

# 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_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, `TeX` 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 `TeX`’s stomach” (if you are familiar with the `TeXbook` 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.  
function

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.  
function

**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  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$ .  
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**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`  $\langle seq \rangle$   $\langle function \rangle$

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**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:TF</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.

XP,TF

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. variable
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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`.

XP

### 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.

---

`\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`

---

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

These functions act broadly in the same way as the 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.)

function

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`\GetIdInfo`

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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.

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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

<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\__expl_package_check:</code>
	Used to ensure that all parts of <code>expl3</code> are loaded together ( <i>i.e.</i> as part of <code>expl3</code> ). Issues an error if a kernel package is loaded independently of the bundle. function
<hr/> <hr/>	<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> . variable

## 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:`** ★

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**`\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:`**

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**`\scan_stop:`**

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

function

### 2 Grouping material

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

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

function

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**`\group_insert_after:N`**

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**`\group_insert_after:N`**  $\langle token \rangle$ 

Adds  $\langle token \rangle$  to the list of  $\langle tokens \rangle$  to be inserted when the current group level ends. The list of  $\langle tokens \rangle$  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  $\langle token \rangle$  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.

function

### 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,  $\langle code \rangle$  is therefore used as a shorthand for “replacement text”.

Functions which are not “protected” will be fully expanded inside an  $\mathbf{x}$  expansion. In contrast, “protected” functions are not expanded within  $\mathbf{x}$  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.

### 3.2 Defining new functions using parameter text

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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{\texttt{\backslash cs\_new:Npn}} \\ \text{\texttt{\backslash cs\_new:(cpn|Npx|cpx)}} \end{array}$$


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$$\text{\texttt{\backslash cs\_new:Npn}} \langle function \rangle \langle parameters \rangle \{ \langle code \rangle \}$$

Creates  $\langle function \rangle$  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. The definition is global and an error will result if the  $\langle function \rangle$  is already defined.

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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{\texttt{\backslash cs\_new\_nopar:Npn}} \\ \text{\texttt{\backslash cs\_new\_nopar:(cpn|Npx|cpx)}} \end{array}$$


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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{\texttt{\backslash cs\_new\_protected:Npn}} \\ \text{\texttt{\backslash cs\_new\_protected:(cpn|Npx|cpx)}} \end{array}$$


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$$\text{\texttt{\backslash cs\_new\_protected:Npn}} \langle function \rangle \langle parameters \rangle \{ \langle code \rangle \}$$

Creates  $\langle function \rangle$  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. 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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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{\texttt{\backslash cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:Npn}} \\ \text{\texttt{\backslash cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:(cpn|Npx|cpx)}} \end{array}$$


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$$\text{\texttt{\backslash cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:Npn}} \langle function \rangle \langle parameters \rangle \{ \langle code \rangle \}$$

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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{\texttt{\backslash cs\_set:Npn}} \\ \text{\texttt{\backslash cs\_set:(cpn|Npx|cpx)}} \end{array}$$


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$$\text{\texttt{\backslash cs\_set:Npn}} \langle function \rangle \langle parameters \rangle \{ \langle code \rangle \}$$

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. The assignment of a meaning to the  $\langle function \rangle$  is restricted to the current **T**<sub>E</sub>**X** group level.

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`\cs_set_nopar:Npn`  
`\cs_set_nopar:(cpn|Npx|cpx)`

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`\cs_set_nopar:Npn <function> <parameters> {\code}`

Sets  $\langle function \rangle$  to expand to  $\langle code \rangle$  as replacement text. Within the  $\langle code \rangle$ , the  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *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 restricted to the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group level.

function

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`\cs_set_protected:Npn`  
`\cs_set_protected:(cpn|Npx|cpx)`

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`\cs_set_protected:Npn <function> <parameters> {\code}`

Sets  $\langle function \rangle$  to expand to  $\langle code \rangle$  as replacement text. Within the  $\langle code \rangle$ , the  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *etc.*) 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. The  $\langle function \rangle$  will not expand within an *x*-type argument.

function

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`\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn`  
`\cs_set_protected_nopar:(cpn|Npx|cpx)`

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`\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn <function> <parameters> {\code}`

Sets  $\langle function \rangle$  to expand to  $\langle code \rangle$  as replacement text. Within the  $\langle code \rangle$ , the  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *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 restricted to the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group level. The  $\langle function \rangle$  will not expand within an *x*-type argument.

function

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`\cs_gset:Npn`  
`\cs_gset:(cpn|Npx|cpx)`

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`\cs_gset:Npn <function> <parameters> {\code}`

Globally sets  $\langle function \rangle$  to expand to  $\langle code \rangle$  as replacement text. Within the  $\langle code \rangle$ , the  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *etc.*) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The assignment of a meaning to the  $\langle function \rangle$  is *not* restricted to the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group level: the assignment is global.

function

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`\cs_gset_nopar:Npn`  
`\cs_gset_nopar:(cpn|Npx|cpx)`

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`\cs_gset_nopar:Npn <function> <parameters> {\code}`

Globally sets  $\langle function \rangle$  to expand to  $\langle code \rangle$  as replacement text. Within the  $\langle code \rangle$ , the  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *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  $\text{\TeX}$  group level: the assignment is global.

function

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`\cs_gset_protected:Npn`  
`\cs_gset_protected:(cpn|Npx|cpx)`

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`\cs_gset_protected:Npn <function> <parameters> {\code}`

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

function

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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:(c pn N x c px)</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  $\text{\TeX}$  group level: the assignment is global. The  $\langle function \rangle$  will not expand within an  $x$ -type argument.

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### 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:(c n N x c x)</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.

function

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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:(c n N x c x)</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.

function

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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:(c n N x c x)</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.

function

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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:(c n N x c x)</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.

function

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`\cs_set:Nn`  
`\cs_set:(cn|Nx|cx)`

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`\cs_set:Nn <function> {<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  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *etc.*) 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.

function

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`\cs_set_nopar:Nn`  
`\cs_set_nopar:(cn|Nx|cx)`

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`\cs_set_nopar:Nn <function> {<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  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *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 restricted to the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group level.

function

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`\cs_set_protected:Nn`  
`\cs_set_protected:(cn|Nx|cx)`

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`\cs_set_protected:Nn <function> {<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  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *etc.*) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The  $\langle function \rangle$  will not expand within an  $\text{x}$ -type argument. The assignment of a meaning to the  $\langle function \rangle$  is restricted to the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group level.

function

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`\cs_set_protected_nopar:Nn`  
`\cs_set_protected_nopar:(cn|Nx|cx)`

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`\cs_set_protected_nopar:Nn <function> {<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  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *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  $\text{x}$ -type argument. The assignment of a meaning to the  $\langle function \rangle$  is restricted to the current  $\text{\TeX}$  group level.

function

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`\cs_gset:Nn`  
`\cs_gset:(cn|Nx|cx)`

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`\cs_gset:Nn <function> {<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  $\langle parameters \rangle$  ( $\#1$ ,  $\#2$ , *etc.*) will be replaced by those absorbed by the function. The assignment of a meaning to the  $\langle function \rangle$  is global.

function

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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, etc.) 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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function

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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>	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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function

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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>	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 <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 global.

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function

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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`.

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### 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</code> $\langle cs_1 \rangle$ $\langle cs_2 \rangle$
<code>\cs_new_eq:(Nc cN cc)</code>	<code>\cs_new_eq:NN</code> $\langle cs_1 \rangle$ $\langle token \rangle$
<hr/>	
	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.
	function
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<code>\cs_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\cs_set_eq:NN</code> $\langle cs_1 \rangle$ $\langle cs_2 \rangle$
<code>\cs_set_eq:(Nc cN cc)</code>	<code>\cs_set_eq:NN</code> $\langle cs_1 \rangle$ $\langle token \rangle$
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	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.
	function
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<code>\cs_gset_eq:NN</code>	<code>\cs_gset_eq:NN</code> $\langle cs_1 \rangle$ $\langle cs_2 \rangle$
<code>\cs_gset_eq:(Nc cN cc)</code>	<code>\cs_gset_eq:NN</code> $\langle cs_1 \rangle$ $\langle token \rangle$
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	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 <i>not</i> restricted to the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level: the assignment is global.
	function

### 3.5 Deleting control sequences

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

<hr/>	
<code>\cs_undefine:N</code>	<code>\cs_undefine:N</code> $\langle control sequence \rangle$
<code>\cs_undefine:c</code>	Sets $\langle control sequence \rangle$ to be globally undefined.
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	pdated = 2011-09-15

### 3.6 Showing control sequences

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<code>\cs_meaning:N</code> ★	<code>\cs_meaning:N</code> $\langle control sequence \rangle$
<code>\cs_meaning:c</code> ★	This function expands to the <i>meaning</i> of the $\langle control sequence \rangle$ control sequence. This will show the $\langle replacement text \rangle$ for a macro.
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Updated: 2011-12-22	
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**$\text{\TeX}$ hackers note:** This is  $\text{\TeX}$ 's `\meaning` primitive. The `c` variant correctly reports undefined arguments.

XP, updated = 2011-12-22

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

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Updated: 2011-12-22

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`\cs_show:N`  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$

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

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

pdated = 2011-12-22

### 3.7 Converting to and from control sequences

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`\use:c` ★ `\use:c`  $\{\langle control\ sequence\ name \rangle\}$ 

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Converts the given  $\langle control\ sequence\ name \rangle$  into a single control sequence token. This process requires two expansions. The content for  $\langle control\ sequence\ name \rangle$  may be literal material or from other expandable functions. The  $\langle control\ sequence\ name \rangle$  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.

XP

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:w` ★ `\cs:w`  $\langle control\ sequence\ name \rangle$  `\cs_end:`  
`\cs_end:` ★

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Converts the given  $\langle control\ sequence\ name \rangle$  into a single control sequence token. This process requires one expansion. The content for  $\langle control\ sequence\ name \rangle$  may be literal material or from other expandable functions. The  $\langle control\ sequence\ name \rangle$  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.

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

XP

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>}
```

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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.

XP

## 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 the situation in force when first function absorbs the token).

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\use:n ★ \use:n {<group1>}
\use:(nn|nnn|nnnn) ★ \use:nn {<group1>} {<group2>}
\use:nnn {<group1>} {<group2>} {<group3>}
\use:nnnn {<group1>} {<group2>} {<group3>} {<group4>}

```

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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.

XP

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<code>\use_i:nn</code>	★	<code>\use_i:nn {⟨arg<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨arg<sub>2</sub>⟩}</code>
<code>\use_ii:nn</code>	★	

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These functions absorb two arguments from the input stream. The function `\use_i:nn` discards the second argument, and leaves the content of the first argument in the input stream. `\use_ii:nn` 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.

XP

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<code>\use_i:nnn</code>	★	<code>\use_i:nnn {⟨arg<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨arg<sub>2</sub>⟩} {⟨arg<sub>3</sub>⟩}</code>
<code>\use_ii:nnn</code>	★	
<code>\use_iii:nnn</code>	★	

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These functions absorb three arguments from the input stream. The function `\use_i:nnn` discards the second and third arguments, and leaves the content of the first argument in the input stream. `\use_ii:nnn` and `\use_iii:nnn` 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.

XP

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<code>\use_i:nnnn</code>	★	<code>\use_i:nnnn {⟨arg<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨arg<sub>2</sub>⟩} {⟨arg<sub>3</sub>⟩} {⟨arg<sub>4</sub>⟩}</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 `\use_i:nnnn` discards the second, third and fourth arguments, and leaves the content of the first argument in the input stream. `\use_ii:nnnn`, `\use_iii:nnnn` and `\use_iv:nnnn` 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.

XP

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<code>\use_i_ii:nnn</code>	★	<code>\use_i_ii:nnn {⟨arg<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨arg<sub>2</sub>⟩} {⟨arg<sub>3</sub>⟩}</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:

`\use_i_ii:nnn { abc } { { def } } { ghi }`

will result in the input stream containing

`abc { def }`

*i.e.* the outer braces will be removed and the third group will be removed.

XP



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<code>\use_none:n</code>	★	<code>\use_none:n {⟨group<sub>1</sub>⟩}</code>
<code>\use_none:(nn nnn nnnn nnnnn nnnnnn nnnnnnn nnnnnnnn nnnnnnnnn)</code>	★	

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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. One or more of the `n` arguments may be an unbraced single token (*i.e.* an `N` argument).  
XP

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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.  
pdated = 2011-12-31

## 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>

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

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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.  
XP

## 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.

variable

## 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`.  
XP,pTF

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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> . XP,pTF
<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> ). XP,pTF
<code>\cs_if_free:cTF</code>	★	

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## 5.2 Testing string equality

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<code>\str_if_eq_p:nn</code>	★	<code>\str_if_eq_p:nn {&lt;tl<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;tl<sub>2</sub>&gt;}</code>
<code>\str_if_eq_p:(Vn on no nV VV)</code>	★	<code>\str_if_eq:nnTF {&lt;tl<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;tl<sub>2</sub>&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\str_if_eq:nnTF</code>	★	
<code>\str_if_eq:(Vn on no nV VV)TF</code>	★	

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Compares the two *<token lists>* 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**.  
XP,pTF

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<code>\str_if_eq_x_p:nn</code>	★	<code>\str_if_eq_x_p:nn {&lt;tl<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;tl<sub>2</sub>&gt;}</code>
<code>\str_if_eq_x:nnTF</code>	★	<code>\str_if_eq_x:nnTF {&lt;tl<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;tl<sub>2</sub>&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

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New: 2012-06-05

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. Thus for example

`\str_if_eq_x_p:nn { abc } { \tl_to_str:n { abc } }`

is logically **true**.  
XP,pTF, added = 2012-06-05

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<code>\str_case:nnn</code> ★ <code>\str_case:onnn</code> ★ <hr/> New: 2012-06-03	<code>\str_case:nnn</code> $\{\langle test\ string\rangle\}$ $\{$ $\{\langle string\ case_1\rangle\}\ \{\langle code\ case_1\rangle\}$ $\{\langle string\ case_2\rangle\}\ \{\langle code\ case_2\rangle\}$ $\dots$ $\{\langle string\ case_n\rangle\}\ \{\langle code\ case_n\rangle\}$ $\}$ $\{\langle else\ code\rangle\}$
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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 none of the tests are `true` then the `else code` will be left in the input stream.

dded = 2012-06-03, EXP

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<code>\str_case_x:nnn</code> ★ <hr/> New: 2012-06-05	<code>\str_case_x:nnn</code> $\{\langle test\ string\rangle\}$ $\{$ $\{\langle string\ case_1\rangle\}\ \{\langle code\ case_1\rangle\}$ $\{\langle string\ case_2\rangle\}\ \{\langle code\ case_2\rangle\}$ $\dots$ $\{\langle string\ case_n\rangle\}\ \{\langle code\ case_n\rangle\}$ $\}$ $\{\langle else\ code\rangle\}$
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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 none of the tests are `true` then the `else code` will be left in the input stream. The  $\langle test\ string\rangle$  is expanded in each comparison, and must always yield the same result: for example, random numbers should not be used within this string.

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### 5.3 Engine-specific conditionals

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<code>\luatex_if_engine_p:</code> ★ <code>\luatex_if_engine:TF</code> ★ <hr/> Updated: 2011-09-06	<code>\luatex_if_luatex:TF</code> $\{\langle true\ code\rangle\}\ \{\langle false\ code\rangle\}$ Detects is the document is being compiled using LuaTeX.
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<code>\pdftex_if_engine_p:</code> ★ <code>\pdftex_if_engine:TF</code> ★ <hr/> Updated: 2011-09-06	<code>\pdftex_if_engine:TF</code> $\{\langle true\ code\rangle\}\ \{\langle false\ code\rangle\}$ Detects is the document is being compiled using pdfTeX.
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<code>\xetex_if_engine_p:</code> ★ <code>\xetex_if_engine:TF</code> ★ <hr/> Updated: 2011-09-06	<code>\xetex_if_engine:TF</code> $\{\langle true\ code\rangle\}\ \{\langle false\ code\rangle\}$ Detects is the document is being compiled using XeTeX.
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## 5.4 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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\if_true:	★	\if_true: <true code> \else: <false code> \fi:
\if_false:	★	\if_false: <true code> \else: <false code> \fi:
\or:	★	\reverse_if:N <primitive conditional>
\else:	★	\if_true: always executes <true code>, while \if_false: always executes <false code>.
\fi:	★	\reverse_if:N reverses any two-way primitive conditional. \else: and \fi: delimit
\reverse_if:N	★	the branches of the conditional. \or: is used in case switches, see l3int for more.

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

XP

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\if_meaning:w	★	\if_meaning:w <arg <sub>1</sub> > <arg <sub>2</sub> > <true code> \else: <false code> \fi:
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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.

XP

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\if:w	★	\if:w <token <sub>1</sub> > <token <sub>2</sub> > <true code> \else: <false code> \fi:
\if_charcode:w	★	\if_catcode:w <token <sub>1</sub> > <token <sub>2</sub> > <true code> \else: <false code> \fi:
\if_catcode:w	★	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 \exp_not:N. \if_catcode:w tests if the category codes of the two tokens are the same whereas \if:w tests if the character codes are identical. \if_charcode:w is an alternative name for \if:w.

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XP

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\if_cs_exist:N	★	\if_cs_exist:N <cs> <true code> \else: <false code> \fi:
\if_cs_exist:w	★	\if_cs_exist:w <tokens> \cs_end: <true code> \else: <false code> \fi:

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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.

XP

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

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XP

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

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

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<code>\__cs_count_signature:N</code>	★	<code>\__cs_count_signature:N &lt;function&gt;</code>
<code>\__cs_count_signature:c</code>	★	Splits the <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> into the <i>&lt;name&gt;</i> ( <i>i.e.</i> the part before the colon) and the <i>&lt;signature&gt;</i> ( <i>i.e.</i> after the colon). The <i>&lt;number&gt;</i> of tokens in the <i>&lt;signature&gt;</i> is then left in the input stream. If there was no <i>&lt;signature&gt;</i> then the result is the marker value $-1$ . XP

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<code>\__cs_split_function:NN</code>	★	<code>\__cs_split_function:NN &lt;function&gt; &lt;processor&gt;</code>
		Splits the <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> into the <i>&lt;name&gt;</i> ( <i>i.e.</i> the part before the colon) and the <i>&lt;signature&gt;</i> ( <i>i.e.</i> after the colon). This information is then placed in the input stream after the <i>&lt;processor&gt;</i> function in three parts: the <i>&lt;name&gt;</i> , the <i>&lt;signature&gt;</i> and a logic token indicating if a colon was found (to differentiate variables from function names). The <i>&lt;name&gt;</i> will not include the escape character, and both the <i>&lt;name&gt;</i> and <i>&lt;signature&gt;</i> are made up of tokens with category code 12 (other). The <i>&lt;processor&gt;</i> should be a function with argument specification <code>:nnN</code> (plus any trailing arguments needed). XP

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<code>\__cs_get_function_name:N</code>	★	<code>\__cs_get_function_name:N &lt;function&gt;</code>
		Splits the <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> into the <i>&lt;name&gt;</i> ( <i>i.e.</i> the part before the colon) and the <i>&lt;signature&gt;</i> ( <i>i.e.</i> after the colon). The <i>&lt;name&gt;</i> is then left in the input stream without the escape character present made up of tokens with category code 12 (other). XP

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<u><code>\__cs_get_function_signature:N</code></u> ★	<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). XP
<u><code>\__cs_tmp:w</code></u>	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). function
<u><code>\__kernel_register_show:N</code></u> <u><code>\__kernel_register_show:c</code></u>	<code>\__kernel_register_show:N</code> $\langle register \rangle$ 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. function
<u><code>\__prg_case_end:nw</code></u>	<code>\__prg_case_end:nw</code> $\{\langle code \rangle\}$ $\langle tokens \rangle$ <code>\q_recursion_stop</code> Used to terminate case statements ( <code>\int_case:nnn</code> , <i>etc.</i> ) by removing trailing $\langle tokens \rangle$ and the end marker <code>\q_recursion_stop</code> , and inserting the $\langle code \rangle$ for the successful case. function
<u><code>\__str_if_eq_x_return:nn</code></u>	<code>\__str_if_eq_x_return:nn</code> $\{\langle t_1 \rangle\}$ $\{\langle t_2 \rangle\}$ Compares the full expansion of two $\langle token\ lists \rangle$ on a character by character basis, and is <code>true</code> if the two lists contain the same characters in the same order. Either <code>\prg_return_true:</code> or <code>\prg_return_false:</code> is then left in the input stream. This is a version of <code>\str_if_eq_x:nn(TF)</code> coded for speed. function

## 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.

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## 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 which 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. Let's pretend we want to set `\aaa` equal to the control sequence stemming from turning `b \l_tmpa_tl b` into a control sequence. Furthermore we want to store the execution of it in a *tl var*. In this example we assume `\l_tmpa_tl` contains the text string `lur`. The straightforward approach is

```
\tl_set:Nc \l_tmpb_tl { \cs_set_eq:Nc \aaa { b \l_tmpa_tl b } }
```

Unfortunately this only puts `\exp_args:NNc \cs_set_eq:NN \aaa {b \l_tmpa_tl b}` into `\l_tmpb_tl` and not `\cs_set_eq:NN \aaa = \blurb` as we probably wanted. Using `\tl_set:Nx` is not an option as that will die horribly. Instead we can do a

```
\tl_set:Nf \l_tmpb_tl { \cs_set_eq:Nc \aaa { b \l_tmpa_tl b } }
```

which puts the desired result in `\l_tmpb_tl`. It requires `\tl_set:Nf` to be defined as

```
\cs_set_nopar:Npn \tl_set:Nf { \exp_args:NNf \tl_set:Nn }
```

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!

## 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.

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`\exp_args:No` ★ `\exp_args:No <function> {<tokens>} ...`

---

This function absorbs two arguments (the *<function>* name and the *<tokens>*). The *<tokens>* are expanded once, and 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.

XP

<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\exp_args:Nc</code> ★	<code>\exp_args:Nc</code> $\langle function \rangle$ $\{\langle tokens \rangle\}$
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\exp_args:cc</code> ★	<p>This function absorbs two arguments (the <math>\langle function \rangle</math> name and the <math>\langle tokens \rangle</math>). The <math>\langle tokens \rangle</math> 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 <math>\langle function \rangle</math>. Thus the <math>\langle function \rangle</math> may take more than one argument: all others will be left unchanged.</p> <p>The <code>:cc</code> variant constructs the <math>\langle function \rangle</math> name in the same manner as described for the <math>\langle tokens \rangle</math>.</p> <p>XP</p>
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\exp_args:Nv</code> ★	<code>\exp_args:Nv</code> $\langle function \rangle$ $\langle variable \rangle$
		<p>This function absorbs two arguments (the names of the <math>\langle function \rangle</math> and the <math>\langle variable \rangle</math>). The content of the <math>\langle variable \rangle</math> are recovered and placed inside braces into the input stream <i>after</i> reinsertion of the <math>\langle function \rangle</math>. Thus the <math>\langle function \rangle</math> may take more than one argument: all others will be left unchanged.</p> <p>XP</p>
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\exp_args:Nv</code> ★	<code>\exp_args:Nv</code> $\langle function \rangle$ $\{\langle tokens \rangle\}$
		<p>This function absorbs two arguments (the <math>\langle function \rangle</math> name and the <math>\langle tokens \rangle</math>). The <math>\langle tokens \rangle</math> 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 <math>\langle variable \rangle</math>. The content of the <math>\langle variable \rangle</math> are recovered and placed inside braces into the input stream <i>after</i> reinsertion of the <math>\langle function \rangle</math>. Thus the <math>\langle function \rangle</math> may take more than one argument: all others will be left unchanged.</p> <p>XP</p>
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\exp_args:Nf</code> ★	<code>\exp_args:Nf</code> $\langle function \rangle$ $\{\langle tokens \rangle\}$
		<p>This function absorbs two arguments (the <math>\langle function \rangle</math> name and the <math>\langle tokens \rangle</math>). The <math>\langle tokens \rangle</math> 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 <math>\langle function \rangle</math>. Thus the <math>\langle function \rangle</math> may take more than one argument: all others will be left unchanged.</p> <p>XP</p>
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\exp_args:Nx</code>	<code>\exp_args:Nx</code> $\langle function \rangle$ $\{\langle tokens \rangle\}$
		<p>This function absorbs two arguments (the <math>\langle function \rangle</math> name and the <math>\langle tokens \rangle</math>) and exhaustively expands the <math>\langle tokens \rangle</math> second. The result is inserted in braces into the input stream <i>after</i> reinsertion of the <math>\langle function \rangle</math>. Thus the <math>\langle function \rangle</math> may take more than one argument: all others will be left unchanged.</p> <p>function</p>

## 5 Manipulating two arguments

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<code>\exp_args:NNo</code>	★	<code>\exp_args:NNo &lt;token&gt; {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
<code>\exp_args:(NNc NNv NNV NNf Nco Ncf Ncc 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.  
XP

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<code>\exp_args:Nno</code>	★	<code>\exp_args:Nno &lt;token&gt; {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
<code>\exp_args:(NnV Nnf Noo Nof Noc Nff Nfo 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&gt; {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
<code>\exp_args:(Nnx Ncx 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.  
function

## 6 Manipulating three arguments

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<code>\exp_args:NNNo</code>	★	<code>\exp_args:NNNo &lt;token&gt; &lt;token&gt; &lt;token&gt; {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
<code>\exp_args:(NNNV Nccc NcNc NcNo Ncco)</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.*  
XP

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<code>\exp_args:NNoo</code>	★	<code>\exp_args:NNoo &lt;token&gt; &lt;token&gt; &lt;token&gt; {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
<code>\exp_args:(NNno Nnno Nnnc Nooo)</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.

XP

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<code>\exp_args:NNnx</code>	<code>\exp_args:NNnx &lt;token_1&gt; &lt;token_2&gt; {\tokens_1} {\tokens_2}</code>
<code>\exp_args:(NNox Nnnx Nnox Noox Ncnx Nccx)</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.*

function

## 7 Unbraced expansion

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<code>\exp_last_unbraced:Nf</code>	★	<code>\exp_last_unbraced:Nno &lt;token&gt;</code>
<code>\exp_last_unbraced:(NV No Nv Nco NcV NNV NNo Nno Noo Nfo NNV NNNo NnNo)</code>	★	<code>&lt;tokens_1&gt; &lt;tokens_2&gt;</code>

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These functions absorb the number of arguments given by their specification, carry out the expansion indicated and leave the 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 \mypkg_foo: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 &lt;function&gt; {\tokens}</code>
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This functions fully expands the `<tokens>` and leaves the result in the input stream after reinsertion of `<function>`. This function is not expandable.

function

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<code>\exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo</code>	★	<code>\exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo &lt;token&gt; &lt;tokens_1&gt; {\tokens_2}</code>
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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.

XP

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<code>\exp_after:wN</code>	★	<code>\exp_after:wN &lt;token<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;token<sub>2</sub>&gt;</code>
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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  $\text{\TeX}$  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  $\text{\TeX}$  category codes). Unless specifically required, expansion should be carried out using an appropriate argument specifier variant or the appropriate `\exp_arg:N` function.

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

XP

## 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.

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<code>\exp_not:N</code>	★	<code>\exp_not:N &lt;token&gt;</code>
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Prevents expansion of the  $\langle token \rangle$  in a context where it would otherwise be expanded, for example an  $\mathbf{x}$ -type argument.

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

XP

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<code>\exp_not:c</code>	★	<code>\exp_not:c {\langle tokens \rangle}</code>
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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.

XP

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<code>\exp_not:n</code>	★	<code>\exp_not:n {\langle tokens \rangle}</code>
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Prevents expansion of the  $\langle tokens \rangle$  in a context where they would otherwise be expanded, for example an  $\mathbf{x}$ -type argument.

**$\text{\TeX}$ hackers note:** This is the  $\varepsilon$ - $\text{\TeX}$  `\unexpanded` primitive. Hence its argument *must* be surrounded by braces.

XP

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<code>\exp_not:V</code>	★	<code>\exp_not:V &lt;variable&gt;</code>
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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  $\mathbf{x}$ -type argument.

XP

<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\exp_not:v</code> ★ <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 <code>x</code> -type argument. XP
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\exp_not:o</code> ★ <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 <code>x</code> -type argument. XP
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\exp_not:f</code> ★ <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. XP
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\exp_stop_f</code> ★ <code>\function:f \tokens \exp_stop_f: \more tokens</code>
Updated: 2011-06-03	This function terminates an <code>f</code> -type expansion. Thus if a function <code>\function:f</code> starts an <code>f</code> -type expansion and all of $\langle tokens \rangle$ are expandable <code>\exp_stop_f</code> will terminate the expansion of tokens even if $\langle more tokens \rangle$ are also expandable. The function itself is an implicit space token. Inside an <code>x</code> -type expansion, it will retain its form, but when typeset it produces the underlying space ( $\sqcup$ ). pdated = 2011-06-03, EXP

## 9 Internal functions and variables

<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\l__exp_internal_tl</code>	The <code>\exp_</code> 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. variable
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\::n</code> <code>\::N</code> <code>\::p</code> <code>\::c</code> <code>\::o</code> <code>\::f</code> <code>\::x</code> <code>\::v</code> <code>\::V</code> <code>\:::</code>	<code>\cs_set_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Ncof { \::c \::o \::f \::: }</code> Internal forms for the base expansion types. These names do <i>not</i> conform to the general L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3 approach as this makes them more readily visible in the log and so forth.  function

## 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 typical states returned are *⟨true⟩* and *⟨false⟩* but other states are possible, say an *⟨error⟩* state for erroneous input, *e.g.*, text as input in a function comparing integers.

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. Important to note here is that 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).

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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 will not work properly 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:
}

```

This defines the function `\foo_if_bar_p:NN`, `\foo_if_bar:NNTF` and `\foo_if_bar:NNT` but not `\foo_if_bar:NNF` (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 an error if that branch is executed.

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```

\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \<name1>:<arg spec1> \<name2>:<arg spec2>
\prg_set_eq_conditional:NNn {\<conditions>}}

```

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These functions copies 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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```

\prg_return_true:  * \prg_return_true:
\prg_return_false: * \prg_return_false:

```

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These functions define the logical state at the end of a conditional. As such, they should appear within the code for a conditional statement generated by `\prg_set_conditional:Npnn`, *etc.*

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## 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).

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```

\bool_new:N \bool_new:N <boolean>
\bool_new:c

```

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Creates a new `<boolean>` or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The `<boolean>` will initially be `false`.

function

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<code>\bool_set_false:N</code>	<code>\bool_set_false:N &lt;boolean&gt;</code>
<code>\bool_set_false:c</code>	Sets $\langle boolean \rangle$ logically <b>false</b> .
<code>\bool_gset_false:N</code>	
<code>\bool_gset_false:c</code>	

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function

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<code>\bool_set_true:N</code>	<code>\bool_set_true:N &lt;boolean&gt;</code>
<code>\bool_set_true:c</code>	Sets $\langle boolean \rangle$ logically <b>true</b> .
<code>\bool_gset_true:N</code>	
<code>\bool_gset_true:c</code>	

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function

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<code>\bool_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\bool_set_eq:NN &lt;boolean<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;boolean<sub>2</sub>&gt;</code>
<code>\bool_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	Sets the content of $\langle boolean_1 \rangle$ equal to that of $\langle boolean_2 \rangle$ .
<code>\bool_gset_eq:NN</code>	
<code>\bool_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	

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function

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<code>\bool_set:Nn</code>	<code>\bool_set:Nn &lt;boolean&gt; {&lt;boolexpr&gt;}</code>
<code>\bool_set:cn</code>	Evaluates the $\langle boolean \text{ expression} \rangle$ as described for <code>\bool_if:n(TF)</code> , and sets the
<code>\bool_gset:Nn</code>	$\langle boolean \rangle$ variable to the logical truth of this evaluation.
<code>\bool_gset:cn</code>	

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<code>\bool_if_p:N</code> *	<code>\bool_if_p:N &lt;boolean&gt;</code>
<code>\bool_if_p:c</code> *	<code>\bool_if:NTF &lt;boolean&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\bool_if:N<math>\underline{TF}</math></code> *	Tests the current truth of $\langle boolean \rangle$ , and continues expansion based on this result.
<code>\bool_if:c<math>\underline{TF}</math></code> *	

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<code>\bool_show:N</code>	<code>\bool_show:N &lt;boolean&gt;</code>
<code>\bool_show:c</code>	Displays the logical truth of the $\langle boolean \rangle$ on the terminal.

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<code>\bool_show:n</code>	<code>\bool_show:n {&lt;boolean expression&gt;}</code>
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<code>\bool_if_exist_p:N</code> ★ <code>\bool_if_exist_p:c</code> ★ <code>\bool_if_exist:NTF</code> ★ <code>\bool_if_exist:cTF</code> ★	<code>\bool_if_exist_p:N</code> $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$ <code>\bool_if_exist:NTF</code> $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$ $\{\langle\textit{true code}\rangle\}$ $\{\langle\textit{false code}\rangle\}$ Tests whether the $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$ is currently defined. This does not check that the $\langle\textit{boolean}\rangle$ really is a boolean variable.
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New: 2012-03-03

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<code>\l_tmpa_bool</code> <code>\l_tmpb_bool</code>	A scratch boolean for local assignment. It is never used by the kernel code, and so is safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, it may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage. variable
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<code>\g_tmpa_bool</code> <code>\g_tmpb_bool</code>	A scratch boolean for global assignment. It is never used by the kernel code, and so is safe for use with any L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3-defined function. However, it may be overwritten by other non-kernel code and so should only be used for short-term storage. variable
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### 3 Boolean expressions

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

A boolean expression is an expression which given input in the form of predicate functions and boolean variables, return boolean  $\langle\textit{true}\rangle$  or  $\langle\textit{false}\rangle$ . It supports the logical operations And, Or and Not as the well-known infix operators `&&`, `||` and `!` with their usual precedences. 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 } ||
  \int_compare_p:n { 1 = \error } % is skipped
) &&
! ( \int_compare_p:n { 2 = 4 } )

```

is a valid boolean expression. Note that minimal evaluation is carried out whenever possible so that whenever a truth value cannot be changed any more, the remaining tests within the current group are skipped.

<hr/>	<code>\bool_if_p:n</code> ☆	<code>\bool_if_p:n {⟨boolean expression⟩}</code>
	<code>\bool_if:nTF</code> ☆	<code>\bool_if:nTF {⟨boolean expression⟩} {⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}</code>
<hr/>	Updated: 2012-07-08	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 <code>&amp;&amp;</code> (“And”), <code>  </code> (“Or”), <code>!</code> (“Not”) and parentheses. Minimal evaluation is used in the processing, so that once a result is defined there is not further expansion of the tests. For example

```

\bool_if_p:n
{
  \int_compare_p:nNn { 1 } = { 1 }
  &&
  (
    \int_compare_p:nNn { 2 } = { 3 } ||
    \int_compare_p:nNn { 4 } = { 4 } ||
    \int_compare_p:nNn { 1 } = { \error } % is skipped
  )
  &&
  ! \int_compare_p:nNn { 2 } = { 4 }
}

```

will be `true` and will not evaluate `\int_compare_p:nNn { 1 } = { \error }`. The logical Not applies to the next predicate or group.  
 XP, pTF, updated = 2012-07-08

<hr/>	<code>\bool_not_p:n</code> ☆	<code>\bool_not_p:n {⟨boolean expression⟩}</code>
<hr/>	Updated: 2012-07-08	Function version of <code>!(⟨boolean expression⟩)</code> within a boolean expression. XP, updated = 2012-07-08

<hr/>	<code>\bool_xor_p:nn</code> ☆	<code>\bool_xor_p:nn {⟨boolexpr<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨boolexpr<sub>2</sub>⟩}</code>
<hr/>	Updated: 2012-07-08	Implements an “exclusive or” operation between two boolean expressions. There is no infix operation for this logical operator. XP, updated = 2012-07-08

## 4 Logical loops

Loops using either boolean expressions or stored boolean values.

<hr/>	<code>\bool_do_until:Nn</code> ☆	<code>\bool_do_until:Nn ⟨boolean⟩ {⟨code⟩}</code>
<hr/>	<code>\bool_do_until:cn</code> ☆	Places the $\langle\text{code}\rangle$ in the input stream for T <sub>E</sub> X to process, and then checks the logical value of the $\langle\text{boolean}\rangle$ . If it is <code>false</code> then the $\langle\text{code}\rangle$ will be inserted into the input stream again and the process will loop until the $\langle\text{boolean}\rangle$ is <code>true</code> . EXP

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

## 5 Producing $n$ copies

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<code>\prg_replicate:nn</code> ★	<code>\prg_replicate:nn {&lt;integer expression&gt;} {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2011-07-04

Evaluates the *<integer expression>* (which should be zero or positive) and creates the resulting number of copies of the *<tokens>*. The function is both expandable and safe for nesting. It yields its result after two expansion steps.

pdated = 2011-07-04, EXP

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

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<code>\mode_if_horizontal_p:</code> ★	<code>\mode_if_horizontal_p:</code>
<code>\mode_if_horizontal:TF</code> ★	<code>\mode_if_horizontal:TF {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

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

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<code>\mode_if_inner_p:</code> ★	<code>\mode_if_inner_p:</code>
<code>\mode_if_inner:TF</code> ★	<code>\mode_if_inner:TF {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

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

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<code>\mode_if_math_p:</code> ★	<code>\mode_if_math:TF {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\mode_if_math:TF</code> ★	

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

Updated: 2011-09-05

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<code>\mode_if_vertical_p:</code> ★	<code>\mode_if_vertical_p:</code>
<code>\mode_if_vertical:TF</code> ★	<code>\mode_if_vertical:TF {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

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

## 7 Primitive conditionals

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<code>\if_predicate:w</code> ★	<code>\if_predicate:w &lt;predicate&gt; &lt;true code&gt; \else: &lt;false code&gt; \fi:</code>
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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 *<predicate>* but to make the coding clearer this should be done through `\if_bool:N`.)

XP

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<code>\if_bool:N</code> ★	<code>\if_bool:N &lt;boolean&gt; &lt;true code&gt; \else: &lt;false code&gt; \fi:</code>
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This function takes a boolean variable and branches according to the result.

XP

## 8 Internal programming functions

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<code>\group_align_safe_begin:</code>	★	<code>\group_align_safe_begin:</code>
<code>\group_align_safe_end:</code>	★	<code>...</code>
		<code>\group_align_safe_end:</code>

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Updated: 2011-08-11

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.

pdated = 2011-08-11, EXP

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<code>\scan_align_safe_stop:</code>	<code>\scan_align_safe_stop:</code>
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Updated: 2011-09-06

Stops  $\TeX$ 's scanner looking for expandable control sequences at the beginning of an alignment cell. This function is required, for example, to obtain the expected output when testing `\mode_if_math:TF` at the start of a math array cell: placing `\scan_align_safe_stop:` before `\mode_if_math:TF` will give the correct result. This function does not destroy any kerning if used in other locations, but *does* render functions non-expandable.

**$\TeX$ hackers note:** This is a protected version of `\prg_do_nothing:`, which therefore stops  $\TeX$ 's scanner in the circumstances described without producing any affect on the output.

pdated = 2011-09-06

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<code>\__prg_variable_get_scope:N</code>	★	<code>\__prg_variable_get_scope:N</code>	$\langle variable \rangle$
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Returns the scope (g for global, blank otherwise) for the  $\langle variable \rangle$ .  
XP

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<code>\__prg_variable_get_type:N</code>	★	<code>\__prg_variable_get_type:N</code>	$\langle variable \rangle$
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Returns the type of  $\langle variable \rangle$  (tl, int, etc.)  
XP

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

XP



<hr/> <hr/> <code>\__prg_map_break:Nn</code> ★	<code>\__prg_map_break:Nn \&lt;type&gt;_map_break: {\&lt;user code&gt;}</code> <code>...</code> <code>\__prg_break_point:Nn \&lt;type&gt;_map_break: {\&lt;ending code&gt;}</code> Breaks a recursion in mapping contexts, inserting in the input stream the <i>&lt;user code&gt;</i> after the <i>&lt;ending code&gt;</i> for the loop. The function breaks loops, inserting their <i>&lt;ending code&gt;</i> , until reaching a loop with the same <i>&lt;type&gt;</i> as its first argument. This <i>\&lt;type&gt;_map_break:</i> argument is simply used as a recognizable marker for the <i>&lt;type&gt;</i> . XP
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\g__prg_map_int</code>	This integer is used by non-expandable mapping functions to track the level of nesting in force. The functions <code>\__prg_map_1:w</code> , <code>\__prg_map_2:w</code> , <i>etc.</i> , labelled by <code>\g__prg_map_int</code> hold functions to be mapped over various list datatypes in inline and variable mappings. variable
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\__prg_break_point:</code> ★	This copy of <code>\prg_do_nothing:</code> is used to mark the end of a fast short-term recursions: the function <code>\__prg_break:n</code> uses this to break out of the loop. XP
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\__prg_break:</code> ★ <hr/> <hr/> <code>\__prg_break:n</code> ★	<code>\__prg_break:n {\&lt;tokens&gt;} ... \__prg_break_point:</code> Breaks a recursion which has no <i>&lt;ending code&gt;</i> and which is not a user-breakable mapping (see for instance <code>\prop_get:Nn</code> ), and inserts <i>&lt;tokens&gt;</i> in the input stream. XP

## 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><u>\quark_new:N</u></u>	<p><code>\quark_new:N &lt;quark&gt;</code></p> <p>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.</p> <p>function</p>
<u><u>\q_stop</u></u>	<p>Used as a marker for delimited arguments, such as</p> <pre>\cs_set:Npn \tmp:w #1#2 \q_stop {#1}</pre> <p>variable</p>
<u><u>\q_mark</u></u>	<p>Used as a marker for delimited arguments when <code>\q_stop</code> is already in use.</p> <p>variable</p>
	<p>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).</p> <p>variable</p>
<u><u>\q_no_value</u></u>	<p>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.</p> <p>variable</p>

## 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><u>\quark_if_nil_p:N</u></u> ★	<code>\quark_if_nil_p:N &lt;token&gt;</code>
<u><u>\quark_if_nil:NTF</u></u> ★	<code>\quark_if_nil:NTF &lt;token&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
	<p>Tests if the <code>&lt;token&gt;</code> is equal to <code>\q_nil</code>.</p> <p>XP,pTF</p>
<u><u>\quark_if_nil_p:n</u></u> ★	<code>\quark_if_nil_p:n {&lt;token list&gt;}</code>
<u><u>\quark_if_nil_p:(o V)</u></u> ★	<code>\quark_if_nil:nTF {&lt;token list&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<u><u>\quark_if_nil:nTF</u></u> ★	
<u><u>\quark_if_nil:(o V)TF</u></u> ★	<p>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).</p>

XP,pTF

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<code>\quark_if_no_value_p:N</code>	★	<code>\quark_if_no_value_p:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
<code>\quark_if_no_value_p:c</code>	★	<code>\quark_if_no_value:NTF</code>	$\langle token \rangle$ { $\langle true code \rangle$ } { $\langle false code \rangle$ }
<code>\quark_if_no_value:NTF</code>	★	Tests if the $\langle token \rangle$ is equal to <code>\q_no_value</code> .	
<code>\quark_if_no_value:cTF</code>	★		

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XP,pTF

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<code>\quark_if_no_value_p:n</code>	★	<code>\quark_if_no_value_p:n</code>	{ $\langle token list \rangle$ }
<code>\quark_if_no_value:nTF</code>	★	<code>\quark_if_no_value:NTF</code>	{ $\langle token list \rangle$ } { $\langle true code \rangle$ } { $\langle false code \rangle$ }

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Tests if the  $\langle token list \rangle$  contains only `\q_no_value` (distinct from  $\langle token list \rangle$  being empty or containing `\q_no_value` plus one or more other tokens).

XP,pTF

## 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 6.

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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. Can you guess why the documentation for this quark requires us to write the control sequence with the wrong slash before it?
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variable

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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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variable

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<code>\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N</code>	<code>\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N</code>	$\langle token \rangle$
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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.

function

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<code>\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n</code>	<code>\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n</code>	{ $\langle token list \rangle$ }
<code>\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:o</code>		

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Updated: 2011-09-06

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.

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<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.

function

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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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Updated: 2011-09-06

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.

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## 5 Clearing quarks away

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<code>\use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w</code>	<code>\use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w &lt;tokens&gt;</code>
	<code>\q_recursion_stop</code>

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Used to prematurely terminate a recursion using `\q_recursion_stop` as the end marker, removing any remaining  $\langle tokens \rangle$  from the input stream.

function

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<code>\use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw</code>	<code>\use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw {&lt;insertion&gt;}</code>
	<code>&lt;tokens&gt; \q_recursion_stop</code>

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Used to prematurely terminate a recursion using `\q_recursion_stop` as the end marker, removing any remaining  $\langle tokens \rangle$  from the input stream. The  $\langle insertion \rangle$  is then made into the input stream after the end of the recursion.

function

## 6 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.

```

1 \cs_new:Npn \my_map_dbl:nn #1#2
2 {
3   \cs_set:Npn \__my_map_dbl_fn:nn ##1 ##2 {#2}
4   \__my_map_dbl:nn #1 \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_tail \q_recursion_stop
5 }
```

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.

```

6 \cs_new:Nn \__my_map_dbl:nn
7 {
8   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n {#1}
9   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n {#2}
10  \__my_map_dbl_fn:nn {#1} {#2}
```

Finally, recurse:

```

11 \__my_map_dbl:nn
12 }
```

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`.

## 7 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:
```

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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:.`  
function

## 8 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 T<sub>E</sub>X 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.  
function

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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`.  
variable

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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 T<sub>E</sub>X error if `\s__stop` is absent.  
function

## 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 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 \%`

The assignment is local.  
function

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<code>\char_set_catcode_escape:n</code>	<code>\char_set_catcode_letter:n</code> $\{ \langle integer\ expression \rangle \}$
<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  $\langle character \rangle$  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.  
function

<hr/> <hr/> <code>\char_set_catcode:nn</code>	<code>\char_set_catcode:nn {⟨intexpr<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨intexpr<sub>2</sub>⟩}</code>	These functions set the category code of the <i>⟨character⟩</i> which has character code as given by the <i>⟨integer expression⟩</i> . The first <i>⟨integer expression⟩</i> 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 <code>\char_set_catcode_⟨type⟩</code> should be preferred, but there are cases where these lower-level functions may be useful. function
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\char_value_catcode:n</code> ★	<code>\char_value_catcode:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>	Expands to the current category code of the <i>⟨character⟩</i> with character code given by the <i>⟨integer expression⟩</i> . XP
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\char_show_value_catcode:n</code>	<code>\char_show_value_catcode:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>	Displays the current category code of the <i>⟨character⟩</i> with character code given by the <i>⟨integer expression⟩</i> on the terminal. function
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\char_set_lcode:nn</code>	<code>\char_set_lcode:nn {⟨intexpr<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨intexpr<sub>2</sub>⟩}</code>	This function set up the behaviour of <i>⟨character⟩</i> when found inside <code>\tl_to_lowercase:n</code> , such that <i>⟨character<sub>1</sub>⟩</i> will be converted into <i>⟨character<sub>2</sub>⟩</i> . The two <i>⟨characters⟩</i> may be specified using an <i>⟨integer expression⟩</i> for the character code concerned. This may include the T <sub>E</sub> X ‘ <i>⟨character⟩</i> ’ method for converting a single character into its character code:  <pre> \char_set_lcode:nn { ‘\A } { ‘\a } % Standard behaviour \char_set_lcode:nn { ‘\A } { ‘\A + 32 } \char_set_lcode:nn { 50 } { 60 } </pre> The setting applies within the current T <sub>E</sub> X group. function
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\char_value_lcode:n</code> ★	<code>\char_value_lcode:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>	Expands to the current lower case code of the <i>⟨character⟩</i> with character code given by the <i>⟨integer expression⟩</i> . XP
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\char_show_value_lcode:n</code>	<code>\char_show_value_lcode:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>	Displays the current lower case code of the <i>⟨character⟩</i> with character code given by the <i>⟨integer expression⟩</i> on the terminal. function

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<code>\char_set_uccode:nn</code>	<code>\char_set_uccode:nn {⟨intexpr<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨intexpr<sub>2</sub>⟩}</code>
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This function set up the behaviour of  $\langle character \rangle$  when found inside `\tl_to_uppercase:n`, 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:

```
\char_set_uccode:nn { '\a } { '\A } % Standard behaviour
\char_set_uccode:nn { '\A } { '\A - 32 }
\char_set_uccode:nn { 60 } { 50 }
```

The setting applies within the current T<sub>E</sub>X group.  
function

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<code>\char_value_uccode:n</code> ★	<code>\char_value_uccode:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
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Expands to the current upper case code of the  $\langle character \rangle$  with character code given by the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$ .  
XP

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

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<code>\char_set_mathcode:nn</code>	<code>\char_set_mathcode:nn {⟨intexpr<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨intexpr<sub>2</sub>⟩}</code>
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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.  
function

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<code>\char_value_mathcode:n</code> ★	<code>\char_value_mathcode:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
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Expands to the current math code of the  $\langle character \rangle$  with character code given by the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$ .  
XP

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

Displays the current math code of the  $\langle character \rangle$  with character code given by the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$  on the terminal.  
function

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<code>\char_set_sfcode:nn</code>	<code>\char_set_sfcode:nn {⟨intexpr<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨intexpr<sub>2</sub>⟩}</code>
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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.

function

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`\char_value_sfcode:n` ★ `\char_value_sfcode:n {\langle integer expression \rangle}`

---

Expands to the current space factor for the  $\langle character \rangle$  with character code given by the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$ .  
 XP

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`\char_show_value_sfcode:n` `\char_show_value_sfcode:n {\langle integer expression \rangle}`

---

Displays the current space factor for the  $\langle character \rangle$  with character code given by the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$  on the terminal.  
 function

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`\l_char_active_seq`

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New: 2012-01-23

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Used to track which tokens will require special handling at the document level as they are 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.  
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`\l_char_special_seq`

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New: 2012-01-23

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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 `\\` for the backslash or `\{` for an opening brace. Escaped tokens should be added to the sequence when they are defined for general document use.  
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### 3 Generic tokens

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`\token_new:Nn` `\token_new:Nn \langle token_1 \rangle {\langle token_2 \rangle}`

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Defines  $\langle token_1 \rangle$  to globally be a snapshot of  $\langle token_2 \rangle$ . This will be an implicit representation of  $\langle token_2 \rangle$ .  
 function

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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.

variable

<hr/> <code>\c_catcode_letter_token</code> <hr/>	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. variable
<code>\c_catcode_other_token</code> <hr/>	

<hr/> <code>\c_catcode_active_tl</code> <hr/>	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. variable
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## 4 Converting tokens

<hr/> <code>\token_to_meaning:N</code> ★	<code>\token_to_meaning:N</code> $\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_to_meaning:c</code> ★ <hr/>	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 <code>\cs_set_nopar:Npn</code> and token list variables defined using <code>\tl_new:N</code> will be described as macros.

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

XP

<hr/> <code>\token_to_str:N</code> ★	<code>\token_to_str:N</code> $\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_to_str:c</code> ★ <hr/>	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.

XP

## 5 Token conditionals

<hr/> <code>\token_if_group_begin_p:N</code> ★	<code>\token_if_group_begin_p:N</code> $\langle token \rangle$
<code>\token_if_group_begin:NTF</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\token_if_group_begin:NTF</code> $\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$

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.  
 XP,pTF

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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>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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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).  
 XP,pTF

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<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>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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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).  
 XP,pTF

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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>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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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).  
 XP,pTF

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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>	$\langle token \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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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).  
 XP,pTF

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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).  
 XP,pTF

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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.  
 XP,pTF

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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.  
 XP,pTF

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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.  
 XP,pTF

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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>	$\langle token_1 \rangle$ $\langle token_2 \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

---

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

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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  $\text{\TeX}$  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.  
 XP,pTF

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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.

XP,pTF

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<code>\token_if_long_macro_p:N</code>	<code>*</code>	<code>\token_if_long_macro_p:N</code>	<code>&lt;token&gt;</code>
<code>\token_if_long_macro:NTF</code>	<code>*</code>	<code>\token_if_long_macro:NTF</code>	<code>&lt;token&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>

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Updated: 2012-01-20

Tests if the `<token>` is a long macro.

XP,pTF, updated=2012-01-20

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<code>\token_if_protected_macro_p:N</code>	<code>*</code>	<code>\token_if_protected_macro_p:N</code>	<code>&lt;token&gt;</code>
<code>\token_if_protected_macro:NTF</code>	<code>*</code>	<code>\token_if_protected_macro:NTF</code>	<code>&lt;token&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>

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Updated: 2012-01-20

Tests if the `<token>` 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>*</code>	<code>\token_if_protected_long_macro_p:N</code>	<code>&lt;token&gt;</code>
<code>\token_if_protected_long_macro:NTF</code>	<code>*</code>	<code>\token_if_protected_long_macro:NTF</code>	<code>&lt;token&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>

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Updated: 2012-01-20

Tests if the `<token>` is a protected long macro.

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<code>\token_if_chardef_p:N</code>	<code>*</code>	<code>\token_if_chardef_p:N</code>	<code>&lt;token&gt;</code>
<code>\token_if_chardef:NTF</code>	<code>*</code>	<code>\token_if_chardef:NTF</code>	<code>&lt;token&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>

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Updated: 2012-01-20

Tests if the `<token>` 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>*</code>	<code>\token_if_mathchardef_p:N</code>	<code>&lt;token&gt;</code>
<code>\token_if_mathchardef:NTF</code>	<code>*</code>	<code>\token_if_mathchardef:NTF</code>	<code>&lt;token&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>

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Updated: 2012-01-20

Tests if the `<token>` is defined to be a mathchardef.

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<code>\token_if_dim_register_p:N</code>	<code>*</code>	<code>\token_if_dim_register_p:N</code>	<code>&lt;token&gt;</code>
<code>\token_if_dim_register:NTF</code>	<code>*</code>	<code>\token_if_dim_register:NTF</code>	<code>&lt;token&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>

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Updated: 2012-01-20

Tests if the `<token>` 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 a integer register.

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

XP,pTF, updated=2012-01-20

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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.

XP,pTF, added=2012-02-15

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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.

XP,pTF, updated=2012-01-20

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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

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

XP,pTF, updated=2012-01-20

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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

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

pdated = 2011-05-23, EXP,pTF

## 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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**\peek\_after:Nw****\peek\_after:Nw**  $\langle function \rangle$   $\langle token \rangle$ 

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 `\`, `{` 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.

function

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**\peek\_gafter:Nw****\peek\_gafter:Nw**  $\langle function \rangle$   $\langle token \rangle$ 

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 `\`, `{` 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.

function

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**\l\_peek\_token**

Token set by `\peek_after:Nw` and available for testing as described above.

variable

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**\g\_peek\_token**

Token set by `\peek_gafter:Nw` and available for testing as described above.

variable

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**\peek\_catcode:NTF****\peek\_catcode:NTF**  $\langle test token \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$ 

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Updated: 2011-07-02

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).

pdated = 2011-07-02, TF

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**\peek\_catcode\_ignore\_spaces:NTF****\peek\_catcode\_ignore\_spaces:NTF**  $\langle test token \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$ 

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Updated: 2011-07-02

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 ignored 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).

pdated = 2011-07-02, TF

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**\peek\_catcode\_remove:NTF****\peek\_catcode\_remove:NTF**  $\langle test token \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$ 

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Updated: 2011-07-02

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 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).

pdated = 2011-07-02, TF

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<code>\peek_catcode_remove_ignore_spaces:N</code> <u><code>TF</code></u>	<code>\peek_catcode_remove_ignore_spaces:N</code> <u><code>TF</code></u> $\langle test\ token \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
Updated: 2011-07-02	

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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 ignored 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).

pdated = 2011-07-02, TF

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<code>\peek_charcode:N</code> <u><code>TF</code></u>	<code>\peek_charcode:N</code> <u><code>TF</code></u> $\langle test\ token \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
Updated: 2011-07-02	

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Tests if the next  $\langle token \rangle$  in the input stream has the same character code as the  $\langle test\ token \rangle$  (as defined by the test `\token_if_eq_charcode: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).

pdated = 2011-07-02, TF

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<code>\peek_charcode_ignore_spaces:N</code> <u><code>TF</code></u>	<code>\peek_charcode_ignore_spaces:N</code> <u><code>TF</code></u> $\langle test\ token \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
Updated: 2011-07-02	

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Tests if the next  $\langle token \rangle$  in the input stream has the same character code as the  $\langle test\ token \rangle$  (as defined by the test `\token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF`). Spaces are ignored 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_charcode_remove:N</code> <u><code>TF</code></u>	<code>\peek_charcode_remove:N</code> <u><code>TF</code></u> $\langle test\ token \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
Updated: 2011-07-02	

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Tests if the next  $\langle token \rangle$  in the input stream has the same character code as the  $\langle test\ token \rangle$  (as defined by the test `\token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF`). Spaces are respected 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).

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<code>\peek_charcode_remove_ignore_spaces:N</code> <u><code>TF</code></u>	<code>\peek_charcode_remove_ignore_spaces:N</code> <u><code>TF</code></u> $\langle test\ token \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
Updated: 2011-07-02	

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Tests if the next  $\langle token \rangle$  in the input stream has the same character code as the  $\langle test\ token \rangle$  (as defined by the test `\token_if_eq_charcode:NNTF`). Spaces are ignored 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).

pdated = 2011-07-02, TF

<u><code>\peek_meaning:N</code></u> <u><code>NTF</code></u>	<code>\peek_meaning:NTF &lt;test token&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>
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 <code>\token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF</code> ). 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). pdated = 2011-07-02, TF

<u><code>\peek_meaning_ignore_spaces:N</code></u> <u><code>NTF</code></u>	<code>\peek_meaning_ignore_spaces:NTF &lt;test token&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>
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 <code>\token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF</code> ). Spaces are ignored 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). pdated = 2011-07-02, TF

<u><code>\peek_meaning_remove:N</code></u> <u><code>NTF</code></u>	<code>\peek_meaning_remove:NTF &lt;test token&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>
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 <code>\token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF</code> ). 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). pdated = 2011-07-02, TF

<u><code>\peek_meaning_remove_ignore_spaces:N</code></u> <u><code>NTF</code></u>	<code>\peek_meaning_remove_ignore_spaces:NTF &lt;test token&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>
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 <code>\token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF</code> ). Spaces are ignored 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). pdated = 2011-07-02, TF

## 7 Decomposing a macro definition

These functions decompose TeX macros into their constituent parts: if the *<token>* 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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`\token_get_arg_spec:N` ★ `\token_get_arg_spec:N`  $\langle token \rangle$

If the  $\langle token \rangle$  is a macro, this function will leave the primitive `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

**TeXhackers note:** If the arg spec. contains the string `->`, then the `spec` function will produce incorrect results.

XP

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`\token_get_replacement_spec:N` ★ `\token_get_replacement_spec:N`  $\langle token \rangle$

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

XP

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

If the  $\langle token \rangle$  is a macro, this function will leave the `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

XP

## 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

`\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 `)`. After two expansions, `\int_eval:n` yields an *⟨integer denotation⟩* which is left in the input stream. This is *not* an *⟨internal integer⟩*, and therefore requires suitable termination if used in a T<sub>E</sub>X-style integer assignment.

XP

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

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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.

XP

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`\int_div_round:nn` ★ `\int_div_round:nn {⟨intexpr1⟩} {⟨intexpr2⟩}`

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Evaluates the two *⟨integer expressions⟩* as described earlier, then calculates the result of dividing the first value by the second, rounding any remainder. Ties are rounded away from zero. Note that this is identical to using `/` directly in an *⟨integer expression⟩*. The result is left in the input stream as an *⟨integer denotation⟩* after two expansions.

XP

<hr/> <code>\int_div_truncate:nn</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\int_div_truncate:nn</code> $\{\langle integer \rangle_1\} \{\langle integer \rangle_2\}$
Updated: 2012-02-09	Evaluates the two $\langle integer \rangle$ s as described earlier, then calculates the result of dividing the first value by the second, truncating any remainder. Note that division using / rounds the result. The result is left in the input stream as an $\langle integer \rangle$ after two expansions. XP, updated = 2012-02-09
<hr/> <code>\int_max:nn</code> ★ <code>\int_min:nn</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\int_max:nn</code> $\{\langle integer \rangle_1\} \{\langle integer \rangle_2\}$ <code>\int_min:nn</code> $\{\langle integer \rangle_1\} \{\langle integer \rangle_2\}$
	Evaluates the $\langle integer \rangle$ s as described for <code>\int_eval:n</code> and leaves either the larger or smaller value in the input stream as an $\langle integer \rangle$ after two expansions. XP
<hr/> <code>\int_mod:nn</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\int_mod:nn</code> $\{\langle integer \rangle_1\} \{\langle integer \rangle_2\}$
	Evaluates the two $\langle integer \rangle$ s as described earlier, then calculates the integer remainder of dividing the first expression by the second. This is left in the input stream as an $\langle integer \rangle$ after two expansions. XP

## 2 Creating and initialising integers

<hr/> <code>\int_new:N</code> <code>\int_new:c</code> <hr/>	<code>\int_new:N</code> $\langle integer \rangle$ 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. function
<hr/> <code>\int_const:Nn</code> <code>\int_const:cn</code> <hr/>	<code>\int_const:Nn</code> $\langle integer \rangle \{\langle integer \rangle\}$ 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 $\langle integer \rangle$ . pdated = 2011-10-22
<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</code> $\langle integer \rangle$ Sets $\langle integer \rangle$ to 0. function

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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 <integer>
```

Ensures that the  $\langle integer \rangle$  exists globally by applying  $\backslash int\_new:N$  if necessary, then applies  $\backslash int\_gzero:N$  to leave the  $\langle integer \rangle$  set to zero.

added = 2011-12-13

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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 <integer1> <integer2>
```

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

function

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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 <int>
```

```
\int_if_exist:NTF <int> {\true code} {\false code}
```

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

XP, pTF, added=2012-03-03

### 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 <integer> {\integer expression}
```

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 <integer>
```

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

function

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

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```
\int_incr:N <integer>
```

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

function



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<code>\int_set:Nn</code>	<code>\int_set:Nn &lt;integer&gt; {\integer expression}</code>
<code>\int_set:cn</code>	
<code>\int_gset:Nn</code>	Sets <i>&lt;integer&gt;</i> to the value of <i>&lt;integer expression&gt;</i> , which must evaluate to an integer (as described for <code>\int_eval:n</code> ).
<code>\int_gset:cn</code>	

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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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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## 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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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`).

