:n #1 { \luatex_latelua:D {#1} }
18127 \cs_new_protected:Npn \lua_shipout:n #1
18128 { \lua_shipout_x:n { \exp_not:n {#1} } }
18129 \cs_new:Npn \lua_escape_x:n #1 { \luatex_luaescapestring:D {#1} }
18130 \cs_new:Npn \lua_escape:n #1 { \lua_escape_x:n { \exp_not:n {#1} } }
18131 \sys_if_engine luatex:F
18132 {
18133   \clist_map_inline:nn
18134   { \lua_now_x:n , \lua_now:n , \lua_escape_x:n , \lua_escape:n }
18135   {
18136     \cs_set:Npn #1 ##1
18137     {
18138       \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
18139       { kernel } { luatex-required } { #1 }
18140     }
18141   }
18142   \clist_map_inline:nn
18143   { \lua_shipout_x :n , \lua_shipout:n }
18144   {
18145     \cs_set_protected:Npn #1 ##1
18146     {
18147       \__msg_kernel_error:nnn
18148       { kernel } { luatex-required } { #1 }
18149     }
18150   }
18151 }

```

(End definition for `\lua_now_x:n` and `\lua_now:n`. These functions are documented on page 230.)



## 35.1 Messages

```

18152 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { luatex-required }
18153 { LuaTeX~engine~not~in~use!~Ignoring~#1. }
18154 {
18155   The~feature~you~are~using~is~only~available~
18156   with~the~LuaTeX~engine.~LaTeX3~ignored~'~#1'~.
18157 }
18158 </initex | package>

```

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```

18159 <*initex | package>
18160 <@@=driver>
18161 <*package>
18162 \ProvidesExplFile
18163 <*dvipdfmx>
18164 {l3dvidpfmx.def}{\ExplFileDate}{\ExplFileVersion}
18165 {L3 Experimental driver: dvipdfmx}
18166 </dvipdfmx>
18167 <*dvips>
18168 {l3dvips.def}{\ExplFileDate}{\ExplFileVersion}
18169 {L3 Experimental driver: dvips}
18170 </dvips>
18171 <*pdfmode>
18172 {l3pdfmode.def}{\ExplFileDate}{\ExplFileVersion}
18173 {L3 Experimental driver: PDF mode}
18174 </pdfmode>
18175 <*xdvipdfmx>
18176 {l3xdvidpfmx.def}{\ExplFileDate}{\ExplFileVersion}
18177 {L3 Experimental driver: xdvipdfmx}
18178 </xdvipdfmx>
18179 </package>

```

### 36.1 Settings for direct PDF output

If the driver loaded is pdfmode then direct PDF output is required. (This may of course alter: it might be that the driver is picked based on the value of `\pdftex_pdfoutput:D`.)

```

18180 <*initex>
18181 <*pdfmode>
18182 \pdftex_pdfoutput:D = 1 \scan_stop:
18183 </pdfmode>
18184 </initex>

```

Set up the driver for direct PDF output to set the PDF origin equal to T<sub>E</sub>X's standard origin. The other settings make use of PDF 1.5, which is standard in T<sub>E</sub>X Live 2011 and should be a reasonable baseline for the future.

```

18185 <*initex>
18186 <*pdfmode>
18187 \pdftex_pdfhorigin:D = 1 true in \scan_stop:

```

```

18188 \pdfutex_pdfvorigin:D          = 1 true in \scan_stop:
18189 \pdfutex_pdfdecimaldigits:D    = 3          \scan_stop:
18190 \pdfutex_pdfpkresolution:D      = 600        \scan_stop:
18191 \pdfutex_pdfminorversion:D      = 5          \scan_stop:
18192 \pdfutex_pdfcompresslevel:D     = 9          \scan_stop:
18193 \pdfutex_pdfobjcompresslevel:D = 2          \scan_stop:
18194 </pdfmode>
18195 </initex>

```

## 36.2 Driver utility functions

`\__driver_state_save:` All of the drivers have a stack for saving the graphic state. These have slightly different interfaces. For both dvips and (x)dvipdfmx this is done using an appropriate special. Note that here and later, the dvipdfmx documentation does not cover the `literal` key word but that this appears to behave in the same way as pdfTeX's `\pdfliteral` (making life easier all-round).