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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**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.

pdated = 2011-10-22, EXP

## 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>

---

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	<

XP,pTF

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```

\int_compare_p:n ★ \int_compare_p:n { <intexpr1> <relation> <intexpr2> }
\int_compare:nTF ★ \int_compare:nTF
                    { <intexpr1> <relation> <intexpr2> }
                    {<true code>} {<false 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	= or ==
Greater than or equal to	>=
Greater than	>
Less than or equal to	<=
Less than	<
Not equal	!=

XP,pTF

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```

\int_case:nnn ★ \int_case:nnn {<test integer expression>}
                {
                {<intexpr case1>} {<code case1>}
                {<intexpr case2>} {<code case2>}
                ...
                {<intexpr casen>} {<code casen>}
                }
                {<else code>}

```

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New: 2012-06-03

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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 none of the tests are **true** then the **else code** will be left in the input stream. For example

```

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

```

will leave “Medium” in the input stream.  
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```

\int_if_even_p:n ★ \int_if_odd_p:n {<integer expression>}
\int_if_even:nTF ★ \int_if_odd:nTF {<integer expression>}
\int_if_odd_p:n ★ {<true code>} {<false code>}
\int_if_odd:nTF ★

```

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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.  
XP,pTF

## 6 Integer expression loops

<hr/> <code>\int_do_until:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	$\backslash\mathrm{int\_do\_until:nNnn}\{\langle\mathrm{intexpr}_1\rangle\}\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle\{\langle\mathrm{intexpr}_2\rangle\}\{\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle\}$ <p>Places the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> in the input stream for T<sub>E</sub>X to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two <math>\langle\mathrm{integer\ expressions}\rangle</math> as described for <code>\int_compare:nNnTF</code>. If the test is <b>false</b> then the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the <math>\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle</math> is <b>true</b>.</p> <p>EXP</p>
<hr/> <code>\int_do_while:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	$\backslash\mathrm{int\_do\_while:nNnn}\{\langle\mathrm{intexpr}_1\rangle\}\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle\{\langle\mathrm{intexpr}_2\rangle\}\{\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle\}$ <p>Places the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> in the input stream for T<sub>E</sub>X to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two <math>\langle\mathrm{integer\ expressions}\rangle</math> as described for <code>\int_compare:nNnTF</code>. If the test is <b>true</b> then the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the <math>\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle</math> is <b>false</b>.</p> <p>EXP</p>
<hr/> <code>\int_until_do:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	$\backslash\mathrm{int\_until\_do:nNnn}\{\langle\mathrm{intexpr}_1\rangle\}\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle\{\langle\mathrm{intexpr}_2\rangle\}\{\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle\}$ <p>Evaluates the relationship between the two <math>\langle\mathrm{integer\ expressions}\rangle</math> as described for <code>\int_compare:nNnTF</code>, and then places the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> in the input stream if the <math>\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle</math> is <b>false</b>. After the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> 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>.</p> <p>EXP</p>
<hr/> <code>\int_while_do:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	$\backslash\mathrm{int\_while\_do:nNnn}\{\langle\mathrm{intexpr}_1\rangle\}\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle\{\langle\mathrm{intexpr}_2\rangle\}\{\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle\}$ <p>Evaluates the relationship between the two <math>\langle\mathrm{integer\ expressions}\rangle</math> as described for <code>\int_compare:nNnTF</code>, and then places the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> in the input stream if the <math>\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle</math> is <b>true</b>. After the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> 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>.</p> <p>EXP</p>
<hr/> <code>\int_do_until:nn</code> ☆ <hr/>	$\backslash\mathrm{int\_do\_until:nn}\{\langle\mathrm{intexpr}_1\rangle\}\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle\langle\mathrm{intexpr}_2\rangle\}\{\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle\}$ <p>Places the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> in the input stream for T<sub>E</sub>X to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two <math>\langle\mathrm{integer\ expressions}\rangle</math> as described for <code>\int_compare:nTF</code>. If the test is <b>false</b> then the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the <math>\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle</math> is <b>true</b>.</p> <p>EXP</p>
<hr/> <code>\int_do_while:nn</code> ☆ <hr/>	$\backslash\mathrm{int\_do\_while:nn}\{\langle\mathrm{intexpr}_1\rangle\}\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle\langle\mathrm{intexpr}_2\rangle\}\{\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle\}$ <p>Places the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> in the input stream for T<sub>E</sub>X to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two <math>\langle\mathrm{integer\ expressions}\rangle</math> as described for <code>\int_compare:nTF</code>. If the test is <b>true</b> then the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the <math>\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle</math> is <b>false</b>.</p> <p>EXP</p>

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`\int_until_do:nn` ☆ `\int_until_do:nn { <intexpr1> <relation> <intexpr2> } {<code>}`

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Evaluates the relationship between the two *<integer expressions>* as described for `\int_compare:nTF`, and then places the *<code>* in the input stream if the *<relation>* is **false**. After the *<code>* has been processed by T<sub>E</sub>X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is **true**.  
EXP

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`\int_while_do:nn` ☆ `\int_while_do:nn { <intexpr1> <relation> <intexpr2> } {<code>}`

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Evaluates the relationship between the two *<integer expressions>* as described for `\int_compare:nTF`, and then places the *<code>* in the input stream if the *<relation>* is **true**. After the *<code>* has been processed by T<sub>E</sub>X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is **false**.  
EXP

## 7 Integer step functions

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`\int_step_function:nnnN` ☆ `\int_step_function:nnnN {<initial value>} {<step>} {<final value>} <function>`

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New: 2012-06-04  
Updated: 2012-06-29

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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>*). Thus *<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` `\int_step_inline:nnnn {<initial value>} {<step>} {<final value>} {<code>}`

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New: 2012-06-04  
Updated: 2012-06-29

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This function first evaluates the *<initial value>*, *<step>* and *<final value>*, all of which should be integer expressions. The *<code>* is then placed in front of each *<value>* from the *<initial value>* to the *<final value>* in turn (using *<step>* between each *<value>*). Thus the *<code>* should define a function of one argument (**#1**).

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

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New: 2012-06-04  
Updated: 2012-06-29

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This function first evaluates the *<initial value>*, *<step>* and *<final value>*, all of which should be integer expressions. 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>*.

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## 8 Formatting integers

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

<hr/> <code>\int_to_arabic:n</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\int_to_arabic:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
Updated: 2011-10-22 <hr/>	Places the value of the <i>⟨integer expression⟩</i> in the input stream as digits, with category code 12 (other). pdated = 2011-10-22, EXP
<hr/> <code>\int_to_alph:n</code> ★ <code>\int_to_Alph:n</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\int_to_alph:n {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
Updated: 2011-09-17 <hr/>	Evaluates the <i>⟨integer expression⟩</i> 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  <code>\int_to_alph:n { 1 }</code>  places <b>a</b> in the input stream,  <code>\int_to_alph:n { 26 }</code>  is represented as <b>z</b> and  <code>\int_to_alph:n { 27 }</code>  is converted to <b>aa</b> . For conversions using other alphabets, use <code>\int_convert_to_symbols:nnn</code> to define an alphabet-specific function. The basic <code>\int_to_alph:n</code> and <code>\int_to_Alph:n</code> functions should not be modified. pdated = 2011-09-17, EXP

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`\int_to_symbols:nnn` ★  
Updated: 2011-09-17

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`\int_to_symbols:nnn`  
 $\{\langle integer\ expression\rangle\} \{\langle total\ symbols\rangle\}$   
 $\langle value\ to\ symbol\ mapping\rangle$

This is the low-level function for conversion of an  $\langle integer\ expression\rangle$  into a symbolic form (which will often be letters). The  $\langle total\ symbols\rangle$  available should be given as an integer expression. Values are actually converted to symbols according to the  $\langle value\ to\ symbol\ mapping\rangle$ . This should be given as  $\langle total\ symbols\rangle$  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_convert_to_symbols:nnn {#1} { 26 }
  {
    { 1 } { a }
    { 2 } { b }
    ...
    { 26 } { z }
  }
}
```

pdated = 2011-09-17, EXP

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`\int_to_binary:n` ★  
Updated: 2011-09-17

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`\int_to_binary:n`  $\{\langle integer\ expression\rangle\}$   
Calculates the value of the  $\langle integer\ expression\rangle$  and places the binary representation of the result in the input stream.  
pdated = 2011-09-17, EXP

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`\int_to_hexadecimal:n` ★  
Updated: 2011-09-17

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`\int_to_hexadecimal:n`  $\{\langle integer\ expression\rangle\}$   
Calculates the value of the  $\langle integer\ expression\rangle$  and places the hexadecimal (base 16) representation of the result in the input stream. Upper case letters are used for digits beyond 9.  
pdated = 2011-09-17, EXP

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`\int_to_octal:n` ★  
Updated: 2011-09-17

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`\int_to_octal:n`  $\{\langle integer\ expression\rangle\}$   
Calculates the value of the  $\langle integer\ expression\rangle$  and places the octal (base 8) representation of the result in the input stream.  
pdated = 2011-09-17, EXP

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`\int_to_base:nn` ★  
Updated: 2011-09-17

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`\int_to_base:nn`  $\{\langle integer\ expression\rangle\} \{\langle base\rangle\}$   
Calculates the value of the  $\langle integer\ expression\rangle$  and converts it into the appropriate representation in the  $\langle base\rangle$ ; the later may be given as an integer expression. For bases greater than 10 the higher “digits” are represented by the upper case letters from the English alphabet. The maximum  $\langle base\rangle$  value is 36.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is a generic version of `\int_to_binary:n`, etc.

pdated = 2011-09-17, EXP

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<code>\int_to_roman:n</code> ☆	<code>\int_to_roman:n</code> { <i>&lt;integer expression&gt;</i> }
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<code>\int_to_Roman:n</code> ☆	
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Updated: 2011-10-22	
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Places the value of the *<integer expression>* in the input stream as Roman numerals, either lower case (`\int_to_roman:n`) or upper case (`\int_to_Roman:n`). The Roman numerals are letters with category code 11 (letter).

pdated = 2011-10-22, rEXP

## 9 Converting from other formats to integers

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<code>\int_from_alph:n</code> ☆	<code>\int_from_alph:n</code> { <i>&lt;letters&gt;</i> }
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Converts the *<letters>* into the integer (base 10) representation and leaves this in the input stream. The *<letters>* are treated using the English alphabet only, with “a” equal to 1 through to “z” equal to 26. Either lower or upper case letters may be used. This is the inverse function of `\int_to_alph:n`.

XP

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<code>\int_from_binary:n</code> ☆	<code>\int_from_binary:n</code> { <i>&lt;binary number&gt;</i> }
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Converts the *<binary number>* into the integer (base 10) representation and leaves this in the input stream.

XP

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<code>\int_from_hexadecimal:n</code> ☆	<code>\int_from_hexadecimal:n</code> { <i>&lt;hexadecimal number&gt;</i> }
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Converts the *<hexadecimal number>* into the integer (base 10) representation and leaves this in the input stream. Digits greater than 9 may be represented in the *<hexadecimal number>* by upper or lower case letters.

XP

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<code>\int_from_octal:n</code> ☆	<code>\int_from_octal:n</code> { <i>&lt;octal number&gt;</i> }
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Converts the *<octal number>* into the integer (base 10) representation and leaves this in the input stream.

XP

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<code>\int_from_roman:n</code> ☆	<code>\int_from_roman:n</code> { <i>&lt;roman numeral&gt;</i> }
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Converts the *<roman numeral>* into the integer (base 10) representation and leaves this in the input stream. The *<roman numeral>* may be in upper or lower case; if the numeral is not valid then the resulting value will be  $-1$ .

XP

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<code>\int_from_base:nn</code> ☆	<code>\int_from_base:nn</code> { <i>&lt;number&gt;</i> } { <i>&lt;base&gt;</i> }
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Converts the *<number>* in *<base>* into the appropriate value in base 10. The *<number>* should consist of digits and letters (either lower or upper case), plus optionally a leading sign. The maximum *<base>* value is 36.

XP

## 10 Viewing integers

<u><code>\int_show:N</code></u> <u><code>\int_show:c</code></u>	<code>\int_show:N</code> $\langle integer \rangle$ Displays the value of the $\langle integer \rangle$ on the terminal. function
<u><code>\int_show:n</code></u>	<code>\int_show:n</code> $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$ Displays the result of evaluating the $\langle integer\ expression \rangle$ on the terminal.
New: 2011-11-22 Updated: 2012-05-27	dded = 2011-11-22, updated = 2012-05-27

## 11 Constant integers

<code>\c_minus_one</code>	Integer values used with primitive tests and assignments: self-terminating nature makes these more convenient and faster than literal numbers.
<code>\c_zero</code>	
<code>\c_one</code>	
<code>\c_two</code>	
<code>\c_three</code>	
<code>\c_four</code>	
<code>\c_five</code>	
<code>\c_six</code>	
<code>\c_seven</code>	
<code>\c_eight</code>	
<code>\c_nine</code>	
<code>\c_ten</code>	
<code>\c_eleven</code>	
<code>\c_twelve</code>	
<code>\c_thirteen</code>	
<code>\c_fourteen</code>	
<code>\c_fifteen</code>	
<code>\c_sixteen</code>	
<code>\c_thirty_two</code>	
<code>\c_one_hundred</code>	
<code>\c_two_hundred_fifty_five</code>	
<code>\c_two_hundred_fifty_six</code>	
<code>\c_one_thousand</code>	
<code>\c_ten_thousand</code>	
	variable
<code>\c_max_int</code>	The maximum value that can be stored as an integer.



variable

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<code>\c_max_register_int</code>	Maximum number of registers. variable
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## 12 Scratch integers

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<code>\l_tmpa_int</code> <code>\l_tmpb_int</code>	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. variable
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<code>\g_tmpa_int</code> <code>\g_tmpb_int</code>	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. variable
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## 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`.

XP

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<code>\if_case:w</code> ★	<code>\if_case:w</code> $\langle integer \rangle$ $\langle case_0 \rangle$
<code>\or:</code> ★	<code>\or:</code> $\langle case_1 \rangle$
	<code>\or:</code> ...
	<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, <i>etc.</i> The $\langle integer \rangle$ may be a literal, a constant or an integer expression ( <i>e.g.</i> using <code>\int_eval:n</code> ).

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

XP

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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>		

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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 `\else:` branch is optional.

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

XP

## 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 $\langle non-expandable\ token \rangle$
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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 *are* 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.

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

XP

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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.

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

XP

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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.

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

XP

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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 &lt;token&gt;</code>

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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.  
function

## 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:N</code> $\langle dimension \rangle$
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<code>\dim_new:c</code>	
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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 0pt.  
function

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<code>\dim_const:Nn</code>	<code>\dim_const:Nn</code> $\langle dimension \rangle$ $\{ \langle dimension expression \rangle \}$
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<code>\dim_const:cn</code>	
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New: 2012-03-05	
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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  $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .  
added = 2012-03-05

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<code>\dim_zero:N</code>	<code>\dim_zero:N</code> $\langle dimension \rangle$
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<code>\dim_zero:c</code>	
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<code>\dim_gzero:N</code>	
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<code>\dim_gzero:c</code>	
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Sets  $\langle dimension \rangle$  to 0pt.

function

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<code>\dim_zero_new:N</code>	<code>\dim_zero_new:N</code> $\langle dimension \rangle$
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<code>\dim_zero_new:c</code>	
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<code>\dim_gzero_new:N</code>	
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<code>\dim_gzero_new:c</code>	
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New: 2012-01-07	
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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.

added = 2012-01-07

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<code>\dim_if_exist_p:N</code> *	<code>\dim_if_exist_p:N</code> $\langle dimension \rangle$
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<code>\dim_if_exist_p:c</code> *	<code>\dim_if_exist:NTF</code> $\langle dimension \rangle$ $\{ \langle true code \rangle \} \{ \langle false code \rangle \}$
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<code>\dim_if_exist:NTF</code> *	
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<code>\dim_if_exist:cTF</code> *	
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Tests whether the  $\langle dimension \rangle$  is currently defined. This does not check that the  $\langle dimension \rangle$  really is a dimension variable.

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New: 2012-03-03	
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XP, pTF, added=2012-03-03

## 2 Setting dim variables

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```
\dim_add:Nn
\dim_add:cn
\dim_gadd:Nn
\dim_gadd:cn
```

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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```
\dim_add:Nn <dimension> {<dimension expression>}
```

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

pdated = 2011-10-22

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```
\dim_set:Nn
\dim_set:cn
\dim_gset:Nn
\dim_gset:cn
```

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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```
\dim_set:Nn <dimension> {<dimension expression>}
```

Sets  $\langle dimension \rangle$  to the value of  $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ , which must evaluate to a length with units.

pdated = 2011-10-22

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```
\dim_set_eq:Nn
\dim_set_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)
\dim_gset_eq:Nn
\dim_gset_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)
```

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```
\dim_set_eq:Nn <dimension1> <dimension2>
```

Sets the content of  $\langle dimension_1 \rangle$  equal to that of  $\langle dimension_2 \rangle$ .

function

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```
\dim_set_max:Nn
\dim_set_max:cn
\dim_gset_max:Nn
\dim_gset_max:cn
```

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Updated: 2012-02-06

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```
\dim_set_max:Nn <dimension> {<dimension expression>}
```

Compares the current value of the  $\langle dimension \rangle$  with that of the  $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ , and sets the  $\langle dimension \rangle$  to the larger of these two value.

pdated = 2012-02-06

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```
\dim_set_min:Nn
\dim_set_min:cn
\dim_gset_min:Nn
\dim_gset_min:cn
```

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Updated: 2012-02-06

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```
\dim_set_min:Nn <dimension> {<dimension expression>}
```

Compares the current value of the  $\langle dimension \rangle$  with that of the  $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ , and sets the  $\langle dimension \rangle$  to the smaller of these two value.

pdated = 2012-02-06

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```
\dim_sub:Nn
\dim_sub:cn
\dim_gsub:Nn
\dim_gsub:cn
```

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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```
\dim_sub:Nn <dimension> {<dimension expression>}
```

Subtracts the result of the  $\langle dimension expression \rangle$  from the current content of the  $\langle dimension \rangle$ .

pdated = 2011-10-22

### 3 Utilities for dimension calculations

<hr/> <code>\dim_abs:n</code> ★	<code>\dim_abs:n {⟨dimexpr⟩}</code>
<hr/> Updated: 2011-10-22	Converts the $\langle dimexpr \rangle$ to its absolute value, leaving the result in the input stream as an $\langle dimension denotation \rangle$ . pdated = 2011-10-22, EXP

<hr/> <code>\dim_ratio:nn</code> ★	<code>\dim_ratio:nn {⟨dimexpr<sub>1</sub>⟩} {⟨dimexpr<sub>2</sub>⟩}</code>
<hr/> Updated: 2011-10-22	Parses the two $\langle dimension expressions \rangle$ and converts the ratio of the two to a form suitable for use inside a $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ . 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.  
pdated = 2011-10-22, EXP

### 4 Dimension expression conditionals

<hr/> <code>\dim_compare_p:nNn</code> ★	<code>\@@_compare_p:nNn {⟨dimexpr<sub>1</sub>⟩} ⟨relation⟩ {⟨dimexpr<sub>2</sub>⟩}</code>
<hr/> <code>\dim_compare:nNnTF</code> ★	<code>\dim_compare:nNnTF {⟨dimexpr<sub>1</sub>⟩} ⟨relation⟩ {⟨dimexpr<sub>2</sub>⟩} {⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}</code>

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

Equal	=
Greater than	>
Less than	<

XP,pTF

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```

\dim_compare_p:n ★ \@@_compare_p:n { <dimexpr1> <relation> <dimexpr2> }
\dim_compare:nTF ★ \dim_compare:nTF
                    { <dimexpr1> <relation> <dimexpr2> }
                    {<true code>} {<false code>}

```

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

XP,pTF

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```

\dim_case:nnn ★ \dim_case:nnn {<test dimension expression>}
                {
                {<dimexpr case1>} {<code case1>}
                {<dimexpr case2>} {<code case2>}
                ...
                {<dimexpr casen>} {<code casen>}
                }
                {<else code>}

```

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New: 2012-06-03

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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 none of the tests are **true** then the **else code** will be left in the input stream. For example

```

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

```

will leave “Medium” in the input stream.  
 dded = 2012-06-03, EXP

## 5 Dimension expression loops

<hr/> <code>\dim_do_until:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	$\backslash\mathrm{dim\_do\_until:nNnn}\ \{\langle\mathrm{dimexpr}_1\rangle\}\ \langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle\ \{\langle\mathrm{dimexpr}_2\rangle\}\ \{\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle\}$ <p>Places the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> in the input stream for <math>\mathrm{T}_\mathrm{E}\mathrm{X}</math> to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two <math>\langle\mathrm{dimension\ expressions}\rangle</math> as described for <math>\backslash\mathrm{dim\_compare:nNnTF}</math>. If the test is <b>false</b> then the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the <math>\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle</math> is <b>true</b>.</p> <p>EXP</p>
<hr/> <code>\dim_do_while:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	$\backslash\mathrm{dim\_do\_while:nNnn}\ \{\langle\mathrm{dimexpr}_1\rangle\}\ \langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle\ \{\langle\mathrm{dimexpr}_2\rangle\}\ \{\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle\}$ <p>Places the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> in the input stream for <math>\mathrm{T}_\mathrm{E}\mathrm{X}</math> to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two <math>\langle\mathrm{dimension\ expressions}\rangle</math> as described for <math>\backslash\mathrm{dim\_compare:nNnTF}</math>. If the test is <b>true</b> then the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the <math>\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle</math> is <b>false</b>.</p> <p>EXP</p>
<hr/> <code>\dim_until_do:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	$\backslash\mathrm{dim\_until\_do:nNnn}\ \{\langle\mathrm{dimexpr}_1\rangle\}\ \langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle\ \{\langle\mathrm{dimexpr}_2\rangle\}\ \{\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle\}$ <p>Evaluates the relationship between the two <math>\langle\mathrm{dimension\ expressions}\rangle</math> as described for <math>\backslash\mathrm{dim\_compare:nNnTF}</math>, and then places the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> in the input stream if the <math>\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle</math> is <b>false</b>. After the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> has been processed by <math>\mathrm{T}_\mathrm{E}\mathrm{X}</math> the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is <b>true</b>.</p> <p>EXP</p>
<hr/> <code>\dim_while_do:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	$\backslash\mathrm{dim\_while\_do:nNnn}\ \{\langle\mathrm{dimexpr}_1\rangle\}\ \langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle\ \{\langle\mathrm{dimexpr}_2\rangle\}\ \{\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle\}$ <p>Evaluates the relationship between the two <math>\langle\mathrm{dimension\ expressions}\rangle</math> as described for <math>\backslash\mathrm{dim\_compare:nNnTF}</math>, and then places the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> in the input stream if the <math>\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle</math> is <b>true</b>. After the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> has been processed by <math>\mathrm{T}_\mathrm{E}\mathrm{X}</math> the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is <b>false</b>.</p> <p>EXP</p>
<hr/> <code>\dim_do_until:nn</code> ☆ <hr/>	$\backslash\mathrm{dim\_do\_until:nn}\ \{\ \langle\mathrm{dimexpr}_1\rangle\ \langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle\ \langle\mathrm{dimexpr}_2\rangle\ \}\ \{\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle\}$ <p>Places the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> in the input stream for <math>\mathrm{T}_\mathrm{E}\mathrm{X}</math> to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two <math>\langle\mathrm{dimension\ expressions}\rangle</math> as described for <math>\backslash\mathrm{dim\_compare:nTF}</math>. If the test is <b>false</b> then the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the <math>\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle</math> is <b>true</b>.</p> <p>EXP</p>
<hr/> <code>\dim_do_while:nn</code> ☆ <hr/>	$\backslash\mathrm{dim\_do\_while:nn}\ \{\ \langle\mathrm{dimexpr}_1\rangle\ \langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle\ \langle\mathrm{dimexpr}_2\rangle\ \}\ \{\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle\}$ <p>Places the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> in the input stream for <math>\mathrm{T}_\mathrm{E}\mathrm{X}</math> to process, and then evaluates the relationship between the two <math>\langle\mathrm{dimension\ expressions}\rangle</math> as described for <math>\backslash\mathrm{dim\_compare:nTF}</math>. If the test is <b>true</b> then the <math>\langle\mathrm{code}\rangle</math> will be inserted into the input stream again and a loop will occur until the <math>\langle\mathrm{relation}\rangle</math> is <b>false</b>.</p> <p>EXP</p>



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<code>\dim_until_do:nn</code> ☆	<code>\dim_until_do:nn { &lt;dimexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;relation&gt; &lt;dimexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt; } {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
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Evaluates the relationship between the two *<dimension expressions>* as described for `\dim_compare:nTF`, and then places the *<code>* in the input stream if the *<relation>* is **false**. After the *<code>* has been processed by T<sub>E</sub>X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is **true**.

EXP

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<code>\dim_while_do:nn</code> ☆	<code>\dim_while_do:nn { &lt;dimexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;relation&gt; &lt;dimexpr<sub>2</sub>&gt; } {&lt;code&gt;}</code>
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Evaluates the relationship between the two *<dimension expressions>* as described for `\dim_compare:nTF`, and then places the *<code>* in the input stream if the *<relation>* is **true**. After the *<code>* has been processed by T<sub>E</sub>X the test will be repeated, and a loop will occur until the test is **false**.

EXP

## 6 Using dim expressions and variables

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<code>\dim_eval:n</code> ☆	<code>\dim_eval:n {&lt;dimension expression&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2011-10-22

Evaluates the *<dimension expression>*, expanding any dimensions and token list variables within the *<expression>* to their content (without requiring `\dim_use:N/\tl_use:N`) and applying the standard mathematical rules. The result of the calculation is left in the input stream as a *<dimension denotation>* after two expansions. This will be expressed in points (**pt**), and will require suitable termination if used in a T<sub>E</sub>X-style assignment as it is *not* an *<internal dimension>*.

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<code>\dim_use:N</code> ☆	<code>\dim_use:N &lt;dimension&gt;</code>
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<code>\dim_use:c</code> ☆	
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Recovers the content of a *<dimension>* 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 *<dimension>* is required (such as in the argument of `\dim_eval:n`).

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** `\dim_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.

XP

## 7 Viewing dim variables

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<code>\dim_show:N</code>	<code>\dim_show:N &lt;dimension&gt;</code>
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<code>\dim_show:c</code>	
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Displays the value of the *<dimension>* on the terminal.

function

<hr/> <code>\dim_show:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\dim_show:n</code> $\langle dimension\ expression \rangle$
New: 2011-11-22 Updated: 2012-05-27	Displays the result of evaluating the $\langle dimension\ expression \rangle$ on the terminal.
	dded = 2011-11-22, updated = 2012-05-27

## 8 Constant dimensions

<hr/> <code>\c_max_dim</code> <hr/>	The maximum value that can be stored as a dimension or skip (these are equivalent). variable
<hr/> <code>\c_zero_dim</code> <hr/>	A zero length as a dimension or a skip (these are equivalent). variable

## 9 Scratch dimensions

<hr/> <code>\l_tmpa_dim</code> <code>\l_tmpb_dim</code> <hr/>	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. variable
<hr/> <code>\g_tmpa_dim</code> <code>\g_tmpb_dim</code> <hr/>	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. variable

## 10 Creating and initialising skip variables

<hr/> <code>\skip_new:N</code> <code>\skip_new:c</code> <hr/>	<code>\skip_new:N</code> $\langle skip \rangle$ 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 0pt. function
<hr/> <code>\skip_const:Nn</code> <code>\skip_const:cn</code> <hr/>	<code>\skip_const:Nn</code> $\langle skip \rangle$ { $\langle skip\ expression \rangle$ } 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 $\langle skip\ expression \rangle$ .
New: 2012-03-05	dded = 2012-03-05

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<code>\skip_zero:N</code>	<code>\skip_zero:N</code> $\langle skip \rangle$
<code>\skip_zero:c</code>	
<code>\skip_gzero:N</code>	Sets $\langle skip \rangle$ to 0pt.
<code>\skip_gzero:c</code>	

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function

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

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New: 2012-01-07

added = 2012-01-07

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<code>\skip_if_exist_p:N</code> *	<code>\skip_if_exist_p:N</code> $\langle skip \rangle$
<code>\skip_if_exist_p:c</code> *	<code>\skip_if_exist:NTF</code> $\langle skip \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
<code>\skip_if_exist:NTF</code> *	
<code>\skip_if_exist:cTF</code> *	Tests whether the $\langle skip \rangle$ is currently defined. This does not check that the $\langle skip \rangle$ really is a skip variable.

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New: 2012-03-03

XP, pTF, added=2012-03-03

## 11 Setting skip variables

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<code>\skip_add:Nn</code>	<code>\skip_add:Nn</code> $\langle skip \rangle$ $\{\langle skip\ expression \rangle\}$
<code>\skip_add:cn</code>	
<code>\skip_gadd:Nn</code>	Adds the result of the $\langle skip\ expression \rangle$ to the current content of the $\langle skip \rangle$ .
<code>\skip_gadd:cn</code>	

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<code>\skip_set:Nn</code>	<code>\skip_set:Nn</code> $\langle skip \rangle$ $\{\langle skip\ expression \rangle\}$
<code>\skip_set:cn</code>	
<code>\skip_gset:Nn</code>	Sets $\langle skip \rangle$ to the value of $\langle skip\ expression \rangle$ , which must evaluate to a length with units and may include a rubber component (for example 1 cm plus 0.5 cm).
<code>\skip_gset:cn</code>	

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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<code>\skip_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\skip_set_eq:NN</code> $\langle skip_1 \rangle$ $\langle skip_2 \rangle$
<code>\skip_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	
<code>\skip_gset_eq:NN</code>	Sets the content of $\langle skip_1 \rangle$ equal to that of $\langle skip_2 \rangle$ .
<code>\skip_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	

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function

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<code>\skip_sub:Nn</code>	<code>\skip_sub:Nn &lt;skip&gt; {&lt;skip expression&gt;}</code>
<code>\skip_sub:cn</code>	
<code>\skip_gsub:Nn</code>	Subtracts the result of the <code>&lt;skip expression&gt;</code> from the current content of the <code>&lt;skip&gt;</code> .
<code>\skip_gsub:cn</code>	
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Updated: 2011-10-22	
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	pdated = 2011-10-22

## 12 Skip expression conditionals

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<code>\skip_if_eq_p:nn</code> ★	<code>\skip_if_eq_p:nn {&lt;skipexpr1&gt;} {&lt;skipexpr2&gt;}</code>
<code>\skip_if_eq:nnTF</code> ★	<code>\dim_compare:nTF</code>
<hr/>	
	<code>{&lt;skipexpr1&gt;} {&lt;skipexpr2&gt;}</code>
	<code>{&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

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.

XP,pTF

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<code>\skip_if_finite_p:n</code> ★	<code>\skip_if_finite_p:n {&lt;skipexpr&gt;}</code>
<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

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

XP, pTF, added = 2012-03-05

## 13 Using skip expressions and variables

<hr/>	
<code>\skip_eval:n</code> ★	<code>\skip_eval:n {&lt;skip expression&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2011-10-22

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

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<hr/>	
<code>\skip_use:N</code> ★	<code>\skip_use:N &lt;skip&gt;</code>
<code>\skip_use:c</code> ★	
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Recovers the content of a `<skip>` 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 `<dimension>` is required (such as in the argument of `\skip_eval:n`).

**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.

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## 14 Viewing skip variables

<hr/> <code>\skip_show:N</code> <hr/>	<code>\skip_show:N</code> $\langle skip \rangle$
<code>\skip_show:c</code> <hr/>	Displays the value of the $\langle skip \rangle$ on the terminal. function
<hr/> <code>\skip_show:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\skip_show:n</code> $\langle skip\ expression \rangle$
New: 2011-11-22 Updated: 2012-05-27 <hr/>	Displays the result of evaluating the $\langle skip\ expression \rangle$ on the terminal.  dded = 2011-11-22, updated = 2012-05-27

## 15 Constant skips

<hr/> <code>\c_max_skip</code> <hr/>	The maximum value that can be stored as a dimension or skip (these are equivalent). variable
<hr/> <code>\c_zero_skip</code> <hr/>	A zero length as a dimension or a skip (these are equivalent). variable

## 16 Scratch skips

<hr/> <code>\l_tmpa_skip</code> <code>\l_tmpb_skip</code> <hr/>	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. variable
<hr/> <code>\g_tmpa_skip</code> <code>\g_tmpb_skip</code> <hr/>	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. variable

## 17 Inserting skips into the output

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```
\skip_horizontal:N
\skip_horizontal:(c|n)
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Updated: 2011-10-22

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```
\skip_horizontal:N <skip>
\skip_horizontal:n {\skipexpr}
```

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|n)
```

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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```
\skip_vertical:N <skip>
\skip_vertical:n {\skipexpr}
```

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.

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## 18 Creating and initialising muskip variables

---

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

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```
\muskip_new:N <muskip>
```

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.

function

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

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New: 2012-03-05

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

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  $\langle muskip expression \rangle$ .

dded = 2012-03-05

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

---

```
\skip_zero:N <muskip>
```

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

function

---

```
\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 `\muskip_new:N` if necessary, then applies `\muskip_(g)zero:N` to leave the  $\langle muskip \rangle$  set to zero.

dded = 2012-01-07

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

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New: 2012-03-03

XP, pTF, added=2012-03-03

## 19 Setting muskip variables

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<code>\muskip_add:Nn</code>	<code>\muskip_add:Nn</code>	$\langle muskip \rangle$	$\{\langle muskip\ expression \rangle\}$
<code>\muskip_add:cn</code>	Adds the result of the $\langle muskip\ expression \rangle$ to the current content of the $\langle muskip \rangle$ .		
<code>\muskip_gadd:Nn</code>			
<code>\muskip_gadd:cn</code>			

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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<code>\muskip_set:Nn</code>	<code>\muskip_set:Nn</code>	$\langle muskip \rangle$	$\{\langle muskip\ expression \rangle\}$
<code>\muskip_set:cn</code>	Sets $\langle muskip \rangle$ to the value of $\langle muskip\ expression \rangle$ , which must evaluate to a math length with units and may include a rubber component (for example 1 mu plus 0.5 mu.		
<code>\muskip_gset:Nn</code>			
<code>\muskip_gset:cn</code>			

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<code>\muskip_set_eq:NN</code>	<code>\muskip_set_eq:NN</code>	$\langle muskip_1 \rangle$	$\langle muskip_2 \rangle$
<code>\muskip_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	Sets the content of $\langle muskip_1 \rangle$ equal to that of $\langle muskip_2 \rangle$ .		
<code>\muskip_gset_eq:NN</code>			
<code>\muskip_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>			

---

function

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<code>\muskip_sub:Nn</code>	<code>\muskip_sub:Nn</code>	$\langle muskip \rangle$	$\{\langle muskip\ expression \rangle\}$
<code>\muskip_sub:cn</code>	Subtracts the result of the $\langle muskip\ expression \rangle$ from the current content of the $\langle skip \rangle$ .		
<code>\muskip_gsub:Nn</code>			
<code>\muskip_gsub:cn</code>			

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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## 20 Using muskip expressions and variables

<hr/> <code>\muskip_eval:n</code> ★ <hr/>	<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 TeX-style assignment as it is <i>not</i> an $\langle internal muglue \rangle$ . pdated = 2011-10-22, EXP
<hr/> <code>\muskip_use:N</code> ★ <code>\muskip_use:c</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\muskip_use:N ⟨<i>muskip</i>⟩</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> ).
	<b>TeXhackers note:</b> <code>\muskip_use:N</code> is the TeX primitive <code>\the</code> : this is one of several L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X3 names for this primitive. XP

## 21 Viewing muskip variables

<hr/> <code>\muskip_show:N</code> <code>\muskip_show:c</code> <hr/>	<code>\muskip_show:N ⟨<i>muskip</i>⟩</code> Displays the value of the $\langle muskip \rangle$ on the terminal. function
<hr/> <code>\muskip_show:n</code> New: 2011-11-22 Updated: 2012-05-27 <hr/>	<code>\muskip_show:n ⟨<i>muskip expression</i>⟩</code> Displays the result of evaluating the $\langle muskip expression \rangle$ on the terminal. dded = 2011-11-22, updated = 2012-05-27

## 22 Constant muskips

<hr/> <code>\c_max_muskip</code> <hr/>	The maximum value that can be stored as a muskip. variable
<hr/> <code>\c_zero_muskip</code> <hr/>	A zero length as a muskip. variable



## 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.

variable

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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.

variable

## 24 Primitive conditional

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`\if_dim:w` `\if_dim:w <dimen1> <relation> <dimen2>`  
`<true code>`  
`\else:`  
`<false>`  
`\fi:`

---

Compare two dimensions. The `<relation>` is one of `<`, `=` or `>` with category code 12.

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

function

## 25 Internal functions

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`\__dim_eval:w` ★ `\__dim_eval:w <dimexpr> \__dim_eval_end:`  
`\__dim_eval_end:` ★

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Evaluates `<dimension expression>` 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`.

XP

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<code>\_dim_strip_bp:n</code>	★	<code>\_dim_strip_bp:n {⟨<i>dimension expression</i>⟩}</code>
<code>\_dim_strip_pt:n</code>	★	<code>\_dim_strip_pt:n {⟨<i>dimension expression</i>⟩}</code>

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New: 2011-11-11

Evaluates the  $\langle dimension\ expression \rangle$ , expanding any dimensions and token list variables within the  $\langle expression \rangle$  to their content (without requiring `\dim_use:N/\tl_use:N`) and applying the standard mathematical rules. The magnitude of the result, expressed in big points (`bp`) or points (`pt`), will be left in the input stream with *no units*. If the decimal part of the magnitude is zero, this will be omitted.

If the  $\{ \langle dimension\ expression \rangle \}$  contains additional units, these will be ignored, so for example

`\_dim_strip_pt:n { 1 bp pt }`

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

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## 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 token lists. Token lists may be present directly in the argument to a function:

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

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

```
\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 can be seen either as a list of “items”, or a list of “tokens”. An item is whatever `\use_none:n` grabs as its argument: either a single 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.

## 1 Creating and initialising token list variables

---

```
\tl_new:N
\tl_new:c
```

---

```
\tl_new:N <tl var>
```

Creates a new *<tl var>* or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The *<tl var>* will initially be empty.  
function

---

```
\tl_const:Nn
\tl_const:(Nx|cn|cx)
```

---

```
\tl_const:Nn <tl var> {<token list>}
```

Creates a new constant *<tl var>* or raises an error if the name is already taken. The value of the *<tl var>* will be set globally to the *<token list>*.  
function

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<code>\tl_clear:N</code>	<code>\tl_clear:N &lt;tl var&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_clear:c</code>	
<code>\tl_gclear:N</code>	Clears all entries from the $\langle tl\ var\rangle$ within the scope of the current $\text{\TeX}$ group.
<code>\tl_gclear:c</code>	
<hr/>	function
<hr/>	
<code>\tl_clear_new:N</code>	<code>\tl_clear_new:N &lt;tl var&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_clear_new:c</code>	
<code>\tl_gclear_new:N</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:c</code>	<code>\tl_(g)clear:N</code> to leave the $\langle tl\ var\rangle$ empty.
<hr/>	function
<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>	
<code>\tl_gset_eq:NN</code>	Sets the content of $\langle tl\ var_1\rangle$ equal to that of $\langle tl\ var_2\rangle$ .
<code>\tl_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>	
<hr/>	function
<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>	
<code>\tl_gconcat:NNN</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:ccc</code>	$\langle tl\ var_1\rangle$ . The $\langle tl\ var_2\rangle$ will be placed at the left side of the new token list.
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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> ★	
<code>\tl_if_exist:cTF</code> ★	Tests whether the $\langle tl\ var\rangle$ is currently defined. This does not check that the $\langle tl\ var\rangle$
	really is a token list variable.
<hr/>	
New: 2012-03-03	
<hr/>	XP, pTF, added=2012-03-03

## 2 Adding data to token list variables

<hr/>	
<code>\tl_set:Nn</code>	<code>\tl_set:Nn &lt;tl var&gt; {\tokens}</code>
<code>\tl_set:(NV Nv No Nf Nx cn NV Nv co cf cx)</code>	
<code>\tl_gset:Nn</code>	
<code>\tl_gset:(NV Nv No Nf Nx cn cV cv co cf cx)</code>	
<hr/>	
	Sets $\langle tl\ var\rangle$ to contain $\langle tokens\rangle$ , removing any previous content from the variable.
	function

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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 *<tokens>* to the left side of the current content of *<tl var>*.  
function

---

<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 *<tokens>* to the right side of the current content of *<tl var>*.  
function

### 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

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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 *<old tokens>* in the *<tl var>* with *<new tokens>*. *<Old tokens>* cannot contain `{`, `}` or `#` (assuming normal T<sub>E</sub>X category codes). As this function operates from left to right, the pattern *<old tokens>* may remain after the replacement (see `\tl_remove_all:Nn` for an example). The assignment is restricted to the current T<sub>E</sub>X group.  
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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 *<tokens>* from the *<tl var>*. *<Tokens>* cannot contain `{`, `}` or `#` (assuming normal T<sub>E</sub>X category codes).

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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  $\#$  (assuming normal T<sub>E</sub>X category codes). 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`.  
pdated = 2011-08-11

## 4 Reassigning token list category codes

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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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Updated: 2011-12-18

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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. This allows the  $\langle tl var \rangle$  to contain material with category codes other than those that apply when  $\langle tokens \rangle$  are absorbed. See also  $\tl_rescan:nn$ .  
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```
\tl_rescan:nn
```

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Updated: 2011-12-18

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```
\tl_rescan:nn {\setup} {\tokens}
```

Rescans  $\langle tokens \rangle$  applying the category code régime specified in the  $\langle setup \rangle$ , and leaves the resulting tokens in the input stream. See also  $\tl_set_rescan:Nnn$ .  
pdated = 2011-12-18

## 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  $\langle tokens \rangle$ , replacing each character 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  $\langle tokens \rangle$ .

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\lowercase` renamed. As a result, this function takes place on execution and not on expansion.

function

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

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

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive **\uppercase** renamed. As a result, this function takes place on execution and not on expansion.

function

## 6 Token list conditionals

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**\tl\_if\_blank\_p:n** ★**\tl\_if\_blank\_p:n** {<token list>}**\tl\_if\_blank\_p:(V|o)** ★**\tl\_if\_blank:nTF** {<token list>} {<true code>} {<false code>}**\tl\_if\_blank:nTF** ★

Tests if the <token list> consists only of blank spaces (*i.e.* contains no item). The test is **true** if <token list> is zero or more explicit tokens of character code 32 and category code 10, and is **false** otherwise.

**\tl\_if\_blank:(V|o)TF** ★

XP,pTF

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**\tl\_if\_empty\_p:N** ★**\tl\_if\_empty\_p:N** <tl var>**\tl\_if\_empty\_p:c** ★**\tl\_if\_empty:nTF** <tl var> {<true code>} {<false code>}**\tl\_if\_empty:nTF** ★

Tests if the <token list variable> is entirely empty (*i.e.* contains no tokens at all).

**\tl\_if\_empty:cTF** ★

XP,pTF

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**\tl\_if\_empty\_p:n** ★**\tl\_if\_empty\_p:n** {<token list>}**\tl\_if\_empty\_p:(V|o)** ★**\tl\_if\_empty:nTF** {<token list>} {<true code>} {<false code>}**\tl\_if\_empty:nTF** ★

Tests if the <token list> is entirely empty (*i.e.* contains no tokens at all).

**\tl\_if\_empty:(V|o)TF** ★

New: 2012-05-24

Updated: 2012-06-05

added = 2012-05-24, updated = 2012-06-05, EXP,pTF

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**\tl\_if\_eq\_p:NN** ★**\tl\_if\_eq\_p:NN** {<tl var<sub>1</sub>>} {<tl var<sub>2</sub>>}**\tl\_if\_eq\_p:(Nc|cN|cc)** ★**\tl\_if\_eq:nNTF** {<tl var<sub>1</sub>>} {<tl var<sub>2</sub>>} {<true code>} {<false code>}**\tl\_if\_eq:nNTF** ★

Compares the content of two <token list variables> and is logically **true** if the two contain the same list of tokens (*i.e.* identical in both the list of characters they contain and the category codes of those characters). Thus for example

**\tl\_if\_eq:(Nc|cN|cc)TF** ★

```
\tl_set:Nn \l_tmpa_tl { abc }
\tl_set:Nx \l_tmpb_tl { \tl_to_str:n { abc } }
\tl_if_eq_p:NN \l_tmpa_tl \l_tmpb_tl
```

is logically **false**.

XP,pTF

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<code>\tl_if_eq:nnTF</code>	<code>\tl_if_eq:nnTF &lt;token list<sub>1</sub>&gt; {&lt;token list<sub>2</sub>&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
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Tests if *<token list<sub>1</sub>>* and *<token list<sub>2</sub>>* are equal, both in respect of character codes and category codes.

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<code>\tl_if_in:NnTF</code>	<code>\tl_if_in:NnTF &lt;tl var&gt; {&lt;token list&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_if_in:cnTF</code>	

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Tests if the *<token list>* is found in the content of the *<token list variable>*. The *<token list>* cannot contain the tokens `{`, `}` or `#` (assuming the usual T<sub>E</sub>X category codes apply).

F

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<code>\tl_if_in:nnTF</code>	<code>\tl_if_in:nnTF {&lt;token list<sub>1</sub>&gt;} {&lt;token list<sub>2</sub>&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_if_in:(Vn on no)TF</code>	

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Tests if *<token list<sub>2</sub>>* is found inside *<token list<sub>1</sub>>*. The *<token list>* cannot contain the tokens `{`, `}` or `#` (assuming the usual T<sub>E</sub>X category codes apply).

F

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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:NnTF {&lt;tl var&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_if_single:NnTF</code> ★	
<code>\tl_if_single:cTF</code> ★	

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Tests if the content of the *<tl var>* consists of a single item, *i.e.* is either a single normal token (excluding spaces, and brace tokens) 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_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 either a single normal token 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:Nnn</code> ★	<code>\tl_case:Nnn &lt;test token list variable&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_case:cnn</code> ★	<code>{</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>  ...</code>
	<code>  &lt;token list variable case<sub>n</sub>&gt; {&lt;code case<sub>n</sub>&gt;}</code>
	<code>}</code>
	<code>{&lt;else code&gt;}</code>

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New: 2012-06-03

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 none of the tests are **true** then the **else code** will be left in the input stream.

Added = 2012-06-03, EXP



## 7 Mapping to token lists

<hr/> <code>\tl_map_function:NN</code> ☆ <code>\tl_map_function:cN</code> ☆ <hr/> Updated: 2012-06-29	<code>\tl_map_function:NN &lt;tl var&gt; &lt;function&gt;</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> . pdated = 2012-06-29, rEXP
<hr/> <code>\tl_map_function:nN</code> ☆ <hr/> Updated: 2012-06-29	<code>\tl_map_function:nN &lt;token list&gt; &lt;function&gt;</code> Applies <code>&lt;function&gt;</code> to every <code>&lt;item&gt;</code> in the <code>&lt;token list&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> . pdated = 2012-06-29, rEXP
<hr/> <code>\tl_map_inline:Nn</code> <code>\tl_map_inline:cn</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-06-29	<code>\tl_map_inline:Nn &lt;tl var&gt; {&lt;inline function&gt;}</code> Applies the <code>&lt;inline function&gt;</code> to every <code>&lt;item&gt;</code> stored within the <code>&lt;tl var&gt;</code> . The <code>&lt;inline function&gt;</code> should consist of code which will receive the <code>&lt;item&gt;</code> as #1. One in line mapping can be nested inside another. See also <code>\tl_map_function:Nn</code> . pdated = 2012-06-29
<hr/> <code>\tl_map_inline:nn</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-06-29	<code>\tl_map_inline:nn &lt;token list&gt; {&lt;inline function&gt;}</code> Applies the <code>&lt;inline function&gt;</code> to every <code>&lt;item&gt;</code> stored within the <code>&lt;token list&gt;</code> . The <code>&lt;inline function&gt;</code> should consist of code which will receive the <code>&lt;item&gt;</code> as #1. One in line mapping can be nested inside another. See also <code>\tl_map_function:nn</code> . pdated = 2012-06-29
<hr/> <code>\tl_map_variable:NNn</code> <code>\tl_map_variable:cNn</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-06-29	<code>\tl_map_variable:NNn &lt;tl var&gt; &lt;variable&gt; {&lt;function&gt;}</code> Applies the <code>&lt;function&gt;</code> to every <code>&lt;item&gt;</code> stored within the <code>&lt;tl var&gt;</code> . The <code>&lt;function&gt;</code> should consist of code which will receive the <code>&lt;item&gt;</code> stored in the <code>&lt;variable&gt;</code> . One variable mapping can be nested inside another. See also <code>\tl_map_inline:Nn</code> . pdated = 2012-06-29
<hr/> <code>\tl_map_variable:nNn</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-06-29	<code>\tl_map_variable:nNn &lt;token list&gt; &lt;variable&gt; {&lt;function&gt;}</code> Applies the <code>&lt;function&gt;</code> to every <code>&lt;item&gt;</code> stored within the <code>&lt;token list&gt;</code> . The <code>&lt;function&gt;</code> should consist of code which will receive the <code>&lt;item&gt;</code> stored in the <code>&lt;variable&gt;</code> . One variable mapping can be nested inside another. See also <code>\tl_map_inline:nn</code> . pdated = 2012-06-29

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`\tl_map_break:` ☆

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Updated: 2012-06-29

`\tl_map_break:`

Used to terminate a `\tl_map...` function before all entries in the *⟨token list variable⟩* have been processed. This will normally take place within a conditional statement, for example

```
\tl_map_inline:Nn \l_my_tl
{
  \str_if_eq:nnTF { #1 } { bingo }
  { \tl_map_break: }
  {
    % Do something useful
  }
}
```

Use outside of a `\tl_map...` scenario will lead 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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`\tl_map_break:n` ☆

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Updated: 2012-06-29

`\tl_map_break:n {⟨tokens⟩}`

Used to terminate a `\tl_map...` function before all entries in the *⟨token list variable⟩* have been processed, inserting the *⟨tokens⟩* 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:nnTF { #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 *⟨tokens⟩* are inserted into the input stream. This will depend on the design of the mapping function.

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## 8 Using token lists

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<code>\tl_to_str:N</code> ★	<code>\tl_to_str:N &lt;tl var&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_to_str:c</code> ★	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.

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<code>\tl_to_str:n</code> ★	<code>\tl_to_str:n {\tokens}</code>
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Converts the given  $\langle tokens \rangle$  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. Note that this function requires only a single expansion.

**TeXhackers note:** This is the  $\varepsilon$ -TeX primitive `\detokenize`. Hence its argument *must* be given within braces.

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<code>\tl_use:N</code> ★	<code>\tl_use:N &lt;tl var&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_use:c</code> ★	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.

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## 9 Working with the content of token lists

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<code>\tl_count:n</code> ★	<code>\tl_count:n {\tokens}</code>
<code>\tl_count:(V o)</code> ★	Counts the number of $\langle items \rangle$ in $\langle tokens \rangle$ and leaves this information in the input stream.

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New: 2012-05-13 Unbraced tokens count as one element as do each token group  $\{...\}$ . 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 {\tl var}</code>
<code>\tl_count:c</code> ★	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 $\{...\}$ . This process will ignore any unprotected spaces within $\langle tokens \rangle$ . See also <code>\tl_count:n</code> . This function requires three expansions, giving an $\langle integer\ denotation \rangle$ .

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New: 2012-05-13

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`\tl_reverse:n` ★  
`\tl_reverse:(V|o)` ★  


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Updated: 2012-01-08

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`\tl_reverse:n`  $\{\langle token\ list\rangle\}$

Reverses the order of the  $\langle items\rangle$  in the  $\langle token\ list\rangle$ , so that  $\langle item_1\rangle\langle item_2\rangle\langle item_3\rangle\ldots\langle item_n\rangle$  becomes  $\langle item_n\rangle\ldots\langle item_3\rangle\langle item_2\rangle\langle item_1\rangle$ . 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 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_reverse:N`  
`\tl_reverse:c`  
`\tl_greverse:N`  
`\tl_greverse:c`  


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Updated: 2012-01-08

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`\tl_reverse:N`  $\{\langle tl\ var\rangle\}$

Reverses the order of the  $\langle items\rangle$  stored in  $\langle tl\ var\rangle$ , so that  $\langle item_1\rangle\langle item_2\rangle\langle item_3\rangle\ldots\langle item_n\rangle$  becomes  $\langle item_n\rangle\ldots\langle item_3\rangle\langle item_2\rangle\langle item_1\rangle$ . 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`.  
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`\tl_reverse_items:n` ★  


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New: 2012-01-08

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`\tl_reverse_items:n`  $\{\langle token\ list\rangle\}$

Reverses the order of the  $\langle items\rangle$  stored in  $\langle tl\ var\rangle$ , so that  $\{\langle item_1\rangle\}\{\langle item_2\rangle\}\{\langle item_3\rangle\}\ldots\{\langle item_n\rangle\}$  becomes  $\{\langle item_n\rangle\}\ldots\{\langle item_3\rangle\}\{\langle item_2\rangle\}\{\langle item_1\rangle\}$ . 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 `\tl_reverse:n` or `\tl_reverse_tokens:n`.

**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.

dded = 2012-01-08, EXP

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`\tl_trim_spaces:n` ★  


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New: 2011-07-09  
Updated: 2012-06-25

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`\tl_trim_spaces:n`  $\langle token\ list\rangle$

Removes any leading and trailing explicit space characters 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 the `\unexpanded` primitive (`\exp_not:n`), which means that the token list will not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

dded = 2011-07-09, updated = 2012-06-25, EXP

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```

\tl_trim_spaces:N
\tl_trim_spaces:c
\tl_gtrim_spaces:N
\tl_gtrim_spaces:c

```

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New: 2011-07-09

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```
\tl_trim_spaces:N <tl var>
```

Removes any leading and trailing explicit space characters from the content of the  $\langle tl\ var\rangle$ .

dded = 2011-07-09

## 10 The first token from a token list

Functions which deal with either only the very first token of a token list or everything except the first token.

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```

\tl_head:N ★
\tl_head:(n|V|v|f) ★

```

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Updated: 2012-02-08

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```
\tl_head:n {{tokens}}
```

Leaves in the input stream the first non-space token from the  $\langle tokens\rangle$ . Any leading space tokens will be discarded, and thus for example

```
\tl_head:n { abc }
```

and

```
\tl_head:n { ~ abc }
```

will both leave `a` in the input stream. An empty list of  $\langle tokens\rangle$  or one which consists only of space (category code 10) tokens will result in `\tl_head:n` leaving nothing 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 token list will not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

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```
\tl_head:w ★
```

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```
\tl_head:w <tokens> \q_stop
```

Leaves in the input stream the first non-space token from the  $\langle tokens\rangle$ . An empty list of  $\langle tokens\rangle$  or one which consists only of space (category code 10) tokens will result in an error, and thus  $\langle tokens\rangle$  must *not* be “blank” as determined by `\tl_if_blank:n(TF)`. 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 {⟨tokens⟩}</code>
<code>\tl_tail:(n V v f)</code> ★	Discards the all leading space tokens and the first non-space token in the <i>⟨tokens⟩</i> , and leaves the remaining tokens in the input stream. Thus for example
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`\tl_tail:n { abc }`

and

`\tl_tail:n { ~ abc }`

will both leave `bc` in the input stream. An empty list of *⟨tokens⟩* or one which consists only of space (category code 10) tokens will result in `\tl_tail:n` leaving nothing in the input stream.

**TeXhackers 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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<code>\tl_tail:w</code> ★	<code>\tl_tail:w {⟨tokens⟩} \q_stop</code>
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	Discards the all leading space tokens and the first non-space token in the <i>⟨tokens⟩</i> , and leaves the remaining tokens in the input stream. An empty list of <i>⟨tokens⟩</i> or one which consists only of space (category code 10) tokens will result in an error, and thus <i>⟨tokens⟩</i> must <i>not</i> be “blank” as determined by <code>\tl_if_blank:n(TF)</code> . This function requires only a single expansion, and thus is suitable for use within an o-type expansion. In general, <code>\tl_tail:n</code> should be preferred if the number of expansions is not critical.
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<code>\str_head:n</code> ★	<code>\str_head:n {⟨tokens⟩}</code>
<code>\str_tail:n</code> ★	<code>\str_tail:n {⟨tokens⟩}</code>
<hr/>	
New: 2011-08-10	Converts the <i>⟨tokens⟩</i> into a string, as described for <code>\tl_to_str:n</code> . The <code>\str_head:n</code> function then leaves the first character of this string in the input stream. The <code>\str_tail:n</code> function leaves all characters except the first in the input stream. The first character may be a space. If the <i>⟨tokens⟩</i> argument is entirely empty, nothing is left in the input stream.
	dded = 2011-08-10, EXP

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<code>\tl_if_head_eq_catcode_p:nN</code> ★	<code>\tl_if_head_eq_catcode_p:nN {⟨token list⟩} ⟨test token⟩</code>
<code>\tl_if_head_eq_catcode:nNTF</code> ★	<code>\tl_if_head_eq_catcode:nNTF {⟨token list⟩} ⟨test token⟩</code>
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Updated: 2012-07-09	<code>{⟨true code⟩} {⟨false code⟩}</code>

Tests if the first *⟨token⟩* in the *⟨token list⟩* has the same category code as the *⟨test token⟩*. In the case where the *⟨token list⟩* is empty, the test will always be **false**.

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<code>\tl_if_head_eq_charcode_p:nN</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_head_eq_charcode_p:nN {&lt;token list&gt;} &lt;test token&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_if_head_eq_charcode_p:fN</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_head_eq_charcode:nNTF {&lt;token list&gt;} &lt;test token&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_if_head_eq_charcode:nNTF</code>	★	<code>{&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_if_head_eq_charcode:fNTF</code>	★	

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Updated: 2012-07-09

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Tests if the first *<token>* in the *<token list>* has the same character code as the *<test token>*. In the case where the *<token list>* 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 {&lt;token list&gt;} &lt;test token&gt;</code>
<code>\tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nNTF</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nNTF {&lt;token list&gt;} &lt;test token&gt;</code>
		<code>{&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

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Tests if the first *<token>* in the *<token list>* has the same meaning as the *<test token>*. In the case where *<token list>* 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 {&lt;token list&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_if_head_is_group:nTF</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_head_is_group:nTF {&lt;token list&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

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New: 2012-07-08

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Tests if the first *<token>* in the *<token list>* is an explicit begin-group character (with category code 1 and any character code), in other words, if the *<token list>* starts with a brace group. In particular, the test is **false** if the *<token list>* starts with an implicit token such as `\c_group_begin_token`, or if it 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 {&lt;token list&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF</code>	★	<code>\tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {&lt;token list&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

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New: 2012-07-08

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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 (with category code 10 and character code 32) 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.

dded = 2012-07-08, EXP, pTF

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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>
<hr/>	
Updated: 2012-07-08	Tests if the first <i>⟨token⟩</i> in the <i>⟨token list⟩</i> is an explicit space character (with category code 10 and character code 32). If <i>⟨token list⟩</i> starts with an implicit token such as <code>\c_space_token</code> , the test will yield <code>false</code> , as well as if the argument is empty. This function is useful to implement actions on token lists on a token by token basis.

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

pdated = 2012-07-08, EXP, pTF

## 11 Viewing token lists

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<code>\tl_show:N</code>	<code>\tl_show:N ⟨tl var⟩</code>
<code>\tl_show:c</code>	Displays the content of the <i>⟨tl var⟩</i> on the terminal.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** `\tl_show:N` is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\show`.  
function

<hr/>	
<code>\tl_show:n</code>	<code>\tl_show:n ⟨token list⟩</code>
	Displays the <i>⟨token list⟩</i> on the terminal.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** `\tl_show:n` is the  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\showtokens`.  
function

## 12 Constant token lists

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<code>\c_job_name_tl</code>	Constant that gets the “job name” assigned when T <sub>E</sub> X starts.

Updated: 2011-08-18

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This is the new name for the primitive `\jobname`. It is a constant that is set by T<sub>E</sub>X and should not be overwritten by the package.

pdated = 2011-08-18

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<code>\c_empty_tl</code>	Constant that is always empty. variable



<u><u>\c_space_tl</u></u>	A space token contained in a token list (compare this with \c_space_token). For use where an explicit space is required. variable
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## 13 Scratch token lists

<u><u>\l_tmpa_tl</u></u> <u><u>\l_tmpb_tl</u></u>	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. variable
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<u><u>\g_tmpa_tl</u></u> <u><u>\g_tmpb_tl</u></u>	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. variable
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## 14 Internal functions

<u><u>\_tl_trim_spaces:nn</u></u>	<u><u>\_tl_trim_spaces:nn { \q_mark &lt;token list&gt; } {&lt;continuation&gt;}</u></u> This function removes all leading and trailing explicit space characters from the <token list>, and expands to the <continuation>, followed by a brace group containing \use_none:n \q_mark <trimmed token list>. For instance, \tl_trim_spaces:n is implemented by taking the <continuation> to be \exp_not:o, and the o-type expansion removes the \q_mark. This function is also used in l3clist. function
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## Part XII

# 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:c</code>

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`\seq_new:N` *⟨sequence⟩*

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.  
function

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<code>\seq_clear:N</code>
<code>\seq_clear:c</code>
<code>\seq_gclear:N</code>
<code>\seq_gclear:c</code>

---

`\seq_clear:N` *⟨sequence⟩*

Clears all items from the *⟨sequence⟩*.

function

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<code>\seq_clear_new:N</code>
<code>\seq_clear_new:c</code>
<code>\seq_gclear_new:N</code>
<code>\seq_gclear_new:c</code>

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`\seq_clear_new:N` *⟨sequence⟩*

Ensures that the *⟨sequence⟩* exists globally by applying `\seq_new:N` if necessary, then applies `\seq_(g)clear:N` to leave the *⟨sequence⟩* empty.

function

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<code>\seq_set_eq:NN</code>
<code>\seq_set_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>
<code>\seq_gset_eq:NN</code>
<code>\seq_gset_eq:(cN Nc cc)</code>

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`\seq_set_eq:NN` *⟨sequence<sub>1</sub>⟩* *⟨sequence<sub>2</sub>⟩*

Sets the content of *⟨sequence<sub>1</sub>⟩* equal to that of *⟨sequence<sub>2</sub>⟩*.

function

<hr/> <code>\seq_set_split:Nnn</code> <code>\seq_set_split:NnV</code> <code>\seq_gset_split:Nnn</code> <code>\seq_gset_split:NnV</code> <hr/>	<code>\seq_set_split:Nnn &lt;sequence&gt; {&lt;delimiter&gt;} {&lt;token list&gt;}</code> <p>Splits the <i>&lt;token list&gt;</i> into <i>&lt;items&gt;</i> separated by <i>&lt;delimiter&gt;</i>, and assigns the result to the <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i>. Spaces on both sides of each <i>&lt;item&gt;</i> are ignored, then one set of outer braces is removed (if any); this space trimming behaviour is identical to that of <code>l3clist</code> functions. Empty <i>&lt;items&gt;</i> are preserved by <code>\seq_set_split:Nnn</code>, and can be removed afterwards using <code>\seq_remove_all:Nn &lt;sequence&gt; {&lt;&gt;}</code>. The <i>&lt;delimiter&gt;</i> may not contain <code>{</code>, <code>}</code> or <code>#</code> (assuming TeX's normal category code régime). If the <i>&lt;delimiter&gt;</i> is empty, the <i>&lt;token list&gt;</i> is split into <i>&lt;items&gt;</i> as a <i>&lt;token list&gt;</i>.</p> <p>added = 2011-08-15, updated = 2012-07-02</p>
<hr/> <code>\seq_concat:NNN</code> <code>\seq_concat:ccc</code> <code>\seq_gconcat:NNN</code> <code>\seq_gconcat:ccc</code> <hr/>	<code>\seq_concat:NNN &lt;sequence<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;sequence<sub>2</sub>&gt; &lt;sequence<sub>3</sub>&gt;</code> <p>Concatenates the content of <i>&lt;sequence<sub>2</sub>&gt;</i> and <i>&lt;sequence<sub>3</sub>&gt;</i> together and saves the result in <i>&lt;sequence<sub>1</sub>&gt;</i>. The items in <i>&lt;sequence<sub>2</sub>&gt;</i> will be placed at the left side of the new sequence.</p> <p>function</p>
<hr/> <code>\seq_if_exist_p:N *</code> <code>\seq_if_exist_p:c *</code> <code>\seq_if_exist:NTF *</code> <code>\seq_if_exist:cTF *</code> <hr/>	<code>\seq_if_exist_p:N &lt;sequence&gt;</code> <code>\seq_if_exist:NNTF &lt;sequence&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code> <p>Tests whether the <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> is currently defined. This does not check that the <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> really is a sequence variable.</p> <p>New: 2012-03-03</p>
	<p>XP, pTF, added=2012-03-03</p>

## 2 Appending data to sequences

<hr/> <code>\seq_put_left:Nn</code> <code>\seq_put_left:(NV Nv No Nx cn cV cv co cx)</code> <code>\seq_gput_left:Nn</code> <code>\seq_gput_left:(NV Nv No Nx cn cV cv co cx)</code> <hr/>	<code>\seq_put_left:Nn &lt;sequence&gt; {&lt;item&gt;}</code> <p>Appends the <i>&lt;item&gt;</i> to the left of the <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i>.</p> <p>function</p>
<hr/> <code>\seq_put_right:Nn</code> <code>\seq_put_right:(NV Nv No Nx cn cV cv co cx)</code> <code>\seq_gput_right:Nn</code> <code>\seq_gput_right:(NV Nv No Nx cn cV cv co cx)</code> <hr/>	<code>\seq_put_right:Nn &lt;sequence&gt; {&lt;item&gt;}</code> <p>Appends the <i>&lt;item&gt;</i> to the right of the <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i>.</p> <p>function</p>

### 3 Recovering items from sequences

Items can be recovered from either the left or the right of sequences. For implementation reasons, the actions at the left of the sequence are faster than those acting on the right. These functions all assign the recovered material locally, *i.e.* setting the *⟨token list variable⟩* used with `\tl_set:Nn` and *never* `\tl_gset:Nn`.

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`\seq_get_left:NN`
`\seq_get_left:cN`


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Updated: 2012-05-14

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`\seq_get_left:NN <sequence> <token list variable>`

Stores the left-most item from a *⟨sequence⟩* in the *⟨token list variable⟩* without removing it from the *⟨sequence⟩*. The *⟨token list variable⟩* is assigned locally. If *⟨sequence⟩* is empty the *⟨token list variable⟩* will contain the special marker `\q_no_value`.

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`\seq_get_right:NN`
`\seq_get_right:cN`


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Updated: 2012-05-19

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`\seq_get_right:NN <sequence> <token list variable>`

Stores the right-most item from a *⟨sequence⟩* in the *⟨token list variable⟩* without removing it from the *⟨sequence⟩*. The *⟨token list variable⟩* is assigned locally. If *⟨sequence⟩* is empty the *⟨token list variable⟩* will contain the special marker `\q_no_value`.

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`\seq_pop_left:NN`
`\seq_pop_left:cN`


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Updated: 2012-05-14

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`\seq_pop_left:NN <sequence> <token list variable>`

Pops the left-most item from a *⟨sequence⟩* into the *⟨token list variable⟩*, *i.e.* removes the item from the sequence and stores it in the *⟨token list variable⟩*. Both of the variables are assigned locally. If *⟨sequence⟩* is empty the *⟨token list variable⟩* will contain the special marker `\q_no_value`.

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`\seq_gpop_left:NN`
`\seq_gpop_left:cN`


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Updated: 2012-05-14

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`\seq_gpop_left:NN <sequence> <token list variable>`

Pops the left-most item from a *⟨sequence⟩* into the *⟨token list variable⟩*, *i.e.* removes the item from the sequence and stores it in the *⟨token list variable⟩*. The *⟨sequence⟩* is modified globally, while the assignment of the *⟨token list variable⟩* is local. If *⟨sequence⟩* is empty the *⟨token list variable⟩* will contain the special marker `\q_no_value`.

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`\seq_pop_right:NN`
`\seq_pop_right:cN`


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Updated: 2012-05-19

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`\seq_pop_right:NN <sequence> <token list variable>`

Pops the right-most item from a *⟨sequence⟩* into the *⟨token list variable⟩*, *i.e.* removes the item from the sequence and stores it in the *⟨token list variable⟩*. Both of the variables are assigned locally. If *⟨sequence⟩* is empty the *⟨token list variable⟩* will contain the special marker `\q_no_value`.

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`\seq_gpop_right:NN`
`\seq_gpop_right:cN`


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Updated: 2012-05-19

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`\seq_gpop_right:NN <sequence> <token list variable>`

Pops the right-most item from a *⟨sequence⟩* into the *⟨token list variable⟩*, *i.e.* removes the item from the sequence and stores it in the *⟨token list variable⟩*. The *⟨sequence⟩* is modified globally, while the assignment of the *⟨token list variable⟩* is local. If *⟨sequence⟩* is empty the *⟨token list variable⟩* will contain the special marker `\q_no_value`.

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## 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.

<hr/> <u>\seq_get_left:NNTF</u> <u>\seq_get_left:cNTF</u> <hr/> <div>New: 2012-05-14 Updated: 2012-05-19</div> <hr/>	<pre>\seq_get_left:NNTF &lt;sequence&gt; &lt;token list variable&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</pre> <p>If the <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> is empty, leaves the <math>\langle false code \rangle</math> in the input stream. The value of the <math>\langle token list variable \rangle</math> is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> is non-empty, stores the left-most item from a <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> in the <math>\langle token list variable \rangle</math> without removing it from a <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math>. The <math>\langle token list variable \rangle</math> is assigned locally.</p> <p>F, added = 2012-05-14, updated = 2012-05-19</p>
<hr/> <u>\seq_get_right:NNTF</u> <u>\seq_get_right:cNTF</u> <hr/> <div>New: 2012-05-19</div> <hr/>	<pre>\seq_get_right:NNTF &lt;sequence&gt; &lt;token list variable&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</pre> <p>If the <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> is empty, leaves the <math>\langle false code \rangle</math> in the input stream. The value of the <math>\langle token list variable \rangle</math> is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> is non-empty, stores the right-most item from a <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> in the <math>\langle token list variable \rangle</math> without removing it from a <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math>. The <math>\langle token list variable \rangle</math> is assigned locally.</p> <p>F, added = 2012-05-19</p>
<hr/> <u>\seq_pop_left:NNTF</u> <u>\seq_pop_left:cNTF</u> <hr/> <div>New: 2012-05-14 Updated: 2012-05-19</div> <hr/>	<pre>\seq_pop_left:NNTF &lt;sequence&gt; &lt;token list variable&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</pre> <p>If the <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> is empty, leaves the <math>\langle false code \rangle</math> in the input stream. The value of the <math>\langle token list variable \rangle</math> is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> is non-empty, pops the left-most item from a <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> in the <math>\langle token list variable \rangle</math>, <i>i.e.</i> removes the item from a <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math>. Both the <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> and the <math>\langle token list variable \rangle</math> are assigned locally.</p> <p>F, added = 2012-05-14, updated = 2012-05-19</p>
<hr/> <u>\seq_gpop_left:NNTF</u> <u>\seq_gpop_left:cNTF</u> <hr/> <div>New: 2012-05-14 Updated: 2012-05-19</div> <hr/>	<pre>\seq_gpop_left:NNTF &lt;sequence&gt; &lt;token list variable&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</pre> <p>If the <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> is empty, leaves the <math>\langle false code \rangle</math> in the input stream. The value of the <math>\langle token list variable \rangle</math> is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> is non-empty, pops the left-most item from a <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> in the <math>\langle token list variable \rangle</math>, <i>i.e.</i> removes the item from a <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math>. The <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> is modified globally, while the <math>\langle token list variable \rangle</math> is assigned locally.</p> <p>F, added = 2012-05-14, updated = 2012-05-19</p>

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```
\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.

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```
\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.

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## 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.

function

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```
\seq_remove_all:Nn
\seq_remove_all:cn
\seq_gremove_all:Nn
\seq_gremove_all:cn
```

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```
\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)`.

function

## 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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XP,pTF

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<code>\seq_if_in:Nn</code> $\overline{TF}$	<code>\seq_if_in:Nn</code> $\overline{TF}$ $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\{\langle item \rangle\}$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$
<code>\seq_if_in:(N Nv No Nx cn cV cv co cx)</code> $\overline{TF}$	

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Tests if the  $\langle item \rangle$  is present in the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ .  
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## 7 Mapping to sequences

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<code>\seq_map_function:Nn</code> ★	<code>\seq_map_function:Nn</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle function \rangle$
<code>\seq_map_function:cN</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:Nn</code> is in general more efficient than <code>\seq_map_function:Nn</code> . One mapping may be nested inside another.

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<code>\seq_map_inline:Nn</code>	<code>\seq_map_inline:Nn</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\{\langle inline function \rangle\}$
<code>\seq_map_inline:cn</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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<code>\seq_map_variable:NnN</code>	<code>\seq_map_variable:NnN</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle tl var. \rangle$ $\{\langle function using tl var. \rangle\}$
<code>\seq_map_variable:(Ncn cNn ccn)</code>	

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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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**\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 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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**\seq\_map\_break:n** ☆

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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 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.

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**\seq\_count:N** ☆**\seq\_count:c** ☆

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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.

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## 8 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.

<hr/> <code>\seq_get:NN</code> <code>\seq_get:cN</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-14	<code>\seq_get:NN &lt;sequence&gt; &lt;token list variable&gt;</code>  Reads the top item from a <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> into the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> without removing it from the <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> . The <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> is assigned locally. If <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> is empty the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> will contain the special marker <code>\q_no_value</code> . pdated = 2012-05-14
<hr/> <code>\seq_pop:NN</code> <code>\seq_pop:cN</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-14	<code>\seq_pop:NN &lt;sequence&gt; &lt;token list variable&gt;</code>  Pops the top item from a <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> into the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> . Both of the variables are assigned locally. If <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> is empty the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> will contain the special marker <code>\q_no_value</code> . pdated = 2012-05-14
<hr/> <code>\seq_gpop:NN</code> <code>\seq_gpop:cN</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-14	<code>\seq_gpop:NN &lt;sequence&gt; &lt;token list variable&gt;</code>  Pops the top item from a <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> into the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> . The <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> is modified globally, while the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> is assigned locally. If <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> is empty the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> will contain the special marker <code>\q_no_value</code> . pdated = 2012-05-14
<hr/> <code>\seq_get:NNTF</code> <code>\seq_get:cNTF</code> <hr/> New: 2012-05-14 Updated: 2012-05-19	<code>\seq_get:NNTF &lt;sequence&gt; &lt;token list variable&gt; {(true code)} {(false code)}</code>  If the <i>&lt;sequence&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;sequence&gt;</i> is non-empty, stores the top item from a <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> in the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> without removing it from the <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> . The <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> is assigned locally. F, added = 2012-05-14, updated = 2012-05-19
<hr/> <code>\seq_pop:NNTF</code> <code>\seq_pop:cNTF</code> <hr/> New: 2012-05-14 Updated: 2012-05-19	<code>\seq_pop:NNTF &lt;sequence&gt; &lt;token list variable&gt; {(true code)} {(false code)}</code>  If the <i>&lt;sequence&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;sequence&gt;</i> is non-empty, pops the top item from the <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> in the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> , <i>i.e.</i> removes the item from the <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> . Both the <i>&lt;sequence&gt;</i> and the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> are assigned locally. F, added = 2012-05-14, updated = 2012-05-19

<hr/> <code>\seq_gpop:NNTF</code> <hr/>	<code>\seq_gpop:NNTF &lt;sequence&gt; &lt;token list variable&gt; {(true code)} {(false code)}</code>
<code>\seq_gpop:cNTF</code> <hr/>	
New: 2012-05-14	
Updated: 2012-05-19	
	<p>If the <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> is empty, leaves the <math>\langle false code \rangle</math> in the input stream. The value of the <math>\langle token list variable \rangle</math> is not defined in this case and should not be relied upon. If the <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> is non-empty, pops the top item from the <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> in the <math>\langle token list variable \rangle</math>, <i>i.e.</i> removes the item from the <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math>. The <math>\langle sequence \rangle</math> is modified globally, while the <math>\langle token list variable \rangle</math> is assigned locally.</p> <p>F, added = 2012-05-14, updated = 2012-05-19</p>

<hr/> <code>\seq_push:Nn</code> <hr/>	<code>\seq_push:Nn &lt;sequence&gt; {(item)}</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> <hr/>	

Adds the  $\{(item)\}$  to the top of the  $\langle sequence \rangle$ .  
function

## 9 Constant and scratch sequences

<hr/> <code>\c_empty_seq</code> <hr/>	Constant that is always empty.
New: 2012-07-02	
	dded = 2012-07-02

<hr/> <code>\l_tmpa_seq</code> <hr/>	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.
<code>\l_tmpb_seq</code> <hr/>	
New: 2012-04-26	
	dded = 2012-04-26

<hr/> <code>\g_tmpa_seq</code> <hr/>	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.
<code>\g_tmpb_seq</code> <hr/>	
New: 2012-04-26	
	dded = 2012-04-26

## 10 Viewing sequences

<hr/> <code>\seq_show:N</code> <hr/>	<code>\seq_show:N &lt;sequence&gt;</code>
<code>\seq_show:c</code> <hr/>	
	Displays the entries in the $\langle sequence \rangle$ in the terminal.
	function

## 11 Internal sequence functions

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`\__seq_item:n` ★ `\__seq_item:n`  $\langle item \rangle$

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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.  
XP

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`\__seq_push_item_def:n` `\__seq_push_item_def:n`  $\{\langle code \rangle\}$   
`\__seq_push_item_def:x`

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Saves the definition of `\__seq_item:n` and redefines it to accept one parameter and expand to  $\langle code \rangle$ . This function should always be balanced by use of `\__seq_pop_item_def:.`  
function

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`\__seq_pop_item_def:` `\__seq_pop_item_def:`

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Restores the definition of `\__seq_item:n` most recently saved by `\__seq_push_item_def:n`. This function should always be used in a balanced pair with `\__seq_push_item_def:n`.  
function

## Part XIII

# 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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<code>\clist_new:N</code>	<code>\clist_new:N</code> $\langle$ comma list $\rangle$
<code>\clist_new:c</code>	

---

Creates a new  $\langle$ comma list $\rangle$  or raises an error if the name is already taken. The declaration is global. The  $\langle$ comma list $\rangle$  will initially contain no items.  
function

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<code>\clist_clear:N</code>	<code>\clist_clear:N</code> $\langle$ comma list $\rangle$
<code>\clist_clear:c</code>	
<code>\clist_gclear:N</code>	Clears all items from the $\langle$ comma list $\rangle$ .
<code>\clist_gclear:c</code>	

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function

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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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function

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```
\clist_set_eq:NN
\clist_set_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)
\clist_gset_eq:NN
\clist_gset_eq:(cN|Nc|cc)
```

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```
\clist_set_eq:NN <comma list1> <comma list2>
```

Sets the content of  $\langle comma list_1 \rangle$  equal to that of  $\langle comma list_2 \rangle$ .

function

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```
\clist_concat:NNN
\clist_concat:ccc
\clist_gconcat:NNN
\clist_gconcat:ccc
```

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```
\clist_concat:NNN <comma list1> <comma list2> <comma list3>
```

Concatenates the content of  $\langle comma list_2 \rangle$  and  $\langle comma list_3 \rangle$  together and saves the result in  $\langle comma list_1 \rangle$ . The items in  $\langle comma list_2 \rangle$  will be placed at the left side of the new comma list.

function

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```
\clist_if_exist_p:N ★
\clist_if_exist_p:c ★
\clist_if_exist:NTF ★
\clist_if_exist:cTF ★
```

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```
\clist_if_exist_p:N <comma list>
```

```
\clist_if_exist:NTF <comma list> {\true code} {\false code}
```

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

New: 2012-03-03

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XP, pTF, added=2012-03-03

## 2 Adding data to comma lists

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```
\clist_set:Nn
\clist_set:(NV|No|Nx|cn|cV|co|cx)
\clist_gset:Nn
\clist_gset:(NV|No|Nx|cn|cV|co|cx)
```

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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.

added = 2011-09-06

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```
\clist_put_left:Nn
\clist_put_left:(NV|No|Nx|cn|cV|co|cx)
\clist_gput_left:Nn
\clist_gput_left:(NV|No|Nx|cn|cV|co|cx)
```

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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.

pdated = 2011-09-05

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<code>\clist_put_right:Nn</code>	<code>\clist_put_right:Nn &lt;comma list&gt; {\&lt;item_1&gt;,...,&lt;item_n&gt;}</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>	

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Updated: 2011-09-05

Appends the  $\langle items \rangle$  to the right of the  $\langle comma list \rangle$ . Spaces are removed from both sides of each item.

pdated = 2011-09-05

### 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:N &lt;comma list&gt;</code>
<code>\clist_remove_duplicates:c</code>	
<code>\clist_gremove_duplicates:N</code>	
<code>\clist_gremove_duplicates:c</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).

function

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<code>\clist_remove_all:Nn</code>	<code>\clist_remove_all:Nn &lt;comma list&gt; {\&lt;item&gt;}</code>
<code>\clist_remove_all:cn</code>	
<code>\clist_gremove_all:Nn</code>	
<code>\clist_gremove_all:cn</code>	

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Updated: 2011-09-06

**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).

pdated = 2011-09-06

### 4 Comma list conditionals

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<code>\clist_if_empty_p:N</code> ★	<code>\clist_if_empty_p:N &lt;comma list&gt;</code>
<code>\clist_if_empty_p:c</code> ★	<code>\clist_if_empty:NNTF &lt;comma list&gt; {\&lt;true code&gt;} {\&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
<code>\clist_if_empty:NNTF</code> ★	Tests if the $\langle comma list \rangle$ is empty (containing no items).
<code>\clist_if_empty:cTF</code> ★	

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XP,pTF

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<code>\clist_if_in:NnTF</code> <code>\clist_if_in:(NV No cn cV co nn nV no)TF</code>	<code>\clist_if_in:NnTF &lt;comma list&gt; {&lt;item&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2011-09-06

Tests if the  $\langle item \rangle$  is present in the  $\langle comma list \rangle$ . In the case of an n-type  $\langle comma list \rangle$ , 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  $\langle item \rangle$  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.

pdated = 2011-09-06, TF

## 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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<code>\clist_map_function:NN</code> ☆ <code>\clist_map_function:(cN nN)</code> ☆	<code>\clist_map_function:NN &lt;comma list&gt; &lt;function&gt;</code>
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Updated: 2012-06-29

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.

EXP, updated = 2012-06-29

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<code>\clist_map_inline:Nn</code> <code>\clist_map_inline:(cn nn)</code>	<code>\clist_map_inline:Nn &lt;comma list&gt; {&lt;inline function&gt;}</code>
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Updated: 2012-06-29

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.

pdated = 2012-06-29

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<code>\clist_map_variable:NnN</code>	<code>\clist_map_variable:NnN &lt;comma list&gt; &lt;tl var.&gt; {&lt;function using tl var.&gt;}</code>
<code>\clist_map_variable:(cNn nNn)</code>	

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Updated: 2012-06-29

Stores each entry in the *<comma list>* in turn in the *<tl var.>* and applies the *<function using tl var.>* The *<function>* will usually consist of code making use of the *<tl var.>*, but this is not enforced. One variable mapping can be nested inside another. The *<items>* are returned from left to right.

pdated = 2012-06-29

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<code>\clist_map_break: ☆</code>	<code>\clist_map_break:</code>
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Updated: 2012-06-29

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.

EXP, updated = 2012-06-29



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**\clist\_map\_break:n** ☆

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Updated: 2012-06-29

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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 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.

pdated = 2012-06-29, rEXP

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**\clist\_count:N** ☆**\clist\_count:(c|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.

XP, added = 2012-07-13

## 6 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.

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**\clist\_get:NN****\clist\_get:cN**

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Updated: 2012-05-14

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**\clist\_get:NN** *<comma list>* *<token list variable>*

Stores the left-most item from a *<comma list>* in the *<token list variable>* without removing it from the *<comma list>*. The *<token list variable>* is assigned locally. If the *<comma list>* is empty the *<token list variable>* will contain the marker value `\q_no_value`.

pdated = 2012-05-14

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<u>\clist_get:NNTF</u> <u>\clist_get:cNTF</u>  New: 2012-05-14	\clist_get:NNTF <comma list> <token list variable> {(true code)} {(false code)}  If the <comma list> is empty, 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 <comma list> is non-empty, stores the top item from the <comma list> in the <token list variable> without removing it from the <comma list>. The <token list variable> is assigned locally. F, added = 2012-05-14
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<u>\clist_pop:NN</u> <u>\clist_pop:cN</u>  Updated: 2011-09-06	\clist_pop:NN <comma list> <token list variable>  Pops the left-most item from a <comma list> into the <token list variable>, i.e. removes the item from the comma list and stores it in the <token list variable>. Both of the variables are assigned locally. pdated = 2011-09-06
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<u>\clist_gpop:NN</u> <u>\clist_gpop:cN</u>	\clist_gpop:NN <comma list> <token list variable>  Pops the left-most item from a <comma list> into the <token list variable>, i.e. removes the item from the comma list and stores it in the <token list variable>. The <comma list> is modified globally, while the assignment of the <token list variable> is local. function
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<u>\clist_pop:NNTF</u> <u>\clist_pop:cNTF</u>  New: 2012-05-14	\clist_pop:NNTF <sequence> <token list variable> {(true code)} {(false code)}  If the <comma list> is empty, 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 <comma list> is non-empty, pops the top item from the <comma list> in the <token list variable>, i.e. removes the item from the <comma list>. Both the <comma list> and the <token list variable> are assigned locally. F, added = 2012-05-14
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<u>\clist_gpop:NNTF</u> <u>\clist_gpop:cNTF</u>  New: 2012-05-14	\clist_gpop:NNTF <comma list> <token list variable> {(true code)} {(false code)}  If the <comma list> is empty, 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 <comma list> is non-empty, pops the top item from the <comma list> in the <token list variable>, i.e. removes the item from the <comma list>. The <comma list> is modified globally, while the <token list variable> is assigned locally. F, added = 2012-05-14
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\clist_push:Nn \clist_push:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx) \clist_gpush:Nn \clist_gpush:(NV No Nx cn cV co cx)	\clist_push:Nn <comma list> {(items)}  
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Adds the {(items)} to the top of the <comma list>. Spaces are removed from both sides of each item.  
function

## 7 Viewing comma lists

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<code>\clist_show:N</code>	<code>\clist_show:N</code> $\langle comma\ list \rangle$
<code>\clist_show:c</code>	Displays the entries in the $\langle comma\ list \rangle$ in the terminal. function

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<code>\clist_show:n</code>	<code>\clist_show:n</code> $\{ \langle tokens \rangle \}$
	Displays the entries in the comma list in the terminal. function

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## 8 Constant and scratch comma lists

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<code>\c_empty_clist</code>	Constant that is always empty.
<small>New: 2012-07-02</small>	

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dded = 2012-07-02

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<code>\l_tmpa_clist</code>	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.
<code>\l_tmpb_clist</code>	
<small>New: 2011-09-06</small>	

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dded = 2011-09-06

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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 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_clist</code>	
<small>New: 2011-09-06</small>	

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dded = 2011-09-06

## Part XIV

# 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.  
function

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 $\backslash\text{prop\_clear:N}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_clear:c}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_gclear:N}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_gclear:c}$ 


---

 $\backslash\text{prop\_clear:N}$   $\langle property\ list \rangle$ 

Clears all entries from the  $\langle property\ list \rangle$ .

function

---

 $\backslash\text{prop\_clear\_new:N}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_clear\_new:c}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_gclear\_new:N}$   
 $\backslash\text{prop\_gclear\_new:c}$ 


---

 $\backslash\text{prop\_clear\_new:N}$   $\langle property\ list \rangle$ 

Ensures that the  $\langle property\ list \rangle$  exists globally by applying  $\backslash\text{prop\_new:N}$  if necessary, then applies  $\backslash\text{prop\_gclear:N}$  to leave the list empty.

function

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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  $\langle property\ list_2 \rangle$ .

function

## 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>*.

pdated = 2012-07-09

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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>
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If the *<key>* is present in the *<property list>* then no action is taken. If the *<key>* is not present in the *<property list>* then a new entry is added. 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.

function

## 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`.

pdated = 2011-08-28

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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>
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Updated: 2011-08-18

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 *<key>* and *<value>* are then deleted from the property list. Both assignments are local. See also `\prop_pop:NnNTF`.

pdated = 2011-08-18

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`\prop_gpop:NnN`  
`\prop_gpop:(NoN|cnN|coN)`

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Updated: 2011-08-18

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`\prop_gpop:NnN`  $\langle property list \rangle$   $\{\langle key \rangle\}$   $\langle tl var \rangle$

Recovers the  $\langle value \rangle$  stored with  $\langle key \rangle$  from the  $\langle property list \rangle$ , and places this in the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$ . If the  $\langle key \rangle$  is not found in the  $\langle property list \rangle$  then the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  will contain the special marker `\q_no_value`. The  $\langle key \rangle$  and  $\langle value \rangle$  are then deleted from the property list. The  $\langle property list \rangle$  is modified globally, while the assignment of the  $\langle token list variable \rangle$  is local. See also `\prop_gpop:NnNTF`.

pdated = 2011-08-18

## 4 Modifying property lists

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`\prop_remove:Nn`  
`\prop_remove:(NV|cn|cV)`  
`\prop_gremove:Nn`  
`\prop_gremove:(NV|cn|cV)`

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New: 2012-05-12

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`\prop_remove:Nn`  $\langle property list \rangle$   $\{\langle key \rangle\}$

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.e* there is no need to test for the existence of a key before deleting it.

added = 2012-05-12

## 5 Property list conditionals

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`\prop_if_exist_p:N` ★  
`\prop_if_exist_p:c` ★  
`\prop_if_exist:NTF` ★  
`\prop_if_exist:cTF` ★

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New: 2012-03-03

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`\prop_if_exist_p:N`  $\langle property list \rangle$

`\prop_if_exist:NTF`  $\langle property list \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

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.

XP, pTF, added = 2012-03-03

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`\prop_if_empty_p:N` ★  
`\prop_if_empty_p:c` ★  
`\prop_if_empty:NTF` ★  
`\prop_if_empty:cTF` ★

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`\prop_if_empty_p:N`  $\langle property list \rangle$

`\prop_if_empty:NTF`  $\langle property list \rangle$   $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$

Tests if the  $\langle property list \rangle$  is empty (containing no entries).

XP,pTF

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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:NnTF</code>	★					
<code>\prop_if_in:(NV No cn cV co)TF</code>	★					

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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`.

pdated = 2011-09-15, EXP, pTF

## 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:NnNTF</code>	$\langle property\ list \rangle$	$\{\langle key \rangle\}$	$\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$
<code>\prop_get:(NVN NoN cnN cVN coN)TF</code>			$\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$	$\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$

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Updated: 2012-05-19

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If the  $\langle key \rangle$  is not present in the  $\langle property\ list \rangle$ , 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  $\langle key \rangle$  is present in the  $\langle property\ list \rangle$ , stores the corresponding  $\langle value \rangle$  in the  $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$  without removing it from the  $\langle property\ list \rangle$ , then leaves the  $\langle true\ code \rangle$  in the input stream. The  $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$  is assigned locally.

pdated = 2012-05-19, TF

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<code>\prop_pop:NnNTF</code>	<code>\prop_pop:NnNTF</code>	$\langle property\ list \rangle$	$\{\langle key \rangle\}$	$\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$	$\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$
<code>\prop_pop:cnNTF</code>					$\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$

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New: 2011-08-18

Updated: 2012-05-19

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If the  $\langle key \rangle$  is not present in the  $\langle property\ list \rangle$ , 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  $\langle key \rangle$  is present in the  $\langle property\ list \rangle$ , pops the corresponding  $\langle value \rangle$  in the  $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$ , *i.e.* removes the item from the  $\langle property\ list \rangle$ . Both the  $\langle property\ list \rangle$  and the  $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$  are assigned locally.

F, added = 2011-08-18, updated = 2012-05-19

<code>\prop_gpop:NnNTF</code>	<code>\prop_gpop:NnNTF &lt;property list&gt; {&lt;key&gt;} &lt;token list variable&gt; {&lt;true code&gt;}</code>
<code>\prop_gpop:cnNTF</code>	<code>{&lt;false code&gt;}</code>
New: 2011-08-18	If the <i>&lt;key&gt;</i> is not present in the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> , leaves the <i>&lt;false code&gt;</i> in the input stream.
Updated: 2012-05-19	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;key&gt;</i> is present in the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> , pops the corresponding <i>&lt;value&gt;</i> in the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> , <i>i.e.</i> removes the item from the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> . The <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> is modified globally, while the <i>&lt;token list variable&gt;</i> is assigned locally.
	F, added = 2011-08-18, updated = 2012-05-19

## 7 Mapping to property lists

<code>\prop_map_function:Nn</code> ☆	<code>\prop_map_function:Nn &lt;property list&gt; &lt;function&gt;</code>
<code>\prop_map_function:cn</code> ☆	
Updated: 2012-06-29	Applies <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> to every <i>&lt;entry&gt;</i> stored in the <i>&lt;property list&gt;</i> . The <i>&lt;function&gt;</i> will receive two argument for each iteration: the <i>&lt;key&gt;</i> and associated <i>&lt;value&gt;</i> . The order in which <i>&lt;entries&gt;</i> are returned is not defined and should not be relied upon.
	pdated = 2012-06-29, rEXP

<code>\prop_map_inline:Nn</code>	<code>\prop_map_inline:Nn &lt;property list&gt; {&lt;inline function&gt;}</code>
<code>\prop_map_inline:cn</code>	
Updated: 2012-06-29	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.
	pdated = 2012-06-29

<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 low level T<sub>E</sub>X errors.  
 pdated = 2012-06-29, rEXP



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**\prop\_map\_break:n** ☆

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Updated: 2012-06-29

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**\prop\_map\_break:n** {(tokens)}

Used to terminate a **\prop\_map...** function before all entries in the *⟨property list⟩* have been processed, inserting the *⟨tokens⟩* 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 low level T<sub>E</sub>X errors.  
pdated = 2012-06-29, rEXP

## 8 Viewing property lists

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**\prop\_show:N****\prop\_show:c**

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**\prop\_show:N** *⟨property list⟩*

Displays the entries in the *⟨property list⟩* in the terminal.  
function

## 9 Scratch property lists

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**\l\_tmpa\_prop****\l\_tmpb\_prop**

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New: 2012-06-23

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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.

dded = 2012-06-23

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**\g\_tmpa\_prop****\g\_tmpb\_prop**

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New: 2012-06-23

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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.

dded = 2012-06-23

## 10 Constants

<u><u>\c_empty_prop</u></u>	A permanently-empty property list used for internal comparisons. variable
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## 11 Internal property list functions

<u><u>\q__prop</u></u>	The internal token used to separate out property list entries, separating both the $\langle key \rangle$ from the $\langle value \rangle$ and also one entry from another. variable
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<u><u>\__prop_split:NnTF</u></u>	<u><u>\__prop_split:NnTF</u></u> $\langle property\ list \rangle \{ \langle key \rangle \} \{ \langle true\ code \rangle \} \{ \langle false\ code \rangle \}$ Splits the $\langle property\ list \rangle$ at the $\langle key \rangle$ , giving three groups: 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 $\langle value \rangle$ . The first $\langle extract \rangle$ retains the internal structure of a property list. The second is only missing the leading separator <u><u>\q__prop</u></u> . This ensures that 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, followed by the three groups: thus the $\langle true\ code \rangle$ should properly absorb three arguments. 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. The $\langle key \rangle$ comparison takes place as described for <u><u>\str_if_eq:nn</u></u> . function
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# Part XV

## 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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function

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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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function

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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_gclear_new:N</code>	<code>\box_(g)clear:N</code> to leave the $\langle box \rangle$ empty.
<code>\box_gclear_new:c</code>	

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function

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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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function

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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 $\text{\TeX}$ group equal to that of $\langle box_2 \rangle$ , then clears $\langle box_2 \rangle$ globally.

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function

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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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function

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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:NTF</code>	$\langle box \rangle$ $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$
<code>\box_if_exist:NTF</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:cTF</code>	★		

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New: 2012-03-03

XP, pTF, added=2012-03-03

## 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`.

function

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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`.

function

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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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function

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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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function

### 3 Measuring and setting box dimensions

<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\box_dp:N</code> <code>\box_dp:c</code>	<code>\box_dp:N</code> $\langle box \rangle$ Calculates the depth (below the baseline) of the $\langle box \rangle$ in a form suitable for use in a $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .
		<b>T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:</b> This is the T <sub>E</sub> X primitive <code>\dp</code> . function
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\box_ht:N</code> <code>\box_ht:c</code>	<code>\box_ht:N</code> $\langle box \rangle$ Calculates the height (above the baseline) of the $\langle box \rangle$ in a form suitable for use in a $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .
		<b>T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:</b> This is the T <sub>E</sub> X primitive <code>\ht</code> . function
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\box_wd:N</code> <code>\box_wd:c</code>	<code>\box_wd:N</code> $\langle box \rangle$ Calculates the width of the $\langle box \rangle$ in a form suitable for use in a $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .
		<b>T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:</b> This is the T <sub>E</sub> X primitive <code>\wd</code> . function
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\box_set_dp:Nn</code> <code>\box_set_dp:cn</code> Updated: 2011-10-22	<code>\box_set_dp:Nn</code> $\langle box \rangle$ $\{ \langle dimension expression \rangle \}$ 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. pdated = 2011-10-22
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\box_set_ht:Nn</code> <code>\box_set_ht:cn</code> Updated: 2011-10-22	<code>\box_set_ht:Nn</code> $\langle box \rangle$ $\{ \langle dimension expression \rangle \}$ 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. pdated = 2011-10-22
<hr/> <hr/>	<code>\box_set_wd:Nn</code> <code>\box_set_wd:cn</code> Updated: 2011-10-22	<code>\box_set_wd:Nn</code> $\langle box \rangle$ $\{ \langle dimension expression \rangle \}$ Set the width of the $\langle box \rangle$ to the value of the $\{ \langle dimension expression \rangle \}$ . This is a global assignment. pdated = 2011-10-22

## 4 Box conditionals

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<code>\box_if_empty_p:N</code>	★	<code>\box_if_empty_p:N</code>	$\langle box \rangle$
<code>\box_if_empty_p:c</code>	★	<code>\box_if_empty:NTF</code>	$\langle box \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$
<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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XP,pTF

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<code>\box_if_horizontal_p:N</code>	★	<code>\box_if_horizontal_p:N</code>	$\langle box \rangle$
<code>\box_if_horizontal_p:c</code>	★	<code>\box_if_horizontal:NTF</code>	$\langle box \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$
<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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XP,pTF

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<code>\box_if_vertical_p:N</code>	★	<code>\box_if_vertical_p:N</code>	$\langle box \rangle$
<code>\box_if_vertical_p:c</code>	★	<code>\box_if_vertical:NTF</code>	$\langle box \rangle$ $\{\langle true code \rangle\}$ $\{\langle false code \rangle\}$
<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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XP,pTF

## 5 The last box inserted

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<code>\box_set_to_last:N</code>	<code>\box_set_to_last:N</code>	$\langle box \rangle$
<code>\box_set_to_last:c</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:N</code>		
<code>\box_gset_to_last:c</code>	function	

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## 6 Constant boxes

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<code>\c_empty_box</code>	This is a permanently empty box, which is neither set as horizontal nor vertical. variable
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## 7 Scratch boxes

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<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>	

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variable

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`\g_tmpa_box`  
`\g_tmpb_box`

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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.

## 8 Viewing box contents

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`\box_show:N`  
`\box_show:c`

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Updated: 2012-05-11

`\box_show:N`  $\langle box \rangle$

Shows full details of the content of the  $\langle box \rangle$  in the terminal.

pdated = 2012-05-11

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`\box_show:Nnn`  
`\box_show:cnn`

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New: 2012-05-11

`\box_show:Nnn`  $\langle box \rangle$   $\langle intexpr_1 \rangle$   $\langle intexpr_2 \rangle$

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.

dded = 2012-05-11

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`\box_log:N`  
`\box_log:c`

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New: 2012-05-11

`\box_log:N`  $\langle box \rangle$

Writes full details of the content of the  $\langle box \rangle$  to the log.

dded = 2012-05-11

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`\box_log:Nnn`  
`\box_log:cnn`

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New: 2012-05-11

`\box_log:Nnn`  $\langle box \rangle$   $\langle intexpr_1 \rangle$   $\langle intexpr_2 \rangle$

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.

dded = 2012-05-11

## 9 Horizontal mode boxes

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`\hbox:n`

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`\hbox:n`  $\{\langle contents \rangle\}$

Typesets the  $\langle contents \rangle$  into a horizontal box of natural width and then includes this box in the current list for typesetting.

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

function

<hr/> <hr/> <code>\hbox_to_wd:nn</code>	<code>\hbox_to_wd:nn {&lt;dimexpr&gt;} {&lt;contents&gt;}</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. function
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\hbox_to_zero:n</code>	<code>\hbox_to_zero:n {&lt;contents&gt;}</code>  Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ into a horizontal box of zero width and then includes this box in the current list for typesetting. function
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\hbox_set:Nn</code> <code>\hbox_set:cn</code> <code>\hbox_gset:Nn</code> <code>\hbox_gset:cn</code>	<code>\hbox_set:Nn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;contents&gt;}</code>  Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ at natural width and then stores the result inside the $\langle box \rangle$ .  function
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn</code> <code>\hbox_set_to_wd:cnn</code> <code>\hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnn</code> <code>\hbox_gset_to_wd:cnn</code>	<code>\hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;dimexpr&gt;} {&lt;contents&gt;}</code>  Typesets the $\langle contents \rangle$ to the width given by the $\langle dimexpr \rangle$ and then stores the result inside the $\langle box \rangle$ .  function
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\hbox_overlap_right:n</code>	<code>\hbox_overlap_right:n {&lt;contents&gt;}</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. function
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\hbox_overlap_left:n</code>	<code>\hbox_overlap_left:n {&lt;contents&gt;}</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. function
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\hbox_set:Nw</code> <code>\hbox_set:cw</code> <code>\hbox_set_end:</code> <code>\hbox_gset:Nw</code> <code>\hbox_gset:cw</code> <code>\hbox_gset_end:</code>	<code>\hbox_set:Nw &lt;box&gt; &lt;contents&gt; \hbox_set_end:</code>  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.  function
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\hbox_unpack:N</code> <code>\hbox_unpack:c</code>	<code>\hbox_unpack:N &lt;box&gt;</code>  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`.



function

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**\hbox\_unpack\_clear:N**  
**\hbox\_unpack\_clear:c**

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**\hbox\_unpack\_clear:N**  $\langle box \rangle$

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`.

function

## 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.

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**\vbox:n**

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Updated: 2011-12-18

**\vbox:n**  $\{\langle contents \rangle\}$

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`.

pdated = 2011-12-18

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**\vbox\_top:n**

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Updated: 2011-12-18

**\vbox\_top:n**  $\{\langle contents \rangle\}$

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 *first* item added to the box.

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

pdated = 2011-12-18

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**\vbox\_to\_ht:nn**

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Updated: 2011-12-18

**\vbox\_to\_ht:nn**  $\{\langle dimexpr \rangle\} \{\langle contents \rangle\}$

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.

pdated = 2011-12-18

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**\vbox\_to\_zero:n**

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Updated: 2011-12-18

**\vbox\_to\_zero:n**  $\{\langle contents \rangle\}$

Typesets the  $\langle contents \rangle$  into a vertical box of zero height and then includes this box in the current list for typesetting.

pdated = 2011-12-18

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```
\vbox_set:Nn
\vbox_set:cn
\vbox_gset:Nn
\vbox_gset:cn
```

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Updated: 2011-12-18

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```
\vbox_set:Nn <box> {\<contents>}
```

Typesets the  $\langle contents \rangle$  at natural height and then stores the result inside the  $\langle box \rangle$ .

pdated = 2011-12-18

---

```
\vbox_set_top:Nn
\vbox_set_top:cn
\vbox_gset_top:Nn
\vbox_gset_top:cn
```

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Updated: 2011-12-18

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```
\vbox_set_top:Nn <box> {\<contents>}
```

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.

pdated = 2011-12-18

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```
\vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn
\vbox_set_to_ht:cnn
\vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnn
\vbox_gset_to_ht:cnn
```

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Updated: 2011-12-18

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```
\vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn <box> {\<dimexpr>} {\<contents>}
```

Typesets the  $\langle contents \rangle$  to the height given by the  $\langle dimexpr \rangle$  and then stores the result inside the  $\langle box \rangle$ .

pdated = 2011-12-18

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```
\vbox_set:Nw
\vbox_set:cw
\vbox_set_end:
\vbox_gset:Nw
\vbox_gset:cw
\vbox_gset_end:
```

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Updated: 2011-12-18

---

```
\vbox_set:Nw <box> <contents> \vbox_set_end:
```

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.

pdated = 2011-12-18

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```
\vbox_set_split_to_ht:NNn
```

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Updated: 2011-10-22

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```
\vbox_set_split_to_ht:NNn <box1> <box2> {\<dimexpr>}
```

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`.

pdated = 2011-10-22

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```
\vbox_unpack:N
\vbox_unpack:c
```

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```
\vbox_unpack:N <box>
```

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`.

function

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`\vbox_unpack_clear:N`  
`\vbox_unpack_clear:c`

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`\vbox_unpack:N`  $\langle box \rangle$

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`.

function

## 11 Primitive box conditionals

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`\if_hbox:N` ★

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`\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`.

XP

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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`.

XP

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`\if_box_empty:N` ★

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`\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`.

XP

## Part XVI

# 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

---

`\coffin_new:N``\coffin_new:c`

---

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.

added = 2011-08-17

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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 T<sub>E</sub>X group level.

added = 2011-08-17

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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 T<sub>E</sub>X group level.

added = 2011-08-17

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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.

XP, pTF, added = 2012-06-20

### 2 Setting coffin content and poles

All coffin functions create and manipulate coffins locally within the current T<sub>E</sub>X 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.

dded = 2011-08-17, updated = 2011-09-03

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`\hcoffin_set:Nw`  
`\hcoffin_set:cw`  
`\hcoffin_set_end:`

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New: 2011-09-10

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`\hcoffin_set:Nw`  $\langle coffin \rangle$   $\langle material \rangle$  `\hcoffin_set_end:`

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.

dded = 2011-09-10

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`\vcoffin_set:Nnn`  
`\vcoffin_set:cnn`

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New: 2011-08-17  
Updated: 2012-05-22

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`\vcoffin_set:Nnn`  $\langle coffin \rangle$   $\{\langle width \rangle\}$   $\{\langle material \rangle\}$

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.

dded = 2011-08-17, updated = 2012-05-22

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`\vcoffin_set:Nnw`  
`\vcoffin_set:cnw`  
`\vcoffin_set_end:`

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New: 2011-09-10  
Updated: 2012-05-22

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`\vcoffin_set:Nnw`  $\langle coffin \rangle$   $\{\langle width \rangle\}$   $\langle material \rangle$  `\vcoffin_set_end:`

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.

dded = 2011-09-10, updated = 2012-05-22

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`\coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn`  
`\coffin_set_horizontal_pole:cnn`

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New: 2012-07-20

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`\coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn`  $\langle coffin \rangle$   
 $\{\langle pole \rangle\}$   $\{\langle offset \rangle\}$

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.

dded = 2012-07-20

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`\coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn`  
`\coffin_set_vertical_pole:cnn`

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New: 2012-07-20

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`\coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn`  $\langle coffin \rangle$   $\{\langle pole \rangle\}$   $\{\langle offset \rangle\}$

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.

dded = 2012-07-20

### 3 Joining and using coffins

<code>\coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn</code>	<code>\coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn</code>
<code>\coffin_attach:(cnnNnnnn Nnnncnnn cnnncnnn)</code>	$\langle coffin_1 \rangle \{ \langle coffin_1 - pole_1 \rangle \} \{ \langle coffin_1 - pole_2 \rangle \}$ $\langle coffin_2 \rangle \{ \langle coffin_2 - pole_1 \rangle \} \{ \langle coffin_2 - pole_2 \rangle \}$ $\{ \langle x - offset \rangle \} \{ \langle y - offset \rangle \}$

This function attaches  $\langle \text{coffin}_2 \rangle$  to  $\langle \text{coffin}_1 \rangle$  such that the bounding box of  $\langle \text{coffin}_1 \rangle$  is not altered, *i.e.*  $\langle \text{coffin}_2 \rangle$  can protrude outside of the bounding box of the coffin. The alignment is carried out by first calculating  $\langle \text{handle}_1 \rangle$ , the point of intersection of  $\langle \text{coffin}_1\text{-pole}_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle \text{coffin}_1\text{-pole}_2 \rangle$ , and  $\langle \text{handle}_2 \rangle$ , the point of intersection of  $\langle \text{coffin}_2\text{-pole}_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle \text{coffin}_2\text{-pole}_2 \rangle$ .  $\langle \text{coffin}_2 \rangle$  is then attached to  $\langle \text{coffin}_1 \rangle$  such that the relationship between  $\langle \text{handle}_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle \text{handle}_2 \rangle$  is described by the  $\langle x\text{-offset} \rangle$  and  $\langle y\text{-offset} \rangle$ . The two offsets should be given as dimension expressions.

<code>\coffin_join:NnnNnnnn</code>	<code>\coffin_join:NnnNnnnn</code>
<code>\coffin_join:(cnnNnnnn Nnnncnnnn cnnccnnnn)</code>	$\langle coffin_1 \rangle \{ \langle coffin_1 - pole_1 \rangle \} \{ \langle coffin_1 - pole_2 \rangle \}$ $\langle coffin_2 \rangle \{ \langle coffin_2 - pole_1 \rangle \} \{ \langle coffin_2 - pole_2 \rangle \}$ $\{ \langle x - offset \rangle \} \{ \langle y - offset \rangle \}$

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.

function

$\backslash\text{coffin\_typeset:Nnnnn}$ $\backslash\text{coffin\_typeset:cnnnn}$	$\backslash\text{coffin\_typeset:Nnnnn} \langle\text{coffin}\rangle \{\langle\text{pole}_1\rangle\} \{\langle\text{pole}_2\rangle\}$ $\{\langle x\text{-offset}\rangle\} \{\langle y\text{-offset}\rangle\}$
<hr/> Updated: 2012-07-20	Typesetting is carried out by first calculating $\langle handle$

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.

pdated = 2012-07-20

## 4 Measuring coffins

<code>\coffin_dp:N</code>	<code>\coffin_dp:N</code> $\langle coffin \rangle$
<u><code>\coffin_dp:c</code></u>	Calculates the depth (below the baseline) of the $\langle coffin \rangle$ in a form suitable for use in a $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .

function

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<code>\coffin_ht:N</code>	<code>\coffin_ht:N</code> $\langle coffin \rangle$
<code>\coffin_ht:c</code>	Calculates the height (above the baseline) of the $\langle coffin \rangle$ in a form suitable for use in a $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .

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function

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<code>\coffin_wd:N</code>	<code>\coffin_wd:N</code> $\langle coffin \rangle$
<code>\coffin_wd:c</code>	Calculates the width of the $\langle coffin \rangle$ in a form suitable for use in a $\langle dimension expression \rangle$ .

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function

## 5 Coffin diagnostics

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<code>\coffin_display_handles:Nn</code>	<code>\coffin_display_handles:Nn</code> $\langle coffin \rangle$ $\{ \langle colour \rangle \}$
<code>\coffin_display_handles:cn</code>	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 $\langle colour \rangle$ specified.

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Updated: 2011-09-02

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<code>\coffin_mark_handle:Nnnn</code>	<code>\coffin_mark_handle:Nnnn</code> $\langle coffin \rangle$ $\{ \langle pole_1 \rangle \}$ $\{ \langle pole_2 \rangle \}$ $\{ \langle colour \rangle \}$
<code>\coffin_mark_handle:cnnn</code>	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 $\langle colour \rangle$ specified.

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Updated: 2011-09-02

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<code>\coffin_show_structure:N</code>	<code>\coffin_show_structure:N</code> $\langle coffin \rangle$
<code>\coffin_show_structure:c</code>	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.

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Updated: 2012-01-01

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.

pdated = 2012-01-01

## 5.1 Constants and variables

<hr/> <code>\c_empty_coffin</code> <hr/>	A permanently empty coffin. variable
<hr/> <code>\l_tmpa_coffin</code> <code>\l_tmpb_coffin</code> <hr/> <div>New: 2012-06-19</div> <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. dded = 2012-06-19



## Part XVII

# The l3color package

## Colour 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 Colour 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:
...
\color_group_end:
```

Creates a color group: one used to “trap” color settings.  
dded = 2011-09-03

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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.  
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## Part XVIII

# 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

```
\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.

dated = 2011-08-16

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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. function
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<code>\msg_if_exist_p:nn</code> ★ <code>\msg_if_exist:nnTF</code> ★ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">New: 2012-03-03</div>	<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. XP, pTF, added = 2012-03-03
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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> . EXP
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<code>\msg_line_number:</code> ★	<code>\msg_line_number:</code> Prints the current line number when a message is given. XP
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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. XP
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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. XP
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`\msg_error_text:n` ★ `\msg_error_text:n {<module>}`

Produces the standard text

`<module> error`

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.

XP

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`\msg_warning_text:n` ★ `\msg_warning_text:n {<module>}`

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.

XP

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`\msg_info_text:n` ★ `\msg_info_text:n {<module>}`

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.

XP

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`\msg_see_documentation_text:n` ★ `\msg_see_documentation_text:n {<module>}`

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.

XP

### 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 {\langle module \rangle} {\langle message \rangle} {\langle arg one \rangle}</code>
<code>\msg_fatal:(nnnnn nnnn nnn nn nnxxxx nnxxx nnxx nnx)</code>	<code>{\langle arg two \rangle} {\langle arg three \rangle} {\langle arg four \rangle}</code>

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Updated: 2012-08-11

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 fatal error the  $\text{\TeX}$  run will halt.  
pdated = 2012-08-11

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<code>\msg_critical:nnnnnn</code>	<code>\msg_critical:nnnnnn {\langle module \rangle} {\langle message \rangle} {\langle arg one \rangle}</code>
<code>\msg_critical:(nnnnn nnnn nnn nn nnxxxx nnxxx nnxx nnx)</code>	<code>{\langle arg two \rangle} {\langle arg three \rangle} {\langle arg four \rangle}</code>

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Updated: 2012-08-11

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,  $\text{\TeX}$  will stop reading the current input file. This may halt the  $\text{\TeX}$  run (if the current file is the main file) or may abort reading a sub-file.

**$\text{\TeX}$ hackers note:** The  $\text{\TeX}$  `\endinput` primitive is used to exit the file. In particular, the rest of the current line remains in the input stream.

pdated = 2012-08-11

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<code>\msg_error:nnnnnn</code>	<code>\msg_error:nnnnnn {\langle module \rangle} {\langle message \rangle} {\langle arg one \rangle}</code>
<code>\msg_error:(nnnnn nnnn nnn nn nnxxxx nnxxx nnxx nnx)</code>	<code>{\langle arg two \rangle} {\langle arg three \rangle} {\langle arg four \rangle}</code>

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Updated: 2012-08-11

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.  
pdated = 2012-08-11

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<code>\msg_warning:nnnnnn</code>	<code>\msg_warning:nnxxxx {\langle module \rangle} {\langle message \rangle} {\langle arg one \rangle}</code>
<code>\msg_warning:(nnnnn nnnn nnn nn nnxxxx nnxxx nnxx nnx)</code>	<code>{\langle arg two \rangle} {\langle arg three \rangle} {\langle arg four \rangle}</code>

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Updated: 2012-08-11

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  $\text{\TeX}$  run will not be interrupted.  
pdated = 2012-08-11

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<code>\msg_info:nnnnnn</code>	<code>\msg_info:nnnnnn {\langle module \rangle} {\langle message \rangle} {\langle arg one \rangle}</code>
<code>\msg_info:(nnnnn nnnn nnn nn nnxxxx nnxxx nnxx nnx)</code>	<code>{\langle arg two \rangle} {\langle arg three \rangle} {\langle arg four \rangle}</code>

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Updated: 2012-08-11

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.  
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```
\msg_log:nnnnnn
\msg_log:(nnnnn|nnnn|nnn|nn|nnxxxx|nnxxx|nnxx|nnx)
```

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Updated: 2012-08-11

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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: the output is briefer than

```
\msg_info:nnnnnn.
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```

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```
\msg_none:nnnnnn
\msg_none:(nnnnn|nnnn|nnn|nn|nnxxxx|nnxxx|nnxx|nnx)
```

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Updated: 2012-08-11

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Does nothing: used as a message class to prevent any output at all (see the discussion of message redirection).

```
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```

## 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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Updated: 2012-04-27

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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>*.

pdated = 2012-04-27

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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 }`

pdated = 2012-04-27

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`\msg_redirect_name:nnn`

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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 }`

pdated = 2012-04-27

## 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>
<code>New: 2012-06-28</code>	Interrupts the TeX run, issuing a formatted message comprising <code>&lt;first line&gt;</code> and <code>&lt;text&gt;</code> 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.  
dded = 2012-06-28

<hr/> <code>\msg_log:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\msg_log:n {&lt;text&gt;}</code>
<code>New: 2012-06-28</code>	Writes to the log file with the <code>&lt;text&gt;</code> 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.  
dded = 2012-06-28

<hr/> <code>\msg_term:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\msg_term:n {&lt;text&gt;}</code>
<code>New: 2012-06-28</code>	Writes to the terminal and log file with the <code>&lt;text&gt;</code> 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.  
dded = 2012-06-28



## 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.

<hr/> <code>\_msg_kernel_new:nnnn</code> <code>\_msg_kernel_new:nnn</code> <hr/> Updated: 2011-08-16	<code>\_msg_kernel_new:nnnn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;} {&lt;text&gt;} {&lt;more text&gt;}</code> <p>Creates a kernel <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 and expanded at the time the message is used. An error will be raised if the <i>&lt;message&gt;</i> already exists.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">pdated = 2011-08-16</p>
<hr/> <code>\_msg_kernel_set:nnnn</code> <code>\_msg_kernel_set:nnn</code> <hr/>	<code>\_msg_kernel_set:nnnn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;} {&lt;text&gt;} {&lt;more text&gt;}</code> <p>Sets up the text for a kernel <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 and expanded at the time the message is used.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">function</p>
<hr/> <code>\_msg_kernel_fatal:nnnnnn</code> <code>\_msg_kernel_fatal:(nnnnn nnnn nnn nn nnxxxx nnxxx nnxx nnx)</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-08-11	<code>\_msg_kernel_fatal:nnnnnn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;} {&lt;arg one&gt;} {&lt;arg two&gt;} {&lt;arg three&gt;} {&lt;arg four&gt;}</code> <p>Issues kernel <i>&lt;module&gt;</i> error <i>&lt;message&gt;</i>, passing <i>&lt;arg one&gt;</i> to <i>&lt;arg four&gt;</i> to the text-creating functions. After issuing a fatal error the T<sub>E</sub>X run will halt. Cannot be redirected.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">pdated = 2012-08-11</p>
<hr/> <code>\_msg_kernel_error:nnnnnn</code> <code>\_msg_kernel_error:(nnnnn nnnn nnn nn nnxxxx nnxxx nnxx nnx)</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-08-11	<code>\_msg_kernel_error:nnnnnn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;} {&lt;arg one&gt;} {&lt;arg two&gt;} {&lt;arg three&gt;} {&lt;arg four&gt;}</code> <p>Issues kernel <i>&lt;module&gt;</i> error <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 error will stop processing and issue the text at the terminal. After user input, the run will continue. Cannot be redirected.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">pdated = 2012-08-11</p>
<hr/> <code>\_msg_kernel_warning:nnnnnn</code> <code>\_msg_kernel_warning:(nnnnn nnnn nnn nn nnxxxx nnxxx nnxx nnx)</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-08-11	<code>\_msg_kernel_warning:nnnnnn {&lt;module&gt;} {&lt;message&gt;} {&lt;arg one&gt;} {&lt;arg two&gt;} {&lt;arg three&gt;} {&lt;arg four&gt;}</code> <p>Issues kernel <i>&lt;module&gt;</i> warning <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 warning text will be added to the log file, but the T<sub>E</sub>X run will not be interrupted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">pdated = 2012-08-11</p>

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<code>\_msg_kernel_info:nnnnnn</code>	<code>\_msg_kernel_info:nnnnnn {&lt;module&gt;}</code>
<code>\_msg_kernel_info:(nnnnn nnnn nnn nn nnxxxx nnxxx nnxx nnx)</code>	<code>{&lt;message&gt;} {&lt;arg one&gt;} {&lt;arg two&gt;} {&lt;arg three&gt;} {&lt;arg four&gt;}</code>
Updated: 2012-08-11	

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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.  
 pdated = 2012-08-11

## 7 Expandable errors

In a few places, the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 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.

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<code>\_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn</code>	★	<code>\_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn {&lt;module&gt;}</code>
<code>\_msg_kernel_expandable_error:(nnnnn nnnn nnn nn)</code>	★	<code>{&lt;message&gt;} {&lt;arg one&gt;} {&lt;arg two&gt;} {&lt;arg three&gt;} {&lt;arg four&gt;}</code>
New: 2011-11-23		

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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.  
 XP, added = 2011-11-23

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<code>\_msg_expandable_error:n</code>	★	<code>\_msg_expandable_error:n {&lt;error message&gt;}</code>
New: 2011-08-11		
Updated: 2011-08-13		

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Issues an “Undefined error” message from T<sub>E</sub>X itself, and prints the *<error message>*. The *<error message>* 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.

XP, added = 2011-08-11, updated = 2011-08-13

## 8 Internal l3msg functions

The following functions are used in several kernel modules.

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<code>\_msg_term:nnnnnn</code>	<code>\_msg_term: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_term:(nnnnnV nnnnn nnn nn)</code>	

---

Prints the *<message>* from *<module>* in the terminal without formatting. Used in messages which print complex variable contents completely.

function

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 $\backslash\_msg\_show\_variable:Nnn$ 
 $\backslash\_msg\_show\_variable:Nnx$ 


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Updated: 2012-08-14

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 $\backslash\_msg\_show\_variable:Nnn$   $\langle variable \rangle$   $\{ \langle type \rangle \}$   $\{ \langle formatted\ content \rangle \}$ 

Displays the  $\langle formatted\ content \rangle$  of the  $\langle variable \rangle$  of  $\langle type \rangle$  in the terminal. The  $\langle formatted\ content \rangle$  will typically be generated by x-type expansion using the  $\backslash\_msg\_show\_variable:Nnx$  variant: the nature of the formatting is dependent on the calling module. The  $\langle formatted\ content \rangle$  must be a string, either empty or containing >; everything until the first > will be removed.

pdated = 2012-08-14

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 $\backslash\_msg\_show\_variable:n$ 
 $\backslash\_msg\_show\_variable:x$ 


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 $\backslash\_msg\_show\_variable:n$   $\{ \langle formatted\ string \rangle \}$ 

Shows the  $\langle formatted\ string \rangle$  on the terminal. After expansion, unless it is empty, the  $\langle formatted\ string \rangle$  must contain >, and the part of  $\langle formatted\ string \rangle$  before the first > is removed. Failure to do so causes low-level T<sub>E</sub>X errors.

function

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 $\backslash\_msg\_show\_item:n$ 
 $\backslash\_msg\_show\_item:nn$ 
 $\backslash\_msg\_show\_item\_unbraced:nn$ 


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 $\backslash\_msg\_show\_item:n$   $\langle item \rangle$ 
 $\backslash\_msg\_show\_item:nn$   $\langle item\text{-}key \rangle$   $\langle item\text{-}value \rangle$ 

Auxiliary functions used within the argument of  $\backslash\_msg\_show\_variable:Nnx$  to format variable items correctly for display. The  $\backslash\_msg\_show\_item:n$  version is used for simple lists, the  $\backslash\_msg\_show\_item:nn$  and  $\backslash\_msg\_show\_item\_unbraced:nn$  versions for key-value like data structures.

function

## Part XIX

# 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. For the user, the system normally results in input of the form

```
\PackageControlMacro{
  key-one = value one,
  key-two = value two
}
```

or

```
\PackageMacro[
  key-one = value one,
  key-two = value two
]{argument}.
```

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 { module }
{
  key-one .code:n    = code including parameter #1,
  key-two .tl_set:N = \l_module_store_tl
}
```

These values can then be set as with other key–value approaches:

```
\keys_set:nn { module }
{
  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 \SomePackageSetup { m }
{ \keys_set:nn { module } { #1 } }
\DeclareDocumentCommand \SomePackageMacro { o m }
{
  \group_begin:
```

```

\keys_set:nn { module } { #1 }
% Main code for \SomePackageMacro
\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_module_tmp_tl { key }
\keys_define:nn { module }
{
  \l_module_tmp_tl .code:n = code
}

```

will create a key called `\l_module_tmp_tl`, and not one called `key`.

## 1 Creating keys

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```
\keys_define:nn {<module>} {<keyval list>}
```

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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:
}

```

where the properties of the key begin from the `.` after the key name.  
function

The various properties available take either no arguments at all, or require exactly one argument. 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.

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```
.bool_set:N <key> .bool_set:N = <boolean>
```

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```
.bool_gset:N
```

Defines *<key>* to set *<boolean>* to *<value>* (which must be either `true` or `false`). If the variable does not exist, it will be created at the point that the key is set up.

function

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<code>.bool_set_inverse:N</code> <code>.bool_gset_inverse:N</code>	$\langle key \rangle$ .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 <b>true</b> or <b>false</b> ). If the $\langle boolean \rangle$ does not exist, it will be created at the point that the key is set up.
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New: 2011-08-28

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<code>.choice:</code>	$\langle key \rangle$ .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.
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function

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<code>.choices:nn</code>	$\langle key \rangle$ .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 $\langle code \rangle$ , <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 $\langle choices \rangle$ (indexed from 1). Choices are discussed in detail in section 3.
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<code>.choice_code:n</code> <code>.choice_code:x</code>	$\langle key \rangle$ .choice_code:n = $\langle code \rangle$ Stores $\langle code \rangle$ for use when <code>.generate_choices:n</code> creates one or more choice sub-keys of the current key. Inside $\langle code \rangle$ , <code>\l_keys_choice_tl</code> will expand to the name of the choice made, and <code>\l_keys_choice_int</code> will be the position of the choice in the list given to <code>.generate_choices:n</code> . Choices are discussed in detail in section 3.
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function

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<code>.clist_set:N</code> <code>.clist_set:c</code> <code>.clist_gset:N</code> <code>.clist_gset:c</code>	$\langle key \rangle$ .clist_set:N = $\langle comma list variable \rangle$ Defines $\langle key \rangle$ to set $\langle comma list variable \rangle$ to $\langle value \rangle$ . Spaces around commas and empty items will be stripped. If the variable does not exist, it will be created at the point that the key is set up.
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<code>.code:n</code> <code>.code:x</code>	$\langle key \rangle$ .code:n = $\langle code \rangle$ Stores the $\langle code \rangle$ for execution when $\langle key \rangle$ is used. The $\langle code \rangle$ can include one parameter ( <b>#1</b> ), which will be the $\langle value \rangle$ given for the $\langle key \rangle$ . The x-type variant will expand $\langle code \rangle$ at the point where the $\langle key \rangle$ is created.
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function

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<code>.default:n</code>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .default:n = &lt;default&gt;</code>
<code>.default:V</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:

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```

\keys_define:nn { module }
{
  key .code:n      = Hello~#1,
  key .default:n = World
}
\keys_set:nn { module }
{
  key = Fred, % Prints 'Hello Fred'
  key,      % Prints 'Hello World'
  key = ,    % Prints 'Hello '
}

```

function

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<code>.dim_set:N</code>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .dim_set:N = &lt;dimension&gt;</code>
<code>.dim_set:c</code>	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 at the point that the key is set up.
<code>.dim_gset:N</code>	
<code>.dim_gset:c</code>	

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function

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<code>.fp_set:N</code>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .fp_set:N = &lt;floating point&gt;</code>
<code>.fp_set:c</code>	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 number). If the variable does not exist, it will be created at the point that the key is set up.
<code>.fp_gset:N</code>	
<code>.fp_gset:c</code>	

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function

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<code>.generate_choices:n</code>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .generate_choices:n = {&lt;list&gt;}</code>
	This property will mark <code>&lt;key&gt;</code> as a multiple choice key, and will use the <code>&lt;list&gt;</code> to define the choices. The <code>&lt;list&gt;</code> should consist of a comma-separated list of choice names. Each choice will be set up to execute <code>&lt;code&gt;</code> as set using <code>.choice_code:n</code> (or <code>.choice_code:x</code> ). Choices are discussed in detail in section <a href="#">3</a> .