`\__driver_state_restore:`

```

18196 <!*pdfmode>
18197 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__driver_state_save:
18198 <*dvips>
18199   { \tex_special:D { ps:gsave } }
18200 </dvips>
18201 <*dvipdfmx | xdvipdfmx>
18202   { \tex_special:D { pdf:literal~q } }
18203 </dvipdfmx | xdvipdfmx>
18204 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__driver_state_restore:
18205 <*dvips>
18206   { \tex_special:D { ps:grestore } }
18207 </dvips>
18208 <*dvipdfmx | xdvipdfmx>
18209   { \tex_special:D { pdf:literal~Q } }
18210 </dvipdfmx | xdvipdfmx>
18211 <!/pdfmode>

```

For direct PDF output there is also a need to worry about the version of pdfTeX in use: the `\pdfsave` primitive was only introduced in version 1.40.0.

```

18212 <*pdfmode>
18213 \cs_if_exist:NTF \pdfutex_pdfsave:D
18214   {
18215     \cs_new_eq:NN \__driver_state_save: \pdfutex_pdfsave:D
18216     \cs_new_eq:NN \__driver_state_restore: \pdfutex_pdfrestore:D
18217   }
18218   {
18219     \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__driver_state_save:
18220       { \pdfutex_pdfliteral:D { q } }
18221     \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__driver_state_restore:
18222       { \pdfutex_pdfliteral:D { Q } }
18223   }
18224 </pdfmode>

```

(End definition for `\_driver\_state\_save:` and `\_driver\_state\_restore:`. These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\_driver\_literal:n` The driver code needs to pass on a lot of “raw” information to the underlying binary. The exact command is driver-dependent but the concept is general enough to use a single function. However, it is important to remember this is a convenient shortcut: the arguments will be driver-specific. Note that these functions set the transformation matrix to the current position: contrast with `\_driver\_literal\_direct:n`.

```
18225 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver\_literal:n #1
18226 { *dvipdfmx | xdvipdfmx }
18227 { \tex\_special:D { pdf:literal~ #1 } }
18228 { /dvipdfmx | xdvipdfmx }
```

In the case of `dvips` there is no build-in saving of the current position, and so some additional PostScript is required to set up the transformation matrix and also to restore it afterwards. Notice the use of the stack to save the current position “up front” and to move back to it at the end of the process.

```
18229 { *dvips }
18230 {
18231   \tex\_special:D
18232   {
18233     ps:
18234     currentpoint~
18235     currentpoint~translate~
18236     #1 ~
18237     neg~exch~neg~exch~translate
18238   }
18239 }
18240 { /dvips }
18241 { *pdfmode }
18242 { \pdf\_tex\_pdf\_literal:D {#1} }
18243 { /pdfmode }
```

(End definition for `\_driver\_literal:n`.)

`\_driver\_literal\_direct:n` Even “lower level” than `\_driver\_literal:n`, these commands do not set the transformation matrix but simply dump the driver code directly into the output. In the `(x)dvipdfmx` case this two-part keyword is documented (*cf.* `literal` alone).

```
18244 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver\_literal\_direct:n #1
18245 { *dvipdfmx | xdvipdfmx }
18246 { \tex\_special:D { pdf:literal~direct~ #1 } }
18247 { /dvipdfmx | xdvipdfmx }
18248 { *dvips }
18249 { \tex\_special:D { ps:: #1 } }
18250 { /dvips }
18251 { *pdfmode }
18252 { \pdf\_tex\_pdf\_literal:D direct {#1} }
18253 { /pdfmode }
```

(End definition for `\_driver\_literal\_direct:n`.)

`\_driver_absolute_lengths:n` The `dvips` driver scales all absolute dimensions based on the output resolution selected and any `TEX` magnification. Thus for any operation involving absolute lengths there is a correction to make. This is based on `normalscale` from `special.pro`.

```

18254 <*dvips>
18255 \cs_new:Npn \_driver_absolute_lengths:n #1
18256 {
18257     /savedmatrix~matrix~currentmatrix~def~
18258     Resolution~72~div~VResolution~72~div~scale~
18259     DVImag~dup~scale~
18260     #1 ~
18261     savedmatrix~setmatrix
18262 }
18263 </dvips>

```

(End definition for `\_driver_absolute_lengths:n`)