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function

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<code>.initial:n</code>	<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

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New: 2012-06-02

```
\keys_set:nn {<module>} { <key> = <value> }
```

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<hr/> <code>.int_set:N</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .int_set:N = &lt;integer&gt;</code>
<code>.int_set:c</code> <code>.int_gset:N</code> <code>.int_gset:c</code> <hr/>	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 at the point that the key is set up.  function
<hr/> <code>.meta:n</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .meta:n = {&lt;keyval list&gt;}</code>
<code>.meta:x</code> <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).  function
<hr/> <code>.multichoice:</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .multichoice:</code>
<hr/> 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. <b>This property is experimental.</b> dded = 2011-08-21
<hr/> <code>.multichoices:nn</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .multichoices:nn &lt;choices&gt; &lt;code&gt;</code>
<hr/> New: 2011-08-21 <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. <b>This property is experimental.</b> dded = 2011-08-21
<hr/> <code>.skip_set:N</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .skip_set:N = &lt;skip&gt;</code>
<code>.skip_set:c</code> <code>.skip_gset:N</code> <code>.skip_gset:c</code> <hr/>	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 at the point that the key is set up.  function
<hr/> <code>.tl_set:N</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .tl_set:N = &lt;token list variable&gt;</code>
<code>.tl_set:c</code> <code>.tl_gset:N</code> <code>.tl_gset:c</code> <hr/>	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 at the point that the key is set up.  function
<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> <code>.tl_gset_x:N</code> <code>.tl_gset_x:c</code> <hr/>	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 x-type expansion ( <i>i.e.</i> using <code>\tl_set:Nx</code> ). If the variable does not exist, it will be created at the point that the key is set up.  function



<hr/> <code>.value_forbidden:</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .value_forbidden:</code> 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. function
<hr/> <code>.value_required:</code> <hr/>	<code>&lt;key&gt; .value_required:</code> 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. function

## 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 { module }
{ 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 { module }
{ 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 choices. Here, the keys can share the same code, and can be rapidly created using the `.choice_code:n` and `.generate_choices:n` properties:

```

\keys_define:nn { module }
{
  key .choice_code:n =
  {
    You~gave~choice~'\int_use:N \l_keys_choice_tl',~
    which~is~in~position~
    \int_use:N \l_keys_choice_int \c_space_tl
    in~the~list.
  },
  key .generate_choices:n =
  { choice-a, choice-b, choice-c }
}

```

Following common computing practice, `\l_keys_choice_int` is indexed from 1.

The same approach is also implemented by the *experimental* property `.choices:nn`. This combines the functionality of `.choice_code:n` and `.generate_choices:n` into one property:

```

\keys_define:nn { module }
{
  key .choices:nn =
  { choice-a, choice-b, choice-c }
  {
    You~gave~choice~'\int_use:N \l_keys_choice_tl',~
    which~is~in~position~
    \int_use:N \l_keys_choice_int \c_space_tl
    in~the~list.
  }
}

```

Note that the `.choices:nn` property should *not* be mixed with use of `.generate_choices:n`.

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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 `.generate_choice:` or `.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 0.  
 variable

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 { module }
{
  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 `.generate_choices:n` (*i.e.* anything might happen).

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 { module }
{
  key .multichoices:nn =
    { choice-a, choice-b, choice-c }
    {
      You~gave~choice~'\int_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 { module }
{
  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. The `.multichoices:nn` property causes `\l_keys_choice_tl` and `\l_keys_choice_int` to be set in exactly the same way as described for `.choices:nn`.

When multiple choice keys are set, the value is treated as a comma-separated list:

```

\keys_set:nn { module }
{
  key = { a , b , c } % 'key' defined as a multiple choice
}

```

Each choice will be applied in turn, with the usual handling of unknown values.

## 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.

function

If a key is not known, `\keys_set:nn` will look for a special **unknown** key for the same module. This mechanism can be used to create new keys from user input.

```
\keys_define:nn { module }
{
  unknown .code:n =
    You~tried~to~set~key~'\l_keys_key_tl'~to~'#1'.
}
```

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`\l_keys_key_tl`

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When processing an unknown key, the name of the key is available as `\l_keys_key_tl`. Note that this will have been processed using `\tl_to_str:n`.  
 variable

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`\l_keys_path_tl`

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When processing an unknown key, the path of the key used is available as `\l_keys_path_tl`. Note that this will have been processed using `\tl_to_str:n`.  
 variable

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`\l_keys_value_tl`

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When processing an unknown key, the value of the key is available as `\l_keys_value_tl`. Note that this will be empty if no value was given for the key.  
 variable

## 5 Setting known keys only

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`\keys_set_known:nnN`  
`\keys_set_known:(nVN|nvN|noN)`

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New: 2011-08-23

`\keys_set_known:nn {⟨module⟩} {⟨keyval list⟩} {⟨clist⟩}`

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 *⟨clist⟩*.

dded = 2011-08-23

## 6 Utility functions for keys

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\keys_if_exist_p:nn ★	\keys_if_exist_p:nn <module> <key>
\keys_if_exist:nnTF ★	\keys_if_exist:nnTF <module> <key> {\<true code>} {\<false code>}

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Tests if the <key> exists for <module>, *i.e.* if any code has been defined for <key>.  
 XP,pTF

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\keys_if_choice_exist_p:nnn ★	\keys_if_choice_exist_p:nnn <module> <key> <choice>
\keys_if_choice_exist:nnnTF ★	\keys_if_choice_exist:nnnTF <module> <key> <choice> {\<true code>} {\<false code>}

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New: 2011-08-21

Tests if the <choice> is defined for the <key> within the <module>,, *i.e.* if any code has been defined for <key>/<choice>. The test is **false** if the <key> itself is not defined.  
 dded = 2011-08-21,EXP,pTF

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\keys_show:nn	\keys_show:nn {\<module>} {\<key>}
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Shows the function which is used to actually implement a <key> for a <module>.  
 function

## 7 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 especial circumstances you may wish to use a lower-level approach. The low-level parsing system converts a <key–value list> into <keys> and associated <values>. 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 (*i.e.* two arguments), and a second function if required for keys given without arguments (*i.e.* a single argument).

The parser does not double # tokens or expand any input. The tokens = and , are corrected so that the parser does not “miss” any due to category code changes. Spaces are removed from the ends of the keys and values. Values which are given in braces will have exactly one set removed, 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  $\langle value \rangle$ , and any *outer* set of braces are removed from the  $\langle value \rangle$  as part of the processing.

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## Part XX

# 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. Spaces are not allowed in file names.

### 1 File operation functions

<hr/> <hr/> <code>\g_file_current_name_tl</code> <hr/> <hr/>	Contains the name of the current L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X file. This variable should not be modified: it is intended for information only. It will be equal to <code>\c_job_name_tl</code> at the start of a L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X run and will be modified each time a file is read using <code>\file_input:n</code> . variable
<hr/> <code>\file_if_exist:nTF</code> <hr/> <div>Updated: 2012-02-10</div> <hr/>	<code>\file_if_exist:nTF</code> $\langle file\ name \rangle$ $\langle true\ code \rangle$ $\langle false\ code \rangle$ Searches for $\langle file\ name \rangle$ using the current TeX search path and the additional paths controlled by <code>\file_path_include:n</code> . F, updated = 2012-02-10
<hr/> <code>\file_add_path:nN</code> <hr/> <div>Updated: 2012-02-10</div> <hr/>	<code>\file_add_path:nN</code> $\langle file\ name \rangle$ $\langle tl\ var \rangle$ 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> . pdated = 2012-02-10
<hr/> <code>\file_input:n</code> <hr/> <div>Updated: 2012-02-17</div> <hr/>	<code>\file_input:n</code> $\langle file\ name \rangle$ 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 L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X 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. pdated = 2012-02-17

<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 <code>x</code> -type expansion except active characters. Spaces are not allowed in the $\langle path \rangle$ . pdated = 2012-07-04
<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 <code>x</code> -type expansion except active characters. Spaces are not allowed in the $\langle path \rangle$ . pdated = 2012-07-04
<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. function

## 1.1 Input–output stream management

As  $\text{\TeX}$  is limited to 16 input streams and 16 output streams, direct use of the streams by the programmer is not supported in  $\text{\LaTeX}3$ . 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>
<code>\iow_new:N</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.
<code>\iow_new:c</code>	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	dded = 2011-09-26, updated = 2011-12-27
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 $\text{\TeX}$ run ends.
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`\iow_open:Nn`  
`\iow_open:cn`  


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Updated: 2012-02-09

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`\iow_open:Nn`  $\langle stream \rangle$   $\{\langle file\ name \rangle\}$

Opens  $\langle file\ name \rangle$  for writing 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 `\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).

pdated = 2012-02-09

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`\ior_close:N`  
`\ior_close:c`  
`\iow_close:N`  
`\iow_close:c`  


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Updated: 2012-07-31

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`\ior_close:N`  $\langle stream \rangle$   
`\iow_close:N`  $\langle stream \rangle$

Closes the  $\langle stream \rangle$ . Streams should always be closed when they are finished with as this ensures that they remain available to other programmers.

pdated = 2012-07-31

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`\ior_list_streams:`  
`\iow_list_streams:`  


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`\ior_list_streams:`  
`\iow_list_streams:`

Displays a list of the file names associated with each open stream: intended for tracking down problems.  
function

## 1.2 Reading from files

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`\ior_get:NN`  


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New: 2012-06-24

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`\ior_get:NN`  $\langle stream \rangle$   $\langle token\ list\ variable \rangle$

Function that reads one or more lines (until an equal number of left and right braces are found) 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 read from the  $\langle stream \rangle$  will be tokenized by T<sub>E</sub>X according to the category codes in force when the function is used.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This protected macro expands to the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\read` along with the `to` keyword.

dded = 2012-06-24

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`\ior_get_str:NN`  


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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).

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** This protected macro is a wrapper around the  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\readline`. However, the end-line character normally added by this primitive is not included in the result of `\ior_get_str:NN`.

dded = 2012-06-24, updated = 2012-07-31

<hr/>	<code>\ior_if_eof_p:N</code> ★	<code>\ior_if_eof_p:N &lt;stream&gt;</code>
	<code>\ior_if_eof:NTF</code> ★	<code>\ior_if_eof:NTF &lt;stream&gt; {\true code} {\false code}</code>
<hr/>	Updated: 2012-02-10	Tests if the end of a $\langle stream \rangle$ has been reached during a reading operation. The test will also return a <code>true</code> value if the $\langle stream \rangle$ is not open. pdated = 2012-02-10, EXP, pTF

## 2 Writing to files

<hr/>	<code>\iow_now:Nn</code>	<code>\iow_now:Nn &lt;stream&gt; {\tokens}</code>
	<code>\iow_now:Nx</code>	
<hr/>	Updated: 2012-06-05	This functions writes $\langle tokens \rangle$ to the specified $\langle stream \rangle$ immediately ( <i>i.e.</i> the write operation is called on expansion of <code>\iow_now:Nn</code> ). pdated = 2012-06-05

<hr/>	<code>\iow_log:n</code>	<code>\iow_log:n {\tokens}</code>
	<code>\iow_log:x</code>	
<hr/>		This function writes the given $\langle tokens \rangle$ to the log (transcript) file immediately: it is a dedicated version of <code>\iow_now:Nn</code> . function

<hr/>	<code>\iow_term:n</code>	<code>\iow_term:n {\tokens}</code>
	<code>\iow_term:x</code>	
<hr/>		This function writes the given $\langle tokens \rangle$ to the terminal file immediately: it is a dedicated version of <code>\iow_now:Nn</code> . function

<hr/>	<code>\iow_shipout:Nn</code>	<code>\iow_shipout:Nn &lt;stream&gt; {\tokens}</code>
	<code>\iow_shipout:Nx</code>	
<hr/>		This functions writes $\langle tokens \rangle$ to the specified $\langle stream \rangle$ when the current page is finalised ( <i>i.e.</i> at shipout). The x-type variants expand the $\langle tokens \rangle$ at the point where the function is used but <i>not</i> when the resulting tokens are written to the $\langle stream \rangle$ ( <i>cf.</i> <code>\iow_shipout_x:Nn</code> ). function

<hr/>	<code>\iow_shipout_x:Nn</code>	<code>\iow_shipout_x:Nn &lt;stream&gt; {\tokens}</code>
	<code>\iow_shipout_x:Nx</code>	
<hr/>		This functions writes $\langle tokens \rangle$ to the specified $\langle stream \rangle$ when the current page is finalised ( <i>i.e.</i> 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:** `\iow_shipout_x:Nn` is the T<sub>E</sub>X primitive `\write` renamed.  
function

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`\iow_char:N` ★ `\iow_char:N \⟨char⟩`

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Inserts  $\langle char \rangle$  into the output stream. Useful when trying to write difficult characters such as %, {, }, *etc.* in messages, for example:

`\iow_now:Nx \g_my_iow { \iow_char:N \{ text \iow_char:N \} }`

The function has no effect if writing is taking place without expansion (*e.g.* in the second argument of `\iow_now:Nn`).

XP

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`\iow_newline:` ★ `\iow_newline:`

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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 `\iow_now:Nn`).

XP

## 2.1 Wrapping lines in output

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`\iow_wrap:nnnN`

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New: 2012-06-28

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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  $\langle run-on text \rangle$ . 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 message.

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.

**TeXhackers 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  $\langle text \rangle$ .

dded = 2012-06-28

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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 context 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.

dded = 2011-09-21

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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 TeX system in use: the standard value is 78, which is typically correct for unmodified TeXlive and MiKTeX systems.

dded = 2012-06-24

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`\c_catcode_other_space_tl`

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New: 2011-09-05

Token list containing one character with category code 12, (“other”), and character code 32 (space).

dded = 2011-09-05

## 2.2 Constant input–output streams

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`\c_term_ior`

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Constant input stream for reading from the terminal. Reading from this stream using `\ior_get:NN` or similar will result in a prompt from T<sub>E</sub>X of the form

`<tl>=`  
variable

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`\c_log_ior`

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`\c_term_ior`

Constant output streams for writing to the log and to the terminal (plus the log), respectively.

variable

## 2.3 Primitive conditionals

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`\if_eof:w` ★

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`\if_eof:w`  $\langle stream \rangle$   
 $\langle true\ code \rangle$

`\else:`  
 $\langle false\ code \rangle$

`\fi:`

Tests if the  $\langle stream \rangle$  returns “end of file”, which is true for non-existent files. The `\else:` branch is optional.

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

XP

## 2.4 Internal file functions and variables

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`\l_file_internal_name_ior`

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Used to test for the existence of files when opening.  
variable

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`\l_file_internal_name_tl`

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Used to return the full name of a file for internal use.  
variable

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**\\_file\_name\_sanitize:nn**

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New: 2012-02-09

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**\\_file\_name\_sanitize:nn** {<name>} {<tokens>}

Exhaustively-expands the <name> with the exception of any category <active> (catcode 13) tokens, which are not expanded. The list of <active> tokens is taken from **\l\_char\_active\_seq**. The <sanitized name> is then inserted (in braces) after the <tokens>, which should further process the file name. If any spaces are found in the name after expansion, an error is raised.

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## 2.5 Internal input–output functions

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**\\_ior\_open:Nn**

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**\\_ior\_open:No**

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New: 2012-01-23

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**\\_ior\_open:Nn** <stream> {<file name>}

This function has identical syntax to the public version. However, is does not take precautions against active characters in the <file name>, and it does not attempt to add a <path> to the <file name>: it is therefore intended to be used by higher-level functions which have already fully expanded the <file name> and which need to perform multiple open or close operations. See for example the implementation of **\file\_add\_path:nN**,

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## Part XXI

# 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  $x / y$ , 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:  $\sin x$ ,  $\cos x$ ,  $\tan x$ ,  $\cot x$ ,  $\sec x$ ,  $\csc x$ .

(not yet) Inverse trigonometric functions:  $\operatorname{asin} x$ ,  $\operatorname{acos} x$ ,  $\operatorname{atan} x$ ,  $\operatorname{acot} x$ ,  $\operatorname{asec} x$ ,  $\operatorname{acsc} x$ .

(not yet) Hyperbolic functions and their inverse functions:  $\sinh x$ ,  $\cosh x$ ,  $\tanh x$ ,  $\coth x$ ,  $\operatorname{sech} x$ ,  $\operatorname{csch} x$ , and  $\operatorname{asinh} x$ ,  $\operatorname{acosh} x$ ,  $\operatorname{atanh} x$ ,  $\operatorname{acoth} x$ ,  $\operatorname{asech} x$ ,  $\operatorname{acsch} x$ .

- Extrema:  $\max(x, y, \dots)$ ,  $\min(x, y, \dots)$ ,  $\operatorname{abs}(x)$ .
- Rounding functions:  $\operatorname{round}(x, n)$  round to closest,  $\operatorname{round0}(x, n)$  round towards zero,  $\operatorname{round}\pm(x, n)$  round towards  $\pm\infty$ . 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 `\langle type \rangle\_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

<hr/> <code>\fp_new:N</code> <code>\fp_new:c</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-08	<code>\fp_new:N &lt;fp var&gt;</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. pdated = 2012-05-08, tested = m3fp001
<hr/> <code>\fp_const:Nn</code> <code>\fp_const:cn</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-08	<code>\fp_const:Nn &lt;fp var&gt; {&lt;floating point expression&gt;}</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> . pdated = 2012-05-08, tested = m3fp001
<hr/> <code>\fp_zero:N</code> <code>\fp_zero:c</code> <code>\fp_gzero:N</code> <code>\fp_gzero:c</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-08	<code>\fp_zero:N &lt;fp var&gt;</code> Sets the <i>&lt;fp var&gt;</i> to +0.  pdated = 2012-05-08, tested = m3fp001
<hr/> <code>\fp_zero_new:N</code> <code>\fp_zero_new:c</code> <code>\fp_gzero_new:N</code> <code>\fp_gzero_new:c</code> <hr/> Updated: 2012-05-08	<code>\fp_zero_new:N &lt;fp var&gt;</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 zero.  pdated = 2012-05-08, tested = m3fp001



## 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 <fp var> {<floating point expression>}`  
 Sets <fp var> equal to the result of computing the <floating point expression>.

pdated = 2012-05-08, tested = m3fp002

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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 <fp var12  
 Sets the floating point variable <fp var12`

pdated = 2012-05-08, tested = m3fp002

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```
\fp_add:Nn
\fp_add:cn
\fp_gadd:Nn
\fp_gadd:cn
```

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Updated: 2012-05-08

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`\fp_add:Nn <fp var> {<floating point expression>}`  
 Adds the result of computing the <floating point expression> to the <fp var>.

pdated = 2012-05-08, tested = m3fp002

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```
\fp_sub:Nn
\fp_sub:cn
\fp_gsub:Nn
\fp_gsub:cn
```

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Updated: 2012-05-08

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`\fp_sub:Nn <fp var> {<floating point expression>}`  
 Subtracts the result of computing the <floating point expression> from the <fp var>.

pdated = 2012-05-08, tested = m3fp002

## 3 Using floating point numbers

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```
\fp_eval:n ★
```

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New: 2012-05-08  
 Updated: 2012-07-08

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`\fp_eval:n {<floating point expression>}`  
 Evaluates the <floating point expression> and expresses the result as a decimal number with 16 significant figures and 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`.

XP, added = 2012-05-08, updated = 2012-07-08, tested = m3fp-convert003

<hr/> $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_decimal:N}$ ★ $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_decimal:(c n)}$ ★ <hr/> New: 2012-05-08 Updated: 2012-07-08 <hr/>	$\backslash\text{fp\_to\_decimal:N}$ $\langle\text{fp var}\rangle$ $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_decimal:n}$ $\{\langle\text{floating point expression}\rangle\}$ Evaluates the $\langle\text{floating point expression}\rangle$ and expresses the result as a decimal number with 16 significant figures and 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 <b>nan</b> trigger an “invalid operation” exception. XP, added = 2012-05-08, updated = 2012-07-08, tested = m3fp-convert003
<hr/> $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_dim:N}$ ★ $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_dim:(c n)}$ ★ <hr/> Updated: 2012-07-08 <hr/>	$\backslash\text{fp\_to\_dim:N}$ $\langle\text{fp var}\rangle$ $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_dim:n}$ $\{\langle\text{floating point expression}\rangle\}$ Evaluates the $\langle\text{floating point expression}\rangle$ and expresses the result as a dimension (in <b>pt</b> ) suitable for use in dimension expressions. The output is identical to $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_decimal:n}$ , with an additional trailing <b>pt</b> . In particular, the result may be outside the range $[-2^{14} + 2^{-17}, 2^{14} - 2^{-17}]$ of valid $\text{\TeX}$ dimensions, leading to overflow errors if used as a dimension. The values $\pm\infty$ and <b>nan</b> trigger an “invalid operation” exception. XP, updated = 2012-07-08, tested = m3fp-convert003
<hr/> $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_int:N}$ ★ $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_int:(c n)}$ ★ <hr/> Updated: 2012-07-08 <hr/>	$\backslash\text{fp\_to\_int:N}$ $\langle\text{fp var}\rangle$ $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_int:n}$ $\{\langle\text{floating point expression}\rangle\}$ Evaluates the $\langle\text{floating point expression}\rangle$ , and rounds the result to the closest integer, with ties rounded to an even integer. The result may be outside the range $[-2^{31} + 1, 2^{31} - 1]$ of valid $\text{\TeX}$ integers, triggering $\text{\TeX}$ errors if used in an integer expression. The values $\pm\infty$ and <b>nan</b> trigger an “invalid operation” exception. XP, updated = 2012-07-08, tested = m3fp-convert003
<hr/> $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_scientific:N}$ ★ $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_scientific:(c n)}$ ★ <hr/> New: 2012-05-08 Updated: 2012-07-08 <hr/>	$\backslash\text{fp\_to\_scientific:N}$ $\langle\text{fp var}\rangle$ $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_scientific:n}$ $\{\langle\text{floating point expression}\rangle\}$ Evaluates the $\langle\text{floating point expression}\rangle$ and expresses the result in scientific notation with 16 significant figures: $\langle\text{optional -}\rangle\langle\text{digit}\rangle.\langle 15\text{ digits}\rangle\text{e}\langle\text{optional sign}\rangle\langle\text{exponent}\rangle$ The leading $\langle\text{digit}\rangle$ is non-zero except in the case of $\pm 0$ . The values $\pm\infty$ and <b>nan</b> trigger an “invalid operation” exception. XP, added = 2012-05-08, updated = 2012-07-08, tested = m3fp-convert003
<hr/> $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_tl:N}$ ★ $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_tl:(c n)}$ ★ <hr/> Updated: 2012-07-08 <hr/>	$\backslash\text{fp\_to\_tl:N}$ $\langle\text{fp var}\rangle$ $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_tl:n}$ $\{\langle\text{floating point expression}\rangle\}$ Evaluates the $\langle\text{floating point expression}\rangle$ 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 (see $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_scientific:n}$ ). 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 $\backslash\text{fp\_to\_decimal:n}$ ). Negative numbers start with <b>-</b> . The special values $\pm 0$ , $\pm\text{inf}$ and <b>nan</b> are rendered as <b>0</b> , <b>-0</b> , <b>inf</b> , <b>-inf</b> , and <b>nan</b> respectively.

XP, updated = 2012-07-08, tested = m3fp-convert003

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`\fp_use:N` ★ `\fp_use:N <fp var>`

`\fp_use:c` ★

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Updated: 2012-07-08

Inserts the value of the  $\langle fp\ var \rangle$  into the input stream as a decimal number with 16 significant figures and 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 `\fp_to_decimal:N`.

XP, updated = 2012-07-08, tested = m3fp-convert003

## 4 Floating point conditionals

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`\fp_if_exist_p:N` ★ `\fp_if_exist_p:N <fp var>`

`\fp_if_exist_p:c` ★ `\fp_if_exist:NTF <fp var> {<true code>} {<false code>}`

`\fp_if_exist:NTF` ★ 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.

`\fp_if_exist:cTF` ★

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Updated: 2012-05-08

XP, pTF, updated = 2012-05-08, tested = m3fp002

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`\fp_compare_p:nNn` ★ `\fp_compare_p:nNn {<fpexpr1>} <relation> {<fpexpr2>}`

`\fp_compare_p:n` ★ `\fp_compare:nNnTF {<fpexpr1>} <relation> {<fpexpr2>} {<true code>} {<false code>}`

`\fp_compare:nNnTF` ★ `\fp_compare_p:n {<fpexpr1>} <relation> <fpexpr2> }`

`\fp_compare:nTF` ★ `\fp_compare:nTF {<fpexpr1>} <relation> <fpexpr2> } {<true code>} {<false code>}`

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Updated: 2012-05-08

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 one of the operands is `nan`, and this relations is denoted by the symbol `?`. The `nNn` functions support the  $\langle relations \rangle$  `<`, `=`, `>`, and `?`. The `n` functions support as a  $\langle relation \rangle$  any combination of those four symbols, plus an optional leading `!` (which negates the  $\langle relation \rangle$ ), with the restriction that the  $\langle relation \rangle$  may not start with `?`. Common choices of  $\langle relation \rangle$  include `>=` (greater or equal), `!=` (not equal), `!?` (comparable). Note that a `nan` is distinct from any value, even another `nan`, hence  $x = x$  is not true for a `nan`. Thus to test if a value is `nan`, use

```
\fp_compare:nNnTF { <value> } != { <value> }
{ } % <value> is nan
{ } % <value> is not nan
```

XP, pTF, updated = 2012-05-08, tested = m3fp-logic001

## 5 Floating point expression loops

<hr/> <code>\fp_do_until:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\fp_do_until: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>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> . EXP, added = 2012-08-16, tested = m3fp-logic003
<hr/> <code>\fp_do_while:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<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> . EXP, added = 2012-08-16, tested = m3fp-logic003
<hr/> <code>\fp_until_do:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<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> . EXP, added = 2012-08-16, tested = m3fp-logic003
<hr/> <code>\fp_while_do:nNnn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<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> . EXP, added = 2012-08-16, tested = m3fp-logic003
<hr/> <code>\fp_do_until:nn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<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> . EXP, added = 2012-08-16, tested = m3fp-logic003
<hr/> <code>\fp_do_while:nn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<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> . EXP, added = 2012-08-16, tested = m3fp-logic003

<hr/> <code>\fp_until_do:nn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\fp_until_do:nn { &lt;fpexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;relation&gt; &lt;fpexpr<sub>2</sub>&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> . EXP, added = 2012-08-16, tested = m3fp-logic003
<hr/> <code>\fp_while_do:nn</code> ☆ <hr/>	<code>\fp_while_do:nn { &lt;fpexpr<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;relation&gt; &lt;fpexpr<sub>2</sub>&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> . EXP, added = 2012-08-16, tested = m3fp-logic003

## 6 Some useful constants, and scratch variables

<hr/> <code>\c_zero_fp</code> <code>\c_minus_zero_fp</code> <hr/>	Zero, with either sign.
New: 2012-05-08	dded = 2012-05-08
<hr/> <code>\c_inf_fp</code> <code>\c_minus_inf_fp</code> <hr/>	Infinity, with either sign. These can be input directly in a floating point expression as <b>inf</b> and <b>-inf</b> .
New: 2012-05-08	dded = 2012-05-08
<hr/> <code>\c_e_fp</code> <hr/>	The value of the base of the natural logarithm, $e = \exp(1)$ .
Updated: 2012-05-08	pdated = 2012-05-08
<hr/> <code>\c_pi_fp</code> <hr/>	The value of $\pi$ . This can be input directly in a floating point expression as <b>pi</b> . The value is rounded in a slightly odd way, to ensure for instance that <b>sin(pi)</b> yields an exact 0.
Updated: 2012-05-08	pdated = 2012-05-08
<hr/> <code>\c_one_degree_fp</code> <hr/>	The value of 1° in radians. Multiply an angle given in degrees by this value to obtain a result in radians, suitable to be used for trigonometric functions. Within floating point expressions, this can be accessed as <b>deg</b> . Note that <b>180 deg = pi</b> exactly.
New: 2012-05-08	

dded = 2012-05-08

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$\backslash$ l_tmpa_fp $\backslash$ l_tmpb_fp	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.
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$\backslash$ g_tmpa_fp $\backslash$ g_tmpb_fp	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.
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## 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.,  $\backslash$ 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  $\backslash$ fp\_trap:nn) to either produce an error and turn the flag on, or only turn the flag on, or do nothing at all.

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$\backslash$ fp_if_flag_on_p:n ★ $\backslash$ fp_if_flag_on:nTF ★	$\backslash$ fp_if_flag_on_p:n {<exception>} $\backslash$ fp_if_flag_on:nTF {<exception>} {<true code>} {<false code>}
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New: 2012-08-08

Tests if the flag for the <exception> is on, which normally means the given <exception> has occurred. *This function is experimental, and may be altered or removed.*

XP, pTF, added = 2012-08-08, tested = m3fp-traps001

<hr/> <code>\fp_flag_off:n</code> <hr/>	<code>\fp_flag_off:n {⟨exception⟩}</code>
New: 2012-08-08	Locally turns off the flag which indicates whether the <i>⟨exception⟩</i> has occurred. <i>This function is experimental, and may be altered or removed.</i> dded = 2012-08-08, tested = m3fp-traps001
<hr/> <code>\fp_flag_on:n</code> ★ <hr/>	<code>\fp_flag_on:n {⟨exception⟩}</code>
New: 2012-08-08	Locally turns on the flag to indicate (or pretend) that the <i>⟨exception⟩</i> has occurred. Note that this function is expandable: it is used internally by <code>l3fp</code> to signal when exceptions do occur. <i>This function is experimental, and may be altered or removed.</i> XP, added = 2012-08-08, tested = m3fp-traps001
<hr/> <code>\fp_trap:nn</code> <hr/>	<code>\fp_trap:nn {⟨exception⟩} {⟨trap type⟩}</code>
New: 2012-07-19 Updated: 2012-08-08	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> <i>This function is experimental, and may be altered or removed.</i> dded = 2012-07-19, updated = 2012-08-08, tested = m3fp-traps001

## 8 Viewing floating points

<hr/> <code>\fp_show:N</code> <hr/>	<code>\fp_show:N ⟨fp var⟩</code>
<code>\fp_show:(c n)</code>	<code>\fp_show:n {⟨floating point expression⟩}</code>
New: 2012-05-08 Updated: 2012-08-14	Evaluates the <i>⟨floating point expression⟩</i> and displays the result in the terminal.  dded = 2012-05-08, updated = 2012-08-14, tested = m3fp002

## 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:

- $\langle sign \rangle$ : a possibly empty string of + and - characters;
- $\langle significand \rangle$ : a non-empty string of digits together with zero or one dot;
- $\langle exponent \rangle$  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.

- Implicit multiplication by juxtaposition (`2pi`, *etc*).
- Function calls (`sin`, `ln`, *etc*).
- Binary `**` and `^` (right associative).
- Unary `+`, `-`, `!`.
- Binary `*`, `/` and `%`.
- 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

$$\begin{aligned}\text{sin2pi} &= \sin(2\pi) = 0, \\ 2^{\text{2max}(3,4)} &= 2^{2\max(3,4)} = 256.\end{aligned}$$

Functions are called on the value of their argument, contrarily to `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.  
 ested = m3fp-logic002

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```
TWOBARS \fp_eval:n { <operand1> || <operand2> }
```

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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.  
 ested = m3fp-logic002

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```
&& \fp_eval:n { <operand1> && <operand2> }
```

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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.  
 ested = m3fp-logic002

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```
< \fp_eval:n { <operand1> <comparison> <operand2> }
```

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The  $\langle comparison \rangle$  consists of a non-empty string of `<`, `=`, `>`, and `?`, optionally preceeded by `!`. It may not start with `?`. This evaluates to `+1` if the  $\langle comparison \rangle$  between the  $\langle operand_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle operand_2 \rangle$  is true, and `+0` otherwise.  
 ested = m3fp-logic001

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```
+ \fp_eval:n { <operand1> + <operand2> }
- \fp_eval:n { <operand1> - <operand2> }
```

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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.  
 ested = m3fp-basics001

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```
* \fp_eval:n { <operand1> * <operand2> }
/ \fp_eval:n { <operand1> / <operand2> }
```

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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.

ested = m3fp-basics002, m3fp-basics003

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**+** `\fp_eval:n { + <operand> }`  
**-** `\fp_eval:n { - <operand> }`  
**!** `\fp_eval:n { ! <operand> }`  


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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.  
ested = m3fp-basics004

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**\*\*** `\fp_eval:n { <operand1> ** <operand2> }`  
**^** `\fp_eval:n { <operand1> ^ <operand2> }`  


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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.  
ested = m3fp-expo001

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**abs** `\fp_eval:n { abs( <fpexpr> ) }`  


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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`.  
ested = m3fp-basics004

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**exp** `\fp_eval:n { exp( <fpexpr> ) }`  


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Computes the exponential of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$ . “Underflow” and “overflow” occur when appropriate.  
ested = m3fp-expo001

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**ln** `\fp_eval:n { ln( <fpexpr> ) }`  


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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.  
ested = m3fp-expo001

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**max** `\fp_eval:n { max( <fpexpr1> , <fpexpr2> , ... ) }`  
**min** `\fp_eval:n { min( <fpexpr1> , <fpexpr2> , ... ) }`  


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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.  
ested = m3fp-logic002

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<code>round</code> <code>round0</code> <code>round+</code> <code>round-</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { round &lt;option&gt; ( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code> <code>\fp_eval:n { round &lt;option&gt; ( &lt;fpexpr1&gt; , &lt;fpexpr2&gt; ) }</code> Rounds $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$ to $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ places. When $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$ is omitted, it is assumed to be 0, <i>i.e.</i> , $\langle fpexpr_1 \rangle$ is rounded to an integer. The $\langle option \rangle$ controls the rounding direction:
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- by default, the operation rounds to the closest allowed number (rounding ties to even);
- with 0, the operation rounds towards 0, *i.e.*, truncates;
- with +, the operation rounds towards  $+\infty$ ;
- with -, the operation rounds towards  $-\infty$ .

If  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle$  does not yield an integer less than  $10^8$  in absolute value, then an “invalid operation” exception is raised. “Overflow” may occur if the result is infinite (this cannot happen unless  $\langle fpexpr_2 \rangle < -9984$ ).

ested = m3fp-round001, m3fp-round002

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<code>sin</code> <code>cos</code> <code>tan</code> <code>cot</code> <code>csc</code> <code>sec</code>	<code>\fp_eval:n { sin( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code> <code>\fp_eval:n { cos( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code> <code>\fp_eval:n { tan( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code> <code>\fp_eval:n { cot( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code> <code>\fp_eval:n { csc( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code> <code>\fp_eval:n { sec( &lt;fpexpr&gt; ) }</code>
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Computes the sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent, cosecant, or secant of the  $\langle fpexpr \rangle$ . 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.

ested = m3fp-trig001

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<code>inf</code> <code>nan</code>	The special values $+\infty$ , $-\infty$ , and <code>nan</code> are represented as <code>inf</code> , <code>-inf</code> and <code>nan</code> (see <code>\c_infinity_fp</code> , <code>\c_minus_infinity_fp</code> and <code>\c_nan_fp</code> ). ested = m3fp-parse001
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<code>pi</code>	The value of $\pi$ (see <code>\c_pi_fp</code> ). ested = m3fp-parse001
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<code>deg</code>	The value of $1^\circ$ in radians (see <code>\c_one_degree_fp</code> ). ested = m3fp-parse001
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<b>em</b>	Those units of measurement are equal to their values in <b>pt</b> , namely
<b>ex</b>	
<b>in</b>	$1\text{in} = 72.27\text{pt}$
<b>pt</b>	$1\text{pt} = 1\text{pt}$
<b>pc</b>	$1\text{pc} = 12\text{pt}$
<b>cm</b>	
<b>mm</b>	$1\text{cm} = \frac{1}{2.54}\text{in} = 28.45275590551181\text{pt}$
<b>dd</b>	
<b>cc</b>	$1\text{mm} = \frac{1}{25.4}\text{in} = 2.845275590551181\text{pt}$
<b>nd</b>	
<b>nc</b>	$1\text{dd} = 0.376065\text{mm} = 1.07000856496063\text{pt}$
<b>bp</b>	$1\text{cc} = 12\text{dd} = 12.84010277952756\text{pt}$
<b>sp</b>	$1\text{nd} = 0.375\text{mm} = 1.066978346456693\text{pt}$
—	$1\text{nc} = 12\text{nd} = 12.80374015748031\text{pt}$
	$1\text{bp} = \frac{1}{72}\text{in} = 1.00375\text{pt}$
	$1\text{sp} = 2^{-16}\text{pt} = 1.52587890625e - 5\text{pt}.$

The values of the (font-dependent) units **em** and **ex** are gathered from T<sub>E</sub>X when the surrounding floating point expression is evaluated.

ested = m3fp-parse001

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<b>true</b>	Other names for 1 and +0.
<b>false</b>	
—	

ested = m3fp-parse001

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<b>\dim_to_fp:n</b> ★	<b>\dim_to_fp:n</b> $\{\langle dimexpr \rangle\}$
—	
New: 2012-05-08	Expands to an internal floating point number equal to the value of the $\langle dimexpr \rangle$ in <b>pt</b> . Since dimension expressions are evaluated much faster than their floating point equivalent, <b>\dim_to_fp:n</b> can be used to speed up parts of a computation where a low precision is acceptable.
	XP, added = 2012-05-08, tested = m3fp-convert002

—	
<b>\fp_abs:n</b> ★	<b>\fp_abs:n</b> $\{\langle floating point expression \rangle\}$
—	
New: 2012-05-14	Evaluates the $\langle floating point expression \rangle$ as described for <b>\fp_eval:n</b> 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, <b>abs()</b> can be used.
Updated: 2012-07-08	XP, added = 2012-05-14, updated = 2012-07-08, tested = m3fp-convert003

## 10 Disclaimer and roadmap

The package may break down if:

- the escape character is either a digit, or an underscore,
- the `\uccodes` are changed: the test for whether a character is a letter actually tests if the upper-case code of the character is between A and Z.

The following need to be done. I'll try to time-order the items.

- Decide what exponent range to consider.
- Change the internal representation of fp, by replacing braced groups of 4 digits by delimited arguments. Also consider changing the fp structure a bit to allow using `\pdfTEX_strcmp:D` to compare (not in LuaTeX: it is too slow)?
- Modulo and remainder, and rounding functions `quantize`, `quantize0`, `quantize+`, `quantize-`, `quantize=`, `round=`. Should the modulo also be provided as (catcode 12) `%`?
- `\fp_format:nn {<fpepr>} {<format>}`, but what should `<format>` be? More general pretty printing?
- Add `and`, `or`, `xor`? Perhaps under the names `all`, `any`, and `xor`?
- Add `csc` and `sec`.
- Add `log(x, b)` for logarithm of  $x$  in base  $b$ .
- `hypot` (Euclidean length) and `atan(x, y) = atan(x/y)`, also called `atan2` in other math packages. Cartesian-to-polar transform. Other inverse trigonometric functions `acos`, `asin`, `atan` (one and two arguments). Also `asec`, `acsc`?
- 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.
- Parse  $-3 < -2 < -1$  as it should, not  $(-3 < -2) < -1$ .
- 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?

`Pgfmath` also provides box-measurements (depth, height, width), but boxes are not possible expandably.

Bugs. (Exclamation points mark important bugs.)

! Some functions are not monotonic when they should. For instance,  $\sin(1 - 10^{-16})$  is wrongly greater than  $\sin(1)$ .

- Add exceptions to `?:`, `!<=>?`, `&&`, `||`, and `!`.
- `round` should accept any integer as its second argument.
- Logarithms of numbers very close to 1 are inaccurate.
- `tan` and `cot` give very slightly wrong results for arguments near  $10^{-8}$ .
- When rounding towards  $-\infty$ , `\dim_to_fp:n {Opt}` should return  $-0$ , not  $+0$ .
- The result of  $(\pm 0) + (\pm 0)$  should depend on the rounding mode.
- `0e9999999999` gives a  $\text{\TeX}$  “number too large” error.
- Conversion to integers with `\fp_to_int:n` does not check for overflow.
- Subnormals are not implemented.
- `max(-inf)` will lose any information attached to this `-inf`.
- The overflow trap receives the wrong argument in `l3fp-expo` (see `exp(1e5678)` in `m3fp-traps001`).

Possible optimizations/improvements.

- Optimize argument reduction for trigonometric functions: we don’t need  $6 \times 4$  digits here, only  $4 \times 4$ .
- 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  $t$ , using methods similar to `\@@_fixed_div_to_float:ww`. 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 `\@@_basics_pack_weird_low:NNNNw` and `\@@_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?



## Part XXII

# 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 T<sub>E</sub>X. In order to use this within the framework provided here, a family of functions is available. When used with pdfT<sub>E</sub>X or XeT<sub>E</sub>X these will raise an error: use `\luatex_if_engine:T` to avoid this. Details of coding the LuaTeX engine are detailed in the LuaTeX manual.

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`\lua_now:n` ★ `\lua_now:n {\token list}`

`\lua_now:x` ★

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Updated: 2012-08-02

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The  $\langle token list \rangle$  is first tokenized by T<sub>E</sub>X, which will include converting line ends to spaces in the usual T<sub>E</sub>X manner and which respects currently-applicable T<sub>E</sub>X category codes. The resulting  $\langle Lua input \rangle$  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  $\langle Lua input \rangle$  immediately, and in an expandable manner.

XP, updated = 2012-08-02

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`\lua_now_x:n` ★ `\lua_now_x:n {\token list}`

`\lua_now_x:x` ★

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New: 2012-08-02

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The  $\langle token list \rangle$  is first tokenized and expanded by T<sub>E</sub>X, which will include converting line ends to spaces in the usual T<sub>E</sub>X manner and which respects currently-applicable T<sub>E</sub>X category codes. The resulting  $\langle Lua input \rangle$  is passed to the Lua interpreter for processing. Each `\lua_now_x:n` block is treated by Lua as a separate chunk. The Lua interpreter will execute the  $\langle Lua input \rangle$  immediately, and in an expandable manner.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** `\lua_now_x:n` is the LuaTeX primitive `\directlua` renamed.

XP, added = 2012-08-02

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`\lua_shipout:n` `\lua_shipout:n {\token list}`

`\lua_shipout:x`

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The  $\langle token list \rangle$  is first tokenized by T<sub>E</sub>X, which will include converting line ends to spaces in the usual T<sub>E</sub>X manner and which respects currently-applicable T<sub>E</sub>X category codes. The resulting  $\langle Lua input \rangle$  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  $\langle Lua input \rangle$  during the page-building routine: no T<sub>E</sub>X expansion of the  $\langle Lua input \rangle$  will occur at this stage.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** At a T<sub>E</sub>X level, the  $\langle Lua input \rangle$  is stored as a “whatsit”.

function

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$\backslash\text{lua\_shipout\_x:n}$ $\backslash\text{lua\_shipout\_x:x}$	$\backslash\text{lua\_shipout:n}$ $\{\langle\text{token list}\rangle\}$ <p>The <math>\langle\text{token list}\rangle</math> is first tokenized by <math>\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}</math>, which will include converting line ends to spaces in the usual <math>\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}</math> manner and which respects currently-applicable <math>\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}</math> category codes. The resulting <math>\langle\text{Lua input}\rangle</math> is passed to the Lua interpreter when the current page is finalised (<i>i.e.</i> at shipout). Each <math>\backslash\text{lua\_shipout:n}</math> block is treated by Lua as a separate chunk. The Lua interpreter will execute the <math>\langle\text{Lua input}\rangle</math> during the page-building routine: the <math>\langle\text{Lua input}\rangle</math> is expanded during this process in addition to any expansion when the argument was read. This makes these functions suitable for including material finalised during the page building process (such as the page number).</p>
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**$\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ hackers note:**  $\backslash\text{lua\_shipout\_x:n}$  is the  $\text{LuaT}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  primitive  $\backslash\text{latelua}$  named using the  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}3$  scheme.

At a  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  level, the  $\langle\text{Lua input}\rangle$  is stored as a “whatsit”.

function

## 2 Category code tables

As well as providing methods to break out into Lua, there are places where additional  $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}3$  functions are provided by the  $\text{LuaT}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  engine. In particular,  $\text{LuaT}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  provides category code tables. These can be used to ensure that a set of category codes are in force in a more robust way than is possible with other engines. These are therefore used by  $\backslash\text{ExplSyntaxOn}$  and  $\text{ExplSyntaxOff}$  when using the  $\text{LuaT}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$  engine.

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$\backslash\text{cctab\_new:N}$	$\backslash\text{cctab\_new:N}$ $\langle\text{category code table}\rangle$ <p>Creates a new category code table, initially with the codes as used by <math>\text{iniT}_{\text{E}}\text{X}</math>.</p> <p>function</p>
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$\backslash\text{cctab\_gset:Nn}$	$\backslash\text{cctab\_gset:Nn}$ $\langle\text{category code table}\rangle$ $\{\langle\text{category code set up}\rangle\}$ <p>Sets the <math>\langle\text{category code table}\rangle</math> to apply the category codes which apply when the prevailing régime is modified by the <math>\langle\text{category code set up}\rangle</math>. Thus within a standard code block the starting point will be the code applied by <math>\backslash\text{c\_code\_cctab}</math>. The assignment of the table is global: the underlying primitive does not respect grouping.</p> <p>function</p>
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$\backslash\text{cctab\_begin:N}$	$\backslash\text{cctab\_begin:N}$ $\langle\text{category code table}\rangle$ <p>Switches the category codes in force to those stored in the <math>\langle\text{category code table}\rangle</math>. The prevailing codes before the function is called are added to a stack, for use with <math>\backslash\text{cctab\_end:}</math>.</p> <p>function</p>
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$\backslash\text{cctab\_end:}$	$\backslash\text{cctab\_end:}$ <p>Ends the scope of a <math>\langle\text{category code table}\rangle</math> started using <math>\backslash\text{cctab\_begin:N}</math>, retuning the codes to those in force before the matching <math>\backslash\text{cctab\_begin:N}</math> was used.</p>
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function

<u><u><code>\c_code_cctab</code></u></u>	Category code table for the code environment. This does not include setting the behaviour of the line-end character, which is only altered by <code>\ExplSyntaxOn</code> . variable
<u><u><code>\c_document_cctab</code></u></u>	Category code table for a standard <code>L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</code> document. This does not include setting the behaviour of the line-end character, which is only altered by <code>\ExplSyntaxOff</code> . variable
<u><u><code>\c_initex_cctab</code></u></u>	Category code table as set up by <code>iniT<sub>E</sub>X</code> . variable
<u><u><code>\c_other_cctab</code></u></u>	Category code table where all characters have category code 12 (other). variable
<u><u><code>\c_str_cctab</code></u></u>	Category code table where all characters have category code 12 (other) with the exception of spaces, which have category code 10 (space). variable

## Part XXIII

# The l3candidates package

## Experimental additions to l3kernel

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.

### 1 Additions to l3basics

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`\cs_if_exist_use:NTF` ★  
`\cs_if_exist_use:cTF` ★

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`\cs_if_exist_use:NTF`  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$   $\{\langle true\ code \rangle\}$   $\{\langle false\ code \rangle\}$

If the  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$  exists, leave it in the input stream, followed by the  $\langle true\ code \rangle$  (unbraced). Otherwise, leave the  $\langle false \rangle$  code in the input stream. For example,

```
\cs_set:Npn \mypkg_use_character:N #1
{ \cs_if_exist_use:cF { mypkg_#1:n } { \mypkg_default:N #1 } }
```

calls the function `\mypkg_#1:n` if it exists, and falls back to a default action otherwise. This could also be done (more slowly) using `\str_case_x:nnn`.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** The `c` variants do not introduce the  $\langle control\ sequence \rangle$  in the hash table if it is not there.

XP,TF

### 2 Additions to l3box

#### 2.1 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.

<hr/> <code>\box_resize:Nnn</code> <code>\box_resize:cnn</code> <hr/>	<code>\box_resize:Nnn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;x-size&gt;} {&lt;y-size&gt;}</code> 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. The resizing applies within the current T <sub>E</sub> X group level. function
<hr/> <code>\box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:Nn</code> <code>\box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:cn</code> <hr/>	<code>\box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:Nn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;y-size&gt;}</code> 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. The resizing applies within the current T <sub>E</sub> X group level. function
<hr/> <code>\box_resize_to_wd:Nn</code> <code>\box_resize_to_wd:cn</code> <hr/>	<code>\box_resize_to_wd:Nn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;x-size&gt;}</code> 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. The resizing applies within the current T <sub>E</sub> X group level. function
<hr/> <code>\box_rotate:Nn</code> <code>\box_rotate:cn</code> <hr/>	<code>\box_rotate:Nn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;angle&gt;}</code> 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 T <sub>E</sub> X group level. function
<hr/> <code>\box_scale:Nnn</code> <code>\box_scale:cnn</code> <hr/>	<code>\box_scale:Nnn &lt;box&gt; {&lt;x-scale&gt;} {&lt;y-scale&gt;}</code> 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. The scaling applies within the current T <sub>E</sub> X group level. function

## 2.2 Viewing part of a box

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`\box_clip:N` `\box_clip:N <box>`  
`\box_clip:c`

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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 places 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.

function

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`\box_trim:Nnnnn` `\box_trim:Nnnnn <box> {\left} {\bottom} {\right} {\top}`  
`\box_trim:cnnnn`

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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 viewport operation is applied. The adjustment applies within the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level.

function

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`\box_viewport:Nnnnn` `\box_viewport:Nnnnn <box> {\llx} {\lly} {\urx} {\ury}`  
`\box_viewport:cnnnn`

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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.

function

## 2.3 Internal variables

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`\l__box_angle_fp`

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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.  
variable

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`\l__box_cos_fp`  
`\l__box_sin_fp`

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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.

variable

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`\l__box_scale_x_fp`  
`\l__box_scale_y_fp`

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The scaling factors by which a box is scaled by `\box_scale:Nnn` or `\box_resize:Nnn`. These values are required by the underlying driver code in `l3driver` to carry out the driver-dependent part of box rotation.

variable

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`\l__box_internal_box`

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Box used for affine transformations, which is used to contain rotated material when applying `\box_rotate:Nn`. This box must be correctly constructed for the driver-dependent code in `l3driver` to function correctly.

variable

### 3 Additions to `l3clist`

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`\clist_item:Nn`  
`\clist_item:(cn|nn)`

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`\clist_item:Nn` *<comma list>* *{<integer expression>}*

Indexing items in the *<comma list>* from 1 at the top (left), this function will evaluate the *<integer expression>* and leave the appropriate item from the comma list in the input stream. If the *<integer expression>* is negative, indexing occurs from the bottom (right) of the comma list. When the *<integer expression>* is larger than the number of items in the *<comma list>* (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 *<item>* will not expand further when appearing in an x-type argument expansion.

function

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`\clist_set_from_seq:NN`  
`\clist_set_from_seq:(cN|Nc|cc)`  
`\clist_gset_from_seq:NN`  
`\clist_gset_from_seq:(cN|Nc|cc)`

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`\clist_set_from_seq:NN` *<comma list>* *<sequence>*

Sets the *<comma list>* to be equal to the content of the *<sequence>*. Items which contain either spaces or commas are surrounded by braces.

function

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`\clist_const:Nn`  
`\clist_const:(Nx|cn|cx)`

---

`\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>*.

function

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<code>\clist_if_empty_p:n</code> ★ <code>\clist_if_empty:nTF</code> ★	<code>\clist_if_empty_p:n</code> $\{\langle comma\ list\rangle\}$ <code>\clist_if_empty:nTF</code> $\{\langle comma\ list\rangle\}$ $\{\langle true\ code\rangle\}$ $\{\langle false\ code\rangle\}$
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Tests if the  $\langle comma\ list\rangle$  is empty (containing no items). The rules for space trimming are as for other `n`-type comma-list functions, hence the comma list  $\{\sim,\sim,\sim\}$  (without outer braces) is empty, while  $\{\sim,\{\},\}$  (without outer braces) contains one element, which happens to be empty: the comma-list is not empty.

XP, pTF

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<code>\clist_use:Nnnn</code> ★ <small>New: 2012-06-26</small>	<code>\clist_use:Nnnn</code> $\langle clist\ var\rangle$ $\{\langle separator\ between\ two\rangle\}$ $\{\langle separator\ between\ more\ than\ two\rangle\}$ $\{\langle separator\ between\ final\ two\rangle\}$
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Places the contents of the  $\langle clist\ var\rangle$  in the input stream, with the appropriate  $\langle separator\rangle$  between the items. Namely, if the comma list has more than 2 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 comma list has 2 items, then they are placed in the input stream separated by the  $\langle separator\ between\ two\rangle$ . If the comma list has 1 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.

**TeXhackers 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.

XP, added = 2012-06-26

## 4 Additions to l3coffins

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<code>\coffin_resize:Nnn</code> <code>\coffin_resize:cnn</code>	<code>\coffin_resize:Nnn</code> $\langle coffin\rangle$ $\{\langle width\rangle\}$ $\{\langle total-height\rangle\}$
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---

Resized the  $\langle coffin\rangle$  to  $\langle width\rangle$  and  $\langle total-height\rangle$ , both of which should be given as dimension expressions.  
function

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<code>\coffin_rotate:Nn</code> <code>\coffin_rotate:cn</code>	<code>\coffin_rotate:Nn</code> $\langle coffin\rangle$ $\{\langle angle\rangle\}$
--	---

---

Rotates the  $\langle coffin\rangle$  by the given  $\langle angle\rangle$  (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.  
function



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`\coffin_scale:Nnn`  
`\coffin_scale:cnn`

---

`\coffin_scale:Nnn`  $\langle coffin \rangle$   $\{\langle x-scale \rangle\}$   $\{\langle y-scale \rangle\}$

Scales the  $\langle coffin \rangle$  by a factors  $\langle x-scale \rangle$  and  $\langle y-scale \rangle$  in the horizontal and vertical directions, respectively. The two scale factors should be given as real numbers.  
function

## 5 Additions to l3file

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`\ior_map_inline:Nn`

---

New: 2012-02-11

`\ior_map_inline:Nn`  $\langle stream \rangle$   $\{\langle inline function \rangle\}$

Applies the  $\langle inline function \rangle$  to  $\langle lines \rangle$  obtained by reading one or more lines (until an equal number of left and right braces are found) from the  $\langle stream \rangle$ . The  $\langle inline function \rangle$  should consist of code which will receive the  $\langle line \rangle$  as #1. Note that T<sub>E</sub>X removes trailing space and tab characters (character codes 32 and 9) from every line upon input. T<sub>E</sub>X also ignores any trailing new-line marker from the file it reads.

dded = 2012-02-11

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`\ior_str_map_inline:Nn`

---

New: 2012-02-11

`\ior_str_map_inline:Nn`  $\{\langle stream \rangle\}$   $\{\langle inline function \rangle\}$

Applies the  $\langle inline function \rangle$  to every  $\langle line \rangle$  in the  $\langle stream \rangle$ . 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). The  $\langle inline function \rangle$  should consist of code which will receive the  $\langle line \rangle$  as #1. Note that T<sub>E</sub>X removes trailing space and tab characters (character codes 32 and 9) from every line upon input. T<sub>E</sub>X also ignores any trailing new-line marker from the file it reads.

dded = 2012-02-11

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`\ior_map_break:`

---

New: 2012-06-29

`\ior_map_break:`

Used to terminate a `\ior_map_...` function before all lines from the  $\langle stream \rangle$  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 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.

dded = 2012-06-29

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`\ior_map_break:n`

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`New: 2012-06-29``\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 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.

dded = 2012-06-29

## 6 Additions to l3fp

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`\fp_set_from_dim:Nn`

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`\fp_set_from_dim:cn``\fp_gset_from_dim:Nn``\fp_gset_from_dim:cn`

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`\fp_set_from_dim:Nn <floating point variable> {<dimexpr>}`

Sets the *<floating point variable>* to the distance represented by the *<dimension expression>* in the units points. This means that distances given in other units are first converted to points before being assigned to the *<floating point variable>*.  
function

## 7 Additions to l3prop

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`\prop_map_tokens:Nn` ☆

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`\prop_map_tokens:cn` ☆

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`\prop_map_tokens:Nn <property list> {<code>}`

Analogue of `\prop_map_function:NN` which maps several tokens instead of a single function. The *<code>* receives each key–value pair in the *<property list>* as two trailing brace groups. For instance,

```
\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_get:Nn` is faster.

EXP

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<code>\prop_get:Nn</code> ★	<code>\prop_get:Nn</code> $\langle property\ list \rangle$ $\{\langle key \rangle\}$
<code>\prop_get:cn</code> ★	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.

XP

## 8 Additions to l3seq

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<code>\seq_item:Nn</code> ★	<code>\seq_item:Nn</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\{\langle integer\ expression \rangle\}$
<code>\seq_item:cn</code> ★	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 <code>\seq_count:N</code> ) 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.

XP

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<code>\seq_mapthread_function:NNN</code> ★	<code>\seq_mapthread_function:NNN</code> $\langle seq_1 \rangle$ $\langle seq_2 \rangle$ $\langle function \rangle$
<code>\seq_mapthread_function:(NcN cN cN)</code> ★	

---

Applies  $\langle function \rangle$  to every pair of items  $\langle seq_1\text{-}item \rangle$ – $\langle seq_2\text{-}item \rangle$  from the two sequences, returning items from both sequences from left to right. The  $\langle function \rangle$  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).

EXP

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<code>\seq_set_from_clist:NN</code>	<code>\seq_set_from_clist:NN</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$ $\langle comma\text{-}list \rangle$
<code>\seq_set_from_clist:(cN Nc cc Nn cn)</code>	
<code>\seq_gset_from_clist:NN</code>	
<code>\seq_gset_from_clist:(cN Nc cc Nn cn)</code>	

---

Sets the  $\langle sequence \rangle$  within the current T<sub>E</sub>X group to be equal to the content of the  $\langle comma\text{-}list \rangle$ .  
function

---

<code>\seq_reverse:N</code>	<code>\seq_reverse:N</code> $\langle sequence \rangle$
<code>\seq_greverse:N</code>	Reverses the order of items in the $\langle sequence \rangle$ , and assigns the result to $\langle sequence \rangle$ , locally or globally according to the variant chosen.

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function

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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.

function

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`\seq_set_map:NNn`  
`\seq_gset_map:NNn`

---

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.

added = 2011-12-22

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`\seq_use:Nnnn` ★

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New: 2012-06-26

`\seq_use:Nnnn`  $\langle seq\ var \rangle$   $\{\langle separator\ between\ two \rangle\}$   
 $\{\langle separator\ between\ more\ than\ two \rangle\}$   $\{\langle separator\ between\ final\ two \rangle\}$

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 2 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 2 items, then they are placed in the input stream separated by the  $\langle separator\ between\ two \rangle$ . If the sequence has 1 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.

XP, added = 2012-06-26

## 9 Additions to l3skip

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<code>\skip_split_finite_else_action:nnNN</code>	<code>\skip_split_finite_else_action:nnNN {&lt;skipexpr&gt;} {&lt;action&gt;}</code>
	<code>&lt;dimen<sub>1</sub>&gt; &lt;dimen<sub>2</sub>&gt;</code>

---

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.

function

## 10 Additions to l3tl

---

<code>\tl_if_single_token_p:n</code> ★	<code>\tl_if_single_token_p:n {&lt;token list&gt;}</code>
<code>\tl_if_single_token:nTF</code> ★	<code>\tl_if_single_token:nTF {&lt;token list&gt;} {&lt;true code&gt;} {&lt;false code&gt;}</code>

---

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 ( $\{...\}$ ) are not single tokens.

XP,pTF

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<code>\tl_reverse_tokens:n</code> ★	<code>\tl_reverse_tokens:n {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
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---

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.

XP

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<code>\tl_count_tokens:n</code> ★	<code>\tl_count_tokens:n {&lt;tokens&gt;}</code>
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---

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  $\langle integer denotation \rangle$ .

XP

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<code>\tl_expandable_uppercase:n</code>	★	<code>\tl_expandable_uppercase:n {⟨tokens⟩}</code>
<code>\tl_expandable_lowercase:n</code>	★	<code>\tl_expandable_lowercase:n {⟨tokens⟩}</code>

---

The `\tl_expandable_uppercase:n` function works through all of the  $\langle tokens \rangle$ , replacing characters in the range a–z (with arbitrary category code) by the corresponding letter in the range A–Z, with category code 11 (letter). Similarly, `\tl_expandable_lowercase:n` replaces characters in the range A–Z by letters in the range a–z, and leaves other tokens unchanged. This function requires two steps of expansion.

**T<sub>E</sub>Xhackers note:** Begin-group and end-group characters are normalized and become { and }, respectively. 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.

XP

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<code>\tl_item:nn</code>	★	<code>\tl_item:nn {⟨token list⟩} {⟨integer expression⟩}</code>
<code>\tl_item:(Nn cn)</code>	★	

---

Indexing items in the  $\langle token list \rangle$  from 1 on the left, this function will evaluate the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$  and leave the appropriate item from the  $\langle token list \rangle$  in the input stream. If the  $\langle integer expression \rangle$  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.

**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.

XP

## 11 Additions to l3tokens

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<code>\char_set_active:Npn</code>	<code>\char_set_active:Npn ⟨char⟩ ⟨parameters⟩ {⟨code⟩}</code>
<code>\char_set_active:Npx</code>	

---

Makes  $\langle char \rangle$  an active character 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. The  $\langle char \rangle$  is made active within the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level, and the definition is also local.

function

---

<code>\char_gset_active:Npn</code>	<code>\char_gset_active:Npn ⟨char⟩ ⟨parameters⟩ {⟨code⟩}</code>
<code>\char_gset_active:Npx</code>	

---

Makes  $\langle char \rangle$  an active character 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. The  $\langle char \rangle$  is made active within the current T<sub>E</sub>X group level, but the definition is global. This function is therefore suited to cases where an active character definition should be applied only in some context (where the  $\langle char \rangle$  is again made active).

function

<hr/> <hr/> <code>\char_set_active_eq:NN</code>	<code>\char_set_active_eq:NN &lt;char&gt; &lt;function&gt;</code>
	Makes $\langle char \rangle$ an active character equivalent in meaning to the $\langle function \rangle$ (which may itself be an active character). The $\langle char \rangle$ is made active within the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level, and the definition is also local. function
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\char_gset_active_eq:NN</code>	<code>\char_gset_active_eq:NN &lt;char&gt; &lt;function&gt;</code>
	Makes $\langle char \rangle$ an active character equivalent in meaning to the $\langle function \rangle$ (which may itself be an active character). The $\langle char \rangle$ is made active within the current $\text{\TeX}$ group level, but the definition is global. This function is therefore suited to cases where an active character definition should be applied only in some context (where the $\langle char \rangle$ is again made active). function
<hr/> <hr/> <code>\peek_N_type:TF</code>	<code>\peek_N_type:TF {\langle true code \rangle} {\langle false code \rangle}</code>
	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), 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 <code>\c_space_token</code> , 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). F

## Part XXIV

# Implementation

## 1 l3bootstrap implementation

```

1 \*initex | package)
2 \@@=expl
```

### 1.1 Format-specific code

The very first thing to do is to bootstrap the  $\text{ini}\text{\TeX}$  system so that everything else will actually work.  $\text{\TeX}$  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 LuaTeX the extra primitives need to be enabled before they can be used. No `\ifdefined` yet, so do it the old-fashioned way. The primitive `\strcmp` is simulated using some Lua code, which currently has to be applied to every job as the Lua code is not part of the format. Thanks to Taco Hoekwater for this code. The odd `\csname` business is needed so that the later deletion code will work.

```

12 <*initex>
13 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
14 \expandafter\ifx\csname directlua\endcsname\relax
15 \else
16 \directlua
17 {
18   tex.enableprimitives('',tex.extraprimitives ())
19   lua.bytecode[1] = function ()
20     function strcmp (A, B)
21       if A == B then
22         tex.write("0")
23       elseif A < B then
24         tex.write("-1")
25       else
26         tex.write("1")
27       end
28     end
29   end
30   lua.bytecode[1]()
31 }
32 \everyjob\expandafter
33 { \csname\detokenize{luatex_directlua:D}\endcsname{lua.bytecode[1]()}}
34 \long\edef\pdfstrcmp#1#2%
35 {%
36   \expandafter\noexpand\csname\detokenize{luatex_directlua:D}\endcsname
37   {%
38     strcmp%
39     (%
40       "\noexpand\luaescapestring{#1}",%
41       "\noexpand\luaescapestring{#2}"%
42     )%
43   }%
44 }
45 \fi
46 </initex>

```



## 1.2 Package-specific code part one

The package starts by identifying itself: the information itself is taken from the SVN Id string at the start of the source file.

```
47 <*package>
48 \ProvidesPackage{l3bootstrap}
49 [%
50   \ExplFileDate\space v\ExplFileVersion\space
51   L3 Experimental bootstrap code%
52 ]
53 </package>
```

For LuaTeX the functionality of the `\pdfstrcmp` primitive needs to be provided: the `pdftexcmds` package is used to do this if necessary. At present, there is also a need to deal with some low-level allocation stuff that could usefully be added to `lualatex.ini`. As it is currently not, load Heiko Oberdiek's `luatex` package instead.

```
54 <*package>
55 \def\@tempa%
56 {%
57   \def\@tempa{}%
58   \RequirePackage{luatex}%
59   \RequirePackage{pdftexcmds}%
60   \let\pdfstrcmp\pdf@strcmp
61 }
62 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
63 \expandafter\ifx\csname directlua\endcsname\relax
64 \else
65   \expandafter\@tempa
66 \fi
67 </package>
```

## 1.3 The `\pdfstrcmp` primitive in X<sub>Y</sub>TeX

Only pdfTeX has a primitive called `\pdfstrcmp`. The X<sub>Y</sub>TeX version is just `\strcmp`, so there is some shuffling to do.

```
68 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
69 \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfstrcmp\endcsname\relax
70   \let\pdfstrcmp\strcmp
71 \fi
```

## 1.4 Engine requirements

The code currently requires functionality equivalent to `\pdfstrcmp` in addition to  $\varepsilon$ -TeX. The former is therefore used as a test for a suitable engine.

```
72 \begingroup\expandafter\expandafter\expandafter\endgroup
73 \expandafter\ifx\csname pdfstrcmp\endcsname\relax
74 <*package>
75   \PackageError{expl3}{Required primitives not found}
76   {%
```

```

77     LaTeX3 requires the e-TeX primitives and \string\pdfstrcmp.\MessageBreak
78     \MessageBreak
79     These are available in engine versions:\MessageBreak
80     - pdfTeX 1.30\MessageBreak
81     - XeTeX 0.9994\MessageBreak
82     - LuaTeX 0.40\MessageBreak
83     or later.\MessageBreak
84     \MessageBreak
85     Loading of expl3 will abort!%
86 }
87 \expandafter\endinput
88 </package>
89 <*initex>
90 \newlinechar'\^^J\relax
91 \errhelp{%
92     LaTeX3 requires the e-TeX primitives and \pdfstrcmp.\^^J%
93     \^^J%
94     These are available in engine versions:\^^J%
95     - pdfTeX 1.30\^^J%
96     - XeTeX 0.9994\^^J%
97     - LuaTeX 0.40\^^J%
98     or later.\^^J%
99     \^^J%
100     For pdfTeX and XeTeX the '-etex' command-line switch is also
101     needed.\^^J%
102     \^^J%
103     Format building will abort!%
104 }
105 \errmessage{Required primitives not found}%
106 \expandafter\end
107 </initex>
108 \fi

```

## 1.5 Package-specific code part two

**\ExplSyntaxOff** Experimental syntax switching is set up here for the package-loading process. These are redefined in expl3 for the package and in l3final for the format.

```

109 <*package>
110 \protected\edef\ExplSyntaxOff
111 {%
112     \catcode 9 = \the\catcode 9\relax
113     \catcode 32 = \the\catcode 32\relax
114     \catcode 34 = \the\catcode 34\relax
115     \catcode 38 = \the\catcode 38\relax
116     \catcode 58 = \the\catcode 58\relax
117     \catcode 94 = \the\catcode 94\relax
118     \catcode 95 = \the\catcode 95\relax
119     \catcode 124 = \the\catcode 124\relax
120     \catcode 126 = \the\catcode 126\relax

```

```

121 \endlinechar = \the\endlinechar\relax
122 \chardef\csname\detokenize{l__kernel_expl_bool}\endcsname = 0 \relax
123 }
124 \protected\edef\ExplSyntaxOn
125 {
126 \catcode 9 = 9 \relax
127 \catcode 32 = 9 \relax
128 \catcode 34 = 12 \relax
129 \catcode 58 = 11 \relax
130 \catcode 94 = 7 \relax
131 \catcode 95 = 11 \relax
132 \catcode 124 = 12 \relax
133 \catcode 126 = 10 \relax
134 \endlinechar = 32 \relax
135 \chardef\csname\detokenize{l__kernel_expl_bool}\endcsname = 1 \relax
136 }
137 \</package>

```

(End definition for \ExplSyntaxOff and \ExplSyntaxOn These functions are documented on page 7.)

**\l\_\_kernel\_expl\_bool** The status for experimental code syntax: this is off at present. This code is used by both the package and the format.

```

138 \expandafter\chardef\csname\detokenize{l__kernel_expl_bool}\endcsname = 0 \relax

```

(End definition for \l\_\_kernel\_expl\_bool This variable is documented on page 8.)

## 1.6 Dealing with package-mode meta-data

**\GetIdInfo** This is implemented right at the start of `l3bootstrap.dtx`.

(End definition for \GetIdInfo This function is documented on page 7.)

**\ProvidesExplPackage** For other packages and classes building on this one it is convenient not to need **\ProvidesExplClass** **\ExplSyntaxOn** each time.

**\ProvidesExplFile**

```

139 \<*package>
140 \protected\def\ProvidesExplPackage
141 {%
142 \ifpackageloaded{expl3}
143 {}
144 {%
145 \PackageError{expl3}
146 {Cannot load the expl3 modules separately}
147 {%
148 The expl3 modules cannot be loaded separately;\MessageBreak
149 please \string\usepackage\string{expl3\string} instead.%
150 }%
151 }%
152 \protected\def\ProvidesExplPackage##1##2##3##4%
153 {%
154 \ProvidesPackage{##1}[##2 v##3 ##4]%
155 \ExplSyntaxOn
156 }%

```

```

157     \ProvidesExplPackage
158   }
159   \protected\def\ProvidesExplClass#1#2#3#4%
160     {%
161       \ProvidesClass{#1}[#2 v#3 #4]%
162       \ExplSyntaxOn
163     }
164   \protected\def\ProvidesExplFile#1#2#3#4%
165     {%
166       \ProvidesFile{#1}[#2 v#3 #4]%
167       \ExplSyntaxOn
168     }
169   \</package>

```

(End definition for `\ProvidesExplPackage`, `\ProvidesExplClass`, and `\ProvidesExplFile` These functions are documented on page 7.)

`\@pushfilename`    The idea here is to use L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>'s `\@pushfilename` and `\@popfilename` to track the  
`\@popfilename`    current syntax status. This can be achieved by saving the current status flag at each  
push to a stack, then recovering it at the pop stage and checking if the code environment  
should still be active.

```

170   \*package>
171   \edef\@pushfilename
172     {%
173     \edef\expandafter\noexpand
174       \csname\detokenize{l__expl_status_stack_tl}\endcsname
175     {%
176       \noexpand\ifodd\expandafter\noexpand
177         \csname\detokenize{l__kernel_expl_bool}\endcsname
178       1%
179       \noexpand\else
180       0%
181       \noexpand\fi
182       \expandafter\noexpand
183       \csname\detokenize{l__expl_status_stack_tl}\endcsname
184     }%
185     \ExplSyntaxOff
186     \unexpanded\expandafter{\@pushfilename}%
187   }
188   \edef\@popfilename
189     {%
190     \unexpanded\expandafter{\@popfilename}%
191     \noexpand\if a\expandafter\noexpand\csname
192       \detokenize{l__expl_status_stack_tl}\endcsname a%
193     \ExplSyntaxOff
194     \noexpand\else
195     \noexpand\expandafter
196     \expandafter\noexpand\csname
197       \detokenize{l__expl_status_pop:w}\endcsname
198     \expandafter\noexpand\csname

```

```

199         \detokenize{l__expl_status_stack_tl}\endcsname
200         \noexpand\@nil
201     \noexpand\fi
202 }
203 \</package>

```

(End definition for \@pushfilename and \@popfilename These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\l__expl_status_stack_tl` As expl3 itself cannot be loaded with the code environment already active, at the end of the package `\ExplSyntaxOff` can safely be called.

```

204 \<*package>
205 \@namedef\detokenize{l__expl_status_stack_tl}{0}
206 \</package>

```

(End definition for `\l__expl_status_stack_tl` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\__expl_status_pop:w` The pop auxiliary function removes the first item from the stack, saves the rest of the stack and then does the test. As `\ExplSyntaxOff` is already defined as a protected macro, there is no need for `\noexpand` here.

```

207 \<*package>
208 \expandafter\edef\csname\detokenize{\__expl_status_pop:w}\endcsname#1#2\@nil
209 {%
210     \def\expandafter\noexpand
211         \csname\detokenize{l__expl_status_stack_tl}\endcsname{#2}%
212     \noexpand\ifodd#1\space
213     \noexpand\expandafter\noexpand\ExplSyntaxOn
214     \noexpand\else
215     \noexpand\expandafter\ExplSyntaxOff
216     \noexpand\fi
217 }
218 \</package>

```

(End definition for `\__expl_status_pop:w`)

`\__expl_package_check:` We want the expl3 bundle to be loaded “as one”; this command is used to ensure that one of the 13 packages isn’t loaded on its own.

```

219 \<*package>
220 \expandafter\protected\expandafter\def
221     \csname\detokenize{\__expl_package_check:}\endcsname
222     {%
223         \@ifpackageloaded{expl3}
224         {}
225         {%
226             \PackageError{expl3}
227                 {Cannot load the expl3 modules separately}
228                 {%
229                     The expl3 modules cannot be loaded separately;\MessageBreak
230                     please \string\usepackage\string{expl3\string} instead.%
231                 }%
232         }%
233     }
234 \</package>

```

(End definition for `\__expl_package_check:`)

## 1.7 The L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 code environment

The code environment is now set up for the format: the package deals with this using `\ProvidesExplPackage`.

```

235 <*initex>
236 \catcode 9 = 9 \relax
237 \catcode 32 = 9 \relax
238 \catcode 34 = 12 \relax
239 \catcode 58 = 11 \relax
240 \catcode 94 = 7 \relax
241 \catcode 95 = 11 \relax
242 \catcode 124 = 12 \relax
243 \catcode 126 = 10 \relax
244 \endlinechar = 32 \relax
245 </initex>

```

`\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.

```

246 <*initex>
247 \protected \def \ExplSyntaxOn
248 {
249   \bool_if:NF \l__kernel_expl_bool
250   {
251     \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx \ExplSyntaxOff
252     {
253       \char_set_catcode:nn { 9 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 9 } }
254       \char_set_catcode:nn { 32 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 32 } }
255       \char_set_catcode:nn { 34 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 34 } }
256       \char_set_catcode:nn { 38 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 38 } }
257       \char_set_catcode:nn { 58 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 58 } }
258       \char_set_catcode:nn { 94 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 94 } }
259       \char_set_catcode:nn { 95 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 95 } }
260       \char_set_catcode:nn { 124 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 124 } }
261       \char_set_catcode:nn { 126 } { \char_value_catcode:n { 126 } }
262       \tex_endlinechar:D =
263       \tex_the:D \tex_endlinechar:D \scan_stop:
264       \bool_set_false:N \l__kernel_expl_bool
265       \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \ExplSyntaxOff { }
266     }
267   }
268   \char_set_catcode_ignore:n { 9 } % tab
269   \char_set_catcode_ignore:n { 32 } % space
270   \char_set_catcode_other:n { 34 } % double quote
271   \char_set_catcode_alignment:n { 38 } % ampersand
272   \char_set_catcode_letter:n { 58 } % colon
273   \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:n { 94 } % circumflex
274   \char_set_catcode_letter:n { 95 } % underscore
275   \char_set_catcode_other:n { 124 } % pipe
276   \char_set_catcode_space:n { 126 } % tilde

```

```

277 \tex_endlinechar:D = 32 \scan_stop:
278 \bool_set_true:N \l__kernel_expl_bool
279 }
280 \protected \def \ExplSyntaxOff { }
281 \</initex>

```

(End definition for \ExplSyntaxOn and \ExplSyntaxOff These functions are documented on page 7.)

**\l\_\_kernel\_expl\_bool** A flag to show the current syntax status.

```

282 \<*initex>
283 \chardef \l__kernel_expl_bool = 0 ~
284 \</initex>

```

(End definition for \l\_\_kernel\_expl\_bool This variable is documented on page 8.)

## 1.8 Deprecated functions

Deprecated 2012-06-19 for removal after 2012-12-31.

**\ExplSyntaxNamesOn** These can be set up early, as they are not used anywhere in the package or format itself.  
**\ExplSyntaxNamesOff** Using an \edef here makes the definitions that bit clearer later.

```

285 \protected\edef\ExplSyntaxNamesOn
286 {%
287 \expandafter\noexpand
288 \csname\detokenize{char_set_catcode_letter:n}\endcsname{58}%
289 \expandafter\noexpand
290 \csname\detokenize{char_set_catcode_letter:n}\endcsname{95}%
291 }
292 \protected\edef\ExplSyntaxNamesOff
293 {%
294 \expandafter\noexpand
295 \csname\detokenize{char_set_catcode_other:n}\endcsname{58}%
296 \expandafter\noexpand
297 \csname\detokenize{char_set_catcode_math_subscript:n}\endcsname{95}%
298 }

```

(End definition for \ExplSyntaxNamesOn and \ExplSyntaxNamesOff These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

299 \</initex | package>

```

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```

300 \<*initex | package>
301 \<*package>
302 \ProvidesExplPackage
303 {\ExplFileName}{\ExplFileDate}{\ExplFileVersion}{\ExplFileDescription}
304 \</package>

```

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.

```
305 \let \tex_global:D \global
306 \let \tex_let:D \let
```

Everything is inside a (rather long) group, which keeps `\__expl_primitive:NN` trapped.

```
307 \begingroup
```

`\__expl_primitive:NN` A temporary function to actually do the renaming. This also allows the original names to be removed in format mode.

```
308 \long \def \__expl_primitive:NN #1#2
309 {
310   \tex_global:D \tex_let:D #2 #1
311   \*initex
312   \tex_global:D \tex_let:D #1 \tex_undefined:D
313   \*initex
314 }
```

*(End definition for \\_\_expl\_primitive:NN)*

In the current incarnation of this package, all T<sub>E</sub>X 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.

```
315 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_space:D
316 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_italiccorrection:D
317 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_hyphen:D
```

Now all the other primitives.

```
318 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_let:D
319 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_def:D
320 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_edef:D
321 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_gdef:D
322 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_xdef:D
323 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_chardef:D
324 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_countdef:D
325 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_dimendef:D
326 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_skipdef:D
327 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_muskipdef:D
328 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_mathchardef:D
329 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_toksdef:D
330 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_futurelet:D
331 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_advance:D
332 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_divide:D
333 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_multiply:D
334 \__expl_primitive:NN \tex_font:D
```



335	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\fam	\tex\_fam:D
336	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\global	\tex\_global:D
337	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\long	\tex\_long:D
338	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\outer	\tex\_outer:D
339	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\setlanguage	\tex\_setlanguage:D
340	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\globaldefs	\tex\_globaldefs:D
341	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\afterassignment	\tex\_afterassignment:D
342	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\aftergroup	\tex\_aftergroup:D
343	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\expandafter	\tex\_expandafter:D
344	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\noexpand	\tex\_noexpand:D
345	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\begingroup	\tex\_begingroup:D
346	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\endgroup	\tex\_endgroup:D
347	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\halign	\tex\_halign:D
348	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\valign	\tex\_valign:D
349	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\cr	\tex\_cr:D
350	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\crcr	\tex\_crcr:D
351	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\noalign	\tex\_noalign:D
352	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\omit	\tex\_omit:D
353	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\span	\tex\_span:D
354	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\tabskip	\tex\_tabskip:D
355	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\everycr	\tex\_everycr:D
356	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\if	\tex\_if:D
357	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ifcase	\tex\_ifcase:D
358	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ifcat	\tex\_ifcat:D
359	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ifnum	\tex\_ifnum:D
360	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ifodd	\tex\_ifodd:D
361	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ifdim	\tex\_ifdim:D
362	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ifeof	\tex\_ifeof:D
363	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ifhbox	\tex\_ifhbox:D
364	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ifvbox	\tex\_ifvbox:D
365	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ifvoid	\tex\_ifvoid:D
366	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ifx	\tex\_ifx:D
367	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\iffalse	\tex\_iffalse:D
368	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\iftrue	\tex\_iftrue:D
369	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ifhmode	\tex\_ifhmode:D
370	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ifmmode	\tex\_ifmmode:D
371	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ifvmode	\tex\_ifvmode:D
372	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ifinner	\tex\_ifinner:D
373	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\else	\tex\_else:D
374	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\fi	\tex\_fi:D
375	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\or	\tex\_or:D
376	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\immediate	\tex\_immediate:D
377	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\closeout	\tex\_closeout:D
378	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\openin	\tex\_openin:D
379	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\openout	\tex\_openout:D
380	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\read	\tex\_read:D
381	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\write	\tex\_write:D
382	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\closein	\tex\_closein:D
383	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\newlinechar	\tex\_newlinechar:D
384	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\input	\tex\_input:D

385	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\endinput	\tex\_endinput:D
386	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\inputlineno	\tex\_inputlineno:D
387	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\errmessage	\tex\_errmessage:D
388	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\message	\tex\_message:D
389	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\show	\tex\_show:D
390	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\showthe	\tex\_showthe:D
391	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\showbox	\tex\_showbox:D
392	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\showlists	\tex\_showlists:D
393	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\errhelp	\tex\_errhelp:D
394	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\errorcontextlines	\tex\_errorcontextlines:D
395	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\tracingcommands	\tex\_tracingcommands:D
396	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\tracinglostchars	\tex\_tracinglostchars:D
397	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\tracingmacros	\tex\_tracingmacros:D
398	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\tracingonline	\tex\_tracingonline:D
399	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\tracingoutput	\tex\_tracingoutput:D
400	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\tracingpages	\tex\_tracingpages:D
401	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\tracingparagraphs	\tex\_tracingparagraphs:D
402	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\tracingrestores	\tex\_tracingrestores:D
403	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\tracingstats	\tex\_tracingstats:D
404	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pausing	\tex\_pausing:D
405	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\showboxbreadth	\tex\_showboxbreadth:D
406	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\showboxdepth	\tex\_showboxdepth:D
407	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\batchmode	\tex\_batchmode:D
408	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\errorstopmode	\tex\_errorstopmode:D
409	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\nonstopmode	\tex\_nonstopmode:D
410	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\scrollmode	\tex\_scrollmode:D
411	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\end	\tex\_end:D
412	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\csname	\tex\_csname:D
413	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\endcsname	\tex\_endcsname:D
414	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ignorespaces	\tex\_ignorespaces:D
415	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\relax	\tex\_relax:D
416	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\the	\tex\_the:D
417	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mag	\tex\_mag:D
418	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\language	\tex\_language:D
419	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mark	\tex\_mark:D
420	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\topmark	\tex\_topmark:D
421	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\firstmark	\tex\_firstmark:D
422	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\botmark	\tex\_botmark:D
423	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\splitfirstmark	\tex\_splitfirstmark:D
424	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\splitbotmark	\tex\_splitbotmark:D
425	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\fontname	\tex\_fontname:D
426	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\escapechar	\tex\_escapechar:D
427	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\endlinechar	\tex\_endlinechar:D
428	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mathchoice	\tex\_mathchoice:D
429	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\delimiter	\tex\_delimiter:D
430	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mathaccent	\tex\_mathaccent:D
431	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mathchar	\tex\_mathchar:D
432	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mskip	\tex\_mskip:D
433	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\radical	\tex\_radical:D
434	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\vcenter	\tex\_vcenter:D

435	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mkern	\tex\_mkern:D
436	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\above	\tex\_above:D
437	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\abovewithdelims	\tex\_abovewithdelims:D
438	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\atop	\tex\_atop:D
439	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\atopwithdelims	\tex\_atopwithdelims:D
440	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\over	\tex\_over:D
441	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\overwithdelims	\tex\_overwithdelims:D
442	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\displaystyle	\tex\_displaystyle:D
443	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\textstyle	\tex\_textstyle:D
444	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\scriptstyle	\tex\_scriptstyle:D
445	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\scriptscriptstyle	\tex\_scriptscriptstyle:D
446	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\nonscript	\tex\_nonscript:D
447	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\eqno	\tex\_eqno:D
448	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\leqno	\tex\_leqno:D
449	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\abovedisplayshortskip	\tex\_abovedisplayshortskip:D
450	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\abovedisplayskip	\tex\_abovedisplayskip:D
451	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\belowdisplayshortskip	\tex\_belowdisplayshortskip:D
452	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\belowdisplayskip	\tex\_belowdisplayskip:D
453	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\displaywidowpenalty	\tex\_displaywidowpenalty:D
454	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\displayindent	\tex\_displayindent:D
455	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\displaywidth	\tex\_displaywidth:D
456	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\everydisplay	\tex\_everydisplay:D
457	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\predisplaysize	\tex\_predisplaysize:D
458	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\predisplaypenalty	\tex\_predisplaypenalty:D
459	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\postdisplaypenalty	\tex\_postdisplaypenalty:D
460	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mathbin	\tex\_mathbin:D
461	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mathclose	\tex\_mathclose:D
462	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mathinner	\tex\_mathinner:D
463	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mathop	\tex\_mathop:D
464	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\displaylimits	\tex\_displaylimits:D
465	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\limits	\tex\_limits:D
466	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\nolimits	\tex\_nolimits:D
467	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mathopen	\tex\_mathopen:D
468	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mathord	\tex\_mathord:D
469	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mathpunct	\tex\_mathpunct:D
470	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mathrel	\tex\_mathrel:D
471	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\overline	\tex\_overline:D
472	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\underline	\tex\_underline:D
473	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\left	\tex\_left:D
474	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\right	\tex\_right:D
475	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\binoppenalty	\tex\_binoppenalty:D
476	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\relpenalty	\tex\_relpenalty:D
477	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\delimitershortfall	\tex\_delimitershortfall:D
478	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\delimiterfactor	\tex\_delimiterfactor:D
479	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\nulldelimiterspace	\tex\_nulldelimiterspace:D
480	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\everymath	\tex\_everymath:D
481	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mathsurround	\tex\_mathsurround:D
482	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\medmuskip	\tex\_medmuskip:D
483	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\thinmuskip	\tex\_thinmuskip:D
484	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\thickmuskip	\tex\_thickmuskip:D

485	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\scriptspace	\tex\_scriptspace:D
486	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\noboundary	\tex\_noboundary:D
487	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\accent	\tex\_accent:D
488	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\char	\tex\_char:D
489	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\discretionary	\tex\_discretionary:D
490	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hfil	\tex\_hfil:D
491	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hfilneg	\tex\_hfilneg:D
492	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hfill	\tex\_hfill:D
493	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hskip	\tex\_hskip:D
494	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hss	\tex\_hss:D
495	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\vfil	\tex\_vfil:D
496	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\vfilneg	\tex\_vfilneg:D
497	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\vfill	\tex\_vfill:D
498	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\vskip	\tex\_vskip:D
499	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\vss	\tex\_vss:D
500	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\unskip	\tex\_unskip:D
501	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\kern	\tex\_kern:D
502	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\unkern	\tex\_unkern:D
503	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hrule	\tex\_hrule:D
504	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\vrule	\tex\_vrule:D
505	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\leaders	\tex\_leaders:D
506	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\cleaders	\tex\_cleaders:D
507	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\xleaders	\tex\_xleaders:D
508	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\lastkern	\tex\_lastkern:D
509	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\lastskip	\tex\_lastskip:D
510	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\indent	\tex\_indent:D
511	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\par	\tex\_par:D
512	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\noindent	\tex\_noindent:D
513	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\vadjust	\tex\_vadjust:D
514	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\baselineskip	\tex\_baselineskip:D
515	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\lineskip	\tex\_lineskip:D
516	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\lineskiplimit	\tex\_lineskiplimit:D
517	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\clubpenalty	\tex\_clubpenalty:D
518	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\widowpenalty	\tex\_widowpenalty:D
519	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\exhyphenpenalty	\tex\_exhyphenpenalty:D
520	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hyphenpenalty	\tex\_hyphenpenalty:D
521	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\linepenalty	\tex\_linepenalty:D
522	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\doublehyphendemerits	\tex\_doublehyphendemerits:D
523	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\finalhyphendemerits	\tex\_finalhyphendemerits:D
524	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\adjdemerits	\tex\_adjdemerits:D
525	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hangafter	\tex\_hangafter:D
526	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hangindent	\tex\_hangindent:D
527	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\parshape	\tex\_parshape:D
528	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hsize	\tex\_hsize:D
529	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\lefthyphenmin	\tex\_lefthyphenmin:D
530	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\righthyphenmin	\tex\_righthyphenmin:D
531	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\leftskip	\tex\_leftskip:D
532	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\rightskip	\tex\_rightskip:D
533	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\looseness	\tex\_looseness:D
534	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\parskip	\tex\_parskip:D

535	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\parindent	\tex\_parindent:D
536	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\uchyph	\tex\_uchyph:D
537	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\emergencystretch	\tex\_emergencystretch:D
538	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pretolerance	\tex\_pretolerance:D
539	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\tolerance	\tex\_tolerance:D
540	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\spaceskip	\tex\_spaceskip:D
541	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\xspaceskip	\tex\_xspaceskip:D
542	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\parfillskip	\tex\_parfillskip:D
543	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\everypar	\tex\_everypar:D
544	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\prevgraf	\tex\_prevgraf:D
545	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\spacefactor	\tex\_spacefactor:D
546	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\shipout	\tex\_shipout:D
547	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\vsize	\tex\_vsize:D
548	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\interlinepenalty	\tex\_interlinepenalty:D
549	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\brokenpenalty	\tex\_brokenpenalty:D
550	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\topskip	\tex\_topskip:D
551	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\maxdeadcycles	\tex\_maxdeadcycles:D
552	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\maxdepth	\tex\_maxdepth:D
553	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\output	\tex\_output:D
554	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\deadcycles	\tex\_deadcycles:D
555	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pagedepth	\tex\_pagedepth:D
556	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pagestretch	\tex\_pagestretch:D
557	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pagefilstretch	\tex\_pagefilstretch:D
558	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pagefillstretch	\tex\_pagefillstretch:D
559	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pagefilllstretch	\tex\_pagefilllstretch:D
560	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pageshrink	\tex\_pageshrink:D
561	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pagegoal	\tex\_pagegoal:D
562	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pagetotal	\tex\_pagetotal:D
563	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\outputpenalty	\tex\_outputpenalty:D
564	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hoffset	\tex\_hoffset:D
565	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\voffset	\tex\_voffset:D
566	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\insert	\tex\_insert:D
567	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\holdinginserts	\tex\_holdinginserts:D
568	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\floatingpenalty	\tex\_floatingpenalty:D
569	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\insertpenalties	\tex\_insertpenalties:D
570	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\lower	\tex\_lower:D
571	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\moveleft	\tex\_moveleft:D
572	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\moveright	\tex\_moveright:D
573	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\raise	\tex\_raise:D
574	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\copy	\tex\_copy:D
575	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\lastbox	\tex\_lastbox:D
576	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\vsplit	\tex\_vsplit:D
577	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\unhbox	\tex\_unhbox:D
578	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\unhcopy	\tex\_unhcopy:D
579	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\unvbox	\tex\_unvbox:D
580	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\unvcopy	\tex\_unvcopy:D
581	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\setbox	\tex\_setbox:D
582	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hbox	\tex\_hbox:D
583	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\vbox	\tex\_vbox:D
584	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\vtop	\tex\_vtop:D

585	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\prevdepth	\tex\_prevdepth:D
586	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\badness	\tex\_badness:D
587	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hbadness	\tex\_hbadness:D
588	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\vbadness	\tex\_vbadness:D
589	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hfuzz	\tex\_hfuzz:D
590	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\vfuzz	\tex\_vfuzz:D
591	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\overfullrule	\tex\_overfullrule:D
592	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\boxmaxdepth	\tex\_boxmaxdepth:D
593	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\splitmaxdepth	\tex\_splitmaxdepth:D
594	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\splittopskip	\tex\_splittopskip:D
595	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\everyhbox	\tex\_everyhbox:D
596	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\everyvbox	\tex\_everyvbox:D
597	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\nullfont	\tex\_nullfont:D
598	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\textfont	\tex\_textfont:D
599	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\scriptfont	\tex\_scriptfont:D
600	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\scriptscriptfont	\tex\_scriptscriptfont:D
601	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\fontdimen	\tex\_fontdimen:D
602	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hyphenchar	\tex\_hyphenchar:D
603	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\skewchar	\tex\_skewchar:D
604	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\defaultshyphenchar	\tex\_defaultshyphenchar:D
605	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\defaultskewchar	\tex\_defaultskewchar:D
606	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\number	\tex\_number:D
607	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\romannumeral	\tex\_romannumeral:D
608	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\string	\tex\_string:D
609	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\lowercase	\tex\_lowercase:D
610	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\uppercase	\tex\_uppercase:D
611	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\meaning	\tex\_meaning:D
612	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\penalty	\tex\_penalty:D
613	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\unpenalty	\tex\_unpenalty:D
614	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\lastpenalty	\tex\_lastpenalty:D
615	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\special	\tex\_special:D
616	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\dump	\tex\_dump:D
617	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\patterns	\tex\_patterns:D
618	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\hyphenation	\tex\_hyphenation:D
619	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\time	\tex\_time:D
620	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\day	\tex\_day:D
621	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\month	\tex\_month:D
622	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\year	\tex\_year:D
623	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\jobname	\tex\_jobname:D
624	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\everyjob	\tex\_everyjob:D
625	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\count	\tex\_count:D
626	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\dimen	\tex\_dimen:D
627	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\skip	\tex\_skip:D
628	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\toks	\tex\_toks:D
629	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\muskip	\tex\_muskip:D
630	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\box	\tex\_box:D
631	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\wd	\tex\_wd:D
632	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\ht	\tex\_ht:D
633	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\dp	\tex\_dp:D
634	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\catcode	\tex\_catcode:D

635	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\delcode</code>	<code>\tex\_delcode:D</code>
636	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\sfcode</code>	<code>\tex\_sfcode:D</code>
637	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\lccode</code>	<code>\tex\_lccode:D</code>
638	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\uccode</code>	<code>\tex\_uccode:D</code>
639	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\mathcode</code>	<code>\tex\_mathcode:D</code>

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_`.

640	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\ifdefined</code>	<code>\etex\_ifdefined:D</code>
641	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\ifcsname</code>	<code>\etex\_ifcsname:D</code>
642	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\unless</code>	<code>\etex\_unless:D</code>
643	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\eTeXversion</code>	<code>\etex\_eTeXversion:D</code>
644	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\eTeXrevision</code>	<code>\etex\_eTeXrevision:D</code>
645	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\marks</code>	<code>\etex\_marks:D</code>
646	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\topmarks</code>	<code>\etex\_topmarks:D</code>
647	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\firstmarks</code>	<code>\etex\_firstmarks:D</code>
648	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\botmarks</code>	<code>\etex\_botmarks:D</code>
649	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\splitfirstmarks</code>	<code>\etex\_splitfirstmarks:D</code>
650	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\splitbotmarks</code>	<code>\etex\_splitbotmarks:D</code>
651	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\unexpanded</code>	<code>\etex\_unexpanded:D</code>
652	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\detokenize</code>	<code>\etex\_detokenize:D</code>
653	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\scantokens</code>	<code>\etex\_scantokens:D</code>
654	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\showtokens</code>	<code>\etex\_showtokens:D</code>
655	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\readline</code>	<code>\etex\_readline:D</code>
656	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\tracingassigns</code>	<code>\etex\_tracingassigns:D</code>
657	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\tracingscantokens</code>	<code>\etex\_tracingscantokens:D</code>
658	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\tracingnesting</code>	<code>\etex\_tracingnesting:D</code>
659	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\tracingifs</code>	<code>\etex\_tracingifs:D</code>
660	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\currentiflevel</code>	<code>\etex\_currentiflevel:D</code>
661	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\currentifbranch</code>	<code>\etex\_currentifbranch:D</code>
662	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\currentifttype</code>	<code>\etex\_currentifttype:D</code>
663	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\tracinggroups</code>	<code>\etex\_tracinggroups:D</code>
664	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\currentgrouplevel</code>	<code>\etex\_currentgrouplevel:D</code>
665	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\currentgrouptype</code>	<code>\etex\_currentgrouptype:D</code>
666	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\showgroups</code>	<code>\etex\_showgroups:D</code>
667	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\showifs</code>	<code>\etex\_showifs:D</code>
668	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\interactionmode</code>	<code>\etex\_interactionmode:D</code>
669	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\lastnodetype</code>	<code>\etex\_lastnodetype:D</code>
670	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\iffontchar</code>	<code>\etex\_iffontchar:D</code>
671	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\fontcharht</code>	<code>\etex\_fontcharht:D</code>
672	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\fontchardp</code>	<code>\etex\_fontchardp:D</code>
673	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\fontcharwd</code>	<code>\etex\_fontcharwd:D</code>
674	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\fontcharic</code>	<code>\etex\_fontcharic:D</code>
675	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\parshapeindent</code>	<code>\etex\_parshapeindent:D</code>
676	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\parshapelength</code>	<code>\etex\_parshapelength:D</code>
677	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\parshapedimen</code>	<code>\etex\_parshapedimen:D</code>
678	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\numexpr</code>	<code>\etex\_numexpr:D</code>
679	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\dimexpr</code>	<code>\etex\_dimexpr:D</code>
680	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\glueexpr</code>	<code>\etex\_glueexpr:D</code>
681	<code>\_expl\_primitive:NN</code>	<code>\muexpr</code>	<code>\etex\_muexpr:D</code>

682	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\gluestretch	\etex\_gluestretch:D
683	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\glueshrink	\etex\_glueshrink:D
684	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\gluestretchorder	\etex\_gluestretchorder:D
685	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\glueshrinkorder	\etex\_glueshrinkorder:D
686	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\gluetomu	\etex\_gluetomu:D
687	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\mutoglu	\etex\_mutoglu:D
688	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\lastlinefit	\etex\_lastlinefit:D
689	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\interlinepenalties	\etex\_interlinepenalties:D
690	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\clubpenalties	\etex\_clubpenalties:D
691	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\widowpenalties	\etex\_widowpenalties:D
692	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\displaywidowpenalties	\etex\_displaywidowpenalties:D
693	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\middle	\etex\_middle:D
694	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\savingshyphcodes	\etex\_savingshyphcodes:D
695	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\savingvdiscards	\etex\_savingvdiscards:D
696	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pagediscards	\etex\_pagediscards:D
697	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\splitdiscards	\etex\_splitdiscards:D
698	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\TeXeTstate	\etex\_TeXeTstate:D
699	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\beginL	\etex\_beginL:D
700	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\endL	\etex\_endL:D
701	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\beginR	\etex\_beginR:D
702	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\endR	\etex\_endR:D
703	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\predisplaydirection	\etex\_predisplaydirection:D
704	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\everyeof	\etex\_everyeof:D
705	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\protected	\etex\_protected:D

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. 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.

706	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfcreationdate	\pdftex\_pdfcreationdate:D
707	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfcolorstack	\pdftex\_pdfcolorstack:D
708	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfcompresslevel	\pdftex\_pdfcompresslevel:D
709	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfdecimaldigits	\pdftex\_pdfdecimaldigits:D
710	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfhorigin	\pdftex\_pdfhorigin:D
711	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfinfo	\pdftex\_pdfinfo:D
712	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdflastxform	\pdftex\_pdflastxform:D
713	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfliteral	\pdftex\_pdfliteral:D
714	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfminorversion	\pdftex\_pdfminorversion:D
715	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfobjcompresslevel	\pdftex\_pdfobjcompresslevel:D
716	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfoutput	\pdftex\_pdfoutput:D
717	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfrefxform	\pdftex\_pdfrefxform:D
718	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfrestore	\pdftex\_pdfrestore:D
719	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfsave	\pdftex\_pdfsave:D
720	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfsetmatrix	\pdftex\_pdfsetmatrix:D
721	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfpkresolution	\pdftex\_pdfpkresolution:D
722	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdftexrevision	\pdftex\_pdftexrevision:D
723	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfvorigin	\pdftex\_pdfvorigin:D
724	\_expl\_primitive:NN	\pdfxform	\pdftex\_pdfxform:D



While these are not.

```
725 \__expl_primitive:NN \pdfstrcmp \pdftex_strcmp:D
```

X<sub>Y</sub>TeX-specific primitives. Note that X<sub>Y</sub>TeX’s \strcmp is handled earlier and is “rolled up” into \pdfstrcmp.

```
726 \__expl_primitive:NN \XeTeXversion \xetex_XeTeXversion:D
```

Primitives from LuaTeX.

```
727 \__expl_primitive:NN \catcodetable \luatex_catcodetable:D
728 \__expl_primitive:NN \directlua \luatex_directlua:D
729 \__expl_primitive:NN \initcatcodetable \luatex_initcatcodetable:D
730 \__expl_primitive:NN \latalua \luatex_latalua:D
731 \__expl_primitive:NN \luatexversion \luatex_luatexversion:D
732 \__expl_primitive:NN \savecatcodetable \luatex_savecatcodetable:D
```

The job is done: close the group (using the primitive renamed!).

```
733 \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.

```
734 <*package>
735 \tex_let:D \tex_end:D \__explend
736 \tex_let:D \tex_everydisplay:D \frozen@everydisplay
737 \tex_let:D \tex_everymath:D \frozen@everymath
738 \tex_let:D \tex_hyphen:D \__explhyph
739 \tex_let:D \tex_input:D \__explinput
740 \tex_let:D \tex_italiccorrection:D \__explitaliccorr
741 \tex_let:D \tex_underline:D \__explunderline
```

That is also true for the luatex package for L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>.

```
742 \tex_let:D \luatex_catcodetable:D \luatexcatcodetable
743 \tex_let:D \luatex_initcatcodetable:D \luatexinitcatcodetable
744 \tex_let:D \luatex_latalua:D \luatexlatalua
745 \tex_let:D \luatex_savecatcodetable:D \luatexsavecatcodetable
746 </package>
747 </initex | package>
```

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```
748 <*initex | package>
749 <*package>
750 \ProvidesExplPackage
751 { \ExplFileName } { \ExplFileDate } { \ExplFileVersion } { \ExplFileDescription }
752 \__expl_package_check:
753 </package>
```

### 3.1 Renaming some TeX primitives (again)

Having given all the TeX 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>2</sup>

```

\if_true: Then some conditionals.
\if_false: 754 \tex_let:D \if_true:          \tex_iftrue:D
\or:       755 \tex_let:D \if_false:       \tex_iffalse:D
\else:     756 \tex_let:D \or:             \tex_or:D
\fi:       757 \tex_let:D \else:           \tex_else:D
\reverse_if:N 758 \tex_let:D \fi:           \tex_fi:D
\if:w      759 \tex_let:D \reverse_if:N     \etex_unless:D
\if_charcode:w 760 \tex_let:D \if:w           \tex_if:D
\if_catcode:w 761 \tex_let:D \if_charcode:w   \tex_if:D
\if_meaning:w 762 \tex_let:D \if_catcode:w   \tex_ifcat:D
              763 \tex_let:D \if_meaning:w   \tex_ifx:D

```

*(End definition for \if\_true: and others. These functions are documented on page 25.)*

```

\if_mode_math: TeX lets us detect some if its modes.
\if_mode_horizontal: 764 \tex_let:D \if_mode_math:      \tex_ifmmode:D
\if_mode_vertical:   765 \tex_let:D \if_mode_horizontal: \tex_ifhmode:D
\if_mode_inner:      766 \tex_let:D \if_mode_vertical:   \tex_ifvmode:D
                    767 \tex_let:D \if_mode_inner:      \tex_ifinner:D

```

*(End definition for \if\_mode\_math: and others. These functions are documented on page 26.)*

```

\if_cs_exist:N Building csnames and testing if control sequences exist.
\if_cs_exist:w 768 \tex_let:D \if_cs_exist:N      \etex_ifdefined:D
\cs:w         769 \tex_let:D \if_cs_exist:w      \etex_ifcsname:D
\cs_end:      770 \tex_let:D \cs:w                \tex_csname:D
              771 \tex_let:D \cs_end:            \tex_endcsname:D

```

*(End definition for \if\_cs\_exist:N and others. These functions are documented on page 18.)*

```

\exp_after:wN The three \exp_ functions are used in the l3expan module where they are described.
\exp_not:N    772 \tex_let:D \exp_after:wN      \tex_expandafter:D
\exp_not:n    773 \tex_let:D \exp_not:N        \tex_noexpand:D
              774 \tex_let:D \exp_not:n        \etex_unexpanded:D

```

*(End definition for \exp\_after:wN, \exp\_not:N, and \exp\_not:n These functions are documented on page 34.)*

```

\token_to_meaning:N Examining a control sequence or token.
\token_to_str:N     775 \tex_let:D \token_to_meaning:N \tex_meaning:D
\cs_meaning:N       776 \tex_let:D \token_to_str:N   \tex_string:D
\cs_show:N          777 \tex_let:D \cs_meaning:N     \tex_meaning:D
                    778 \tex_let:D \cs_show:N      \tex_show:D

```

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<sup>2</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 `\token_to_meaning:N`, `\token_to_str:N`, and `\cs_meaning:N` These functions are documented on page 18.)

`\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:`  
`\group_end:`

```
779 \tex_let:D \scan_stop:      \tex_relax:D
780 \tex_let:D \group_begin:    \tex_begingroup:D
781 \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`

```
782 \tex_let:D \if_int_compare:w \tex_ifnum:D
783 \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 78.)

`\group_insert_after:N` Adding material after the end of a group.

```
784 \tex_let:D \group_insert_after:N \tex_aftergroup:D
```

(End definition for `\group_insert_after:N` This function is documented on page 11.)

`\exp_args:Nc` Discussed in `l3expan`, but needed much earlier.

`\exp_args:cc`

```
785 \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \exp_args:Nc #1#2
786 { \exp_after:wN #1 \cs:w #2 \cs_end: }
787 \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \exp_args:cc #1#2
788 { \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 ??.)

`\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:Nnc`) 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. The `\cs_show:c` command is “protected” because its action is not expandable. Also, the conversion of its argument to a control sequence is done within a group to avoid showing `\relax` for undefined control sequences.

```
789 \tex_def:D \token_to_str:c { \exp_args:Nc \token_to_str:N }
790 \tex_long:D \tex_def:D \cs_meaning:c #1
791 {
792   \if_cs_exist:w #1 \cs_end:
793     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
794   \else:
795     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
796   \fi:
797   { \exp_args:Nc \cs_meaning:N {#1} }
798   { \tl_to_str:n {undefined} }
799 }
800 \tex_let:D \token_to_meaning:c = \cs_meaning:c
801 \etex_protected:D \tex_def:D \cs_show:c
802 { \group_begin: \exp_args:Nnc \group_end: \cs_show:N }
```

(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. `\c_sixteen` 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 as  $\TeX$  wants to reserve count registers 0–9, the first available one is 10 so we use that for `\c_minus_one`.

```

803 <*package>
804 \tex_let:D \c_minus_one \m@ne
805 </package>
806 <*initex>
807 \tex_countdef:D \c_minus_one = 10 ~
808 \c_minus_one = -1 ~
809 </initex>
810 \tex_chardef:D \c_sixteen = 16 ~
811 \tex_chardef:D \c_zero = 0 ~
812 \tex_chardef:D \c_six = 6 ~
813 \tex_chardef:D \c_seven = 7 ~
814 \tex_chardef:D \c_twelve = 12 ~

```

(End definition for `\c_minus_one`, `\c_zero`, and `\c_sixteen` These functions are documented on page 76.)

`\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`.

```

815 \etex_ifdefined:D \luatex luatexversion:D
816 \tex_chardef:D \c_max_register_int = 65 535 ~
817 \tex_else:D
818 \tex_mathchardef:D \c_max_register_int = 32 767 ~
819 \tex_fi:D

```

(End definition for `\c_max_register_int` This variable is documented on page 77.)

## 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  $\LaTeX$ 3 should be naturally protected; after all, the  $\TeX$  primitives for assignments are and it can be a cause of problems if others aren’t.

`\cs_set:Npn`

`\cs_set:Npx`

`\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn`

`\cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx`

`\cs_set_protected:Npn`

`\cs_set_protected:Npx`

```

820 \tex_let:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn \tex_def:D
821 \tex_let:D \cs_set_nopar:Npx \tex_edef:D
822 \etex_protected:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn \cs_set:Npn
823 { \tex_long:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn }
824 \etex_protected:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn \cs_set:Npx
825 { \tex_long:D \cs_set_nopar:Npx }

```

```

826 \etex_protected:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn
827 { \etex_protected:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn }
828 \etex_protected:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx
829 { \etex_protected:D \cs_set_nopar:Npx }
830 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_set_protected:Npn
831 { \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \cs_set_nopar:Npn }
832 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_set_protected:Npx
833 { \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 ??.)

```

\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

```

Global versions of the above functions.

```

834 \tex_let:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npn \tex_gdef:D
835 \tex_let:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npx \tex_xdef:D
836 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset:Npn
837 { \tex_long:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npn }
838 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset:Npx
839 { \tex_long:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npx }
840 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npn
841 { \etex_protected:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npn }
842 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npx
843 { \etex_protected:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npx }
844 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_protected:Npn
845 { \etex_protected:D \tex_long:D \cs_gset_nopar:Npn }
846 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_protected:Npx
847 { \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 ??.)

### 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.

```

848 \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.

```

849 \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`.

```

850 \cs_set_protected:Npn \use:x #1
851 {
852   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \l__exp_internal_tl {#1}
853   \l__exp_internal_tl
854 }

```

(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 855 \cs_set:Npn \use:n #1 {#1}
\use:nnnn 856 \cs_set:Npn \use:nn #1#2 {#1#2}
857 \cs_set:Npn \use:nnn #1#2#3 {#1#2#3}
858 \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 ??.)

`\use_i:nn` The equivalent to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>'s `\@firstoftwo` and `\@secondoftwo`.

```
\use_ii:nn 859 \cs_set:Npn \use_i:nn #1#2 {#1}
860 \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:nnnn` We also need something for picking up arguments from a longer list.

```
\use_ii:nnnn 861 \cs_set:Npn \use_i:nnnn #1#2#3 {#1}
\use_iii:nnnn 862 \cs_set:Npn \use_ii:nnnn #1#2#3 {#2}
\use_i_ii:nnnn 863 \cs_set:Npn \use_iii:nnnn #1#2#3 {#3}
\use_i:nnnnn 864 \cs_set:Npn \use_i_ii:nnnn #1#2#3 {#1#2}
\use_ii:nnnnn 865 \cs_set:Npn \use_i:nnnnn #1#2#3#4 {#1}
\use_iii:nnnnn 866 \cs_set:Npn \use_ii:nnnnn #1#2#3#4 {#2}
\use_iv:nnnnn 867 \cs_set:Npn \use_iii:nnnnn #1#2#3#4 {#3}
868 \cs_set:Npn \use_iv:nnnnn #1#2#3#4 {#4}
```

(End definition for `\use_i:nnnn` 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 869 \cs_set:Npn \use_none_delimit_by_q_nil:w #1 \q_nil { }
\use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w 870 \cs_set:Npn \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w #1 \q_stop { }
871 \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 49.)

`\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 872 \cs_set:Npn \use_i_delimit_by_q_nil:nw #1#2 \q_nil {#1}
\use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw 873 \cs_set:Npn \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw #1#2 \q_stop {#1}
874 \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 49.)

### 3.5 Gobbling tokens from input

<code>\use_none:n</code>	To gobble tokens from the input we use a standard naming convention: the number of
<code>\use_none:nn</code>	tokens gobbled is given by the number of n's following the : in the name. Although we
<code>\use_none:nnn</code>	could define functions to remove ten arguments or more using separate calls of <code>\use_-</code>
<code>\use_none:nnnn</code>	<code>none:nnnnn</code> , this is very non-intuitive to the programmer who will assume that expanding
<code>\use_none:nnnnn</code>	such a function once will take care of gobbling all the tokens in one go.
<code>\use_none:nnnnnn</code>	
<code>\use_none:nnnnnnn</code>	
<code>\use_none:nnnnnnnn</code>	
<code>\use_none:nnnnnnnnn</code>	
	875 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:n #1 { }
	876 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nn #1#2 { }
	877 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnn #1#2#3 { }
	878 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnn #1#2#3#4 { }
	879 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5 { }
	880 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6 { }
	881 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7 { }
	882 \cs_set:Npn \use_none:nnnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8 { }
	883 \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 ??.)

### 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  $\langle state \rangle$  this leaves `TPX` 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  $\text{\TeX}$  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  $\text{\TeX}$  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 `\__int_to_roman:w` will expand fully any `\else:` and the `\fi:` that are waiting to be discarded, before reaching the `\c_zero` 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.

```
884 \cs_set_nopar:Npn \prg_return_true:
885   { \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn \__int_to_roman:w }
886 \cs_set_nopar:Npn \prg_return_false:
887   { \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn \__int_to_roman: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 38.)

```
\prg_set_conditional:Npnn
\prg_new_conditional:Npnn
  \prg_set_protected_conditional:Npnn
  \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn
  \prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn
```

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  $\{\langle name \rangle\} \{\langle signature \rangle\} \langle boolean \rangle \{\langle set \text{ or } new \rangle\} \{\langle maybe \text{ protected } \rangle\} \{\langle parameters \rangle\} \{\text{TF}, \dots\} \{\langle code \rangle\}$  to the auxiliary function responsible for defining all conditionals.

```
888 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_set_conditional:Npnn
889   { \prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn { set } { } }
890 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_new_conditional:Npnn
891   { \prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn { new } { } }
892 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_set_protected_conditional:Npnn
893   { \prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn { set } { _protected } }
894 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn
895   { \prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn { new } { _protected } }
896 \cs_set_protected:Npn \prg_generate_conditional_parm:nnNpnn #1#2#3#4#
897   {
898     \cs_split_function:NN #3 \prg_generate_conditional:nnNnnnnn
899     {#1} {#2} {#4}
900   }
```

(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  $\text{\TeX}$  macros have at most 9 arguments. The erroneous case where the function name contains no colon is captured later.

```
901 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_set_conditional:Nnn
902   { \prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn { set } { } }
903 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_new_conditional:Nnn
904   { \prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn { new } { } }
905 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_set_protected_conditional:Nnn
906   { \prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn { set } { _protected } }
907 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_new_protected_conditional:Nnn
908   { \prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn { new } { _protected } }
909 \cs_set_protected:Npn \prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnn #1#2#3
910   {
911     \cs_split_function:NN #3 \prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnnnn
```



```

912     {#1} {#2}
913   }
914   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_conditional_count:nnNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
915   {
916     \__cs_parm_from_arg_count:nnF
917     { \__prg_generate_conditional:nnNnnnnn {#1} {#2} #3 {#4} {#5} }
918     { \tl_count:n {#2} }
919     {
920       \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { bad-number-of-arguments }
921       { \token_to_str:c { #1 : #2 } }
922       { \tl_count:n {#2} }
923       \use_none:nn
924     }
925   }

```

(End definition for \prg\_set\_conditional:Nnn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\__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 \etex\_detokenize:D makes the later loop more robust.

```

926   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_conditional:nnNnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
927   {
928     \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #3
929     \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { missing-colon }
930     { \token_to_str:c {#1} }
931     \exp_after:wN \use_none:nn
932     \fi:
933     \use:x
934     {
935       \exp_not:N \__prg_generate_conditional:nnnnnnnw
936       \exp_not:n { {#4} {#5} {#1} {#2} {#6} {#8} }
937       \etex_detokenize:D {#7}
938       \exp_not:n { , \q_recursion_tail , \q_recursion_stop }
939     }
940   }

```

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.

```

941   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_conditional:nnnnnnnw #1#2#3#4#5#6#7 ,
942   {
943     \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #7

```

```

944     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
945   \fi:
946   \use:c { __prg_generate_ #7 _form:wnnnnnn }
947     \tl_if_empty:nF {#7}
948     {
949       \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx
950       { kernel } { conditional-form-unknown }
951       {#7} { \token_to_str:c { #3 : #4 } }
952     }
953     \use_none:nnnnnnn
954   \q_stop
955   {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
956   \__prg_generate_conditional:nnnnnnw {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
957 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_prg\_generate\_conditional:nnNnnnnn and \\_\_prg\_generate\_conditional:nnnnnnw)

\\_\_prg\_generate\_p\_form:wnnnnnn  
 \\_\_prg\_generate\_TF\_form:wnnnnnn  
 \\_\_prg\_generate\_T\_form:wnnnnnn  
 \\_\_prg\_generate\_F\_form:wnnnnnn

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 **\c\_zero**: 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.

```

958 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_p_form:wnnnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6#7
959 {
960   \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #3 \scan_stop:
961     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
962   \else:
963     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
964   \fi:
965   {
966     \exp_args:cc { cs_ #2 #3 :Npn } { #4 _p: #5 } #6
967     { #7 \c_zero \c_true_bool \c_false_bool }
968   }
969   {
970     \__msg_kernel_error:nmx { kernel } { protected-predicate }
971     { \token_to_str:c { #4 _p: #5 } }
972   }
973 }
974 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_T_form:wnnnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6#7
975 {
976   \exp_args:cc { cs_ #2 #3 :Npn } { #4 : #5 T } #6
977   { #7 \c_zero \use:n \use_none:n }
978 }
979 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_F_form:wnnnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6#7
980 {
981   \exp_args:cc { cs_ #2 #3 :Npn } { #4 : #5 F } #6
982   { #7 \c_zero { } }
983 }

```

```

984 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_generate_TF_form:wnnnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6#7
985 {
986   \exp_args:cc { cs_ #2 #3 :Npn } { #4 : #5 TF } #6
987   { #7 \c_zero }
988 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_prg\_generate\_p\_form:wnnnnnn and others.)

**\prg\_set\_eq\_conditional:NNn** The setting-equal functions. Split the two functions and feed a first auxiliary  $\{\langle name_1 \rangle\}$   
**\prg\_new\_eq\_conditional:NNn**  $\{\langle signature_1 \rangle\} \langle boolean_1 \rangle \{\langle name_2 \rangle\} \{\langle signature_2 \rangle\} \langle boolean_2 \rangle \langle copying function \rangle \langle conditions \rangle$   
 \\_prg\_set\_eq\_conditional:NNn , \q\_recursion\_tail , \q\_recursion\_stop

```

989 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_set_eq_conditional:NNn
990 { \__prg_set_eq_conditional:NNNn \cs_set_eq:cc }
991 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn
992 { \__prg_set_eq_conditional:NNNn \cs_new_eq:cc }
993 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional:NNNn #1#2#3#4
994 {
995   \use:x
996   {
997     \exp_not:N \__prg_set_eq_conditional:nnNnnNNw
998     \__cs_split_function:NN #2 \prg_do_nothing:
999     \__cs_split_function:NN #3 \prg_do_nothing:
1000     \exp_not:N #1
1001     \etex_detokenize:D {#4}
1002     \exp_not:n { , \q_recursion_tail , \q_recursion_stop }
1003   }
1004 }

```

(End definition for \prg\_set\_eq\_conditional:NNn and \prg\_new\_eq\_conditional:NNn These functions are documented on page 38.)

\\_prg\_set\_eq\_conditional:nnNnnNNw Split the function to be defined, and setup a manual clist loop over argument #6 of the  
 \\_prg\_set\_eq\_conditional\_loop:nnnnNw first auxiliary. The second auxiliary receives twice three arguments coming from splitting  
 \\_prg\_set\_eq\_conditional\_p\_form:nnn the function to be defined and the function to copy. Make sure that both functions  
 \\_prg\_set\_eq\_conditional\_TF\_form:nnn contained a colon, otherwise we don't know how to build conditionals, hence abort. Call  
 \\_prg\_set\_eq\_conditional\_T\_form:nnn the looping macro, with arguments  $\{\langle name_1 \rangle\} \{\langle signature_1 \rangle\} \{\langle name_2 \rangle\} \{\langle signature_2 \rangle\}$   
 \\_prg\_set\_eq\_conditional\_F\_form:nnn  $\langle copying function \rangle$  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.

```

1005 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional:nnNnnNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6
1006 {
1007   \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #3
1008     \__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { missing-colon }
1009     { \token_to_str:c {#1} }
1010     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
1011   \fi:
1012   \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #6
1013     \__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { missing-colon }
1014     { \token_to_str:c {#4} }
1015     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
1016   \fi:
1017   \__prg_set_eq_conditional_loop:nnnnNw {#1} {#2} {#4} {#5}

```

```

1018 }
1019 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional_loop:nnnnNw #1#2#3#4#5#6 ,
1020 {
1021   \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #6
1022   \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
1023   \fi:
1024   \use:c { __prg_set_eq_conditional_ #6 _form:wNnnnn }
1025   \tl_if_empty:nF {#6}
1026   {
1027     \__msg_kernel_error:nnxx
1028     { kernel } { conditional-form-unknown }
1029     {#6} { \token_to_str:c { #1 : #2 } }
1030   }
1031   \use_none:nnnnnn
1032   \q_stop
1033   #5 {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4}
1034   \__prg_set_eq_conditional_loop:nnnnNw {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} #5
1035 }
1036 \cs_set:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional_p_form:wNnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6
1037 {
1038   \__chk_if_exist_cs:c { #5 _p : #6 }
1039   #2 { #3 _p : #4 } { #5 _p : #6 }
1040 }
1041 \cs_set:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional_TF_form:wNnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6
1042 {
1043   \__chk_if_exist_cs:c { #5 : #6 TF }
1044   #2 { #3 : #4 TF } { #5 : #6 TF }
1045 }
1046 \cs_set:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional_T_form:wNnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6
1047 {
1048   \__chk_if_exist_cs:c { #5 : #6 T }
1049   #2 { #3 : #4 T } { #5 : #6 T }
1050 }
1051 \cs_set:Npn \__prg_set_eq_conditional_F_form:wNnnnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5#6
1052 {
1053   \__chk_if_exist_cs:c { #5 : #6 F }
1054   #2 { #3 : #4 F } { #5 : #6 F }
1055 }

```

(End definition for `\__prg_set_eq_conditional:nnNnnNNw` and `\__prg_set_eq_conditional_loop:nnnnNw`  
These functions are documented on page 38.)