`\_driver_matrix:n` Here the appropriate function is set up to insert an affine matrix into the PDF. With a new enough pdf`TEX` (version 1.40.0 or later) there is a primitive for this, which only needs the rotation/scaling/skew part. With an older pdf`TEX` or with (x)dvipdfmx the matrix also has to include a translation part: that is always zero and so is built in here.

```

18264 <*pdfmode>
18265 \cs_if_exist:NTF \pdfTeX_pdfsetmatrix:D
18266 {
18267     \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_matrix:n #1
18268     { \pdfTeX_pdfsetmatrix:D {#1} }
18269 }
18270 {
18271     \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_matrix:n #1
18272     { \_driver_literal:n { #1 \c_space_tl 0~0~cm } }
18273 }
18274 </pdfmode>
18275 <*dvipdfmx|xvipdfmx>
18276 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_matrix:n #1
18277 { \_driver_literal:n { #1 \c_space_tl 0~0~cm } }
18278 </dvipdfmx|xvipdfmx>

```

(End definition for `\_driver_matrix:n`)

### 36.3 Box clipping

`\_driver_box_use_clip:N` The overall logic to clipping a box is the same in all cases. The general method is to save the current location, define a clipping path equivalent to the bounding box, then insert the content at the current position and in a zero width box. The “real” width is then made up using a horizontal skip before tidying up. There are other approaches that can be taken (for example using XForm objects), but the logic here shares as much code as possible and uses the same conversions (and so same rounding errors) in all three cases.

```

18279 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_driver_box_use_clip:N #1
18280 {
18281     \_driver_state_save:

```

```

18282 <*dvips>
18283   \_driver_literal:n
18284   {
18285     \_driver_absolute_lengths:n
18286     {
18287       0~
18288       \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { \box_dp:N #1 } ~
18289       \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { \box_wd:N #1 } ~
18290       \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { -\box_ht:N #1 - \box_dp:N #1 } ~
18291       rectclip
18292     }
18293   }
18294 </dvips>
18295 <*dvipdfmx | pdfmode | xdvipdfmx>
18296   \_driver_literal:n
18297   {
18298     0~
18299     \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { -\box_dp:N #1 } ~
18300     \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { \box_wd:N #1 } ~
18301     \dim_to_decimal_in_bp:n { \box_ht:N #1 + \box_dp:N #1 } ~
18302     re~W~n
18303   }
18304 </dvipdfmx | pdfmode | xdvipdfmx>

```

Insert the material in a box of no width, restore the graphic state and then insert the necessary width.

```

18305   \hbox_overlap_right:n { \box_use:N #1 }
18306   \_driver_state_restore:
18307   \skip_horizontal:n { \box_wd:N #1 }
18308 }

```

(End definition for `\_driver_box_use_clip:N`. This function is documented on page 232.)

## 36.4 Box rotation and scaling

`\_driver_box_rotate_begin:` The driver for `dvips` works with a simple rotation angle. In PDF mode, an affine matrix is used instead. The transformation for `(x)dvipdfmx` can be done either way: the affine approach is chosen here as where possible we pick the PDF-style route.

In both cases, some rounding code is included to limit the floating point values to five decimal places. There is no point using any more as  $\text{\TeX}$ 's dimensions are of that precision, and the extra figures will simply bloat the PDF and make values harder to trace. In the case where the sine and cosine are used, we store the rounded values to avoid rounding twice. There are also a couple of comparisons to ensure that `-0` is not written to the output, as this avoids any issues with problematic display programs. Note that numbers are compared to 0 after rounding.

```

18309 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \_driver_box_rotate_begin:
18310 {
18311   \_driver_state_save:
18312 <*dvipdfmx | pdfmode | xdvipdfmx>

```

```

18313 \box_set_wd:Nn \l__box_internal_box \c_zero_dim
18314 \fp_set:Nn \l__box_cos_fp { round ( \l__box_cos_fp , 5 ) }
18315 \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_cos_fp = \c_zero_fp
18316 { \fp_zero:N \l__box_cos_fp }
18317 \fp_set:Nn \l__box_sin_fp { round ( \l__box_sin_fp , 5 ) }
18318 \__driver_matrix:n
18319 {
18320 \fp_use:N \l__box_cos_fp \c_space_tl
18321 \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_sin_fp = \c_zero_fp
18322 { 0-0 }
18323 {
18324 \fp_use:N \l__box_sin_fp
18325 \c_space_tl
18326 \fp_eval:n { -\l__box_sin_fp }
18327 }
18328 \c_space_tl
18329 \fp_use:N \l__box_cos_fp
18330 }
18331 </dvipdfmx|pdfmode|xdvipdfmx>
18332 <*dvips>
18333 \fp_set:Nn \l__box_angle_fp { round ( \l__box_angle_fp , 5 ) }
18334 \__driver_literal:n
18335 {
18336 \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_angle_fp = \c_zero_fp
18337 { 0 }
18338 { \fp_eval:n { -\l__box_angle_fp } }
18339 \c_space_tl
18340 rotate
18341 }
18342 </dvips>
18343 }

```

The end of a rotation means tidying up the output grouping.

```

18344 \cs_new_eq:NN \__driver_box_rotate_end: \__driver_state_restore:

```

(End definition for \\_\_driver\_box\_rotate\_begin: and \\_\_driver\_box\_rotate\_end:. These functions are documented on page 233.)