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` 1056 `\tex_chardef:D \c_true_bool = 1 ~`

```
1057 \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 a 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 \\_\_int\_to\_roman:w. 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 \\_\_int\_to\_roman:w 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 \\_\_int\_to\_roman:w then sees 0, which is not a terminated number, followed by the escape character, a space, which is removed, terminating the argument of \\_\_int\_to\_roman:w. In all three cases, \cs\_to\_str:N takes two expansion steps to be fully expanded.

```
1058 \cs_set_nopar:Npn \cs_to_str:N
1059 {
1060   \__int_to_roman:w
1061   \if:w \token_to_str:N \__cs_to_str:w \fi:
1062   \exp_after:wN \__cs_to_str:N \token_to_str:N
1063 }
1064 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_to_str:N #1 { \c_zero }
1065 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_to_str:w #1 \__cs_to_str:N
1066 { - \__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` 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  $\langle true \rangle$  or  $\langle false \rangle$  is returned with  $\langle true \rangle$  for when there is a colon in the function and  $\langle false \rangle$  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 can't use a literal `:` because it has the wrong catcode here, so it's transformed from `@` with `\tex_lowercase:D`.

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 `\q_mark` from the function name if present (that is, if the original function had no colon).

```

1067 \group_begin:
1068 \tex_lccode:D '\@ = '\: \scan_stop:
1069 \tex_catcode:D '\@ = 12 ~
1070 \tex_lowercase:D
1071 {
1072   \group_end:
1073   \cs_set:Npn \__cs_split_function:NN #1
1074     {
1075       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
1076       \exp_after:wN \__cs_split_function_i:w
1077       \cs_to_str:N #1 \q_mark \c_true_bool
1078       @ \q_mark \c_false_bool
1079       \q_stop
1080     }
1081   \cs_set:Npn \__cs_split_function_i:w #1 @ #2 \q_mark #3#4 \q_stop #5
1082     { \__cs_split_function_ii:w #5 #1 \q_mark \q_stop {#2} #3 }
1083   \cs_set:Npn \__cs_split_function_ii:w #1#2 \q_mark #3 \q_stop
1084     { #1 {#2} }
1085 }
```

(End definition for `\__cs_split_function:NN` This function is documented on page 26.)

`\__cs_get_function_name:N`  
`\__cs_get_function_signature:N`

Simple wrappers.

```

1086 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_get_function_name:N #1
1087   { \__cs_split_function:NN #1 \use_i:nnn }
1088 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_get_function_signature:N #1
1089   { \__cs_split_function:NN #1 \use_ii:nnn }
```

(End definition for `\__cs_get_function_name:N` and `\__cs_get_function_signature:N`)

### 3.8 Exist or free

A control sequence is said to *exist* (to be used) if it has an entry in the hash table and its meaning is different from the primitive `\relax` token. A control sequence is said to be

*free* (to be defined) if it does not already exist.

**\cs\_if\_exist\_p:N** Two versions for checking existence. For the N form we firstly check for `\scan_stop:` and  
**\cs\_if\_exist\_p:c** then if it is in the hash table. There is no problem when inputting something like `\else:`  
**\cs\_if\_exist:N $\overline{TF}$**  or `\fi:` as T<sub>E</sub>X will only ever skip input in case the token tested against is `\scan_stop:`.  
**\cs\_if\_exist:c $\overline{TF}$**

```

1090 \prg_set_conditional:Npnn \cs_if_exist:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
1091 {
1092   \if_meaning:w #1 \scan_stop:
1093     \prg_return_false:
1094   \else:
1095     \if_cs_exist:N #1
1096       \prg_return_true:
1097     \else:
1098       \prg_return_false:
1099     \fi:
1100   \fi:
1101 }

```

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.

```

1102 \prg_set_conditional:Npnn \cs_if_exist:c #1 { p , T , F , TF }
1103 {
1104   \if_cs_exist:w #1 \cs_end:
1105     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
1106   \else:
1107     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
1108   \fi:
1109   {
1110     \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \cs:w #1 \cs_end: \scan_stop:
1111     \prg_return_false:
1112   \else:
1113     \prg_return_true:
1114   \fi:
1115   }
1116   \prg_return_false:
1117 }

```

*(End definition for \cs\_if\_exist:N and \cs\_if\_exist:c These functions are documented on page ??.)*

**\cs\_if\_free\_p:N** The logical reversal of the above.

```

1118 \prg_set_conditional:Npnn \cs_if_free:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
1119 {
1120   \if_meaning:w #1 \scan_stop:
1121     \prg_return_true:
1122   \else:
1123     \if_cs_exist:N #1
1124       \prg_return_false:

```

```

1125     \else:
1126         \prg_return_true:
1127     \fi:
1128 \fi:
1129 }
1130 \prg_set_conditional:Npnn \cs_if_free:c #1 { p , T , F , TF }
1131 {
1132     \if_cs_exist:w #1 \cs_end:
1133     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
1134 \else:
1135     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
1136 \fi:
1137 {
1138     \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \cs:w #1 \cs_end: \scan_stop:
1139     \prg_return_true:
1140 \else:
1141     \prg_return_false:
1142 \fi:
1143 }
1144 { \prg_return_true: }
1145 }

```

(End definition for \cs\_if\_free:N and \cs\_if\_free:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\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.

```

1146 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:NTF #1#2
1147 { \cs_if_exist:NTF #1 { #1 #2 } }
1148 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:NF #1
1149 { \cs_if_exist:NTF #1 { #1 } }
1150 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:NT #1 #2
1151 { \cs_if_exist:NTF #1 { #1 #2 } { } }
1152 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:N #1
1153 { \cs_if_exist:NTF #1 { #1 } { } }
1154 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:cTF #1#2
1155 { \cs_if_exist:cTF {#1} { \use:c {#1} #2 } }
1156 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:cF #1
1157 { \cs_if_exist:cTF {#1} { \use:c {#1} } }
1158 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:cT #1#2
1159 { \cs_if_exist:cTF {#1} { \use:c {#1} #2 } { } }
1160 \cs_set:Npn \cs_if_exist_use:c #1
1161 { \cs_if_exist:cTF {#1} { \use:c {#1} } { } }

```

(End definition for \cs\_if\_exist\_use:N and \cs\_if\_exist\_use:c These functions are documented on page ??.)



### 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`.

```
1162 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \iow_log:x
1163 { \tex_immediate:D \tex_write:D \c_minus_one }
1164 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \iow_term:x
1165 { \tex_immediate:D \tex_write:D \c_sixteen }
```

*(End definition for `\iow_log:x` and `\iow_term:x` These functions are documented on page ??.)*

`\__msg_kernel_error:nxxx` If an internal error occurs before L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 has loaded `l3msg` then the code should issue a  
`\__msg_kernel_error:nxx` usable if terse error message and halt. This can only happen if a coding error is made by  
`\__msg_kernel_error:nn` the team, so this is a reasonable response.

```
1166 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx #1#2#3#4
1167 {
1168   \tex_errmessage:D
1169   {
1170     !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!~! ^^J
1171     Argh,~internal~LaTeX3~error! ^^J ^^J
1172     Module ~ #1 , ~ message-name~"#2": ^^J
1173     Arguments~'#3'~and~'#4' ^^J ^^J
1174     This~is~one~for~The~LaTeX3~Project:~bailing~out
1175   }
1176   \tex_end:D
1177 }
1178 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_error:nxx #1#2#3
1179 { \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx {#1} {#2} {#3} { } }
1180 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_error:nn #1#2
1181 { \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx {#1} {#2} { } { } }
```

*(End definition for `\__msg_kernel_error:nxxx`, `\__msg_kernel_error:nxx`, and `\__msg_kernel_error:nn`)*

`\msg_line_context:` Another one from `l3msg` which will be altered later.

```
1182 \cs_set_nopar:Npn \msg_line_context:
1183 { on~line~ \tex_the:D \tex_inputlineno:D }
```

*(End definition for `\msg_line_context:` This function is documented on page 151.)*

`\__chk_if_free_cs:N` This command is called by `\cs_new_nopar:Npn` and `\cs_new_eq:NN` etc. to make sure  
`\__chk_if_free_cs:c` that the argument sequence is not already in use. If it is, an error is signalled. It checks if `<cname>` 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!

```

1184 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
1185 {
1186   \cs_if_free:NF #1
1187   {
1188     \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { command-already-defined }
1189     { \token_to_str:N #1 } { \token_to_meaning:N #1 }
1190   }
1191 }
1192 <*package>
1193 \tex_ifodd:D \l@expl@log@functions@bool
1194 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
1195 {
1196   \cs_if_free:NF #1
1197   {
1198     \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { command-already-defined }
1199     { \token_to_str:N #1 } { \token_to_meaning:N #1 }
1200   }
1201   \iow_log:x { Defining~\token_to_str:N #1~ \msg_line_context: }
1202 }
1203 \fi:
1204 </package>
1205 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \__chk_if_free_cs:c
1206 { \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\_cs:N** This function issues an error message when the control sequence in its argument does not exist.

**\\_\_chk\_if\_exist\_cs:c**

```

1207 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__chk_if_exist_cs:N #1
1208 {
1209   \cs_if_exist:NF #1
1210   {
1211     \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { command-not-defined }
1212     { \token_to_str:N #1 }
1213   }
1214 }
1215 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \__chk_if_exist_cs:c
1216 { \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

Function which check that the control sequence is free before defining it.

```

\cs_new_nopar:Npn
\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
1217 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_tmp:w #1#2
1218 {
1219   \cs_set_protected:Npn #1 ##1
1220   {
1221     \__chk_if_free_cs:N ##1
1222     #2 ##1
1223   }

```

```

1224 }
1225 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_nopar:Npn
1226 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_nopar:Npx \cs_gset_nopar:Npx
1227 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new:Npn \cs_gset:Npn
1228 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new:Npx \cs_gset:Npx
1229 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npn
1230 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npx
1231 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_gset_protected:Npn
1232 \__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 ??.)

\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: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.

```

1233 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_tmp:w #1#2
1234 { \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn #1 { \exp_args:Nc #2 } }
1235 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_nopar:cpn \cs_set_nopar:Npn
1236 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_nopar:cpx \cs_set_nopar:Npx
1237 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_nopar:cpn \cs_gset_nopar:Npn
1238 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_nopar:cpx \cs_gset_nopar:Npx
1239 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_nopar:cpn \cs_new_nopar:Npn
1240 \__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.

```

1241 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set:cpn \cs_set:Npn
1242 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set:cpx \cs_set:Npx
1243 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset:cpn \cs_gset:Npn
1244 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset:cpx \cs_gset:Npx
1245 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new:cpn \cs_new:Npn
1246 \__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.

```

1247 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_protected_nopar:cpn \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn
1248 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_protected_nopar:cpx \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx
1249 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_protected_nopar:cpn \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npn
1250 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_protected_nopar:cpx \cs_gset_protected_nopar:Npx
1251 \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpn \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn
1252 \__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`  
`\cs_gset_protected:cpn` 1253 `__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_protected:cpn \cs_set_protected:Npn`  
`\cs_gset_protected:cpx` 1254 `__cs_tmp:w \cs_set_protected:cpx \cs_set_protected:Npx`  
`\cs_new_protected:cpn` 1255 `__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_protected:cpn \cs_gset_protected:Npn`  
`\cs_new_protected:cpx` 1256 `__cs_tmp:w \cs_gset_protected:cpx \cs_gset_protected:Npx`  
1257 `__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected:cpn \cs_new_protected:Npn`  
1258 `__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_gset_eq:NN` `\cs_set_eq:NN` is long to avoid problems with a literal argument of `\par`. While  
`\cs_gset_eq:cN` `\cs_new_eq:NN` will probably never be correct with a first argument of `\par`, define it  
`\cs_gset_eq:Nc` long in order to throw an “already defined” error rather than “runaway argument”.  
`\cs_gset_eq:cc` 1259 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_set_eq:NN #1 { \tex_let:D #1 =~ }`  
`\cs_new_eq:NN` 1260 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_set_eq:cN { \exp_args:Nc \cs_set_eq:NN }`  
`\cs_new_eq:cN` 1261 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_set_eq:Nc { \exp_args:Nnc \cs_set_eq:NN }`  
`\cs_new_eq:Nc` 1262 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_set_eq:cc { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_set_eq:NN }`  
`\cs_new_eq:cc` 1263 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_eq:NN { \tex_global:D \cs_set_eq:NN }`  
1264 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_eq:Nc { \exp_args:Nnc \cs_gset_eq:NN }`  
1265 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_eq:cN { \exp_args:Nc \cs_gset_eq:NN }`  
1266 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_gset_eq:cc { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_gset_eq:NN }`  
1267 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_new_eq:NN #1`  
1268 `{`  
1269 `\_chk_if_free_cs:N #1`  
1270 `\tex_global:D \cs_set_eq:NN #1`  
1271 `}`  
1272 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_new_eq:cN { \exp_args:Nc \cs_new_eq:NN }`  
1273 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_new_eq:Nc { \exp_args:Nnc \cs_new_eq:NN }`  
1274 `\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 ??.)*

### 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.  
1275 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_undefine:N #1`  
1276 `{ \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_undefined:D }`  
1277 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_undefine:c #1`  
1278 `{`

```

1279 \if_cs_exist:w #1 \cs_end:
1280 \exp_after:wN \use:n
1281 \else:
1282 \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
1283 \fi:
1284 { \cs_gset_eq:cN {#1} \c_undefined:D }
1285 }

```

(End definition for `\cs_undefine:N` and `\cs_undefine:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

### 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.

```

1286 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__cs_parm_from_arg_count:nnF #1#2
1287 {
1288   \exp_args:Nx \__cs_parm_from_arg_count_test:nnF
1289   {
1290     \exp_after:wN \exp_not:n
1291     \if_case:w \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end:
1292       { }
1293       \or: { ##1 }
1294       \or: { ##1##2 }
1295       \or: { ##1##2##3 }
1296       \or: { ##1##2##3##4 }
1297       \or: { ##1##2##3##4##5 }
1298       \or: { ##1##2##3##4##5##6 }
1299       \or: { ##1##2##3##4##5##6##7 }
1300       \or: { ##1##2##3##4##5##6##7##8 }
1301       \or: { ##1##2##3##4##5##6##7##8##9 }
1302       \else: { \c_false_bool }
1303     \fi:
1304   }
1305   {#1}
1306 }
1307 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__cs_parm_from_arg_count_test:nnF #1#2
1308 {
1309   \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #1
1310     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
1311   \else:
1312     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
1313   \fi:
1314   { #2 {#1} }
1315 }

```

(End definition for `\_cs_parm_from_arg_count:nnF` This function is documented on page ??.)

### 3.14 Defining functions from a given number of arguments

`\_cs_count_signature:N` 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.

```

1316 \cs_new:Npn \_cs_count_signature:N #1
1317 { \int_eval:n { \_cs_split_function:NN #1 \_cs_count_signature:nnN } }
1318 \cs_new:Npn \_cs_count_signature:nnN #1#2#3
1319 {
1320   \if_meaning:w \c_true_bool #3
1321     \tl_count:n {#2}
1322   \else:
1323     \c_minus_one
1324   \fi:
1325 }
1326 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \_cs_count_signature:c
1327 { \exp_args:Nc \_cs_count_signature:N }

```

(End definition for `\_cs_count_signature:N` and `\_cs_count_signature:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn` 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

```

1328 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn #1#2#3#4
1329 {
1330   \_cs_parm_from_arg_count:nnF { \use:nnn #2 #1 } {#3}
1331   {
1332     \_msg_kernel_error:nnxx { kernel } { bad-number-of-arguments }
1333     { \token_to_str:N #1 } { \int_eval:n {#3} }
1334   }
1335   {#4}
1336 }

```

A variant form we need right away, plus one which is used elsewhere but which is most logically created here.

```

1337 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_generate_from_arg_count:cNnn
1338 { \exp_args:Nc \cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn }
1339 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_generate_from_arg_count:Ncnn
1340 { \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 ??.)

### 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. We define some simpler functions with user interface `\cs_set:Nn \foo_bar:nn {#1,#2}`, *i.e.*, the number of arguments is read from the signature.

We want to define `\cs_set:Nn` as

```

\cs_set:Nn \cs_set:Nx \cs_set_protected:Npn \cs_set:Nn #1#2
\cs_set_nopar:Nn \cs_set_nopar:Nx \cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn #1 \cs_set:Npn
\cs_set_protected:Nn \cs_set_protected:Nx { \__cs_count_signature:N #1 } {#2}
\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_gset_protected:Nn \cs_gset_protected:Nx
\cs_gset_protected_nopar:Nn
\cs_gset_protected_nopar:Nx
\cs_new:Nn \cs_new:Nx
\cs_new_nopar:Nn \cs_new_nopar:Nx
\cs_new_protected:Nn \cs_new_protected:Nx
\cs_new_protected_nopar:Nn
\cs_new_protected_nopar:Nx
1341 \cs_set:Npn \__cs_tmp:w #1#2#3
1342 {
1343   \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpx { cs_ #1 : #2 }
1344   {
1345     \exp_not:N \__cs_generate_from_signature:NNn
1346     \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \cs:w cs_ #1 : #3 \cs_end:
1347   }
1348 }
1349 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_from_signature:NNn #1#2
1350 {
1351   \__cs_split_function:NN #2 \__cs_generate_from_signature:nnNNNn
1352   #1 #2
1353 }
1354 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_from_signature:nnNNNn #1#2#3#4#5#6
1355 {
1356   \bool_if:NTF #3
1357   {
1358     \cs_generate_from_arg_count:NNnn
1359     #5 #4 { \tl_count:n {#2} } {#6}
1360   }
1361   {
1362     \__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { missing-colon }
1363     { \token_to_str:N #5 }
1364   }
1365 }

```

Then we define the 24 variants beginning with N.

```

1366 \__cs_tmp:w { set } { Nn } { Npn }
1367 \__cs_tmp:w { set } { Nx } { Npx }
1368 \__cs_tmp:w { set_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
1369 \__cs_tmp:w { set_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }
1370 \__cs_tmp:w { set_protected } { Nn } { Npn }
1371 \__cs_tmp:w { set_protected } { Nx } { Npx }

```

```

1372 \_cs_tmp:w { set_protected_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
1373 \_cs_tmp:w { set_protected_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }
1374 \_cs_tmp:w { gset } { Nn } { Npn }
1375 \_cs_tmp:w { gset } { Nx } { Npx }
1376 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
1377 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }
1378 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_protected } { Nn } { Npn }
1379 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_protected } { Nx } { Npx }
1380 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_protected_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
1381 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_protected_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }
1382 \_cs_tmp:w { new } { Nn } { Npn }
1383 \_cs_tmp:w { new } { Nx } { Npx }
1384 \_cs_tmp:w { new_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
1385 \_cs_tmp:w { new_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }
1386 \_cs_tmp:w { new_protected } { Nn } { Npn }
1387 \_cs_tmp:w { new_protected } { Nx } { Npx }
1388 \_cs_tmp:w { new_protected_nopar } { Nn } { Npn }
1389 \_cs_tmp:w { new_protected_nopar } { Nx } { Npx }

```

(End definition for \cs\_set:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\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
1390 \cs_set:Npn \_cs_tmp:w #1#2
1391 {
1392   \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpx { cs_ #1 : c #2 }
1393   {
1394     \exp_not:N \exp_args:Nc
1395     \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \cs:w cs_ #1 : N #2 \cs_end:
1396   }
1397 }
1398 \_cs_tmp:w { set } { n }
1399 \_cs_tmp:w { set } { x }
1400 \_cs_tmp:w { set_nopar } { n }
1401 \_cs_tmp:w { set_nopar } { x }
1402 \_cs_tmp:w { set_protected } { n }
1403 \_cs_tmp:w { set_protected } { x }
1404 \_cs_tmp:w { set_protected_nopar } { n }
1405 \_cs_tmp:w { set_protected_nopar } { x }
1406 \_cs_tmp:w { gset } { n }
1407 \_cs_tmp:w { gset } { x }
1408 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_nopar } { n }
1409 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_nopar } { x }
1410 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_protected } { n }
1411 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_protected } { x }
1412 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_protected_nopar } { n }
1413 \_cs_tmp:w { gset_protected_nopar } { x }
1414 \_cs_tmp:w { new } { n }
1415 \_cs_tmp:w { new } { x }
1416 \_cs_tmp:w { new_nopar } { n }
1417 \_cs_tmp:w { new_nopar } { x }
1418 \_cs_tmp:w { new_protected } { n }

```



```

1419 \_cs_tmp:w { new_protected } { x }
1420 \_cs_tmp:w { new_protected_nopar } { n }
1421 \_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.
\cs_if_eq_p:cN 1422 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \cs_if_eq:NN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
\cs_if_eq_p:Nc 1423 {
\cs_if_eq_p:cc 1424 \if_meaning:w #1#2
\cs_if_eq:NNTF 1425 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
\cs_if_eq:cNTF 1426 }
\cs_if_eq:NcTF 1427 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq_p:cN { \exp_args:Nc \cs_if_eq_p:NN }
\cs_if_eq:NcTF 1428 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:cNTF { \exp_args:Nc \cs_if_eq:NNTF }
\cs_if_eq:ccTF 1429 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:cNT { \exp_args:Nc \cs_if_eq:NNT }
1430 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:cNF { \exp_args:Nc \cs_if_eq:NNF }
1431 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq_p:Nc { \exp_args:NNc \cs_if_eq_p:NN }
1432 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:NcTF { \exp_args:NNc \cs_if_eq:NNTF }
1433 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:NcT { \exp_args:NNc \cs_if_eq:NNT }
1434 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:NcF { \exp_args:NNc \cs_if_eq:NNF }
1435 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq_p:cc { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_if_eq_p:NN }
1436 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:ccTF { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_if_eq:NNTF }
1437 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:ccT { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_if_eq:NNT }
1438 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \cs_if_eq:ccF { \exp_args:Ncc \cs_if_eq:NNF }

```

(End definition for \cs\_if\_eq:NN and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

### 3.17 Diagnostic wrapper functions

**\\_kernel\_register\_show:N** Check that the variable exists, then apply the \showthe primitive to the variable. The odd-looking \use:n gives a nicer output.

```

\_kernel_register_show:c 1439 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_kernel_register_show:N #1
1440 {
1441 \cs_if_exist:NTF #1
1442 { \tex_showthe:D \use:n {#1} }
1443 {
1444 \_msg_kernel_error:nx { kernel } { variable-not-defined }
1445 { \token_to_str:N #1 }
1446 }
1447 }
1448 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \_kernel_register_show:c
1449 { \exp_args:Nc \_kernel_register_show:N }

```

(End definition for \\_kernel\_register\_show:N and \\_kernel\_register\_show:c)

### 3.18 Engine specific definitions

`\xetex_if_engine_p:` In some cases it will be useful to know which engine we’re running. This can all be  
`\luatex_if_engine_p:` hard-coded for speed.  
`\pdftex_if_engine_p:`

```

\xetex_if_engine:TF
\luatex_if_engine:TF
\pdftex_if_engine:TF
1450 \cs_new_eq:NN \luatex_if_engine:T \use_none:n
1451 \cs_new_eq:NN \luatex_if_engine:F \use:n
1452 \cs_new_eq:NN \luatex_if_engine:TF \use_ii:nn
1453 \cs_new_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine:T \use:n
1454 \cs_new_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine:F \use_none:n
1455 \cs_new_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine:TF \use_i:nn
1456 \cs_new_eq:NN \xetex_if_engine:T \use_none:n
1457 \cs_new_eq:NN \xetex_if_engine:F \use:n
1458 \cs_new_eq:NN \xetex_if_engine:TF \use_ii:nn
1459 \cs_new_eq:NN \luatex_if_engine_p: \c_false_bool
1460 \cs_new_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine_p: \c_true_bool
1461 \cs_new_eq:NN \xetex_if_engine_p: \c_false_bool
1462 \cs_if_exist:NT \xetex_XeTeXversion:D
1463 {
1464     \cs_gset_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine:T \use_none:n
1465     \cs_gset_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine:F \use:n
1466     \cs_gset_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine:TF \use_ii:nn
1467     \cs_gset_eq:NN \xetex_if_engine:T \use:n
1468     \cs_gset_eq:NN \xetex_if_engine:F \use_none:n
1469     \cs_gset_eq:NN \xetex_if_engine:TF \use_i:nn
1470     \cs_gset_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine_p: \c_false_bool
1471     \cs_gset_eq:NN \xetex_if_engine_p: \c_true_bool
1472 }
1473 \cs_if_exist:NT \luatex_directlua:D
1474 {
1475     \cs_gset_eq:NN \luatex_if_engine:T \use:n
1476     \cs_gset_eq:NN \luatex_if_engine:F \use_none:n
1477     \cs_gset_eq:NN \luatex_if_engine:TF \use_i:nn
1478     \cs_gset_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine:T \use_none:n
1479     \cs_gset_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine:F \use:n
1480     \cs_gset_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine:TF \use_ii:nn
1481     \cs_gset_eq:NN \luatex_if_engine_p: \c_true_bool
1482     \cs_gset_eq:NN \pdftex_if_engine_p: \c_false_bool
1483 }
```

(End definition for `\xetex_if_engine:`, `\luatex_if_engine:`, and `\pdftex_if_engine:` These functions are documented on page 24.)

### 3.19 Doing nothing functions

`\prg_do_nothing:` This does not fit anywhere else!

```

1484 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \prg_do_nothing: { }
```

(End definition for `\prg_do_nothing:` This function is documented on page 10.)

### 3.20 String comparisons

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. These should eventually move somewhere else.

```
\str_if_eq_p:nn
\str_if_eq_x_p:nn
\str_if_eq:nnTF
\str_if_eq_x:nnTF
1485 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \str_if_eq:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
1486 {
1487   \if_int_compare:w \pdfTeX_strcmp:D { \exp_not:n {#1} } { \exp_not:n {#2} }
1488   = \c_zero
1489   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
1490 }
1491 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \str_if_eq_x:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
1492 {
1493   \if_int_compare:w \pdfTeX_strcmp:D {#1} {#2} = \c_zero
1494   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
1495 }
```

(End definition for `\str_if_eq:nn` and `\str_if_eq_x:nn` These functions are documented on page 23.)

`__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`, but hard-coded for speed.

```
1496 \cs_new:Npn __str_if_eq_x_return:nn #1 #2
1497 {
1498   \if_int_compare:w \pdfTeX_strcmp:D {#1} {#2} = \c_zero
1499   \prg_return_true:
1500   \else:
1501   \prg_return_false:
1502   \fi:
1503 }
```

(End definition for `__str_if_eq_x_return:nn`)

```
\str_case:nnn
\str_case_x:nnn
__prg_case_end:nw
__str_case:nw
__str_case_x:nw
__str_case_end:nw
1504 \cs_new:Npn \str_case:nnn #1#2#3
1505 {
1506   \tex_romannumeral:D
1507   __str_case:nw {#1} #2 {#1} {#3} \q_recursion_stop
1508 }
1509 \cs_new:Npn __str_case:nw #1#2#3
1510 {
1511   \str_if_eq:nnTF {#1} {#2}
1512   { __str_case_end:nw {#3} }
1513   { __str_case:nw {#1} }
1514 }
1515 \cs_new:Npn \str_case_x:nnn #1#2#3
1516 {
1517   \tex_romannumeral:D
1518   __str_case_x:nw {#1} #2 {#1} {#3} \q_recursion_stop
1519 }
1520 \cs_new:Npn __str_case_x:nw #1#2#3
```

No calculations for strings, otherwise no surprises.

```

1521 {
1522   \str_if_eq_x:nnTF {#1} {#2}
1523   { \__str_case_end:nw {#3} }
1524   { \__str_case_x:nw {#1} }
1525 }

```

Here, #1 will be the code needed, #2 will be any remaining case or cases, and the \c\_zero stops the \romannumeral.

```

1526 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_case_end:nw #1#2 \q_recursion_stop { \c_zero #1 }
1527 \cs_new_eq:NN \__str_case_end:nw \__prg_case_end:nw

```

(End definition for \str\_case:nnn and \str\_case\_x:nnn These functions are documented on page 27.)

### 3.21 Breaking out of mapping functions

`\__prg_break_point:Nn`  
`\__prg_map_break: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.

```

1528 \cs_new_eq:NN \__prg_break_point:Nn \use_ii:nn
1529 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_map_break:Nn #1#2#3 \__prg_break_point:Nn #4#5
1530 {
1531   #5
1532   \if_meaning:w #1 #4
1533   \exp_after:wN \use_iii:nnn
1534   \fi:
1535   \__prg_map_break:Nn #1 {#2}
1536 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_prg\_break\_point:Nn and \\_\_prg\_map\_break:Nn These functions are documented on page 45.)

`\__prg_break_point:`  
`\__prg_break:`  
`\__prg_break:n`

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.

```

1537 \cs_new_eq:NN \__prg_break_point: \prg_do_nothing:
1538 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_break: #1 \__prg_break_point: { }
1539 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_break:n #1#2 \__prg_break_point: {#1}

```

(End definition for \\_\_prg\_break\_point: This function is documented on page ??.)

### 3.22 Deprecated functions

Deprecated on 2011-05-27, for removal by 2011-08-31.

```

1540 <*deprecated>
1541 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_nopar:Npn \cs_new_nopar:Npn
1542 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew:Npn \cs_new:Npn
1543 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_protected_nopar:Npn \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn
1544 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_protected:Npn \cs_new_protected:Npn

```

```

1545 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_nopar:Npx \cs_new_nopar:Npx
1546 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew:Npx \cs_new:Npx
1547 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_protected_nopar:Npx \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx
1548 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_protected:Npx \cs_new_protected:Npx
1549 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_nopar:cpn \cs_new_nopar:cpn
1550 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew:cpn \cs_new:cpn
1551 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_protected_nopar:cpn \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpn
1552 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_protected:cpn \cs_new_protected:cpn
1553 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_nopar:cpx \cs_new_nopar:cpx
1554 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew:cpx \cs_new:cpx
1555 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_protected_nopar:cpx \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpx
1556 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_protected:cpx \cs_new_protected:cpx
1557 </deprecated>

1558 <*deprecated>
1559 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_eq:NN \cs_new_eq:NN
1560 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_eq:cN \cs_new_eq:cN
1561 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_eq:Nc \cs_new_eq:Nc
1562 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gnew_eq:cc \cs_new_eq:cc
1563 </deprecated>

1564 <*deprecated>
1565 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gundefine:N \cs_undefine:N
1566 \cs_new_eq:NN \cs_gundefine:c \cs_undefine:c
1567 </deprecated>

1568 <*deprecated>
1569 \cs_new_eq:NN \group_execute_after:N \group_insert_after:N
1570 </deprecated>

```

Deprecated 2011-09-06, for removal by 2011-12-31.

`\c_pdftex_is_engine_bool` Predicates are better

`\c_luatex_is_engine_bool`  
`\c_xetex_is_engine_bool`

```

1571 <*deprecated>
1572 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_luatex_is_engine_bool \luatex_if_engine_p:
1573 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_pdftex_is_engine_bool \pdftex_if_engine_p:
1574 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_xetex_is_engine_bool \xetex_if_engine_p:
1575 </deprecated>

```

(End definition for `\c_pdftex_is_engine_bool`, `\c_luatex_is_engine_bool`, and `\c_xetex_is_engine_bool`. These variables are documented on page ??.)

`\use_i_after_fi:nw` These functions return the first argument after ending the conditional. This is rather specialized, and we want to de-emphasize the use of primitive T<sub>E</sub>X conditionals.  
`\use_i_after_else:nw`  
`\use_i_after_or:nw`  
`\use_i_after_orelse:nw`

```

1576 <*deprecated>
1577 \cs_set:Npn \use_i_after_fi:nw #1 \fi: { \fi: #1 }
1578 \cs_set:Npn \use_i_after_else:nw #1 \else: #2 \fi: { \fi: #1 }
1579 \cs_set:Npn \use_i_after_or:nw #1 \or: #2 \fi: { \fi: #1 }
1580 \cs_set:Npn \use_i_after_orelse:nw #1#2#3 \fi: { \fi: #1 }
1581 </deprecated>

```

(End definition for `\use_i_after_fi:nw` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

Deprecated 2011-09-07, for removal by 2011-12-31.

`\cs_set_eq:NwN`

```

1582 <*deprecated>
1583 \tex_let:D \cs_set_eq:NwN \tex_let:D
1584 </deprecated>
(End definition for \cs_set_eq:NwN This function is documented on page ??.)
Deprecated 2012-06-05 for removal after 2012-12-31.

```

`\str_if_eq_p:xx` Not really true x-type expansion

```

\str_if_eq:xxTF
1585 \cs_new_eq:NN \str_if_eq_p:xx \str_if_eq_x_p:nn
1586 \cs_new_eq:NN \str_if_eq:xxT \str_if_eq_x:nnT
1587 \cs_new_eq:NN \str_if_eq:xxF \str_if_eq_x:nnF
1588 \cs_new_eq:NN \str_if_eq:xxTF \str_if_eq_x:nnTF
(End definition for \str_if_eq:xx These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

`\chk_if_free_cs:N`

```

1589 \cs_new_eq:NN \chk_if_free_cs:N \__chk_if_free_cs:N
(End definition for \chk_if_free_cs:N This function is documented on page ??.)

1590 </initex | package>

```

## 4 l3expan implementation

```

1591 <*initex | package>
1592 <@@=exp>

We start by ensuring that the required packages are loaded.
1593 <*package>
1594 \ProvidesExplPackage
1595   {\ExplFileName}{\ExplFileDate}{\ExplFileVersion}{\ExplFileDescription}
1596   \__expl_package_check:
1597 </package>

```

`\exp_after:wN` These are defined in l3basics.  
`\exp_not:N` (End definition for `\exp_after:wN` This function is documented on page 34.)  
`\exp_not:n`

### 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 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.

```
1598 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_arg_next:nnn #1#2#3 { #2 \::: { #3 {#1} } }
1599 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_arg_next:Nnn #1#2#3 { #2 \::: { #3 #1 } }
```

*(End definition for \_\_exp\_arg\_next:nnn This function is documented on page 35.)*

`\:::` The end marker is just another name for the identity function.

```
1600 \cs_new:Npn \::: #1 {#1}
```

*(End definition for \:::)*

`\::n` This function is used to skip an argument that doesn’t need to be expanded.

```
1601 \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.

```
1602 \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.

```
1603 \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.

```
1604 \cs_new:Npn \::c #1 \::: #2#3
1605 { \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.

```

1606 \cs_new:Npn \::o #1 \::: #2#3
1607 { \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.  
**\exp\_stop\_f:** The underlying `\romannumeral -'0` expands everything in its way to find something terminating the number and thereby expands the function in front of 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 case the scanner hits a number, this number also terminates the scanning and is left untouched. In the example shown earlier the scanning was stopped once 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 `\romannumeral -'0` is  $\langle null \rangle$ , we wind up with a fully expanded list, only TeX has not tried to execute any of the non-expandable tokens. This is what differentiates this function from the `x` argument type.

```

1608 \cs_new:Npn \::f #1 \::: #2#3
1609 {
1610   \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_next:nnn
1611   \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 #3 }
1612   {#1} {#2}
1613 }
1614 \use:nn { \cs_new_eq:NN \exp_stop_f: } { ~ }
(End definition for \::f This function is documented on page 35.)

```

**\::x** This function is used to expand an argument fully.

```

1615 \cs_new_protected:Npn \::x #1 \::: #2#3
1616 {
1617   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \l__exp_internal_tl { {#3} }
1618   \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_next:nnn \l__exp_internal_tl {#1} {#2}
1619 }
(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 `csname` from its argument given in braces and then evaluates it as if it was a `V`. The primitive `\romannumeral` sets off an expansion similar to an `f` type expansion, which we will terminate using `\c_zero`. The argument is returned in braces.

```

1620 \cs_new:Npn \::V #1 \::: #2#3
1621 {
1622   \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_next:nnn
1623   \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:N #3 }
1624   {#1} {#2}
1625 }
1626 \cs_new:Npn \::v # 1\::: #2#3
1627 {

```



```

1628 \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_next:nnn
1629 \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:c {#3} }
1630 {#1} {#2}
1631 }

```

(End definition for \::v This function is documented on page 35.)

`\__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 TeX register such as `\count`. For the 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:`.

```

1632 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_eval_register:N #1
1633 {
1634 \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 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.

```

1635 \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #1
1636 \__exp_eval_error_msg:w
1637 \fi:

```

The next bit requires some explanation. The function must be initiated by the primitive `\romannumeral` and we want to terminate this expansion chain by inserting the `\c_zero` integer constant. However, we have to expand the register `#1` before we do that. If it is a TeX register, we need to execute the sequence `\exp_after:wN \c_zero \tex_the:D #1` and if it is a macro we need to execute `\exp_after:wN \c_zero #1`. We therefore issue the longer of the two sequences and if the register is a macro, we remove the `\tex_the:D`.

```

1638 \else:
1639 \exp_after:wN \use_i_ii:nnn
1640 \fi:
1641 \exp_after:wN \c_zero \tex_the:D #1
1642 }
1643 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_eval_register:c #1
1644 { \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}

```

```

1645 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_eval_error_msg:w #1 \tex_the:D #2
1646 {
1647     \fi:
1648     \fi:
1649     \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { bad-variable } {#2}
1650     \c_zero
1651 }

```

(End definition for `\__exp_eval_register:N` and `\__exp_eval_register:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 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`  
`\exp_args:NNo`  
`\exp_args:NNNo`

Those lovely runs of expansion!

```

1652 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:No #1#2 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN {#2} }
1653 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNo #1#2#3
1654 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2 \exp_after:wN {#3} }
1655 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNNo #1#2#3#4
1656 { \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 32.)

`\exp_args:Nc`  
`\exp_args:cc`

In l3basics.

(End definition for `\exp_args:Nc` and `\exp_args:cc` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\exp_args:NNc`  
`\exp_args:Ncc`  
`\exp_args:Nccc`

Here are the functions that turn their argument into csnames but are expandable.

```

1657 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNc #1#2#3
1658 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2 \cs:w # 3\cs_end: }
1659 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Ncc #1#2#3
1660 { \exp_after:wN #1 \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end: \cs:w #3 \cs_end: }
1661 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nccc #1#2#3#4
1662 {
1663     \exp_after:wN #1
1664     \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
1665     \cs:w #3 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
1666     \cs:w #4 \cs_end:
1667 }

```

(End definition for `\exp_args:NNc`, `\exp_args:Ncc`, and `\exp_args:Nccc` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\exp_args:Nf`  
`\exp_args:Nv`  
`\exp_args:Nv`

```

1668 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nf #1#2
1669 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 #2 } }
1670 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nv #1#2
1671 {
1672     \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN
1673     { \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:c {#2} }
1674 }

```

```

1675 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NV #1#2
1676 {
1677   \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN
1678   { \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:N #2 }
1679 }

```

(End definition for `\exp_args:Nf`, `\exp_args:NV`, and `\exp_args:Nv` These functions are documented on page 31.)

`\exp_args:NNV` Some more hand-tuned function with three arguments. If we forced that an `o` argument always has braces, we could implement `\exp_args:Nco` with less tokens and only two arguments.

```

\exp_args:NNV 1680 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNf #1#2#3
\exp_args:NNv 1681 {
\exp_args:NNf 1682   \exp_after:wN #1
\exp_args:Ncf 1683   \exp_after:wN #2
\exp_args:Nco 1684   \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 #3 }
1685 }
1686 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNv #1#2#3
1687 {
1688   \exp_after:wN #1
1689   \exp_after:wN #2
1690   \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:c {#3} }
1691 }
1692 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNV #1#2#3
1693 {
1694   \exp_after:wN #1
1695   \exp_after:wN #2
1696   \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:N #3 }
1697 }
1698 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Nco #1#2#3
1699 {
1700   \exp_after:wN #1
1701   \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
1702   \exp_after:wN {#3}
1703 }
1704 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Ncf #1#2#3
1705 {
1706   \exp_after:wN #1
1707   \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
1708   \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 #3 }
1709 }
1710 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NVV #1#2#3
1711 {
1712   \exp_after:wN #1
1713   \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D \exp_after:wN
1714     \__exp_eval_register:N \exp_after:wN #2 \exp_after:wN }
1715   \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:N #3 }
1716 }

```

(End definition for `\exp_args:NNV` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

A few more that we can hand-tune.

```

\exp_args:Ncco 1717 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NNNV #1#2#3#4
\exp_args:NcNc 1718 {
\exp_args:NcNo 1719   \exp_after:wN #1
\exp_args:NNNV 1720   \exp_after:wN #2
1721   \exp_after:wN #3
1722   \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:N #4 }
1723 }
1724 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NcNc #1#2#3#4
1725 {
1726   \exp_after:wN #1
1727   \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
1728   \exp_after:wN #3
1729   \cs:w #4 \cs_end:
1730 }
1731 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:NcNo #1#2#3#4
1732 {
1733   \exp_after:wN #1
1734   \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
1735   \exp_after:wN #3
1736   \exp_after:wN {#4}
1737 }
1738 \cs_new:Npn \exp_args:Ncco #1#2#3#4
1739 {
1740   \exp_after:wN #1
1741   \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
1742   \cs:w #3 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
1743   \exp_after:wN {#4}
1744 }

```

(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`

```
1745 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nx { \::x \::: }
```

(End definition for `\exp_args:Nx` This function is documented on page 31.)

Here are the actual function definitions, using the helper functions above.

```

\exp_args:Nnc 1746 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nnc { \::n \::c \::: }
\exp_args:Nfo 1747 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nfo { \::f \::o \::: }
\exp_args:Nff 1748 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nff { \::f \::f \::: }
\exp_args:Nnf 1749 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nnf { \::n \::f \::: }
\exp_args:Nno 1750 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nno { \::n \::o \::: }
\exp_args:NnV 1751 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:NnV { \::n \::V \::: }
\exp_args:Noo
\exp_args:Nof
\exp_args:Noc
\exp_args:NNx
\exp_args:Ncx
\exp_args:Nnx
\exp_args:Nox
\exp_args:Nxo
\exp_args:Nxx

```

```

1752 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Noo { \::o \::o \::: }
1753 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nof { \::o \::f \::: }
1754 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Noc { \::o \::c \::: }
1755 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:NNx { \::N \::x \::: }
1756 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Ncx { \::c \::x \::: }
1757 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nnx { \::n \::x \::: }
1758 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nox { \::o \::x \::: }
1759 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nxo { \::x \::o \::: }
1760 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nxx { \::x \::x \::: }

```

(End definition for \exp\_args:Nnc and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\exp_args:NNno
\exp_args:NNoo
\exp_args:Nnnc
\exp_args:Nnno
\exp_args:Nooo
\exp_args:NNnx
\exp_args:NNox
\exp_args:Nnnx
\exp_args:Nnox
\exp_args:Nccx
\exp_args:Ncnx
\exp_args:Noox

```

```

1761 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:NNno { \::N \::n \::o \::: }
1762 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:NNoo { \::N \::o \::o \::: }
1763 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nnnc { \::n \::n \::c \::: }
1764 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nnno { \::n \::n \::o \::: }
1765 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nooo { \::o \::o \::o \::: }
1766 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:NNnx { \::N \::n \::x \::: }
1767 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:NNox { \::N \::o \::x \::: }
1768 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nnnx { \::n \::n \::x \::: }
1769 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nnox { \::n \::o \::x \::: }
1770 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Nccx { \::c \::c \::x \::: }
1771 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Ncnx { \::c \::n \::x \::: }
1772 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_args:Noox { \::o \::o \::x \::: }

```

(End definition for \exp\_args:NNno and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 4.4 Last-unbraced versions

```

\__exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn
\::f_unbraced
\::o_unbraced
\::V_unbraced
\::v_unbraced
\::x_unbraced

```

There are a few places where the last argument needs to be available unbraced. First some helper macros.

```

1773 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn #1#2 { #2#1 }
1774 \cs_new:Npn \::f_unbraced \::: #1#2
1775 {
1776   \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn
1777   \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 #2 } {#1}
1778 }
1779 \cs_new:Npn \::o_unbraced \::: #1#2
1780 { \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn \exp_after:wN {#2} {#1} }
1781 \cs_new:Npn \::V_unbraced \::: #1#2
1782 {
1783   \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn
1784   \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:N #2 } {#1}
1785 }
1786 \cs_new:Npn \::v_unbraced \::: #1#2
1787 {
1788   \exp_after:wN \__exp_arg_last_unbraced:nn
1789   \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:c {#2} } {#1}
1790 }
1791 \cs_new_protected:Npn \::x_unbraced \::: #1#2

```

```

1792 {
1793   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \l__exp_internal_tl { \exp_not:n {#1} #2 }
1794   \l__exp_internal_tl
1795 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_exp\_arg\_last\_unbraced:nn This function is documented on page ??.)

\exp\_last\_unbraced:NV 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:Nf
\exp_last_unbraced:Nv
\exp_last_unbraced:Nco
\exp_last_unbraced:NcV
\exp_last_unbraced:NNV
\exp_last_unbraced:NNo
\exp_last_unbraced:NNNV
\exp_last_unbraced:NNNo
\exp_last_unbraced:Nno
\exp_last_unbraced:Noo
\exp_last_unbraced:Nfo
\exp_last_unbraced:NnNo
\exp_last_unbraced:Nx
1796 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NV #1#2
1797 { \exp_after:wN #1 \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:N #2 }
1798 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nv #1#2
1799 { \exp_after:wN #1 \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:c {#2} }
1800 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nco #1#2 { \exp_after:wN #1 #2 }
1801 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NcV #1#2
1802 { \exp_after:wN #1 \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 #2 }
1803 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NNo #1#2#3
1804 { \exp_after:wN #1 \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end: #3 }
1805 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Noo #1#2#3
1806 {
1807   \exp_after:wN #1
1808   \cs:w #2 \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
1809   \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:N #3
1810 }
1811 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NNV #1#2#3
1812 {
1813   \exp_after:wN #1
1814   \exp_after:wN #2
1815   \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:N #3
1816 }
1817 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NNo #1#2#3
1818 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2 #3 }
1819 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NNNV #1#2#3#4
1820 {
1821   \exp_after:wN #1
1822   \exp_after:wN #2
1823   \exp_after:wN #3
1824   \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:N #4
1825 }
1826 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NNNo #1#2#3#4
1827 { \exp_after:wN #1 \exp_after:wN #2 \exp_after:wN #3 #4 }
1828 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nno { \::n \::o_unbraced \:: }
1829 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Noo { \::o \::o_unbraced \:: }
1830 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nfo { \::f \::o_unbraced \:: }
1831 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:NnNo { \::n \::N \::o_unbraced \:: }
1832 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \exp_last_unbraced:Nx { \::x_unbraced \:: }

```

(End definition for \exp\_last\_unbraced:NV This function is documented on page 33.)

\exp\_last\_two\_unbraced:Noo If #2 is a single token then this can be implemented as  
 \\_\_exp\_last\_two\_unbraced:noN

```

\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.

```

1833 \cs_new:Npn \exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo #1#2#3
1834 { \exp_after:wN \__exp_last_two_unbraced:noN \exp_after:wN {#3} {#2} #1 }
1835 \cs_new:Npn \__exp_last_two_unbraced:noN #1#2#3
1836 { \exp_after:wN #3 #2 #1 }

```

(End definition for `\exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo` This function is documented on page 33.)

## 4.5 Preventing expansion

```

\exp_not:o
\exp_not:c
\exp_not:f
\exp_not:V
\exp_not:v
1837 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:o #1 { \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN {#1} }
1838 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:c #1 { \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \cs:w #1 \cs_end: }
1839 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:f #1
1840 { \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 #1 } }
1841 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:V #1
1842 {
1843   \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
1844   { \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:N #1 }
1845 }
1846 \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:v #1
1847 {
1848   \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
1849   { \tex_romannumeral:D \__exp_eval_register:c {#1} }
1850 }

```

(End definition for `\exp_not:o` This function is documented on page 35.)

## 4.6 Defining function variants

```

1851 <@@=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.

```

1852 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cs_generate_variant:Nn #1#2
1853 {
1854   \__chk_if_exist_cs:N #1
1855   \__cs_generate_variant:N #1
1856   \exp_after:wN \__cs_split_function:NN
1857   \exp_after:wN #1

```

```

1858 \exp_after:wN \__cs_generate_variant:nnNN
1859 \exp_after:wN #1
1860 \etex_detokenize:D {#2} , \scan_stop: , \q_recursion_stop
1861 }

```

(End definition for \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn This function is documented on page 29.)

```

\__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`.

```

1862 \group_begin:
1863 \tex_catcode:D '\M = 12 \scan_stop:
1864 \tex_catcode:D '\A = 12 \scan_stop:
1865 \tex_catcode:D '\P = 12 \scan_stop:
1866 \tex_catcode:D '\R = 12 \scan_stop:
1867 \tex_lowercase:D
1868 {
1869 \group_end:
1870 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant:N #1
1871 {
1872 \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_not:N #1 #1
1873 \cs_set_eq:NN \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx
1874 \else:
1875 \exp_after:wN \__cs_generate_variant:ww
1876 \token_to_meaning:N #1 MA \q_mark
1877 \q_mark \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx
1878 PR
1879 \q_mark \cs_new_nopar:Npx
1880 \q_stop
1881 \fi:
1882 }
1883 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant:ww #1 MA #2 \q_mark
1884 { \__cs_generate_variant:wwNw #1 }
1885 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant:wwNw
1886 #1 PR #2 \q_mark #3 #4 \q_stop
1887 {
1888 \cs_set_eq:NN \__cs_tmp:w #3
1889 }

```



```

1890 }
(End definition for \__cs_generate_variant:N This function is documented on page 29.)

```

```

\__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.

```

1891 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant:nnNN #1#2#3#4
1892 {
1893   \if_meaning:w \c_false_bool #3
1894     \__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { missing-colon }
1895     { \token_to_str:c {#1} }
1896     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
1897   \fi:
1898   \__cs_generate_variant:Nnnw #4 {#1}{#2}
1899 }
(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:Nnx`, 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`.

```

1900 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant:Nnnw #1#2#3#4 ,
1901 {
1902   \if_meaning:w \scan_stop: #4
1903     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
1904   \fi:
1905   \use:x
1906   {
1907     \exp_not:N \__cs_generate_variant:wwNN
1908     \__cs_generate_variant_loop:nNwN { }
1909     #4
1910     \__cs_generate_variant_loop_end:nwwwNNnn
1911     \q_mark
1912     #3 ~
1913     { ~ { } \fi: \__cs_generate_variant_loop_long:wNNnn } ~
1914     { }
1915     \q_stop
1916     \exp_not:N #1 {#2} {#4}
1917   }
1918   \__cs_generate_variant:Nnnw #1 {#2} {#3}
1919 }

```

(End definition for `\__cs_generate_variant:Nnnw`)

<code>\__cs_generate_variant_loop:nNwN</code>	<b>#1</b> :	Last few (consecutive) letters common between the base and variant (in fact, <code>\__cs_generate_variant_same:N</code> <i>⟨letter⟩</i> for each letter).
<code>\__cs_generate_variant_loop_same:w</code>		
<code>\__cs_generate_variant_loop_end:nwwwNNnn</code>	<b>#2</b> :	Next variant letter.
<code>\__cs_generate_variant_loop_long:wNNnn</code>	<b>#3</b> :	Remainder of variant form.
<code>\__cs_generate_variant_loop_invalid:NNwNNnn</code>	<b>#4</b> :	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:wvNN`.
- 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:wvNN`.

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.

```

1920 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_loop:nNwN #1#2#3 \q_mark #4
1921 {
1922   \if:w #2 #4
1923     \exp_after:wN \__cs_generate_variant_loop_same:w
1924   \else:
1925     \if:w N #4 \else:
1926       \if:w n #4 \else:
1927         \__cs_generate_variant_loop_invalid:NNwNNnn #4#2
1928       \fi:
1929     \fi:
1930   \fi:
1931   #1
1932   \prg_do_nothing:
1933   #2
1934   \__cs_generate_variant_loop:nNwN { } #3 \q_mark
1935 }
1936 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_same:w
1937   #1 \prg_do_nothing: #2#3#4
1938 {
1939   #3 { #1 \__cs_generate_variant_same:N #2 }
1940 }
1941 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_end:nwwwNNnn
1942   #1#2 \q_mark #3 ~ #4 \q_stop #5#6#7#8
1943 {
1944   \scan_stop: \scan_stop: \fi:
1945   \exp_not:N \q_mark
1946   \exp_not:N \q_stop
1947   \exp_not:N #6
1948   \exp_not:c { #7 : #8 #1 #3 }

```

```

1949 }
1950 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_long:wNNnn #1 \q_stop #2#3#4#5
1951 {
1952   \exp_not:n
1953   {
1954     \q_mark
1955     \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { variant-too-long }
1956     {#5} { \token_to_str:N #3 }
1957     \use_none:nnnn
1958     \q_stop
1959     #3
1960     #3
1961   }
1962 }
1963 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_loop_invalid:NNwNNnn
1964   #1#2 \fi: \fi: \fi: #3 \q_stop #4#5#6#7
1965 {
1966   \fi: \fi: \fi:
1967   \exp_not:n
1968   {
1969     \q_mark
1970     \__msg_kernel_error:nxxxx { kernel } { invalid-variant }
1971     {#7} { \token_to_str:N #5 } {#1} {#2}
1972     \use_none:nnnn
1973     \q_stop
1974     #5
1975     #5
1976   }
1977 }

```

(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.

```

1978 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_variant_same:N #1
1979 {
1980   \if:w N #1
1981     N
1982   \else:
1983     \if:w p #1
1984       p
1985     \else:
1986       n
1987     \fi:
1988   \fi:
1989 }

```

(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.

```

1990 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_variant:wwNN
1991   #1 \q_mark #2 \q_stop #3#4
1992   {
1993     #2
1994     \cs_if_free:NTF #4
1995     {
1996       \group_begin:
1997         \__cs_generate_internal_variant:n {#1}
1998         \__cs_tmp:w #4 { \exp_not:c { exp_args:N #1 } \exp_not:N #3 }
1999       \group_end:
2000     }
2001     {
2002       \iow_log:x
2003       {
2004         Variant~\token_to_str:N #4~%
2005         already~defined;~ not~ changing~ it~on~line~%
2006         \tex_the:D \tex_inputlineno:D
2007       }
2008     }
2009   }

```

(End definition for `\__cs_generate_variant:wwNN`)

```

\__cs_generate_internal_variant:n
\__cs_generate_internal_variant:wwnw
\__cs_generate_internal_variant_loop: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.

```

2010 \group_begin:
2011   \tex_catcode:D '\X = 12 \scan_stop:
2012   \tex_lccode:D '\N = '\N \scan_stop:
2013   \tex_lowercase:D
2014   {
2015     \group_end:
2016     \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_internal_variant:n #1
2017     {
2018       \__cs_generate_internal_variant:wwnNwnn
2019       #1 \q_mark
2020       { \cs_set_eq:NN \__cs_tmp:w \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx }
2021       \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpx
2022       X \q_mark
2023       { }
2024       \cs_new_nopar:cpx
2025     \q_stop
2026     { exp_args:N #1 }
2027     { \__cs_generate_internal_variant_loop:n #1 { : \use_i:nn } }
2028   }
2029   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__cs_generate_internal_variant:wwnNwnn
2030     #1 X #2 \q_mark #3 #4 #5 \q_stop #6 #7

```

```

2031     {
2032         #3
2033         \cs_if_free:cT {#6} { #4 {#6} {#7} }
2034     }
2035 }

```

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.

```

2036 \cs_new:Npn \__cs_generate_internal_variant_loop:n #1
2037 {
2038     \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N \cs:w :: #1 \cs_end:
2039     \__cs_generate_internal_variant_loop:n
2040 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_cs\_generate\_internal\_variant:n This function is documented on page ??.)

## 4.7 Variants which cannot be created earlier

\str\_if\_eq\_p:Vn These cannot come earlier as they need \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn.

```

\str_if_eq_p:Vn 2041 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq_p:nn { V , o }
\str_if_eq_p:on 2042 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq_p:nn { nV , no , VV }
\str_if_eq_p:nV 2043 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq:nnT { V , o }
\str_if_eq_p:no 2044 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq:nnT { nV , no , VV }
\str_if_eq_p:VV 2045 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq:nnF { V , o }
\str_if_eq:VnTF 2046 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq:nnF { nV , no , VV }
\str_if_eq:onTF 2047 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq:nnTF { V , o }
\str_if_eq:nVTF 2048 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_if_eq:nnTF { nV , no , VV }
\str_if_eq:noTF 2049 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \str_case:nnn { o }
\str_if_eq:VVTF
\str_case:onn

```

(End definition for \str\_if\_eq:Vn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

2050 </initex | package>

```

## 5 l3prg implementation

The following test files are used for this code: m3prg001.lvt,m3prg002.lvt,m3prg003.lvt.

```

2051 <*initex | package>
2052 <*package>
2053 \ProvidesExplPackage
2054     {\ExplFileName}{\ExplFileDate}{\ExplFileVersion}{\ExplFileDescription}
2055 \__expl_package_check:
2056 </package>

```

## 5.1 Primitive conditionals

`\if_bool:N` Those two primitive TeX conditionals are synonyms. They should not be used outside the kernel code.

```
2057 \tex_let:D \if_bool:N          \tex_ifodd:D
2058 \tex_let:D \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 that that is the case!

(End definition for `\prg_set_conditional:Npnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 38.)

## 5.3 The boolean data type

```
2059 <@@=bool>
```

Boolean variables have to be initiated when they are created. Other than that there is not much to say here.

```
2060 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_new:N #1 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \c_false_bool }
2061 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\bool_new:N` and `\bool_new:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

Setting is already pretty easy.

```
2062 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_set_true:N #1
2063 { \cs_set_eq:NN #1 \c_true_bool }
2064 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_set_false:N #1
2065 { \cs_set_eq:NN #1 \c_false_bool }
2066 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_gset_true:N #1
2067 { \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_true_bool }
2068 \cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_gset_false:N #1
2069 { \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_false_bool }
2070 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_set_true:N { c }
2071 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_set_false:N { c }
2072 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_gset_true:N { c }
2073 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_gset_false:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\bool_set_true:N` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

The usual copy code.

```
2074 \cs_new_eq:NN \bool_set_eq:NN \cs_set_eq:NN
2075 \cs_new_eq:NN \bool_set_eq:Nc \cs_set_eq:Nc
2076 \cs_new_eq:NN \bool_set_eq:cN \cs_set_eq:cN
2077 \cs_new_eq:NN \bool_set_eq:cc \cs_set_eq:cc
2078 \cs_new_eq:NN \bool_gset_eq:NN \cs_gset_eq:NN
2079 \cs_new_eq:NN \bool_gset_eq:Nc \cs_gset_eq:Nc
2080 \cs_new_eq:NN \bool_gset_eq:cN \cs_gset_eq:cN
2081 \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 ??.)

`\bool_set:Nn` This function evaluates a boolean expression and assigns the first argument the meaning  
`\bool_set:cn` `\c_true_bool` or `\c_false_bool`.

`\bool_gset:Nn` 2082 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_set:Nn #1#2`  
`\bool_gset:cn` 2083 `{ \tex_chardef:D #1 = \bool_if_p:n {#2} }`  
2084 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_gset:Nn #1#2`  
2085 `{ \tex_global:D \tex_chardef:D #1 = \bool_if_p:n {#2} }`  
2086 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_set:Nn { c }`  
2087 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_gset:Nn { c }`

(End definition for `\bool_set:Nn` and `\bool_set:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\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:N $\underline{TF}$`  2088 `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn \bool_if:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }`  
`\bool_if:c $\underline{TF}$`  2089 `{`  
2090 `\if_meaning:w \c_true_bool #1`  
2091 `\prg_return_true:`  
2092 `\else:`  
2093 `\prg_return_false:`  
2094 `\fi:`  
2095 `}`  
2096 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_if_p:N { c }`  
2097 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_if:NT { c }`  
2098 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_if:NF { c }`  
2099 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_if:NTF { c }`

(End definition for `\bool_if:N` and `\bool_if:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\bool_show:N` Show the truth value of the boolean, as true or false. We use `\_msg_show_variable:n`  
`\bool_show:c` to get a better output; this function requires its argument to start with >.

`\bool_show:n` 2100 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_show:N #1`  
2101 `{`  
2102 `\bool_if_exist:NTF #1`  
2103 `{ \bool_show:n {#1} }`  
2104 `{`  
2105 `\_msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { variable-not-defined }`  
2106 `{ \token_to_str:N #1 }`  
2107 `}`  
2108 `}`  
2109 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \bool_show:n #1`  
2110 `{`  
2111 `\bool_if:nTF {#1}`  
2112 `{ \_msg_show_variable:n { > true } }`  
2113 `{ \_msg_show_variable:n { > false } }`  
2114 `}`  
2115 `\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 39.)



`\l_tmpa_bool` A few booleans just if you need them.

`\l_tmpb_bool` 2116 `\bool_new:N \l_tmpa_bool`

`\g_tmpa_bool` 2117 `\bool_new:N \l_tmpb_bool`

`\g_tmpb_bool` 2118 `\bool_new:N \g_tmpa_bool`

2119 `\bool_new:N \g_tmpb_bool`

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_bool` and others. These variables are documented on page 40.)

`\bool_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the `cs` functions defined in `l3basics`.

`\bool_if_exist_p:c` 2120 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_if_exist:NTF \cs_if_exist:NTF`

`\bool_if_exist:NTF` 2121 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_if_exist:NT \cs_if_exist:NT`

`\bool_if_exist:cTF` 2122 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_if_exist:NF \cs_if_exist:NF`

2123 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_if_exist_p:N \cs_if_exist_p:N`

2124 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_if_exist:cTF \cs_if_exist:cTF`

2125 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_if_exist:cT \cs_if_exist:cT`

2126 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_if_exist:cF \cs_if_exist:cF`

2127 `\cs_new_eq:NN \bool_if_exist_p:c \cs_if_exist_p:c`

(End definition for `\bool_if_exist:N` and `\bool_if_exist:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 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 `<true>` or `<false>`.

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:

`<true>`And Current truth value is true, logical And seen, continue with `GetNext` to examine truth value of next boolean (sub-)expression.

`<false>`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 `<false>`.

`<true>`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 `<true>`.

**$\langle false \rangle$ 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.

```

2128 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \bool_if:n #1 { T , F , TF }
2129 {
2130   \if_predicate:w \bool_if_p:n {#1}
2131   \prg_return_true:
2132   \else:
2133     \prg_return_false:
2134   \fi:
2135 }
```

(End definition for `\bool_if:n` These functions are documented on page 41.)