**\\_\_driver\_box\_scale\_begin:** Scaling is not dissimilar to rotation, but the calculations are somewhat less complex.

```

\__driver_box_scale_end:
18345 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__driver_box_scale_begin:
18346 {
18347 \__driver_state_save:
18348 \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_x_fp { round ( \l__box_scale_x_fp , 5 ) }
18349 \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_y_fp { round ( \l__box_scale_y_fp , 5 ) }
18350 <*dvips>
18351 \__driver_literal:n
18352 {
18353 \fp_use:N \l__box_scale_x_fp \c_space_tl
18354 \fp_use:N \l__box_scale_y_fp \c_space_tl
18355 scale

```

```

18356     }
18357 </dvips>
18358 <*dvipdfmx | pdfmode | xdvipdfmx>
18359   \_driver_matrix:n
18360   {
18361     \fp_use:N \l__box_scale_x_fp \c_space_tl
18362     0~0~
18363     \fp_use:N \l__box_scale_y_fp
18364   }
18365 </dvipdfmx | pdfmode | xdvipdfmx>
18366 }
18367 \cs_new_eq:NN \_driver_box_scale_end: \_driver_state_restore:

```

(End definition for `\_driver_box_scale_begin:` and `\_driver_box_scale_end:`. These functions are documented on page 233.)

## 36.5 Color support

`\l__driver_current_color_tl` The current color is needed by all of the engines, but the way this is stored varies.

```

18368 \tl_new:N \l__driver_current_color_tl
18369 <*dvipdfmx | dvips | xdvipdfmx>
18370 \tl_set:Nn \l__driver_current_color_tl { gray~0 }
18371 </dvipdfmx | dvips | xdvipdfmx>
18372 <*pdfmode>
18373 \tl_set:Nn \l__driver_current_color_tl { 0~g~0~G }
18374 </pdfmode>

```

(End definition for `\l__driver_current_color_tl`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l__driver_color_stack_int` pdfTeX (version 1.40.0 or later) and LuaTeX have multiple stacks available, and the color stack therefore needs a number when in PDF mode.

```

18375 <*pdfmode>
18376 \int_new:N \l__driver_color_stack_int
18377 </pdfmode>

```

(End definition for `\l__driver_color_stack_int`. This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\_driver_color_ensure_current:` `\_driver_color_reset:` Setting the current color depends on the nature of the color stack available. In all cases there is a need to reset the color after the current group.

```

18378 <*dvipdfmx | dvips | xdvipdfmx>
18379 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \_driver_color_ensure_current:
18380 {
18381   \tex_special:D { color~push~\l__driver_current_color_tl }
18382   \group_insert_after:N \_driver_color_reset:
18383 }
18384 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \_driver_color_reset:
18385 { \tex_special:D { color~pop } }
18386 </dvipdfmx | dvips | xdvipdfmx>

```

Once again there is a version switch for pdfTeX, as the `\pdfcolorstack` primitive was introduced in version 1.40.0.

```

18387 <*pdfmode>
18388 \cs_if_exist:NTF \pdfTeX_pdfcolorstack:D
18389 {
18390   \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__driver_color_ensure_current:
18391   {
18392     \pdfTeX_pdfcolorstack:D \l__driver_color_stack_int push
18393     { \l__driver_current_color_tl }
18394     \group_insert_after:N \__driver_color_reset:
18395   }
18396   \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__driver_color_reset:
18397   { \pdfTeX_pdfcolorstack:D \l__driver_color_stack_int pop \scan_stop: }
18398 }
18399 {
18400   \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__driver_color_ensure_current:
18401   {
18402     \__driver_literal:n { \l__driver_current_color_tl }
18403     \group_insert_after:N \__driver_color_reset:
18404   }
18405   \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__driver_color_reset:
18406   { \__driver_literal:n { \l__driver_current_color_tl } }
18407 }
18408 </pdfmode>

```

(End definition for `\__driver_color_ensure_current:`. This function is documented on page [233](#).)

```

18409 </initex | package>

```



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