```

\bool_if_p:n
\__bool_if_left_parentheses:www
\__bool_if_right_parentheses:www
\__bool_if_or:www
```

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 T<sub>E</sub>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.

```

2136 \cs_new:Npn \bool_if_p:n #1
2137 {
2138   \group_align_safe_begin:
2139   \__bool_if_left_parentheses:www \q_nil
2140   #1 \q_mark { }
2141   ( \q_mark { \__bool_if_right_parentheses:www \q_nil }
2142   ) \q_mark { \__bool_if_or:www \q_nil }
```

```

2143      || \q_mark \_bool_if_parse:NNNww
2144      \q_stop
2145    }
2146    \cs_new:Npn \_bool_if_left_parentheses:wwn #1 \q_nil #2 ( #3 \q_mark #4
2147      { #4 \_bool_if_left_parentheses:wwn #1 #2 (( \q_nil #3 \q_mark {#4} }
2148    \cs_new:Npn \_bool_if_right_parentheses:wwn #1 \q_nil #2 ) #3 \q_mark #4
2149      { #4 \_bool_if_right_parentheses:wwn #1 #2 )) \q_nil #3 \q_mark {#4} }
2150    \cs_new:Npn \_bool_if_or:wwn #1 \q_nil #2 || #3 \q_mark #4
2151      { #4 \_bool_if_or:wwn #1 #2 )||( \q_nil #3 \q_mark {#4} }

```

(End definition for \bool\_if\_p:n This function is documented on page 41.)

`\_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.

```

2152    \cs_new:Npn \_bool_if_parse:NNNww #1#2#3#4 \q_mark #5 \q_stop
2153      {
2154        \_bool_get_next:NN \use_i:nn (( #4 )) S
2155      }

```

(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.

```

2156    \cs_new:Npn \_bool_get_next:NN #1#2
2157      {
2158        \use:c
2159          {
2160            __bool_
2161            \if_meaning:w !#2 ! \else: \if_meaning:w (#2 ( \else: p \fi: \fi:
2162            :Nw
2163          }
2164        #1 #2
2165      }

```

(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.

```

2166    \cs_new:cpn { \_bool_!:Nw } #1#2
2167      { \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.

```

2168    \cs_new:cpn { \_bool_(:Nw } #1#2

```

```

2169 {
2170   \exp_after:wN \_bool_choose:NNN \exp_after:wN #1
2171   \_int_value:w \_bool_get_next:NN \use_i:nn
2172 }
(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.

```

2173 \cs_new:cpn { \_bool_p:Nw } #1
2174 { \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.

```

2175 \cs_new:Npn \_bool_choose:NNN #1#2#3
2176 {
2177   \use:c
2178   {
2179     \_bool_ #3 _
2180     #1 #2 { \if_meaning:w 0 #2 1 \else: 0 \fi: }
2181     :w
2182   }
2183 }
(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 2184 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { \_bool_)_0:w } { \c_false_bool }
\_bool_S_1:w 2185 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { \_bool_)_1:w } { \c_true_bool }
2186 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { \_bool_S_0:w } { \group_align_safe_end: \c_false_bool }
2187 \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 2188 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { \_bool_&_1:w } & { \_bool_get_next:NN \use_i:nn }
2189 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { \_bool_|_0:w } | { \_bool_get_next:NN \use_i:nn }
(End definition for \_bool_&_1:w This function is documented on page 41.)

```

\\_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:Nw 2190 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { \_bool_&_0:w } & { \_bool_eval_skip_to_end:Nw \c_false_bool }
\_bool_eval_skip_to_end_ii:Nw 2191 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { \_bool_|_1:w } | { \_bool_eval_skip_to_end:Nw \c_true_bool }
\_bool_eval_skip_to_end_iii:Nw

```

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.

```
2192 %% (
2193 \cs_new:Npn \__bool_eval_skip_to_end:Nw #1#2 )
2194 {
2195   \__bool_eval_skip_to_end_ii:Nw #1#2 ( % )
2196   \q_no_value \q_stop
2197   {#2}
2198 }
```

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

```

2199 \cs_new:Npn \__bool_eval_skip_to_end_ii:Nw #1#2 ( #3#4 \q_stop #5 % )
2200 {
2201   \quark_if_no_value:NTF #3
2202   {#1}
2203   { \__bool_eval_skip_to_end_iii:Nw #1 #5 }
2204 }

```

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!

```

2205 \cs_new:Npn \__bool_eval_skip_to_end_iii:Nw #1#2 ( #3 )
2206 { % (
2207   \__bool_eval_skip_to_end:Nw #1#3 )
2208 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_bool\_&\_0:w This function is documented on page 41.)

**\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.

```

2209 \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 41.)

**\bool\_xor\_p:nn** Exclusive or. If the boolean expressions have same truth value, return false, otherwise return true.

```

2210 \cs_new:Npn \bool_xor_p:nn #1#2
2211 {
2212   \int_compare:nNnTF { \bool_if_p:n {#1} } = { \bool_if_p:n {#2} }
2213   \c_false_bool
2214   \c_true_bool
2215 }

```

(End definition for \bool\_xor\_p:nn This function is documented on page 41.)

## 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\_until\_do:Nn**

**\bool\_until\_do:cn**

```

2216 \cs_new:Npn \bool_while_do:Nn #1#2
2217 { \bool_if:NT #1 { #2 \bool_while_do:Nn #1 {#2} } }
2218 \cs_new:Npn \bool_until_do:Nn #1#2
2219 { \bool_if:NF #1 { #2 \bool_until_do:Nn #1 {#2} } }
2220 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_while_do:Nn { c }
2221 \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 ??.)

**\bool\_do\_while:Nn** A do-while loop where the body is performed at least once and the boolean is tested  
**\bool\_do\_while:cn** after executing the body. Otherwise identical to the above functions.

**\bool\_do\_until:Nn**  
**\bool\_do\_until:cn**

```

2222 \cs_new:Npn \bool_do_while:Nn #1#2
2223 { #2 \bool_if:NT #1 { \bool_do_while:Nn #1 {#2} } }
2224 \cs_new:Npn \bool_do_until:Nn #1#2
2225 { #2 \bool_if:NF #1 { \bool_do_until:Nn #1 {#2} } }
2226 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \bool_do_while:Nn { c }
2227 \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 ??.)

**\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**

```

2228 \cs_new:Npn \bool_while_do:nn #1#2
2229 {
2230   \bool_if:nT {#1}
2231   {
2232     #2
2233     \bool_while_do:nn {#1} {#2}
2234   }
2235 }
2236 \cs_new:Npn \bool_do_while:nn #1#2
2237 {
2238   #2
2239   \bool_if:nT {#1} { \bool_do_while:nn {#1} {#2} }
2240 }
2241 \cs_new:Npn \bool_until_do:nn #1#2
2242 {
2243   \bool_if:nF {#1}
2244   {
2245     #2
2246     \bool_until_do:nn {#1} {#2}
2247   }
2248 }
2249 \cs_new:Npn \bool_do_until:nn #1#2
2250 {
2251   #2
2252   \bool_if:nF {#1} { \bool_do_until:nn {#1} {#2} }
2253 }

```

(End definition for \bool\_while\_do:nn and others. These functions are documented on page 42.)

## 5.6 Producing $n$ copies

2254 <@@=prg>

**\prg\_replicate:nn** This function uses a cascading csname technique by David Kastrup (who else :-)

**\\_\_prg\_replicate:N** The idea is to make the input 25 result in first adding five, and then 20 copies  
**\\_\_prg\_replicate\_first:N** of the code to be replicated. The technique uses cascading csnames which means that  
**\\_\_prg\_replicate\_** we start building several csnames so we end up with a list of functions to be called in  
**\\_\_prg\_replicate\_0:n** reverse order. This is important here (and other places) because it means that we can for

**\\_\_prg\_replicate\_1:n**  
**\\_\_prg\_replicate\_2:n**  
**\\_\_prg\_replicate\_3:n**  
**\\_\_prg\_replicate\_4:n**  
**\\_\_prg\_replicate\_5:n**  
**\\_\_prg\_replicate\_6:n**  
**\\_\_prg\_replicate\_7:n**  
**\\_\_prg\_replicate\_8:n**  
**\\_\_prg\_replicate\_9:n**  
**\\_\_prg\_replicate\_first\_-:n**

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:n}`. An alternative approach is to create a string of m's with `\_int_to_roman: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.

Then comes all the functions that do the hard work of inserting all the copies. The first function takes `:n` as a parameter.

Users shouldn't ask for something to be replicated once or even not at all but...



```

2284 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_-\:n } #1
2285 {
2286   \c_zero
2287   \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { negative-replication }
2288 }
2289 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_0:n } #1 { \c_zero }
2290 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_1:n } #1 { \c_zero #1 }
2291 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_2:n } #1 { \c_zero #1#1 }
2292 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_3:n } #1 { \c_zero #1#1#1 }
2293 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_4:n } #1 { \c_zero #1#1#1#1 }
2294 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_5:n } #1 { \c_zero #1#1#1#1#1 }
2295 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_6:n } #1 { \c_zero #1#1#1#1#1#1 }
2296 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_7:n } #1 { \c_zero #1#1#1#1#1#1#1 }
2297 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_8:n } #1 { \c_zero #1#1#1#1#1#1#1#1 }
2298 \cs_new:cpn { __prg_replicate_first_9:n } #1 { \c_zero #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 \c\_zero in the input stream. However this requires knowledge of the implementation so we keep things nice and clean and use the return statements.

```

2299 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \mode_if_vertical: { p , T , F , TF }
2300 { \if_mode_vertical: \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }

```

(End definition for \mode\_if\_vertical: These functions are documented on page 43.)

**\mode\_if\_horizontal\_p:** For testing horizontal mode.

**\mode\_if\_horizontal:TF**

```

2301 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \mode_if_horizontal: { p , T , F , TF }
2302 { \if_mode_horizontal: \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }

```

(End definition for \mode\_if\_horizontal: These functions are documented on page 43.)

**\mode\_if\_inner\_p:** For testing inner mode.

**\mode\_if\_inner:TF**

```

2303 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \mode_if_inner: { p , T , F , TF }
2304 { \if_mode_inner: \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }

```

(End definition for \mode\_if\_inner: These functions are documented on page 43.)

**\mode\_if\_math\_p:** For testing math mode. At the beginning of an alignment cell, the programmer should insert \scan\_align\_safe\_stop: before the test.

**\mode\_if\_math:TF**

```

2305 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \mode_if_math: { p , T , F , TF }
2306 { \if_mode_math: \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }

```

(End definition for \mode\_if\_math: These functions are 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.

```

2307 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \group_align_safe_begin:
2308   { \if_int_compare:w \if_false: { \fi: ‘} = \c_zero \fi: }
2309 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \group_align_safe_end:
2310   { \if_int_compare:w ‘{ = \c_zero } \fi: }
(End definition for \group_align_safe_begin: and \group_align_safe_end:)
```

`\scan_align_safe_stop:` When T<sub>E</sub>X is in the beginning of an align cell (right after the `\cr` or `&`) it is in a somewhat strange mode as it is looking ahead to find an `\omit` or `\noalign` and hasn’t looked at the preamble yet. Thus an `\ifmmode` test at the start of an array cell (where math mode is introduced by the preamble, not in the cell itself) will always fail unless we stop T<sub>E</sub>X from scanning ahead. With  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X’s first version, this required inserting `\scan_stop:`, but not in all cases (see below). This is no longer needed with a newer  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X, since protected macros are not expanded anymore at the beginning of an alignment cell. We can thus use an empty protected macro to stop T<sub>E</sub>X.

```

2311 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \scan_align_safe_stop: { }
```

Let us now explain the earlier version. We don’t want to insert a `\scan_stop:` every time as that will destroy kerning between letters<sup>3</sup> Unfortunately there is no way to detect if we’re in the beginning of an alignment cell as they have different characteristics depending on column number, *etc.* However we *can* detect if we’re in an alignment cell by checking the current group type and we can also check if the previous node was a character or ligature. What is done here is that `\scan_stop:` is only inserted if an only if a) we’re in the outer part of an alignment cell and b) the last node *wasn’t* a char node or a ligature node. Thus an older definition here was

```

\cs_new_nopar:Npn \scan_align_safe_stop:
{
  \int_compare:nNnT \etex_currentgrouptype:D = \c_six
  {
    \int_compare:nNnF \etex_lastnodetype:D = \c_zero
    {
```

---

<sup>3</sup>Unless we enforce an extra pass with an appropriate value of `\pretolerance`.

```

\int_compare:nNnF \etex_lastnodetype:D = \c_seven
{ \scan_stop: }
}
}
}

```

However, this is not truly expandable, as there are places where the `\scan_stop:` ends up in the result.

(End definition for `\scan_align_safe_stop:`)

2312 `<@@=prg>`

```

\__prg_variable_get_scope:N
\__prg_variable_get_scope:w
\__prg_variable_get_type:N
\__prg_variable_get_type:w

```

Expandable functions to find the type of a variable, and to return `g` if the variable is global. The trick for `\__prg_variable_get_scope:N` is the same as that in `\__cs_split_function:NN`, but it can be simplified as the requirements here are less complex.

```

2313 \group_begin:
2314 \tex_lccode:D '*' = 'g \scan_stop:
2315 \tex_catcode:D '*' = \c_twelve
2316 \tl_to_lowercase:n
2317 {
2318 \group_end:
2319 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_variable_get_scope:N #1
2320 {
2321 \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
2322 \exp_after:wN \__prg_variable_get_scope:w
2323 \cs_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f: \q_stop
2324 }
2325 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_variable_get_scope:w #1#2 \q_stop
2326 { \token_if_eq_meaning:NNT * #1 { g } }
2327 }
2328 \group_begin:
2329 \tex_lccode:D '*' = '_' \scan_stop:
2330 \tex_catcode:D '*' = \c_twelve
2331 \tl_to_lowercase:n
2332 {
2333 \group_end:
2334 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_variable_get_type:N #1
2335 {
2336 \exp_after:wN \__prg_variable_get_type:w
2337 \token_to_str:N #1 * a \q_stop
2338 }
2339 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_variable_get_type:w #1 * #2#3 \q_stop
2340 {
2341 \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF a #2
2342 {#1}
2343 { \__prg_variable_get_type:w #2#3 \q_stop }
2344 }
2345 }

```

(End definition for `\__prg_variable_get_scope:N` This function is documented on page 44.)

`\g__prg_map_int` A nesting counter for mapping.

2346 `\int_new:N \g__prg_map_int`

(End definition for `\g__prg_map_int` This variable is documented on page 45.)

`\__prg_break_point:Nn` These are defined in `l3basics`, as they are needed “early”. This is just a reminder that  
`\__prg_map_break:Nn` that is the case!

(End definition for `\__prg_break_point:Nn` This function is documented on page 45.)

`\__prg_break_point:` Also done in `l3basics` as in format mode these are needed within `l3alloc`.

`\__prg_break:` (End definition for `\__prg_break_point:` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\__prg_break:n`

## 5.9 Deprecated functions

These were deprecated on 2012-02-08, and will be removed entirely by 2012-05-31.

`\prg_define_quicksort:nnn` #1 is the name, #2 and #3 are the tokens enclosing the argument. For the somewhat strange `<clist>` type which doesn’t enclose the items but uses a separator we define it by hand afterwards. When doing the first pass, the algorithm wraps all elements in braces and then uses a generic quicksort which works on token lists.

As an example

`\prg_define_quicksort:nnn{seq}{\seq_elt:w}{\seq_elt_end:w}`

defines the user function `\seq_quicksort:n` and furthermore expects to use the two functions `\seq_quicksort_compare:nnTF` which compares the items and `\seq_quicksort_function:n` which is placed before each sorted item. It is up to the programmer to define these functions when needed. For the `seq` type a sequence is a token list variable, so one additionally has to define

`\cs_set_nopar:Npn \seq_quicksort:N{\exp_args:No\seq_quicksort:n}`

For details on the implementation see “Sorting in T<sub>E</sub>X’s Mouth” by Bernd Raichle. Firstly we define the function for parsing the initial list and then the braced list afterwards.

```

2347 <*deprecated>
2348 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prg_define_quicksort:nnn #1#2#3 {
2349   \cs_set:cpx{#1_quicksort:n}##1{
2350     \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_start_partition:w} ##1
2351     \exp_not:n{#2\q_nil#3\q_stop}
2352   }
2353   \cs_set:cpx{#1_quicksort_braced:n}##1{
2354     \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_start_partition_braced:n} ##1
2355     \exp_not:N\q_nil\exp_not:N\q_stop
2356   }
2357   \cs_set:cpx {#1_quicksort_start_partition:w} #2 ##1 #3{
2358     \exp_not:N \quark_if_nil:nT {##1}\exp_not:N \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
2359     \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_do_partition_i:nnnw} {##1}{-}{-}
2360   }
2361   \cs_set:cpx {#1_quicksort_start_partition_braced:n} ##1 {

```

```

2362     \exp_not:N \quark_if_nil:nT {##1}\exp_not:N \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
2363     \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_do_partition_i_braced:nnnn} {##1}{\{}}
2364   }
2365 </deprecated>

```

Now for doing the partitions.

```

2366 <*deprecated>
2367   \cs_set:cpx {#1_quicksort_do_partition_i:nnnw} ##1##2##3 #2 ##4 #3 {
2368     \exp_not:N \quark_if_nil:nTF {##4} \exp_not:c {#1_do_quicksort_braced:nnnnw}
2369     {
2370       \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_compare:nnTF}{##1}{##4}
2371       \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_partition_greater_ii:nnnn}
2372       \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_partition_less_ii:nnnn}
2373     }
2374     {##1}{##2}{##3}{##4}
2375   }
2376   \cs_set:cpx {#1_quicksort_do_partition_i_braced:nnnn} ##1##2##3##4 {
2377     \exp_not:N \quark_if_nil:nTF {##4} \exp_not:c {#1_do_quicksort_braced:nnnnw}
2378     {
2379       \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_compare:nnTF}{##1}{##4}
2380       \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_partition_greater_ii_braced:nnnn}
2381       \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_partition_less_ii_braced:nnnn}
2382     }
2383     {##1}{##2}{##3}{##4}
2384   }
2385   \cs_set:cpx {#1_quicksort_do_partition_ii:nnnw} ##1##2##3 #2 ##4 #3 {
2386     \exp_not:N \quark_if_nil:nTF {##4} \exp_not:c {#1_do_quicksort_braced:nnnnw}
2387     {
2388       \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_compare:nnTF}{##4}{##1}
2389       \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_partition_less_i:nnnn}
2390       \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_partition_greater_i:nnnn}
2391     }
2392     {##1}{##2}{##3}{##4}
2393   }
2394   \cs_set:cpx {#1_quicksort_do_partition_ii_braced:nnnn} ##1##2##3##4 {
2395     \exp_not:N \quark_if_nil:nTF {##4} \exp_not:c {#1_do_quicksort_braced:nnnnw}
2396     {
2397       \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_compare:nnTF}{##4}{##1}
2398       \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_partition_less_i_braced:nnnn}
2399       \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_partition_greater_i_braced:nnnn}
2400     }
2401     {##1}{##2}{##3}{##4}
2402   }
2403 </deprecated>

```

This part of the code handles the two branches in each sorting. Again we will also have to do it braced.

```

2404 <*deprecated>
2405   \cs_set:cpx {#1_quicksort_partition_less_i:nnnn} ##1##2##3##4{
2406     \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_do_partition_i:nnnw}{##1}{##2}{##4}{##3}}

```

```

2407 \cs_set:cpx {#1_quicksort_partition_less_ii:nnnn} ##1##2##3##4{
2408   \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_do_partition_ii:nnnw}{##1}{##2}{##3{##4}}}
2409 \cs_set:cpx {#1_quicksort_partition_greater_i:nnnn} ##1##2##3##4{
2410   \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_do_partition_i:nnnw}{##1}{##4##2}{##3}}
2411 \cs_set:cpx {#1_quicksort_partition_greater_ii:nnnn} ##1##2##3##4{
2412   \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_do_partition_ii:nnnw}{##1}{##2{##4}}{##3}}
2413 \cs_set:cpx {#1_quicksort_partition_less_i_braced:nnnn} ##1##2##3##4{
2414   \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_do_partition_i_braced:nnnn}{##1}{##2}{##4##3}}
2415 \cs_set:cpx {#1_quicksort_partition_less_ii_braced:nnnn} ##1##2##3##4{
2416   \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_do_partition_ii_braced:nnnn}{##1}{##2}{##3{##4}}}
2417 \cs_set:cpx {#1_quicksort_partition_greater_i_braced:nnnn} ##1##2##3##4{
2418   \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_do_partition_i_braced:nnnn}{##1}{##4##2}{##3}}
2419 \cs_set:cpx {#1_quicksort_partition_greater_ii_braced:nnnn} ##1##2##3##4{
2420   \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_do_partition_ii_braced:nnnn}{##1}{##2{##4}}{##3}}
2421 </deprecated>

```

Finally, the big kahuna! This is where the sub-lists are sorted.

```

2422 <*deprecated>
2423 \cs_set:cpx {#1_do_quicksort_braced:nnnnw} ##1##2##3##4\q_stop {
2424   \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_braced:n}{##2}
2425   \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_function:n}{##1}
2426   \exp_not:c{#1_quicksort_braced:n}{##3}
2427 }
2428 }
2429 </deprecated>

```

(End definition for \prg\_define\_quicksort:nnn)

\prg\_quicksort:n A simple version. Sorts a list of tokens, uses the function \prg\_quicksort\_compare:nnTF to compare items, and places the function \prg\_quicksort\_function:n in front of each of them.

```

2430 <*deprecated>
2431 \prg_define_quicksort:nnn {prg}{-}{-}
2432 </deprecated>

```

(End definition for \prg\_quicksort:n This function is documented on page ??.)

\prg\_quicksort\_function:n  
\prg\_quicksort\_compare:nnTF

```

2433 <*deprecated>
2434 \cs_set:Npn \prg_quicksort_function:n {\ERROR}
2435 \cs_set:Npn \prg_quicksort_compare:nnTF {\ERROR}
2436 </deprecated>

```

(End definition for \prg\_quicksort\_function:n This function is documented on page ??.)

These were deprecated on 2011-05-27 and will be removed entirely by 2011-08-31.

\prg\_new\_map\_functions:Nn As we have restructured the structured variables, these are no longer needed.

\prg\_set\_map\_functions:Nn

```

2437 <*deprecated>
2438 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prg_new_map_functions:Nn #1#2 { \deprecated }
2439 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prg_set_map_functions:Nn #1#2 { \deprecated }
2440 </deprecated>

```

(End definition for \prg\_new\_map\_functions:Nn This function is documented on page ??.)

Deprecated 2012-06-03 for removal after 2012-12-31.

```
\prg_case_int:nnn Moved to more sensible modules.
\prg_case_str:nnn 2441 \cs_new_eq:NN \prg_case_int:nnn \int_case:nnn
\prg_case_str:onn 2442 \cs_new_eq:NN \prg_case_str:nnn \str_case:nnn
\prg_case_str:xxn 2443 \cs_new_eq:NN \prg_case_str:onn \str_case:onn
\prg_case_tl:Nnn 2444 \cs_new_eq:NN \prg_case_str:xxn \str_case_x:nnn
\prg_case_tl:cnn 2445 \cs_new_eq:NN \prg_case_tl:Nnn \tl_case:Nnn
2446 \cs_new_eq:NN \prg_case_tl:cnn \tl_case:cnn
```

(End definition for \prg\_case\_int:nnn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

Deprecated 2012-06-04 for removal after 2012-12-31.

```
\prg_stepwise_function:nnnN
\prg_stepwise_inline:nnnn 2447 \cs_new_eq:NN \prg_stepwise_function:nnnN \int_step_function:nnnN
\prg_stepwise_variable:nnnNn 2448 \cs_new_eq:NN \prg_stepwise_inline:nnnn \int_step_inline:nnnn
2449 \cs_new_eq:NN \prg_stepwise_variable:nnnNn \int_step_variable:nnnNn
(End definition for \prg_stepwise_function:nnnN, \prg_stepwise_inline:nnnn, and \prg_stepwise_variable:nnnNn
These functions are documented on page ??.)
2450 \</initex | package>
```

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The following test files are used for this code: m3quark001.lvt.

```
2451 \*initex | package>
2452 \*package>
2453 \ProvidesExplPackage
2454 { \ExplFileName } { \ExplFileDate } { \ExplFileVersion } { \ExplFileDescription }
2455 \__expl_package_check:
2456 \</package>
```

### 6.1 Quarks

**\quark\_new:N** Allocate a new quark.

```
2457 \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 47.)

**\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**  
**\q\_stop**

```
2458 \quark_new:N \q_nil
2459 \quark_new:N \q_mark
2460 \quark_new:N \q_no_value
2461 \quark_new:N \q_stop
```

(End definition for \q\_nil and others. These variables are documented on page 47.)

`\q_recursion_tail` Quarks for ending recursions. Only ever used there! `\q_recursion_tail` is appended to 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.

```
2462 \quark_new:N \q_recursion_tail
2463 \quark_new:N \q_recursion_stop
```

*(End definition for `\q_recursion_tail` and `\q_recursion_stop` These variables are documented on page 48.)*

`\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N` 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 wrapped 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.

```
2464 \cs_new:Npn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N #1
2465 {
2466   \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #1
2467   \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
2468   \fi:
2469 }
2470 \cs_new:Npn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:Nn #1
2471 {
2472   \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #1
2473   \exp_after:wN \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw
2474   \else:
2475     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
2476   \fi:
2477 }
```

*(End definition for `\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N` This function is documented on page 49.)*

`\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n` The same idea applies when testing multiple tokens, but here we just compare the token list to `\q_recursion_tail` as a string.

```
\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:o
\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn
\quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:on
2478 \cs_new:Npn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n #1
2479 {
2480   \if_int_compare:w \pdfTeX_strcmp:D
2481     { \exp_not:N \q_recursion_tail } { \exp_not:n {#1} } = \c_zero
2482   \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:w
2483   \fi:
2484 }
2485 \cs_new:Npn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop_do:nn #1
2486 {
2487   \if_int_compare:w \pdfTeX_strcmp:D
2488     { \exp_not:N \q_recursion_tail } { \exp_not:n {#1} } = \c_zero
2489   \exp_after:wN \use_i_delimit_by_q_recursion_stop:nw
2490   \else:
2491     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
2492   \fi:
```



```

2493 }
2494 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n { o }
2495 \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 ??.)

`\_quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN` Analogs of the \quark\_if\_recursion\_tail\_stop... functions. Break the mapping using #2.

```

2496 \cs_new:Npn \_quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN #1#2
2497 {
2498   \if_meaning:w \q_recursion_tail #1
2499   \exp_after:wN #2
2500   \fi:
2501 }
2502 \cs_new:Npn \_quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN #1#2
2503 {
2504   \if_int_compare:w \pdfstrcmp{D
2505     { \exp_not:N \q_recursion_tail } { \exp_not:n {#1} } = \c_zero
2506     \exp_after:wN #2
2507   \fi:
2508 }

```

(End definition for \\_quark\_if\_recursion\_tail\_break:NN This function is documented on page ??.)

`\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:N $\underline{TF}$`  \q\_no\_value as the first argument since the whole thing may otherwise loop if #1 is  
`\quark_if_no_value_p:N` wrongly given a string like aabc instead of a single token.<sup>4</sup>

```

\quark_if_no_value_p:c 2509 \prg_new_conditional:Nnn \quark_if_nil:N { p, T , F , TF }
\quark_if_no_value:N $\underline{TF}$  2510 {
\quark_if_no_value:c $\underline{TF}$  2511   \if_meaning:w \q_nil #1
2512   \prg_return_true:
2513   \else:
2514   \prg_return_false:
2515   \fi:
2516 }
2517 \prg_new_conditional:Nnn \quark_if_no_value:N { p, T , F , TF }
2518 {
2519   \if_meaning:w \q_no_value #1
2520   \prg_return_true:
2521   \else:
2522   \prg_return_false:
2523   \fi:
2524 }
2525 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_no_value_p:N { c }
2526 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_no_value:NT { c }
2527 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_no_value:NF { c }
2528 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_no_value:NTF { c }

```

(End definition for \quark\_if\_nil:N These functions are documented on page ??.)

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<sup>4</sup>It may still loop in special circumstances however!

`\quark_if_nil_p:n` These are essentially `\str_if_eq:nn` tests but done directly.

```

2529 \prg_new_conditional:Nnn \quark_if_nil:n { p, T , F , TF }
2530 {
2531   \if_int_compare:w \pdfTeX_strcmp:D
2532   { \exp_not:N \q_nil } { \exp_not:n {#1} } = \c_zero
2533   \prg_return_true:
2534   \else:
2535     \prg_return_false:
2536   \fi:
2537 }
2538 \prg_new_conditional:Nnn \quark_if_no_value:n { p, T , F , TF }
2539 {
2540   \if_int_compare:w \pdfTeX_strcmp:D
2541   { \exp_not:N \q_no_value } { \exp_not:n {#1} } = \c_zero
2542   \prg_return_true:
2543   \else:
2544     \prg_return_false:
2545   \fi:
2546 }
2547 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_nil_p:n { V , o }
2548 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_nil:nTF { V , o }
2549 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_nil:nT { V , o }
2550 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \quark_if_nil:nF { V , o }

```

(End definition for `\quark_if_nil:n`, `\quark_if_nil:V`, and `\quark_if_nil:o` These functions are documented on page 48.)

`\q__tl_act_mark` These private quarks are needed by `l3tl`, but that is loaded before the quark module, hence their definition is deferred.

```

2551 \quark_new:N \q__tl_act_mark
2552 \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

```

2553 <@@=scan>

```

`\g__scan_marks_tl` The list of all scan marks currently declared.

```

2554 \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.

```

2555 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__scan_new:N #1
2556 {
2557   \tl_if_in:NnTF \g__scan_marks_tl { #1 }
2558   {
2559     \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { scanmark-already-defined }
2560     { \token_to_str:N #1 }
2561   }

```

```

2562     {
2563         \tl_gput_right:Nn \g__scan_marks_tl {#1}
2564         \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \scan_stop:
2565     }
2566 }
(End definition for \__scan_new:N)

```

**\s\_stop** We only declare one scan mark here, more can be defined by specific modules.

```

2567 \__scan_new:N \s_stop
(End definition for \s_stop This variable is documented on page 51.)

```

**\\_use\_none\_delimit\_by\_s\_stop:w** Similar to \use\_none\_delimit\_by\_q\_stop:w.

```

2568 \cs_new:Npn \_use_none_delimit_by_s_stop:w #1 \s_stop { }
(End definition for \_use_none_delimit_by_s_stop:w)

```

## 6.3 Deprecated quark functions

\quark\_if\_recursion\_tail\_break:N It's not clear what breaking function we should be using here, so I'm picking one somewhat arbitrarily.

```

2569 \cs_new:Npn \quark_if_recursion_tail_break:N #1
2570 { \_quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN #1 \prg_break: }
2571 \cs_new:Npn \quark_if_recursion_tail_break:n #1
2572 { \_quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN {#1} \prg_break: }
(End definition for \quark_if_recursion_tail_break:N and \quark_if_recursion_tail_break:n These
functions are documented on page ??.)
2573 </initex | package>

```

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```

2574 <*initex | package>
2575 <@@=token>
2576 <*package>
2577 \ProvidesExplPackage
2578 { \ExplFileName } { \ExplFileDate } { \ExplFileVersion } { \ExplFileDescription }
2579 \__expl_package_check:
2580 </package>

```

### 7.1 Character tokens

Category code changes.

```

\char_set_catcode:nn
\char_value_catcode:n
\char_show_value_catcode:n
2581 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode:nn #1#2
2582 { \tex_catcode:D #1 = \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end: }
2583 \cs_new:Npn \char_value_catcode:n #1
2584 { \tex_the:D \tex_catcode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
2585 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_show_value_catcode:n #1
2586 { \tex_showthe:D \tex_catcode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
(End definition for \char_set_catcode:nn This function is documented on page 54.)

```

```

\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

2587 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_escape:N #1
2588 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_zero }
2589 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_group_begin:N #1
2590 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_one }
2591 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_group_end:N #1
2592 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_two }
2593 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_toggle:N #1
2594 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_three }
2595 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_alignment:N #1
2596 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_four }
2597 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_end_line:N #1
2598 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_five }
2599 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_parameter:N #1
2600 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_six }
2601 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:N #1
2602 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_seven }
2603 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:N #1
2604 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_eight }
2605 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_ignore:N #1
2606 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_nine }
2607 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_space:N #1
2608 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_ten }
2609 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_letter:N #1
2610 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_eleven }
2611 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_other:N #1
2612 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_twelve }
2613 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_active:N #1
2614 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_thirteen }
2615 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_comment:N #1
2616 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_fourteen }
2617 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_invalid:N #1
2618 { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_fifteen }

```

(End definition for `\char_set_catcode_escape:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 53.)

```

\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

2619 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_escape:n #1
2620 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_zero }
2621 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_group_begin:n #1
2622 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_one }
2623 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_group_end:n #1
2624 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_two }
2625 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_toggle:n #1
2626 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_three }
2627 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_alignment:n #1
2628 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_four }
2629 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_end_line:n #1
2630 { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_five }

```

```

2631 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_parameter:n #1
2632   { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_six }
2633 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:n #1
2634   { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_seven }
2635 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:n #1
2636   { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_eight }
2637 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_ignore:n #1
2638   { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_nine }
2639 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_space:n #1
2640   { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_ten }
2641 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_letter:n #1
2642   { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_eleven }
2643 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_other:n #1
2644   { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_twelve }
2645 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_active:n #1
2646   { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_thirteen }
2647 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_comment:n #1
2648   { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_fourteen }
2649 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_catcode_invalid:n #1
2650   { \char_set_catcode:nn {#1} \c_fifteen }

```

(End definition for `\char_set_catcode_escape:n` and others. These functions are documented on page 53.)

```

\char_set_mathcode:nn
\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

```

Pretty repetitive, but necessary!

```

2651 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_mathcode:nn #1#2
2652   { \tex_mathcode:D #1 = \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end: }
2653 \cs_new:Npn \char_value_mathcode:n #1
2654   { \tex_the:D \tex_mathcode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
2655 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_show_value_mathcode:n #1
2656   { \tex_showthe:D \tex_mathcode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
2657 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_lccode:nn #1#2
2658   { \tex_lccode:D #1 = \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end: }
2659 \cs_new:Npn \char_value_lccode:n #1
2660   { \tex_the:D \tex_lccode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
2661 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_show_value_lccode:n #1
2662   { \tex_showthe:D \tex_lccode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
2663 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_uccode:nn #1#2
2664   { \tex_uccode:D #1 = \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end: }
2665 \cs_new:Npn \char_value_uccode:n #1
2666   { \tex_the:D \tex_uccode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
2667 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_show_value_uccode:n #1
2668   { \tex_showthe:D \tex_uccode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
2669 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_set_sfcode:nn #1#2
2670   { \tex_sfcode:D #1 = \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end: }
2671 \cs_new:Npn \char_value_sfcode:n #1
2672   { \tex_the:D \tex_sfcode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
2673 \cs_new_protected:Npn \char_show_value_sfcode:n #1
2674   { \tex_showthe:D \tex_sfcode:D \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }

```

(End definition for `\char_set_mathcode:nn` This function is documented on page 56.)

## 7.2 Generic tokens

`\token_to_meaning:N` These are all defined in `l3basics`, as they are needed “early”. This is just a reminder that  
`\token_to_meaning:c` that is the case!  
`\token_to_str:N` (*End definition for `\token_to_meaning:N` and `\token_to_meaning:c` These functions are documented on*  
`\token_to_str:c` *page ??.*)

`\token_new:Nn` Creates a new token.

```
2675 \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 56.)
```

`\c_group_begin_token` We define these useful tokens. We have to do it by hand with the brace tokens for obvious  
`\c_group_end_token` reasons.

```
2676 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_group_begin_token {
2677 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_group_end_token }
2678 \group_begin:
2679 \char_set_catcode_math_toggle:N \*
2680 \token_new:Nn \c_math_toggle_token { * }
2681 \char_set_catcode_alignment:N \*
2682 \token_new:Nn \c_alignment_token { * }
2683 \token_new:Nn \c_parameter_token { # }
2684 \token_new:Nn \c_math_superscript_token { ^ }
2685 \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:N \*
2686 \token_new:Nn \c_math_subscript_token { * }
2687 \token_new:Nn \c_space_token { ~ }
2688 \token_new:Nn \c_catcode_letter_token { a }
2689 \token_new:Nn \c_catcode_other_token { 1 }
2690 \group_end:
```

*(End definition for `\c_group_begin_token` and others. These functions are documented on page 57.)*

`\c_catcode_active_tl` Not an implicit token!

```
2691 \group_begin:
2692 \char_set_catcode_active:N \*
2693 \tl_const:Nn \c_catcode_active_tl { \exp_not:N * }
2694 \group_end:
```

*(End definition for `\c_catcode_active_tl` This variable is documented on page 57.)*

`\l_char_active_seq` Two sequences for dealing with special characters. The first is characters which may  
`\l_char_special_seq` 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`.

```
2695 \seq_new:N \l_char_active_seq
2696 \use:n
2697 {
2698 \group_begin:
2699 \char_set_catcode_active:N \"
2700 \char_set_catcode_active:N \$
```

```

2701 \char_set_catcode_active:N \&
2702 \char_set_catcode_active:N \^
2703 \char_set_catcode_active:N \_
2704 \char_set_catcode_active:N \~
2705 \use:nn
2706 {
2707   \group_end:
2708   \seq_set_split:Nnn \l_char_active_seq { }
2709 }
2710 }
2711 { { " $ & ^ _ ~ } } %$
2712 \seq_new:N \l_char_special_seq
2713 \seq_set_split:Nnn \l_char_special_seq { }
2714 { \ \ " \# \$ \% \& \ \ ^ \_ \{ \} \~ }

```

(End definition for `\l_char_active_seq` and `\l_char_special_seq` These variables are documented on page 56.)

### 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.  
`\token_if_group_begin:N $\underline{TF}$`

```

2715 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_group_begin:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2716 {
2717   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_group_begin_token
2718   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
2719 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_group_begin:N` These functions are documented on page 57.)

`\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:N $\underline{TF}$`

```

2720 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_group_end:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2721 {
2722   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_group_end_token
2723   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
2724 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_group_end:N` These functions are documented on page 58.)

`\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:N $\underline{TF}$`

```

2725 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_math_toggle:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2726 {
2727   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_math_toggle_token
2728   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
2729 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_math_toggle:N` These functions are documented on page 58.)

`\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:N $\underline{TF}$`

```

2730 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_alignment:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }

```

```

2731 {
2732   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_alignment_token
2733   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
2734 }

```

(End definition for \token\_if\_alignment:N These functions are documented on page 58.)

**\token\_if\_parameter\_p:N** Check if token is a parameter token. We use the constant \c\_parameter\_token for this.  
**\token\_if\_parameter:N $\overline{TF}$**  We have to trick T<sub>E</sub>X 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.

```

2735 \group_begin:
2736 \cs_set_eq:NN \c_parameter_token \scan_stop:
2737 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_parameter:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2738 {
2739   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_parameter_token
2740   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
2741 }
2742 \group_end:

```

(End definition for \token\_if\_parameter:N These functions are documented on page 58.)

**\token\_if\_math\_superscript\_p:N** Check if token is a math superscript token. We use the constant \c\_math\_superscript\_token for this.  
**\token\_if\_math\_superscript:N $\overline{TF}$**

```

2743 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_math_superscript:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2744 {
2745   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_math_superscript_token
2746   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
2747 }

```

(End definition for \token\_if\_math\_superscript:N These functions are documented on page 58.)

**\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:N $\overline{TF}$**

```

2748 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_math_subscript:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2749 {
2750   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_math_subscript_token
2751   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
2752 }

```

(End definition for \token\_if\_math\_subscript:N These functions are documented on page 58.)

**\token\_if\_space\_p:N** Check if token is a space token. We use the constant \c\_space\_token for this.  
**\token\_if\_space:N $\overline{TF}$**

```

2753 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_space:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2754 {
2755   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_space_token
2756   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
2757 }

```

(End definition for \token\_if\_space:N These functions are documented on page 58.)



`\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:N $\underline{TF}$`

```

2758 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_letter:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2759 {
2760   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_catcode_letter_token
2761   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
2762 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_letter:N` These functions are documented on page 59.)

`\token_if_other_p:N` Check if token is an other char token. We use the constant `\c_catcode_other_token`

`\token_if_other:N $\underline{TF}$`  for this.

```

2763 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_other:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2764 {
2765   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_catcode_other_token
2766   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
2767 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_other:N` These functions are documented on page 59.)

`\token_if_active_p:N` Check if token is an active char token. We use the constant `\c_catcode_active_tl` for

`\token_if_active:N $\underline{TF}$`  this. A technical point is that `\c_catcode_active_tl` is in fact a macro expanding to `\exp_not:N *`, where `*` is active.

```

2768 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_active:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2769 {
2770   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \c_catcode_active_tl
2771   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
2772 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_active:N` These functions are documented on page 59.)

`\token_if_eq_meaning_p:NN` Check if the tokens #1 and #2 have same meaning.

`\token_if_eq_meaning:NN $\underline{TF}$`

```

2773 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_eq_meaning:NN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
2774 {
2775   \if_meaning:w #1 #2
2776   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
2777 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_eq_meaning:NN` These functions are documented on page 59.)

`\token_if_eq_catcode_p:NN` Check if the tokens #1 and #2 have same category code.

`\token_if_eq_catcode:NN $\underline{TF}$`

```

2778 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_eq_catcode:NN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
2779 {
2780   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \exp_not:N #2
2781   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
2782 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_eq_catcode:NN` These functions are documented on page 59.)

`\token_if_eq_charcode_p:NN` Check if the tokens #1 and #2 have same character code.

`\token_if_eq_charcode:NN $\underline{TF}$`

```

2783 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_eq_charcode:NN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
2784 {
2785   \if_charcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \exp_not:N #2
2786   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
2787 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_eq_charcode:NN` These functions are documented on page 59.)

`\token_if_macro_p:N` When a token is a macro, `\token_to_meaning:N` will always output something like  
`\token_if_macro:NTF` `\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), and we achieve using the standard lowercasing technique.

```

2788 \group_begin:
2789 \char_set_catcode_other:N \M
2790 \char_set_catcode_other:N \A
2791 \char_set_lccode:nn { '\; } { '\: }
2792 \char_set_lccode:nn { '\T } { '\T }
2793 \char_set_lccode:nn { '\F } { '\F }
2794 \tl_to_lowercase:n
2795 {
2796   \group_end:
2797   \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_macro:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2798   {
2799     \exp_after:wN \__token_if_macro_p:w
2800     \token_to_meaning:N #1 MA; \q_stop
2801   }
2802   \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_macro_p:w #1 MA #2 ; #3 \q_stop
2803   {
2804     \if_int_compare:w \pdfTeX_strcmp:D { #2 } { cro } = \c_zero
2805       \prg_return_true:
2806     \else:
2807       \prg_return_false:
2808     \fi:
2809   }
2810 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_macro:N` These functions are documented on page 59.)

`\token_if_cs_p:N` Check if token has same catcode as a control sequence. This follows the same pattern as  
`\token_if_cs:N` for `\token_if_letter:N` etc. We use `\scan_stop:` for this.

```

2811 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_cs:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2812 {
2813   \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #1 \scan_stop:
2814     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:

```

```
2815 }
```

(End definition for `\token_if_cs:N` These functions are documented on page 59.)

```
\token_if_expandable_p:N
\token_if_expandable:N $\underline{TF}$ 
```

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).

```
2816 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_expandable:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2817 {
2818   \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_not:N #1 #1
2819   \prg_return_false:
2820   \else:
2821     \if_cs_exist:N #1
2822     \prg_return_true:
2823     \else:
2824       \prg_return_false:
2825     \fi:
2826   \fi:
2827 }
```

(End definition for `\token_if_expandable:N` These functions are documented on page 59.)

```
\token_if_chardef_p:N
\token_if_mathchardef_p:N
\token_if_dim_register_p:N
\token_if_int_register_p:N
```

Most of these functions have to check the meaning of the token in question so we need to do some checkups on which characters are output by `\token_to_meaning:N`. As usual, these characters have catcode 12 so we must do some serious substitutions in the code below...

```
2828 \group_begin:
2829   \char_set_lccode:nn { 'T } { 'T }
2830   \char_set_lccode:nn { 'F } { 'F }
2831   \char_set_lccode:nn { 'X } { 'n }
2832   \char_set_lccode:nn { 'Y } { 't }
2833   \char_set_lccode:nn { 'Z } { 'd }
2834   \tl_map_inline:nn { A C E G H I K L M O P R S U X Y Z R " }
2835     { \char_set_catcode:nn { '#1 } \c_twelve }
```

We convert the token list to lower case and restore the catcode and lowercase code changes.

```
2836 \tl_to_lowercase:n
2837 {
2838   \group_end:
```

First up is checking if something has been defined with `\chardef` or `\mathchardef`. This is easy since T<sub>E</sub>X thinks of such tokens as hexadecimal so it stores them as `\char"⟨hex number⟩` or `\mathchar"⟨hex number⟩`. Grab until the first occurrence of `char"`, and compare what preceeds with `\` or `\math`. In fact, the escape character may not be a backslash, so we compare with the result of converting some other control sequence to a string, namely `\char` or `\mathchar` (the auxiliary adds the `char` back).

```
2839 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_chardef:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2840 {
2841   \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn
```

```
\_token_if_chardef:w
\_token_if_dim_register:w
\_token_if_int_register:w
\_token_if_muskip_register:w
\_token_if_skip_register:w
\_token_if_toks_register:w
\_token_if_protected_macro:w
\_token_if_long_macro:w
```

```

2842     {
2843       \exp_after:wN \__token_if_chardef:w
2844       \token_to_meaning:N #1 CHAR" \q_stop
2845     }
2846     { \token_to_str:N \char }
2847   }
2848 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_mathchardef:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2849 {
2850   \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn
2851   {
2852     \exp_after:wN \__token_if_chardef:w
2853     \token_to_meaning:N #1 CHAR" \q_stop
2854   }
2855   { \token_to_str:N \mathchar }
2856 }
2857 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_chardef:w #1 CHAR" #2 \q_stop { #1 CHAR }

```

Dim registers are a little more difficult since their `\meaning` has the form `\dimen⟨number⟩`, and we must take care of the two primitives `\dimen` and `\dimendef`.

```

2858 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_dim_register:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2859 {
2860   \if_meaning:w \tex_dimen:D #1
2861   \prg_return_false:
2862   \else:
2863     \if_meaning:w \tex_dimendef:D #1
2864     \prg_return_false:
2865     \else:
2866       \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn
2867       {
2868         \exp_after:wN \__token_if_dim_register:w
2869         \token_to_meaning:N #1 ZIMEX \q_stop
2870       }
2871       { \token_to_str:N \ }
2872     \fi:
2873   \fi:
2874 }
2875 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_dim_register:w #1 ZIMEX #2 \q_stop { #1 ~ }

```

Integer registers are one step harder since constants are implemented differently from variables, and we also have to take care of the primitives `\count` and `\countdef`.

```

2876 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_int_register:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2877 {
2878   % \token_if_chardef:NTF #1 { \prg_return_true: }
2879   % {
2880   %   \token_if_mathchardef:NTF #1 { \prg_return_true: }
2881   %   {
2882     \if_meaning:w \tex_count:D #1
2883     \prg_return_false:
2884     \else:
2885       \if_meaning:w \tex_countdef:D #1

```

```

2886         \prg_return_false:
2887     \else:
2888         \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn
2889         {
2890             \exp_after:wN \__token_if_int_register:w
2891             \token_to_meaning:N #1 COUXY \q_stop
2892         }
2893         { \token_to_str:N \ }
2894     \fi:
2895 \fi:
2896 %     }
2897 % }
2898 }
2899 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_int_register:w #1 COUXY #2 \q_stop { #1 ~ }

```

Muskip registers are done the same way as the dimension registers.

```

2900 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_muskip_register:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2901 {
2902     \if_meaning:w \tex_muskip:D #1
2903     \prg_return_false:
2904 \else:
2905     \if_meaning:w \tex_muskipdef:D #1
2906     \prg_return_false:
2907 \else:
2908     \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn
2909     {
2910         \exp_after:wN \__token_if_muskip_register:w
2911         \token_to_meaning:N #1 MUSKIP \q_stop
2912     }
2913     { \token_to_str:N \ }
2914 \fi:
2915 \fi:
2916 }
2917 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_muskip_register:w #1 MUSKIP #2 \q_stop { #1 ~ }

```

Skip registers.

```

2918 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_skip_register:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2919 {
2920     \if_meaning:w \tex_skip:D #1
2921     \prg_return_false:
2922 \else:
2923     \if_meaning:w \tex_skipdef:D #1
2924     \prg_return_false:
2925 \else:
2926     \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn
2927     {
2928         \exp_after:wN \__token_if_skip_register:w
2929         \token_to_meaning:N #1 SKIP \q_stop
2930     }
2931     { \token_to_str:N \ }
2932 \fi:

```

```

2933     \fi:
2934   }
2935   \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_skip_register:w #1 SKIP #2 \q_stop { #1 ~ }

```

Toks registers.

```

2936   \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_toks_register:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2937   {
2938     \if_meaning:w \tex_toks:D #1
2939     \prg_return_false:
2940   \else:
2941     \if_meaning:w \tex_toksdef:D #1
2942     \prg_return_false:
2943   \else:
2944     \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn
2945     {
2946       \exp_after:wN \__token_if_toks_register:w
2947       \token_to_meaning:N #1 YOKS \q_stop
2948     }
2949     { \token_to_str:N \ }
2950   \fi:
2951   \fi:
2952 }
2953 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_toks_register:w #1 YOKS #2 \q_stop { #1 ~ }

```

Protected macros.

```

2954   \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_protected_macro:N #1
2955   { p , T , F , TF }
2956   {
2957     \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn
2958     {
2959       \exp_after:wN \__token_if_protected_macro:w
2960       \token_to_meaning:N #1 PROVECYEZ~MACRO \q_stop
2961     }
2962     { \token_to_str:N \ }
2963   }
2964   \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_protected_macro:w
2965   #1 PROVECYEZ~MACRO #2 \q_stop { #1 ~ }

```

Long macros and protected long macros share an auxiliary.

```

2966   \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_long_macro:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2967   {
2968     \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn
2969     {
2970       \exp_after:wN \__token_if_long_macro:w
2971       \token_to_meaning:N #1 LOXG~MACRO \q_stop
2972     }
2973     { \token_to_str:N \ }
2974   }
2975   \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_protected_long_macro:N #1
2976   { p , T , F , TF }
2977   {

```

```

2978     \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn
2979     {
2980         \exp_after:wN \__token_if_long_macro:w
2981         \token_to_meaning:N #1 LOXG-MACRO \q_stop
2982     }
2983     { \token_to_str:N \protected \token_to_str:N \ }
2984 }
2985 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_long_macro:w #1 LOXG-MACRO #2 \q_stop { #1 ~ }

```

Finally the `\tl_to_lowercase:n` ends!

```

2986 }

```

(End definition for `\token_if_chardef:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 60.)

```

\token_if_primitive_p:N
\token_if_primitive:N $\textit{TF}$ 
\__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

```

We filter out macros first, because they cause endless trouble later otherwise.

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, `\c_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  $\langle letters \rangle : \langle user material \rangle$ . 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: `\c_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 `\c_undefined:D`, and if it is `"` or a digit, then the token is not a primitive.

```

2987 \tex_chardef:D \c_token_A_int = 'A ~ %
2988 \group_begin:
2989 \char_set_catcode_other:N \;
2990 \char_set_lccode:nn { '\; } { '\: }
2991 \char_set_lccode:nn { '\T } { '\T }
2992 \char_set_lccode:nn { '\F } { '\F }
2993 \tl_to_lowercase:n {
2994   \group_end:
2995   \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \token_if_primitive:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
2996   {
2997     \token_if_macro:N $\textit{TF}$  #1
2998     \prg_return_false:

```

```

2999     {
3000         \exp_after:wN \__token_if_primitive:NNw
3001         \token_to_meaning:N #1 ; ; ; \q_stop #1
3002     }
3003 }
3004 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive:NNw #1#2 #3 ; #4 \q_stop
3005 {
3006     \tl_if_empty:oTF { \__token_if_primitive_space:w #3 ~ }
3007     { \__token_if_primitive_loop:N #3 ; \q_stop }
3008     { \__token_if_primitive_nullfont:N }
3009 }
3010 }
3011 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive_space:w #1 ~ { }
3012 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive_nullfont:N #1
3013 {
3014     \if_meaning:w \tex_nullfont:D #1
3015     \prg_return_true:
3016     \else:
3017     \prg_return_false:
3018     \fi:
3019 }
3020 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive_loop:N #1
3021 {
3022     \if_int_compare:w '#1 < \c_token_A_int %
3023     \exp_after:wN \__token_if_primitive:Nw
3024     \exp_after:wN #1
3025     \else:
3026     \exp_after:wN \__token_if_primitive_loop:N
3027     \fi:
3028 }
3029 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive:Nw #1 #2 \q_stop
3030 {
3031     \if:w : #1
3032     \exp_after:wN \__token_if_primitive_undefined:N
3033     \else:
3034     \prg_return_false:
3035     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
3036     \fi:
3037 }
3038 \cs_new:Npn \__token_if_primitive_undefined:N #1
3039 {
3040     \if_cs_exist:N #1
3041     \prg_return_true:
3042     \else:
3043     \prg_return_false:
3044     \fi:
3045 }

```

(End definition for \token\_if\_primitive:N These functions are documented on page 61.)



## 7.4 Peeking ahead at the next token

3046 `<@@=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` 3047 `\cs_new_eq:NN \l_peek_token ?`

3048 `\cs_new_eq:NN \g_peek_token ?`

(End definition for `\l_peek_token` This function is documented on page 62.)

`\l__peek_search_token` The token to search for as an implicit token: cf. `\l__peek_search_tl`.

3049 `\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`.

3050 `\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` 3051 `\cs_new_nopar:Npn \__peek_true:w { }`

`\__peek_false:w` 3052 `\cs_new_nopar:Npn \__peek_true_aux:w { }`

`\__peek_tmp:w` 3053 `\cs_new_nopar:Npn \__peek_false:w { }`

3054 `\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` 3055 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \peek_after:Nw`

3056 `{ \tex_futurelet:D \l_peek_token }`

3057 `\cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \peek_gafter:Nw`

3058 `{ \tex_global:D \tex_futurelet:D \g_peek_token }`

(End definition for `\peek_after:Nw` This function is documented on page 62.)

`\__peek_true_remove:w` A function to remove the next token and then regain control.

3059 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_true_remove:w`

3060 `{`

3061 `\group_align_safe_end:`

3062 `\tex_afterassignment:D \__peek_true_aux:w`

3063 `\cs_set_eq:NN \__peek_tmp:w`

3064 `}`

(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.

```

3065 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_generic:NNTF #1#2#3#4
3066 {
3067   \cs_set_eq:NN \l__peek_search_token #2
3068   \tl_set:Nn \l__peek_search_tl {#2}
3069   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \__peek_true:w
3070   {
3071     \exp_not:N \group_align_safe_end:
3072     \exp_not:n {#3}
3073   }
3074   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \__peek_false:w
3075   {
3076     \exp_not:N \group_align_safe_end:
3077     \exp_not:n {#4}
3078   }
3079   \group_align_safe_begin:
3080   \peek_after:Nw #1
3081 }
3082 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_generic:NNT #1#2#3
3083 { \__peek_token_generic:NNTF #1 #2 {#3} { } }
3084 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_generic:NNF #1#2#3
3085 { \__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.

```

3086 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_remove_generic:NNTF #1#2#3#4
3087 {
3088   \cs_set_eq:NN \l__peek_search_token #2
3089   \tl_set:Nn \l__peek_search_tl {#2}
3090   \cs_set_eq:NN \__peek_true:w \__peek_true_remove:w
3091   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \__peek_true_aux:w { \exp_not:n {#3} }
3092   \cs_set_nopar:Npx \__peek_false:w
3093   {
3094     \exp_not:N \group_align_safe_end:
3095     \exp_not:n {#4}
3096   }
3097   \group_align_safe_begin:
3098   \peek_after:Nw #1
3099 }
3100 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_remove_generic:NNT #1#2#3
3101 { \__peek_token_remove_generic:NNTF #1 #2 {#3} { } }
3102 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__peek_token_remove_generic:NNF #1#2#3
3103 { \__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_catcode:` The category code and meaning tests are straight forward.

```

\__peek_execute_branches_meaning:
3104 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__peek_execute_branches_catcode:
3105 {
3106   \if_catcode:w
3107     \exp_not:N \l_peek_token \exp_not:N \l__peek_search_token
3108     \exp_after:wN \__peek_true:w
3109   \else:
3110     \exp_after:wN \__peek_false:w
3111   \fi:
3112 }
3113 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__peek_execute_branches_meaning:
3114 {
3115   \if_meaning:w \l_peek_token \l__peek_search_token
3116   \exp_after:wN \__peek_true:w
3117   \else:
3118     \exp_after:wN \__peek_false:w
3119   \fi:
3120 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_peek\_execute\_branches\_catcode: and \\_\_peek\_execute\_branches\_meaning: These functions are documented on page ??.)*

`\__peek_execute_branches_charcode:` First the character code test there is a need to worry about  $\TeX$  grabbing brace group or skipping spaces. These are all tested for using a category code check before grabbing what must be a real single token and doing the comparison.

```

\__peek_execute_branches_charcode:NN
3121 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__peek_execute_branches_charcode:
3122 {
3123   \bool_if:nTF
3124   {
3125     \token_if_eq_catcode_p:NN \l_peek_token \c_group_begin_token
3126     || \token_if_eq_catcode_p:NN \l_peek_token \c_group_end_token
3127     || \token_if_eq_meaning_p:NN \l_peek_token \c_space_token
3128   }
3129   { \__peek_false:w }
3130   {
3131     \exp_after:wN \__peek_execute_branches_charcode_aux:NN
3132     \l__peek_search_tl
3133   }
3134 }
3135 \cs_new:Npn \__peek_execute_branches_charcode_aux:NN #1#2
3136 {
3137   \if:w \exp_not:N #1 \exp_not:N #2
3138   \exp_after:wN \__peek_true:w
3139   \else:
3140     \exp_after:wN \__peek_false:w
3141   \fi:
3142   #2
3143 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_peek\_execute\_branches\_charcode: This function is documented on page ??.)*

`\_peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches:` This function removes one token at a time with a mechanism that can be applied to things other than spaces.  
`\_peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches_aux:`

```

3144 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches:
3145 {
3146   \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF \l_peek_token \c_space_token
3147   {
3148     \tex_afterassignment:D \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches_aux:
3149     \cs_set_eq:NN \__peek_tmp:w
3150   }
3151   { \__peek_execute_branches: }
3152 }
3153 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches_aux:
3154 { \peek_after:Nw \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }

```

(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` 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.  
`\__peek_def:nnnnn`

```

3155 \group_begin:
3156 \cs_set:Npn \__peek_def:nnnn #1#2#3#4
3157 {
3158   \__peek_def:nnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} { TF }
3159   \__peek_def:nnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} { T }
3160   \__peek_def:nnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} { F }
3161 }
3162 \cs_set:Npn \__peek_def:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
3163 {
3164   \cs_new_nopar:cpx { #1 #5 }
3165   {
3166     \tl_if_empty:nF {#2}
3167     { \exp_not:n { \cs_set_eq:NN \__peek_execute_branches: #2 } }
3168     \exp_not:c { #3 #5 }
3169     \exp_not:n {#4}
3170   }
3171 }

```

(End definition for `\__peek_def:nnnn` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\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`

```

3172 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_catcode:N }
3173 { }
3174 { \__peek_token_generic:NN }
3175 { \__peek_execute_branches_catcode: }
3176 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_catcode_ignore_spaces:N }
3177 { \__peek_execute_branches_catcode: }
3178 { \__peek_token_generic:NN }
3179 { \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }
3180 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_catcode_remove:N }
3181 { }

```

```

3182     { __peek_token_remove_generic:NN }
3183     { \__peek_execute_branches_catcode: }
3184 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_catcode_remove_ignore_spaces:N }
3185     { \__peek_execute_branches_catcode: }
3186     { __peek_token_remove_generic:NN }
3187     { \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }

```

(End definition for \peek\_catcode:N $\overline{TF}$  and others. These functions are documented on page 63.)

$\backslash$ peek\_charcode:N $\overline{TF}$   
 $\backslash$ peek\_charcode\_ignore\_spaces:N $\overline{TF}$   
 $\backslash$ peek\_charcode\_remove:N $\overline{TF}$   
 $\backslash$ peek\_charcode\_remove\_ignore\_spaces:N $\overline{TF}$

Then for character codes.

```

3188 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_charcode:N }
3189     { }
3190     { __peek_token_generic:NN }
3191     { \__peek_execute_branches_charcode: }
3192 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_charcode_ignore_spaces:N }
3193     { \__peek_execute_branches_charcode: }
3194     { __peek_token_generic:NN }
3195     { \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }
3196 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_charcode_remove:N }
3197     { }
3198     { __peek_token_remove_generic:NN }
3199     { \__peek_execute_branches_charcode: }
3200 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_charcode_remove_ignore_spaces:N }
3201     { \__peek_execute_branches_charcode: }
3202     { __peek_token_remove_generic:NN }
3203     { \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }

```

(End definition for \peek\_charcode:N $\overline{TF}$  and others. These functions are documented on page 63.)

$\backslash$ peek\_meaning:N $\overline{TF}$   
 $\backslash$ peek\_meaning\_ignore\_spaces:N $\overline{TF}$   
 $\backslash$ peek\_meaning\_remove:N $\overline{TF}$   
 $\backslash$ peek\_meaning\_remove\_ignore\_spaces:N $\overline{TF}$

Finally for meaning, with the group closed to remove the temporary definition functions.

```

3204 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_meaning:N }
3205     { }
3206     { __peek_token_generic:NN }
3207     { \__peek_execute_branches_meaning: }
3208 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_meaning_ignore_spaces:N }
3209     { \__peek_execute_branches_meaning: }
3210     { __peek_token_generic:NN }
3211     { \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }
3212 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_meaning_remove:N }
3213     { }
3214     { __peek_token_remove_generic:NN }
3215     { \__peek_execute_branches_meaning: }
3216 \__peek_def:nnnn { peek_meaning_remove_ignore_spaces:N }
3217     { \__peek_execute_branches_meaning: }
3218     { __peek_token_remove_generic:NN }
3219     { \__peek_ignore_spaces_execute_branches: }
3220 \group_end:

```

(End definition for \peek\_meaning:N $\overline{TF}$  and others. These functions are documented on page 64.)

## 7.5 Decomposing a macro definition

`\token_get_prefix_spec:N`  
`\token_get_arg_spec:N`  
`\token_get_replacement_spec:N`  
`\_peek_get_prefix_arg_replacement:wN`

We sometimes want to test if a control sequence can be expanded to reveal a hidden value. However, we cannot just expand the macro blindly as it may have arguments and none might be present. Therefore we define these functions to pick either the prefix(es), the 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.

```

3221 \exp_args:Nno \use:nn
3222 { \cs_new:Npn \_peek_get_prefix_arg_replacement:wN #1 }
3223 { \tl_to_str:n { macro : } #2 -> #3 \q_stop #4 }
3224 { #4 {#1} {#2} {#3} }
3225 \cs_new:Npn \token_get_prefix_spec:N #1
3226 {
3227   \token_if_macro:NTF #1
3228   {
3229     \exp_after:wN \_peek_get_prefix_arg_replacement:wN
3230     \token_to_meaning:N #1 \q_stop \use_i:nnn
3231   }
3232   { \scan_stop: }
3233 }
3234 \cs_new:Npn \token_get_arg_spec:N #1
3235 {
3236   \token_if_macro:NTF #1
3237   {
3238     \exp_after:wN \_peek_get_prefix_arg_replacement:wN
3239     \token_to_meaning:N #1 \q_stop \use_ii:nnn
3240   }
3241   { \scan_stop: }
3242 }
3243 \cs_new:Npn \token_get_replacement_spec:N #1
3244 {
3245   \token_if_macro:NTF #1
3246   {
3247     \exp_after:wN \_peek_get_prefix_arg_replacement:wN
3248     \token_to_meaning:N #1 \q_stop \use_iii:nnn
3249   }
3250   { \scan_stop: }
3251 }
```

(End definition for `\token_get_prefix_spec:N` This function is documented on page 65.)

## 7.6 Deprecated functions

Deprecated on 2011-05-27, for removal by 2011-08-31.

`\char_set_catcode:w`  
`\char_set_mathcode:w`  
`\char_set_lccode:w`  
`\char_set_uccode:w`  
`\char_set_sfcode:w`

Primitives renamed.

```

3252 (*deprecatd)
3253 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_set_catcode:w \tex_catcode:D
3254 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_set_mathcode:w \tex_mathcode:D
```

```

3255 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_set_lccode:w \tex_lccode:D
3256 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_set_uccode:w \tex_uccode:D
3257 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_set_sfcode:w \tex_sfcode:D
3258 \deprecated

```

(End definition for \char\_set\_catcode:w This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\char_value_catcode:w More w functions we should not have.
\char_show_value_catcode:w 3259 \*deprecated
\char_value_mathcode:w 3260 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \char_value_catcode:w { \tex_the:D \char_set_catcode:w }
\char_show_value_mathcode:w 3261 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \char_show_value_catcode:w
\char_value_lccode:w 3262 { \tex_showthe:D \char_set_catcode:w }
\char_show_value_lccode:w 3263 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \char_value_mathcode:w { \tex_the:D \char_set_mathcode:w }
\char_value_uccode:w 3264 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \char_show_value_mathcode:w
\char_show_value_uccode:w 3265 { \tex_showthe:D \char_set_mathcode:w }
\char_value_sfcode:w 3266 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \char_value_lccode:w { \tex_the:D \char_set_lccode:w }
\char_show_value_sfcode:w 3267 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \char_show_value_lccode:w
3268 { \tex_showthe:D \char_set_lccode:w }
3269 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \char_value_uccode:w { \tex_the:D \char_set_uccode:w }
3270 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \char_show_value_uccode:w
3271 { \tex_showthe:D \char_set_uccode:w }
3272 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \char_value_sfcode:w { \tex_the:D \char_set_sfcode:w }
3273 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \char_show_value_sfcode:w
3274 { \tex_showthe:D \char_set_sfcode:w }
3275 \deprecated

```

(End definition for \char\_value\_catcode:w This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\peek_after:NN The second argument here must be w.
\peek_gafter:NN

```

```

3276 \*deprecated
3277 \cs_new_eq:NN \peek_after:NN \peek_after:Nw
3278 \cs_new_eq:NN \peek_gafter:NN \peek_gafter:Nw
3279 \deprecated

```

(End definition for \peek\_after:NN This function is documented on page ??.)

Functions deprecated 2011-05-28 for removal by 2011-08-31.

```

\c_alignment_tab_token
\c_math_shift_token 3280 \*deprecated
\c_letter_token 3281 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_alignment_tab_token \c_alignment_token
\c_other_char_token 3282 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_math_shift_token \c_math_toggle_token
3283 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_letter_token \c_catcode_letter_token
3284 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_other_char_token \c_catcode_other_token
3285 \deprecated

```

(End definition for \c\_alignment\_tab\_token This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\c_active_char_token An odd one: this was never a token!

```

```

3286 \*deprecated
3287 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_active_char_token \c_catcode_active_tl
3288 \deprecated

```

(End definition for \c\_active\_char\_token This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\char_make_escape:N      Two renames in one block!
\char_make_group_begin:N 3289 \*deprecated)
\char_make_group_end:N    3290 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_escape:N \char_set_catcode_escape:N
\char_make_math_toggle:N 3291 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_begin_group:N \char_set_catcode_group_begin:N
\char_make_alignment:N    3292 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_end_group:N \char_set_catcode_group_end:N
\char_make_end_line:N     3293 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_math_shift:N \char_set_catcode_math_toggle:N
\char_make_parameter:N    3294 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_alignment_tab:N \char_set_catcode_alignment:N
\char_make_math_superscript:N 3295 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_end_line:N \char_set_catcode_end_line:N
\char_make_math_subscript:N 3296 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_parameter:N \char_set_catcode_parameter:N
\char_make_ignore:N       3297 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_math_superscript:N
\char_make_space:N        3298 \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:N
\char_make_letter:N       3299 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_math_subscript:N
\char_make_other:N        3300 \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:N
\char_make_active:N       3301 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_ignore:N \char_set_catcode_ignore:N
\char_make_comment:N      3302 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_space:N \char_set_catcode_space:N
\char_make_invalid:N      3303 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_letter:N \char_set_catcode_letter:N
\char_make_escape:n       3304 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_other:N \char_set_catcode_other:N
\char_make_group_begin:n  3305 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_active:N \char_set_catcode_active:N
\char_make_group_end:n    3306 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_comment:N \char_set_catcode_comment:N
\char_make_math_toggle:n  3307 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_invalid:N \char_set_catcode_invalid:N
\char_make_alignment:n    3308 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_escape:n \char_set_catcode_escape:n
\char_make_end_line:n     3309 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_begin_group:n \char_set_catcode_group_begin:n
\char_make_parameter:n    3310 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_end_group:n \char_set_catcode_group_end:n
\char_make_math_superscript:n 3311 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_math_shift:n \char_set_catcode_math_toggle:n
\char_make_math_subscript:n 3312 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_alignment_tab:n \char_set_catcode_alignment:n
\char_make_ignore:n       3313 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_end_line:n \char_set_catcode_end_line:n
\char_make_space:n        3314 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_parameter:n \char_set_catcode_parameter:n
\char_make_letter:n       3315 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_math_superscript:n
\char_make_other:n        3316 \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:n
\char_make_active:n       3317 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_math_subscript:n
\char_make_comment:n      3318 \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:n
\char_make_invalid:n      3319 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_ignore:n \char_set_catcode_ignore:n
\char_make_escape:n       3320 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_space:n \char_set_catcode_space:n
\char_make_group_begin:n  3321 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_letter:n \char_set_catcode_letter:n
\char_make_group_end:n    3322 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_other:n \char_set_catcode_other:n
\char_make_math_toggle:n  3323 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_active:n \char_set_catcode_active:n
\char_make_alignment:n    3324 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_comment:n \char_set_catcode_comment:n
\char_make_end_line:n     3325 \cs_new_eq:NN \char_make_invalid:n \char_set_catcode_invalid:n
\char_make_parameter:n    3326 \*deprecated)

```

(End definition for \char\_make\_escape:N and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\token_if_alignment_tab_p:N
\token_if_alignment_tab:NTF 3327 \*deprecated)
\token_if_math_shift_p:N    3328 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_alignment_tab_p:N \token_if_alignment_p:N
\token_if_math_shift:NTF    3329 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_alignment_tab:NT \token_if_alignment:NT
\token_if_other_char_p:N    3330 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_alignment_tab:NF \token_if_alignment:NF
\token_if_other_char:NTF    3331 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_alignment_tab:NTF \token_if_alignment:NTF
\token_if_active_char_p:N   3332 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_math_shift_p:N \token_if_math_toggle_p:N
\token_if_active_char:NTF   3333 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_math_shift:NT \token_if_math_toggle:NT

```



```

3334 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_math_shift:NF \token_if_math_toggle:NF
3335 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_math_shift:NTF \token_if_math_toggle:NTF
3336 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_other_char_p:N \token_if_other_p:N
3337 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_other_char:NT \token_if_other:NT
3338 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_other_char:NF \token_if_other:NF
3339 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_other_char:NTF \token_if_other:NTF
3340 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_active_char_p:N \token_if_active_p:N
3341 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_active_char:NT \token_if_active:NT
3342 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_active_char:NF \token_if_active:NF
3343 \cs_new_eq:NN \token_if_active_char:NTF \token_if_active:NTF
3344 \</deprecated>
(End definition for \token_if_alignment_tab:N These functions are documented on page ??.)
3345 \</initex | package>

```

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```

3346 \*initex | package>
3347 \@@=int>

The following test files are used for this code: m3int001,m3int002,m3int03.
3348 \*package>
3349 \ProvidesExplPackage
3350 { \ExplFileName } { \ExplFileDate } { \ExplFileVersion } { \ExplFileDescription }
3351 \__expl_package_check:
3352 \</package>

```

**\_\_int\_to\_roman:w** Done in l3basics.  
**if\_int\_compare:w** (End definition for \_\_int\_to\_roman:w This function is documented on page 77.)

**\_\_int\_value:w** Here are the remaining primitives for number comparisons and expressions.  
**\_\_int\_eval:w** 3353 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \\_\_int\_value:w \tex\_number:D  
**\_\_int\_eval\_end:** 3354 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \\_\_int\_eval:w \etex\_numexpr:D  
**if\_int\_odd:w** 3355 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \\_\_int\_eval\_end: \tex\_relax:D  
**if\_case:w** 3356 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \if\_int\_odd:w \tex\_ifodd:D  
3357 \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 bookstrapping, which is therefore corrected to the “real” version here.

```

3358 \*initex>
3359 \cs_set:Npn \int_eval:n #1 { \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
3360 \</initex>
3361 \*package>
3362 \cs_new:Npn \int_eval:n #1 { \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end: }
3363 \</package>

```

(End definition for `\int_eval:n` This function is documented on page 66.)

```

\int_max:nn Functions for min, max, and absolute value.
\int_min:nn
\int_abs:n
3364 \cs_new:Npn \int_abs:n #1
3365 {
3366   \__int_value:w
3367   \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #1 < \c_zero
3368   -
3369   \fi:
3370   \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end:
3371 }
3372 \cs_new:Npn \int_max:nn #1#2
3373 {
3374   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
3375   \if_int_compare:w
3376     \__int_eval:w #1 > \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end:
3377     #1
3378   \else:
3379     #2
3380   \fi:
3381   \__int_eval_end:
3382 }
3383 \cs_new:Npn \int_min:nn #1#2
3384 {
3385   \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
3386   \if_int_compare:w
3387     \__int_eval:w #1 < \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end:
3388     #1
3389   \else:
3390     #2
3391   \fi:
3392   \__int_eval_end:
3393 }

```

(End definition for `\int_max:nn` This function is documented on page 66.)

`\int_div_truncate:nn` As `\__int_eval:w` rounds the result of a division we also provide a version that truncates the result. We use an auxiliary to make sure numerator and denominator are only evaluated once: this comes in handy when those are more expressions are expensive to evaluate (e.g., `\tl_count:n`). If the numerator `#1#2` is 0, then we divide 0 by the 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.

```

3394 \cs_new:Npn \int_div_truncate:nn #1#2
3395 {
3396   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
3397   \exp_after:wN \__int_div_truncate:NwNw
3398   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN ;

```

```

3399     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #2 ;
3400     \__int_eval_end:
3401   }
3402   \cs_new:Npn \__int_div_truncate:NwNw #1#2; #3#4;
3403   {
3404     \if_meaning:w 0 #1
3405     \c_zero
3406     \else:
3407     (
3408       #1#2
3409       \if_meaning:w - #1 + \else: - \fi:
3410       ( \if_meaning:w - #3 - \fi: #3#4 - \c_one ) / \c_two
3411     )
3412     \fi:
3413     / #3#4
3414   }

```

For the sake of completeness:

```

3415   \cs_new:Npn \int_div_round:nn #1#2 { \int_eval:n { ( #1 ) / ( #2 ) } }

```

Finally there's the modulus operation.

```

3416   \cs_new:Npn \int_mod:nn #1#2
3417   {
3418     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
3419     #1 - \int_div_truncate:nn {#1} {#2} * ( #2 )
3420     \__int_eval_end:
3421   }

```

(End definition for `\int_div_truncate:nn` This function is documented on page 67.)

## 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.

```

\int_new:c
3422   <*package>
3423   \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_new:N #1
3424   {
3425     \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
3426     \newcount #1
3427   }
3428   </package>
3429   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_new:N` and `\int_new:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\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.

`\int_const:cn`

```

\__int_constdef:Nw
\c_max_constdef_int
3430   \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_const:Nn #1#2
3431   {
3432     \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} > \c_minus_one
3433     {
3434       \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} > \c_max_constdef_int

```

```

3435         {
3436             \int_new:N #1
3437             \int_gset:Nn #1 {#2}
3438         }
3439         {
3440             \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
3441             \tex_global:D \__int_constdef:Nw #1 =
3442                 \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end:
3443         }
3444     }
3445     {
3446         \int_new:N #1
3447         \int_gset:Nn #1 {#2}
3448     }
3449 }
3450 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_const:Nn { c }
3451 \pdfTeX_if_engine:TF
3452 {
3453     \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_constdef:Nw \tex_mathchardef:D
3454     \tex_mathchardef:D \c__max_constdef_int 32 767 ~
3455 }
3456 {
3457     \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_constdef:Nw \tex_chardef:D
3458     \tex_chardef:D \c__max_constdef_int 1 114 111 ~
3459 }

```

(End definition for `\int_const:Nn` and `\int_const:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

**`\int_zero:N`** Functions that reset an *integer* register to zero.

```

\int_zero:c 3460 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_zero:N #1 { #1 = \c_zero }
\int_gzero:N 3461 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_gzero:N #1 { \tex_global:D #1 = \c_zero }
\int_gzero:c 3462 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_zero:N { c }
3463 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gzero:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_zero:N` and `\int_zero:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

**`\int_zero_new:N`** Create a register if needed, otherwise clear it.

```

\int_zero_new:c 3464 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_zero_new:N #1
\int_gzero_new:N 3465 { \int_if_exist:NTF #1 { \int_zero:N #1 } { \int_new:N #1 } }
\int_gzero_new:c 3466 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_gzero_new:N #1
3467 { \int_if_exist:NTF #1 { \int_gzero:N #1 } { \int_new:N #1 } }
3468 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_zero_new:N { c }
3469 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gzero_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_zero_new:N` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

**`\int_set_eq:NN`** Setting equal means using one integer inside the set function of another.

```

\int_set_eq:cN 3470 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_set_eq:NN #1#2 { #1 = #2 }
\int_set_eq:Nc 3471 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_set_eq:NN { c }
\int_set_eq:cc 3472 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_set_eq:NN { Nc , cc }
\int_gset_eq:NN 3473 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_gset_eq:NN #1#2 { \tex_global:D #1 = #2 }
\int_gset_eq:cN 3474 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gset_eq:NN { c }
\int_gset_eq:Nc 3475 \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 ??.)

`\int_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the `cs` functions defined in `l3basics`.  
`\int_if_exist_p:c`  
`\int_if_exist:N $\underline{T}$  $\underline{F}$`   
`\int_if_exist:c $\underline{T}$  $\underline{F}$`

```

3476 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_if_exist:NTF \cs_if_exist:NTF
3477 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_if_exist:NT \cs_if_exist:NT
3478 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_if_exist:NF \cs_if_exist:NF
3479 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_if_exist_p:N \cs_if_exist_p:N
3480 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_if_exist:cTF \cs_if_exist:cTF
3481 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_if_exist:cT \cs_if_exist:cT
3482 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_if_exist:cF \cs_if_exist:cF
3483 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_if_exist_p:c \cs_if_exist_p:c

```

(End definition for `\int_if_exist:N` and `\int_if_exist:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

### 8.3 Setting and incrementing integers

`\int_add:Nn` Adding and subtracting to and from a counter ...  
`\int_add:cn`  
`\int_gadd:Nn`  
`\int_gadd:cn`  
`\int_sub:Nn`  
`\int_sub:cn`  
`\int_gsub:Nn`  
`\int_gsub:cn`

```

3484 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_add:Nn #1#2
3485 { \tex_advance:D #1 by \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end: }
3486 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_sub:Nn #1#2
3487 { \tex_advance:D #1 by - \__int_eval:w #2 \__int_eval_end: }
3488 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \int_gadd:Nn
3489 { \tex_global:D \int_add:Nn }
3490 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \int_gsub:Nn
3491 { \tex_global:D \int_sub:Nn }
3492 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_add:Nn { c }
3493 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gadd:Nn { c }
3494 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_sub:Nn { c }
3495 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gsub:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_add:Nn` and `\int_add:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\int_incr:N` Incrementing and decrementing of integer registers is done with the following functions.  
`\int_incr:c`  
`\int_gincr:N`  
`\int_gincr:c`  
`\int_decr:N`  
`\int_decr:c`  
`\int_gdecr:N`  
`\int_gdecr:c`

```

3496 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_incr:N #1
3497 { \tex_advance:D #1 \c_one }
3498 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_decr:N #1
3499 { \tex_advance:D #1 \c_minus_one }
3500 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \int_gincr:N
3501 { \tex_global:D \int_incr:N }
3502 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \int_gdecr:N
3503 { \tex_global:D \int_decr:N }
3504 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_incr:N { c }
3505 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_decr:N { c }
3506 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gincr:N { c }
3507 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gdecr:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_incr:N` and `\int_incr:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\int_set:Nn` As integers are register-based  $\text{\TeX}$  will issue an error if they are not defined. Thus there  
`\int_set:cn` is no need for the checking code seen with token list variables.  
`\int_gset:Nn`  
`\int_gset:cn`

```

3508 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_set:Nn #1#2
3509 { #1 ~ \__int_eval:w #2\__int_eval_end: }
3510 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \int_gset:Nn { \tex_global:D \int_set:Nn }
3511 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_set:Nn { c }
3512 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \int_gset:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\int_set:Nn` and `\int_set:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 8.4 Using integers

`\int_use:N` Here is how counters are accessed:

```

\int_use:c 3513 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_use:N \tex_the:D
3514 \cs_new:Npn \int_use:c #1 { \int_use:N \cs:w #1 \cs_end: }

```

(End definition for `\int_use:N` and `\int_use:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 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:NNw` 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.

```

3515 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__prg_compare_error:
3516 {
3517   \if_int_compare:w \c_zero \c_zero \fi:
3518   =
3519   \__prg_compare_error:
3520 }
3521 \cs_new:Npn \__prg_compare_error:Nw
3522 #1#2 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
3523 {
3524   \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
3525   { kernel } { unknown-comparison } {#1}
3526   \prg_return_false:
3527 }

```

(End definition for `\__prg_compare_error:` and `\__prg_compare_error:NNw`)

`\int_compare_p:n` Comparison tests using a simple syntax where only one set of braces is required and `\int_compare:nTF` additional operators such as `!=` and `>=` are supported. We can start evaluating from the left using `\__int_eval:w`, and we know that since the relation symbols `<`, `>`, `=` and `!` are not allowed in such expressions, they will terminate the expression. Therefore, we first let TeX evaluate this left hand side of the (in)equality. We also insert at that stage the end of the test: `\__int_eval_end:` will end the evaluation of the right-hand side.

```

\__int_compare_aux:Nw 3528 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \int_compare:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
\__int_compare_aux:NNw 3529 {
  \__int_compare_=:NNw
  \__int_compare_<:NNw
  \__int_compare_>:NNw
  \__int_compare_=:NNw
  \__int_compare_!=:NNw
  \__int_compare_<=:NNw
  \__int_compare_>=:NNw

```

```

3530 \exp_after:wN \__int_compare_aux:Nw \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1
3531 \__prg_compare_error: \__int_eval_end:
3532 \prg_return_true:
3533 \else:
3534 \prg_return_false:
3535 \fi:
3536 }

```

We have just evaluated the left-hand side. To access the 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. The `\__int_compare_aux:NNw` auxiliary then probes the first two tokens to determine the relation symbol, building a control sequence from it. 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 T<sub>E</sub>X into `\scan_stop:`, and `\__prg_compare_error:Nw` raises an error.

```

3537 \cs_new:Npn \__int_compare_aux:Nw #1#2 \__prg_compare_error:
3538 {
3539 \exp_after:wN \__int_compare_aux:NNw
3540 \__int_to_roman:w - 0 #2 ?? \q_mark
3541 #1#2
3542 }
3543 \cs_new:Npn \__int_compare_aux:NNw #1#2#3 \q_mark
3544 {
3545 \use:c { __int_compare_ #1 \if_meaning:w = #2 = \fi: :NNw }
3546 \__prg_compare_error:Nw #1
3547 }

```

The actual comparisons are then simple function calls, using the relation as delimiter for a delimited argument and discarding `\__prg_compare_error:Nw` *token* responsible for error detection.

```

3548 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare=:NNw } #1#2#3 =
3549 { \if_int_compare:w #3 = \__int_eval:w }
3550 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare<:NNw } #1#2#3 <
3551 { \if_int_compare:w #3 < \__int_eval:w }
3552 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare>:NNw } #1#2#3 >
3553 { \if_int_compare:w #3 > \__int_eval:w }
3554 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare=:NNw } #1#2#3 ==
3555 { \if_int_compare:w #3 = \__int_eval:w }
3556 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare!=:NNw } #1#2#3 !=
3557 { \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w #3 = \__int_eval:w }
3558 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare<=:NNw } #1#2#3 <=
3559 { \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w #3 > \__int_eval:w }
3560 \cs_new:cpn { __int_compare>=:NNw } #1#2#3 >=
3561 { \reverse_if:N \if_int_compare:w #3 < \__int_eval:w }

```

(End definition for `\int_compare:n` These functions are documented on page 70.)

`\int_compare_p:nNn`  
`\int_compare:nNnTF`

More efficient but less natural in typing.

```

3562 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \int_compare:nNn #1#2#3 { p , T , F , TF }

```

```

3563 {
3564   \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #1 #2 \__int_eval:w #3 \__int_eval_end:
3565   \prg_return_true:
3566   \else:
3567     \prg_return_false:
3568   \fi:
3569 }

```

(End definition for \int\_compare:nNn These functions are documented on page 69.)

**\int\_case:nnn** For integer cases, the first task to fully expand the check condition. After that, a loop is started to compare each possible value and stop if the test is true. The tested value is put at the end to ensure that there is necessarily a match, which will fire the “else” pathway. The leading \romannumeral triggers an expansion which is then stopped in \\_\_int\_case\_end:nw.

```

3570 \cs_new:Npn \int_case:nnn #1
3571 {
3572   \tex_romannumeral:D
3573   \exp_args:Nf \__int_case:nnn { \int_eval:n {#1} }
3574 }
3575 \cs_new:Npn \__int_case:nnn #1#2#3
3576 { \__int_case:nw {#1} #2 {#1} {#3} \q_recursion_stop }
3577 \cs_new:Npn \__int_case:nw #1#2#3
3578 {
3579   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = {#2}
3580   { \__int_case_end:nw {#3} }
3581   { \__int_case:nw {#1} }
3582 }
3583 \cs_new_eq:NN \__int_case_end:nw \__prg_case_end:nw

```

(End definition for \int\_case:nnn This function is documented on page 70.)

**\int\_if\_odd\_p:n** A predicate function.

```

3584 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \int_if_odd:n #1 { p , T , F , TF}
3585 {
3586   \if_int_odd:w \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end:
3587   \prg_return_true:
3588   \else:
3589     \prg_return_false:
3590   \fi:
3591 }
3592 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \int_if_even:n #1 { p , T , F , TF}
3593 {
3594   \if_int_odd:w \__int_eval:w #1 \__int_eval_end:
3595   \prg_return_false:
3596   \else:
3597     \prg_return_true:
3598   \fi:
3599 }

```

(End definition for \int\_if\_odd:n These functions are documented on page 70.)



## 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
3600 \cs_new:Npn \int_while_do:nn #1#2
3601 {
3602   \int_compare:nT {#1}
3603   {
3604     #2
3605     \int_while_do:nn {#1} {#2}
3606   }
3607 }
3608 \cs_new:Npn \int_until_do:nn #1#2
3609 {
3610   \int_compare:nF {#1}
3611   {
3612     #2
3613     \int_until_do:nn {#1} {#2}
3614   }
3615 }
3616 \cs_new:Npn \int_do_while:nn #1#2
3617 {
3618   #2
3619   \int_compare:nT {#1}
3620   { \int_do_while:nn {#1} {#2} }
3621 }
3622 \cs_new:Npn \int_do_until:nn #1#2
3623 {
3624   #2
3625   \int_compare:nF {#1}
3626   { \int_do_until:nn {#1} {#2} }
3627 }
```

(End definition for `\int_while_do:nn` This function is documented on page 71.)

`\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`

```
3628 \cs_new:Npn \int_while_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
3629 {
3630   \int_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
3631   {
3632     #4
3633     \int_while_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
3634   }
3635 }
3636 \cs_new:Npn \int_until_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
3637 {
3638   \int_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
3639   {
3640     #4
3641     \int_until_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
```

```

3642     }
3643   }
3644   \cs_new:Npn \int_do_while:nNnn #1#2#3#4
3645   {
3646     #4
3647     \int_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
3648     { \int_do_while:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
3649   }
3650   \cs_new:Npn \int_do_until:nNnn #1#2#3#4
3651   {
3652     #4
3653     \int_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
3654     { \int_do_until:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
3655   }

```

(End definition for `\int_while_do:nNnn` This function is documented on page 71.)

## 8.7 Integer step functions

`\int_step_function:nnnN` 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).

`\__int_step:NnnnN`

```

3656 \cs_new:Npn \int_step_function:nnnN #1#2#3#4
3657 {
3658   \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} > \c_zero
3659   { \exp_args:Nnf \__int_step:NnnnN > }
3660   {
3661     \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} = \c_zero
3662     {
3663       \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { zero-step } {#4}
3664       \use_none:nnnn
3665     }
3666     { \exp_args:Nnf \__int_step:NnnnN < }
3667   }
3668   { \int_eval:n {#1} } {#2} {#3} #4
3669 }
3670 \cs_new:Npn \__int_step:NnnnN #1#2#3#4#5
3671 {
3672   \int_compare:nNnF {#2} #1 {#4}
3673   {
3674     #5 {#2}
3675     \exp_args:Nnf \__int_step:NnnnN
3676     #1 { \int_eval:n { #2 + #3 } } {#3} {#4} #5
3677   }
3678 }

```

(End definition for `\int_step_function:nnnN` This function is documented on page 72.)

`\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.

```

3679 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \int_step_inline:nnnn
3680 {
3681   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
3682   \exp_args:NNc \__int_step:NNnnnn
3683   \cs_gset_nopar:Npn
3684     { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
3685 }
3686 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_step_variable:nnnNn #1#2#3#4#5
3687 {
3688   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
3689   \exp_args:NNc \__int_step:NNnnnn
3690   \cs_gset_nopar:Npx
3691     { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
3692     {#1}{#2}{#3}
3693     {
3694       \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N #4 {##1}
3695       \exp_not:n {#5}
3696     }
3697 }
3698 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__int_step:NNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
3699 {
3700   #1 #2 ##1 {#6}
3701   \int_step_function:nnnN {#3} {#4} {#5} #2
3702   \__prg_break_point:Nn \scan_stop: { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
3703 }

```

(End definition for `\int_step_inline:nnnn` This function is documented on page 72.)

## 8.8 Formatting integers

`\int_to_arabic:n` Nothing exciting here.

```

3704 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_arabic:n #1 { \int_eval:n {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\int_to_arabic:n` This function is documented on page 73.)

`\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.

```

3705 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_symbols:nnn #1#2#3
3706 {
3707   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} > {#2}
3708   {

```

```

3709     \exp_args:NNo \exp_args:No \__int_to_symbols:nnnn
3710     {
3711         \int_case:nnn
3712         { 1 + \int_mod:nn { #1 - 1 } {#2} }
3713         {#3} { }
3714     }
3715     {#1} {#2} {#3}
3716 }
3717 { \int_case:nnn {#1} {#3} { } }
3718 }
3719 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_symbols:nnnn #1#2#3#4
3720 {
3721     \exp_args:Nf \int_to_symbols:nnn
3722     { \int_div_truncate:nn { #2 - 1 } {#3} } {#3} {#4}
3723     #1
3724 }

```

(End definition for `\int_to_symbols:nnn` This function is documented on page 74.)

`\int_to_alph:n` These both use the above function with input functions that make sense for the alphabet  
`\int_to_Alph:n` in English.

```

3725 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_alph:n #1
3726 {
3727     \int_to_symbols:nnn {#1} { 26 }
3728     {
3729         { 1 } { a }
3730         { 2 } { b }
3731         { 3 } { c }
3732         { 4 } { d }
3733         { 5 } { e }
3734         { 6 } { f }
3735         { 7 } { g }
3736         { 8 } { h }
3737         { 9 } { i }
3738         { 10 } { j }
3739         { 11 } { k }
3740         { 12 } { l }
3741         { 13 } { m }
3742         { 14 } { n }
3743         { 15 } { o }
3744         { 16 } { p }
3745         { 17 } { q }
3746         { 18 } { r }
3747         { 19 } { s }
3748         { 20 } { t }
3749         { 21 } { u }
3750         { 22 } { v }
3751         { 23 } { w }
3752         { 24 } { x }
3753         { 25 } { y }

```

```

3754         { 26 } { z }
3755     }
3756 }
3757 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_Alph:n #1
3758 {
3759     \int_to_symbols:nnn {#1} { 26 }
3760     {
3761         { 1 } { A }
3762         { 2 } { B }
3763         { 3 } { C }
3764         { 4 } { D }
3765         { 5 } { E }
3766         { 6 } { F }
3767         { 7 } { G }
3768         { 8 } { H }
3769         { 9 } { I }
3770         { 10 } { J }
3771         { 11 } { K }
3772         { 12 } { L }
3773         { 13 } { M }
3774         { 14 } { N }
3775         { 15 } { O }
3776         { 16 } { P }
3777         { 17 } { Q }
3778         { 18 } { R }
3779         { 19 } { S }
3780         { 20 } { T }
3781         { 21 } { U }
3782         { 22 } { V }
3783         { 23 } { W }
3784         { 24 } { X }
3785         { 25 } { Y }
3786         { 26 } { Z }
3787     }
3788 }

```

(End definition for `\int_to_alph:n` and `\int_to_Alph:n` These functions are documented on page 73.)

**\int\_to\_base:nn** 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.

```

\__int_to_base:nn
\__int_to_base:nnN
\__int_to_base:nnnN
\__int_to_letter:n
3789 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_base:nn #1
3790 { \exp_args:Nf \__int_to_base:nn { \int_eval:n {#1} } }
3791 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_base:nn #1#2
3792 {
3793     \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < \c_zero
3794     { \exp_args:No \__int_to_base:nnN { \use_none:n #1 } {#2} - }
3795     { \__int_to_base:nnN {#1} {#2} \c_empty_tl }
3796 }

```

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.

```

3797 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_base:nnN #1#2#3
3798 {
3799   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} < {#2}
3800   { \exp_last_unbraced:Nf #3 { \__int_to_letter:n {#1} } }
3801   {
3802     \exp_args:Nf \__int_to_base:nnnN
3803     { \__int_to_letter:n { \int_mod:nn {#1} {#2} } }
3804     {#1}
3805     {#2}
3806     #3
3807   }
3808 }
3809 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_base:nnnN #1#2#3#4
3810 {
3811   \exp_args:Nf \__int_to_base:nnN
3812   { \int_div_truncate:nn {#2} {#3} }
3813   {#3}
3814   #4
3815   #1
3816 }

```

Convert to a letter only if necessary, otherwise simply return the value unchanged. It would be cleaner to use `\int_case:nnn`, 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:`.

```

3817 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_letter:n #1
3818 {
3819   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
3820   \if_case:w \__int_eval:w #1 - \c_ten \__int_eval_end:
3821   A
3822   \or: B
3823   \or: C
3824   \or: D
3825   \or: E
3826   \or: F
3827   \or: G
3828   \or: H
3829   \or: I
3830   \or: J
3831   \or: K
3832   \or: L

```

```

3833     \or: M
3834     \or: N
3835     \or: O
3836     \or: P
3837     \or: Q
3838     \or: R
3839     \or: S
3840     \or: T
3841     \or: U
3842     \or: V
3843     \or: W
3844     \or: X
3845     \or: Y
3846     \or: Z
3847     \else: \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w #1 \exp_after:wN \__int_eval_end:
3848     \fi:
3849 }

```

(End definition for \int\_to\_base:nn This function is documented on page 74.)

```

\int_to_binary:n Wrappers around the generic function.
\int_to_hexadecimal:n 3850 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_binary:n #1
\int_to_octal:n        3851 { \int_to_base:nn {#1} { 2 } }
                        3852 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_hexadecimal:n #1
                        3853 { \int_to_base:nn {#1} { 16 } }
                        3854 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_octal:n #1
                        3855 { \int_to_base:nn {#1} { 8 } }

```

(End definition for \int\_to\_binary:n, \int\_to\_hexadecimal:n, and \int\_to\_octal:n These functions are documented on page 74.)

```

\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
\__int_to_roman:N primitive into letters using appropriate control sequence names. That keeps everything
\__int_to_roman:N expandable. The loop will be terminated by the conversion of the Q.
\__int_to_roman_i:w 3856 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_roman:n #1
\__int_to_roman_v:w 3857 {
\__int_to_roman_x:w 3858   \exp_after:wN \__int_to_roman:N
\__int_to_roman_l:w 3859   \__int_to_roman:w \int_eval:n {#1} Q
\__int_to_roman_c:w 3860 }
\__int_to_roman_d:w 3861 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_roman:N #1
\__int_to_roman_m:w 3862 {
\__int_to_roman_Q:w 3863   \use:c { __int_to_roman_ #1 :w }
\__int_to_Roman_i:w 3864   \__int_to_roman:N
\__int_to_Roman_v:w 3865 }
\__int_to_Roman_x:w 3866 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_Roman:n #1
\__int_to_Roman_l:w 3867 {
\__int_to_Roman_c:w 3868   \exp_after:wN \__int_to_Roman_aux:N
\__int_to_Roman_d:w 3869   \__int_to_roman:w \int_eval:n {#1} Q
\__int_to_Roman_m:w 3870 }
\__int_to_Roman_Q:w 3871 \cs_new:Npn \__int_to_Roman_aux:N #1

```

```

3872 {
3873   \use:c { __int_to_Roman_ #1 :w }
3874   \__int_to_Roman_aux:N
3875 }
3876 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_i:w { i }
3877 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_v:w { v }
3878 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_x:w { x }
3879 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_l:w { l }
3880 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_c:w { c }
3881 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_d:w { d }
3882 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_m:w { m }
3883 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_roman_Q:w #1 { }
3884 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_Roman_i:w { I }
3885 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_Roman_v:w { V }
3886 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_Roman_x:w { X }
3887 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_Roman_l:w { L }
3888 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_Roman_c:w { C }
3889 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_Roman_d:w { D }
3890 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__int_to_Roman_m:w { M }
3891 \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 75.)

## 8.9 Converting from other formats to integers

```

__int_get_sign:n
__int_get_digits:n
\__int_get_sign_and_digits:nNNN
\__int_get_sign_and_digits:oNNN

```

Finding a number and its sign requires dealing with an arbitrary list of + and - symbols. This is done by working through token by token until there is something else at the start of the input. The sign of the input is tracked by the first Boolean used by the auxiliary function.

```

3892 \cs_new:Npn \__int_get_sign:n #1
3893 {
3894   \__int_get_sign_and_digits:nNNN {#1}
3895   \c_true_bool \c_true_bool \c_false_bool
3896 }
3897 \cs_new:Npn \__int_get_digits:n #1
3898 {
3899   \__int_get_sign_and_digits:nNNN {#1}
3900   \c_true_bool \c_false_bool \c_true_bool
3901 }

```

The auxiliary loops through, finding sign tokens and removing them. The sign itself is carried through as a flag.

```

3902 \cs_new:Npn \__int_get_sign_and_digits:nNNN #1#2#3#4
3903 {
3904   \exp_args:Nf \tl_if_head_eq_charcode:nNTF {#1} -
3905   {
3906     \bool_if:NTF #2
3907     {
3908       \__int_get_sign_and_digits:oNNN

```



```

3909         { \use_none:n #1 } \c_false_bool #3#4
3910     }
3911     {
3912         \__int_get_sign_and_digits:oNNN
3913         { \use_none:n #1 } \c_true_bool #3#4
3914     }
3915 }
3916 {
3917     \exp_args:Nf \tl_if_head_eq_charcode:nNTF {#1} +
3918     { \__int_get_sign_and_digits:oNNN { \use_none:n #1 } #2#3#4 }
3919     {
3920         \bool_if:NT #3 { \bool_if:NF #2 - }
3921         \bool_if:NT #4 {#1}
3922     }
3923 }
3924 }
3925 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__int_get_sign_and_digits:nNNN { o }

```

(End definition for \\_\_int\_get\_sign:n This function is documented on page ??.)

**\int\_from\_alph:n** The aim here is to iterate through the input, converting one letter at a time to a number. The same approach is also used for base conversion, but this needs a different final auxiliary.

```

\__int_from_alph:n
\__int_from_alph:nN
\__int_from_alph:N
3926 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_alph:n #1
3927 {
3928     \int_eval:n
3929     {
3930         \__int_get_sign:n {#1}
3931         \exp_args:Nf \__int_from_alph:n { \__int_get_digits:n {#1} }
3932     }
3933 }
3934 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_alph:n #1
3935 { \__int_from_alph:nN { 0 } #1 \q_nil }
3936 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_alph:nN #1#2
3937 {
3938     \quark_if_nil:NTF #2
3939     {#1}
3940     {
3941         \exp_args:Nf \__int_from_alph:nN
3942         { \int_eval:n { #1 * 26 + \__int_from_alph:N #2 } }
3943     }
3944 }
3945 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_alph:N #1
3946 { \int_eval:n { '#1 - \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } < { 91 } { 64 } { 96 } } }

```

(End definition for \int\_from\_alph:n This function is documented on page 75.)

**\int\_from\_base:nn** Conversion to base ten means stripping off the sign then iterating through the input one token at a time. The total number is then added up as the code loops.

```

\__int_from_base:nn
\__int_from_base:nnN
\__int_from_base:N
3947 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_base:nn #1#2
3948 {

```

```

3949 \int_eval:n
3950 {
3951   \__int_get_sign:n {#1}
3952   \exp_args:Nf \__int_from_base:nn
3953   { \__int_get_digits:n {#1} } {#2}
3954 }
3955 }
3956 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_base:nn #1#2
3957 { \__int_from_base:nnN { 0 } { #2 } #1 \q_nil }
3958 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_base:nnN #1#2#3
3959 {
3960   \quark_if_nil:NTF #3
3961   {#1}
3962   {
3963     \exp_args:Nf \__int_from_base:nnN
3964     { \int_eval:n { #1 * #2 + \__int_from_base:N #3 } }
3965     {#2}
3966   }
3967 }

```

The conversion here will take lower or upper case letters and turn them into the appropriate number, hence the two-part nature of the function.

```

3968 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_base:N #1
3969 {
3970   \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } < { 58 }
3971   {#1}
3972   {
3973     \int_eval:n
3974     { '#1 - \int_compare:nNnTF { '#1 } < { 91 } { 55 } { 87 } }
3975   }
3976 }

```

(End definition for `\int_from_base:nn` This function is documented on page 75.)

```

\int_from_binary:n
\int_from_hexadecimal:n
\int_from_octal:n

```

Wrappers around the generic function.

```

3977 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_binary:n #1
3978 { \int_from_base:nn {#1} \c_two }
3979 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_hexadecimal:n #1
3980 { \int_from_base:nn {#1} \c_sixteen }
3981 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_octal:n #1
3982 { \int_from_base:nn {#1} \c_eight }

```

(End definition for `\int_from_binary:n`, `\int_from_hexadecimal:n`, and `\int_from_octal:n` These functions are documented on page 75.)

```

\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
\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

```

Constants used to convert from Roman numerals to integers.

```

3983 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_i_int } { 1 }
3984 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_v_int } { 5 }
3985 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_x_int } { 10 }
3986 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_l_int } { 50 }
3987 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_c_int } { 100 }
3988 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_d_int } { 500 }

```

```

3989 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_m_int } { 1000 }
3990 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_I_int } { 1 }
3991 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_V_int } { 5 }
3992 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_X_int } { 10 }
3993 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_L_int } { 50 }
3994 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_C_int } { 100 }
3995 \int_const:cn { c__int_from_roman_D_int } { 500 }
3996 \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  $\TeX$ .

`\__int_from_roman:NN`

`\__int_from_roman_end:w`

`\__int_from_roman_clean_up:w`

```

3997 \cs_new:Npn \int_from_roman:n #1
3998 {
3999   \tl_if_blank:nF {#1}
4000   {
4001     \exp_after:wN \__int_from_roman_end:w
4002     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
4003     \__int_from_roman:NN #1 Q \q_stop
4004   }
4005 }
4006 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_roman:NN #1#2
4007 {
4008   \str_if_eq:nnTF {#1} { Q }
4009   {#1#2}
4010   {
4011     \str_if_eq:nnTF {#2} { Q }
4012     {
4013       \int_if_exist:cF { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int }
4014       { \__int_from_roman_clean_up:w }
4015       +
4016       \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int }
4017       #2
4018     }
4019     {
4020       \int_if_exist:cF { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int }
4021       { \__int_from_roman_clean_up:w }
4022       \int_if_exist:cF { c__int_from_roman_ #2 _int }
4023       { \__int_from_roman_clean_up:w }
4024       \int_compare:nNnTF
4025       { \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int } }
4026       <
4027       { \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #2 _int } }
4028       {
4029         + \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #2 _int }
4030         - \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int }
4031         \__int_from_roman:NN
4032       }
4033     }

```

```

4034         + \use:c { c__int_from_roman_ #1 _int }
4035         \__int_from_roman:NN #2
4036     }
4037 }
4038 }
4039 }
4040 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_roman_end:w #1 Q #2 \q_stop
4041 { \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2} {#1} {#2} }
4042 \cs_new:Npn \__int_from_roman_clean_up:w #1 Q { + 0 Q -1 }

```

(End definition for `\int_from_roman:n` This function is documented on page 75.)

## 8.10 Viewing integer

```

\int_show:N
\int_show:c

```

```

4043 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_show:N \__kernel_register_show:N
4044 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_show:c \__kernel_register_show:c

```

(End definition for `\int_show:N` and `\int_show:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\int_show:n` We don't use the TeX primitive `\showthe` to show integer expressions: this gives a more unified output, since the closing brace is read by the integer expression in all cases.

```

4045 \cs_new_protected:Npn \int_show:n #1
4046 { \etex_showtokens:D \exp_after:wN { \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 } }

```

(End definition for `\int_show:n` This function is documented on page 76.)

## 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 76.)

`\c_zero` Again, one in `l3basics` for obvious reasons.  
(End definition for `\c_zero` This variable is documented on page 76.)

`\c_six` Once again, in `l3basics`.  
(End definition for `\c_six` and `\c_seven` These functions are documented on page 76.)

`\c_twelve`  
`\c_one`  
`\c_sixteen`  
`\c_two`  
`\c_three`  
`\c_four`  
`\c_five`  
`\c_eight`  
`\c_nine`  
`\c_ten`  
`\c_eleven`  
`\c_thirteen`  
`\c_fourteen`  
`\c_fifteen`

Low-number values not previously defined.

```

4047 \int_const:Nn \c_one { 1 }
4048 \int_const:Nn \c_two { 2 }
4049 \int_const:Nn \c_three { 3 }
4050 \int_const:Nn \c_four { 4 }
4051 \int_const:Nn \c_five { 5 }
4052 \int_const:Nn \c_eight { 8 }
4053 \int_const:Nn \c_nine { 9 }
4054 \int_const:Nn \c_ten { 10 }
4055 \int_const:Nn \c_eleven { 11 }
4056 \int_const:Nn \c_thirteen { 13 }
4057 \int_const:Nn \c_fourteen { 14 }
4058 \int_const:Nn \c_fifteen { 15 }

```

(End definition for `\c_one` and others. These variables are documented on page 76.)

`\c_thirty_two` One middling value.

```
4059 \int_const:Nn \c_thirty_two { 32 }
```

(End definition for `\c_thirty_two` This variable is documented on page 76.)

`\c_two_hundred_fifty_five` Two classic mid-range integer constants.

```
\c_two_hundred_fifty_six 4060 \int_const:Nn \c_two_hundred_fifty_five { 255 }
```

```
4061 \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 76.)

`\c_one_hundred` Simple runs of powers of ten.

```
\c_one_thousand 4062 \int_const:Nn \c_one_hundred { 100 }
```

```
\c_ten_thousand 4063 \int_const:Nn \c_one_thousand { 1000 }
```

```
4064 \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 76.)

`\c_max_int` The largest number allowed is  $2^{31} - 1$

```
4065 \int_const:Nn \c_max_int { 2 147 483 647 }
```

(End definition for `\c_max_int` This variable is documented on page 76.)

## 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 4066 \int_new:N \l_tmpa_int
```

```
\g_tmpa_int 4067 \int_new:N \l_tmpb_int
```

```
\g_tmpb_int 4068 \int_new:N \g_tmpa_int
```

```
4069 \int_new:N \g_tmpb_int
```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_int` and `\l_tmpb_int` These functions are documented on page 77.)

## 8.13 Deprecated functions

Deprecated on 2011-05-27, for removal by 2011-08-31.

`\int_convert_from_base_ten:nn` Some simple renames.

```
\int_convert_to_symbols:nnn 4070 <deprecated>
```

```
\int_convert_to_base_ten:nn 4071 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_convert_from_base_ten:nn \int_to_base:nn
```

```
4072 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_convert_to_symbols:nnn \int_to_symbols:nnn
```

```
4073 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_convert_to_base_ten:nn \int_from_base:nn
```

```
4074 </deprecated>
```

(End definition for `\int_convert_from_base_ten:nn` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\int_to_symbol:n` This is rather too tied to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>.

```

\int_to_symbol_math:n
\int_to_symbol_text:n
4075 <deprecated>
4076 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \int_to_symbol:n
4077 {
4078   \scan_align_safe_stop:
4079   \mode_if_math:TF
4080     { \int_to_symbol_math:n }
4081     { \int_to_symbol_text:n }
4082 }
4083 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_symbol_math:n #1
4084 {
4085   \int_to_symbols:nnn {#1} { 9 }
4086   {
4087     { 1 } { * }
4088     { 2 } { \dagger }
4089     { 3 } { \ddagger }
4090     { 4 } { \mathsection }
4091     { 5 } { \mathparagraph }
4092     { 6 } { \| }
4093     { 7 } { ** }
4094     { 8 } { \dagger \dagger }
4095     { 9 } { \ddagger \ddagger }
4096   }
4097 }
4098 \cs_new:Npn \int_to_symbol_text:n #1
4099 {
4100   \int_to_symbols:nnn {#1} { 9 }
4101   {
4102     { 1 } { \textasteriskcentered }
4103     { 2 } { \textdagger }
4104     { 3 } { \textdaggerdbl }
4105     { 4 } { \textsection }
4106     { 5 } { \textparagraph }
4107     { 6 } { \textbardbl }
4108     { 7 } { \textasteriskcentered \textasteriskcentered }
4109     { 8 } { \textdagger \textdagger }
4110     { 9 } { \textdaggerdbl \textdaggerdbl }
4111   }
4112 }
4113 </deprecated>

```

(End definition for `\int_to_symbol:n` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\if_num:w` Deprecated 2012-05-30 for removal after 2012-11-30.

```
4114 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_num:w \if_int_compare:w
```

(End definition for `\if_num:w` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\l_tmpc_int` Deprecated 2012-07-04 for removal after 2012-12-31.

```
4115 \int_new:N \l_tmpc_int
```

(End definition for `\l_tmpc_int` This variable is documented on page ??.)

```

\int_eval:w  Deprecated 2012-07-13 for removal after 2012-12-31.
\int_eval_end: 4116 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_eval:w    \__int_eval:w
                4117 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_eval_end: \__int_eval_end:
                (End definition for \int_eval:w and \int_eval_end: These functions are documented on page ??.)

\int_value:w  Deprecated 2012-07-14 for removal after 2012-12-31.
                4118 \cs_new_eq:NN \int_value:w \__int_value:w
                (End definition for \int_value:w This function is documented on page ??.)
                4119 </initex | package>

```

## 9 l3skip implementation

```

4120 <*initex | package>
4121 <@@=dim>
4122 <*package>
4123 \ProvidesExplPackage
4124   {\ExplFileName}{\ExplFileDate}{\ExplFileVersion}{\ExplFileDescription}
4125   \__expl_package_check:
4126 </package>

```

### 9.1 Length primitives renamed

```

\if_dim:w  Primitives renamed.
\__dim_eval:w 4127 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_dim:w    \tex_ifdim:D
\__dim_eval_end: 4128 \cs_new_eq:NN \__dim_eval:w    \etex_dimexpr:D
                4129 \cs_new_eq:NN \__dim_eval_end:    \tex_relax:D
                (End definition for \if_dim:w This function is documented on page 93.)

```

### 9.2 Creating and initialising dim variables

```

\dim_new:N  Allocating <dim> registers ...
\dim_new:c  4130 <*package>
                4131 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_new:N #1
                4132 {
                4133   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
                4134   \newdimen #1
                4135 }
                4136 </package>
                4137 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_new:N { c }
                (End definition for \dim_new:N and \dim_new:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

\dim_const:Nn  Contrarily to integer constants, we cannot avoid using a register, even for constants.
\dim_const:cn  4138 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_const:Nn #1
                4139 {
                4140   \dim_new:N #1
                4141   \dim_gset:Nn #1
                4142 }
                4143 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_const:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\dim_const:Nn` and `\dim_const:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\dim_zero:N` Reset the register to zero.

```
\dim_zero:c 4144 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_zero:N #1 { #1 \c_zero_dim }
\dim_gzero:N 4145 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gzero:N { \tex_global:D \dim_zero:N }
\dim_gzero:c 4146 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_zero:N { c }
4147 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gzero:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\dim_zero:N` and `\dim_zero:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\dim_zero_new:N` Create a register if needed, otherwise clear it.

```
\dim_zero_new:c 4148 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_zero_new:N #1
\dim_gzero_new:N 4149 { \dim_if_exist:NTF #1 { \dim_zero:N #1 } { \dim_new:N #1 } }
\dim_gzero_new:c 4150 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gzero_new:N #1
4151 { \dim_if_exist:NTF #1 { \dim_gzero:N #1 } { \dim_new:N #1 } }
4152 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_zero_new:N { c }
4153 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gzero_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\dim_zero_new:N` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\dim_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.

```
\dim_if_exist_p:c 4154 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_if_exist:NTF \cs_if_exist:NTF
\dim_if_exist:NTF 4155 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_if_exist:NT \cs_if_exist:NT
\dim_if_exist:cTF 4156 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_if_exist:NF \cs_if_exist:NF
4157 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_if_exist_p:N \cs_if_exist_p:N
4158 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_if_exist:cTF \cs_if_exist:cTF
4159 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_if_exist:cT \cs_if_exist:cT
4160 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_if_exist:cF \cs_if_exist:cF
4161 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_if_exist_p:c \cs_if_exist_p:c
```

(End definition for `\dim_if_exist:N` and `\dim_if_exist:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 9.3 Setting dim variables

`\dim_set:Nn` Setting dimensions is easy enough.

```
\dim_set:cn 4162 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_set:Nn #1#2
\dim_gset:Nn 4163 { #1 ~ \_dim_eval:w #2 \_dim_eval_end: }
\dim_gset:cn 4164 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gset:Nn { \tex_global:D \dim_set:Nn }
4165 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_set:Nn { c }
4166 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gset:Nn { c }
```

(End definition for `\dim_set:Nn` and `\dim_set:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\dim_set_eq:NN` All straightforward.

```
\dim_set_eq:cN 4167 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_set_eq:NN #1#2 { #1 = #2 }
\dim_set_eq:Nc 4168 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_set_eq:NN { c }
\dim_set_eq:cc 4169 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_set_eq:NN { Nc , cc }
\dim_gset_eq:NN 4170 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gset_eq:NN #1#2 { \tex_global:D #1 = #2 }
\dim_gset_eq:cN 4171 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gset_eq:NN { c }
\dim_gset_eq:Nc 4172 \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 ??.)
```



`\dim_set_max:Nn` Setting maximum and minimum values is simply a case of so build-in comparison. This only applies to dimensions as skips are not ordered.

```

\dim_set_max:cn
\dim_set_min:Nn
\dim_set_min:cn
\dim_gset_max:Nn
\dim_gset_max:cn
\dim_gset_min:Nn
\dim_gset_min:cn
\__dim_set_max:NNNn
4173 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \dim_set_max:Nn
4174 { \__dim_set_max:NNNn < \dim_set:Nn }
4175 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \dim_gset_max:Nn
4176 { \__dim_set_max:NNNn < \dim_gset:Nn }
4177 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \dim_set_min:Nn
4178 { \__dim_set_max:NNNn > \dim_set:Nn }
4179 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \dim_gset_min:Nn
4180 { \__dim_set_max:NNNn > \dim_gset:Nn }
4181 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__dim_set_max:NNNn #1#2#3#4
4182 { \dim_compare:nNnT {#3} #1 {#4} { #2 #3 {#4} } }
4183 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_set_max:Nn { c }
4184 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gset_max:Nn { c }
4185 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_set_min:Nn { c }
4186 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gset_min:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\dim_set_max:Nn` and `\dim_set_max:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\dim_add:Nn` Using by here deals with the (incorrect) case `\dimen123`.

```

\dim_add:cn
\dim_gadd:Nn
\dim_gadd:cn
\dim_sub:Nn
\dim_sub:cn
\dim_gsub:Nn
\dim_gsub:cn
4187 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_add:Nn #1#2
4188 { \tex_advance:D #1 by \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: }
4189 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gadd:Nn { \tex_global:D \dim_add:Nn }
4190 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_add:Nn { c }
4191 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gadd:Nn { c }
4192 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_sub:Nn #1#2
4193 { \tex_advance:D #1 by - \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: }
4194 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_gsub:Nn { \tex_global:D \dim_sub:Nn }
4195 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_sub:Nn { c }
4196 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_gsub:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\dim_add:Nn` and `\dim_add:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 9.4 Utilities for dimension calculations

`\dim_abs:n` Similar to the `\int_abs:n` function, but here an additional  $\langle dimexpr \rangle$  is needed as T<sub>E</sub>X won't simply tidy up an additional – for us.

```

4197 \cs_new:Npn \dim_abs:n #1
4198 {
4199   \dim_use:N
4200   \__dim_eval:w
4201   \if_dim:w \__dim_eval:w #1 < \c_zero_dim
4202   -
4203   \fi:
4204   \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end:
4205   \__dim_eval_end:
4206 }

```

(End definition for `\dim_abs:n` This function is documented on page 82.)

`\dim_ratio:nn` With dimension expressions, something like `10 pt * ( 5 pt / 10 pt )` will not work. `\__dim_ratio:n` Instead, the ratio part needs to be converted to an integer expression. Using `\__int_value:w` forces everything into `sp`, avoiding any decimal parts.

```

4207 \cs_new:Npn \dim_ratio:nn #1#2
4208 { \__dim_ratio:n {#1} / \__dim_ratio:n {#2} }
4209 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_ratio:n #1
4210 { \__int_value:w \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: }
(End definition for \dim_ratio:nn This function is documented on page 82.)

```

## 9.5 Dimension expression conditionals

`\dim_compare_p:nNn` Simple comparison.

```

\dim_compare:nNnTF
4211 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \dim_compare:nNn #1#2#3 { p , T , F , TF }
4212 {
4213   \if_dim:w \__dim_eval:w #1 #2 \__dim_eval:w #3 \__dim_eval_end:
4214   \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
4215 }

```

(End definition for `\dim_compare:nNn` These functions are documented on page 82.)

`\dim_compare_p:n` This code is adapted from the `\int_compare:nTF` function. First evaluate the left-hand side. Then access the relation symbol by grabbing until `pt` (with category other), and pursue otherwise just as for `\int_compare:nTF`.

```

\__dim_compare_aux:w
\__dim_compare_aux:NNw
\__dim_compare_=:NNw
\__dim_compare_<:NNw
\__dim_compare_>:NNw
\__dim_compare_=:NNw
\__dim_compare_!=:NNw
\__dim_compare_<=:NNw
\__dim_compare_>=:NNw
4216 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \dim_compare:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
4217 {
4218   \exp_after:wN \__dim_compare_aux:w \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #1
4219   \__prg_compare_error: \__dim_eval_end:
4220   \prg_return_true:
4221   \else:
4222   \prg_return_false:
4223   \fi:
4224 }
4225 \exp_args:Nno \use:nn
4226 { \cs_new:Npn \__dim_compare_aux:w #1 }
4227 { \tl_to_str:n { pt } }
4228 #2 \__prg_compare_error:
4229 {
4230   \exp_after:wN \__dim_compare_aux:NNw #2 ?? \q_mark
4231   #1 pt #2
4232 }
4233 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_compare_aux:NNw #1#2#3 \q_mark
4234 {
4235   \use:c { __dim_compare_ #1 \if_meaning:w = #2 = \fi: :NNw }
4236   \__prg_compare_error:Nw #1
4237 }
4238 \cs_new:cpn { __dim_compare_=:NNw } #1#2#3 =
4239 { \if_dim:w #3 = \__dim_eval:w }
4240 \cs_new:cpn { __dim_compare_<:NNw } #1#2#3 <
4241 { \if_dim:w #3 < \__dim_eval:w }

```

```

4242 \cs_new:cpn { __dim_compare_>:NNw } #1#2#3 >
4243 { \if_dim:w #3 > \__dim_eval:w }
4244 \cs_new:cpn { __dim_compare_==:NNw } #1#2#3 ==
4245 { \if_dim:w #3 = \__dim_eval:w }
4246 \cs_new:cpn { __dim_compare_!=:NNw } #1#2#3 !=
4247 { \reverse_if:N \if_dim:w #3 = \__dim_eval:w }
4248 \cs_new:cpn { __dim_compare_<=:NNw } #1#2#3 <=
4249 { \reverse_if:N \if_dim:w #3 > \__dim_eval:w }
4250 \cs_new:cpn { __dim_compare_>=:NNw } #1#2#3 >=
4251 { \reverse_if:N \if_dim:w #3 < \__dim_eval:w }

```

(End definition for `\dim_compare:n` These functions are documented on page 83.)

```

\dim_case:nnn
\__dim_case_aux:nnn
\__dim_case_aux:nw
\__dim_case_end:nw

```

The dimension function is the same as the `int` version, so there is not much to say here.

```

4252 \cs_new:Npn \dim_case:nnn #1
4253 {
4254   \tex_romannumeral:D
4255   \exp_args:Nf \__dim_case_aux:nnn { \dim_eval:n {#1} }
4256 }
4257 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_case_aux:nnn #1#2#3
4258 { \__dim_case_aux:nw {#1} #2 {#1} {#3} \q_recursion_stop }
4259 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_case_aux:nw #1#2#3
4260 {
4261   \dim_compare:nNnTF {#1} = {#2}
4262   { \__dim_case_end:nw {#3} }
4263   { \__dim_case_aux:nw {#1} }
4264 }
4265 \cs_new_eq:NN \__dim_case_end:nw \__prg_case_end:nw

```

(End definition for `\dim_case:nnn` This function is documented on page 83.)

## 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

```

```

4266 \cs_set:Npn \dim_while_do:nn #1#2
4267 {
4268   \dim_compare:nT {#1}
4269   {
4270     #2
4271     \dim_while_do:nn {#1} {#2}
4272   }
4273 }
4274 \cs_set:Npn \dim_until_do:nn #1#2
4275 {
4276   \dim_compare:nF {#1}
4277   {
4278     #2
4279     \dim_until_do:nn {#1} {#2}
4280   }
4281 }

```

```

4282 \cs_set:Npn \dim_do_while:nn #1#2
4283 {
4284   #2
4285   \dim_compare:nT {#1}
4286   { \dim_do_while:nn {#1} {#2} }
4287 }
4288 \cs_set:Npn \dim_do_until:nn #1#2
4289 {
4290   #2
4291   \dim_compare:nF {#1}
4292   { \dim_do_until:nn {#1} {#2} }
4293 }

```

(End definition for `\dim_while_do:nn` This function is documented on page 84.)

`\dim_while_do:nNnn` `\dim_while_do` and `do_while` functions for dimensions. Same as for the `int` type only the names have changed.

```

4294 \cs_set:Npn \dim_while_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
4295 {
4296   \dim_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
4297   {
4298     #4
4299     \dim_while_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
4300   }
4301 }
4302 \cs_set:Npn \dim_until_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
4303 {
4304   \dim_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
4305   {
4306     #4
4307     \dim_until_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
4308   }
4309 }
4310 \cs_set:Npn \dim_do_while:nNnn #1#2#3#4
4311 {
4312   #4
4313   \dim_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
4314   { \dim_do_while:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
4315 }
4316 \cs_set:Npn \dim_do_until:nNnn #1#2#3#4
4317 {
4318   #4
4319   \dim_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
4320   { \dim_do_until:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
4321 }

```

(End definition for `\dim_while_do:nNnn` This function is documented on page 84.)

## 9.7 Using dim expressions and variables

`\dim_eval:n` Evaluating a dimension expression expandably.

```

4322 \cs_new:Npn \dim_eval:n #1
4323 { \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: }
(End definition for \dim_eval:n This function is documented on page 85.)

```

**\\_\_dim\_strip\_bp:n**

```

4324 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_strip_bp:n #1
4325 { \__dim_strip_pt:n { 0.996 26 \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: } }
(End definition for \__dim_strip_bp:n)

```

**\\_\_dim\_strip\_pt:n**

**\\_\_dim\_strip\_pt:w**

A function which comes up often enough to deserve a place in the kernel. The idea here is that the input is assumed to be in `pt`, but can be given in other units, while the output is the value of the dimension in `pt` but with no units given. This is used a lot by low-level manipulations.

```

4326 \cs_new:Npn \__dim_strip_pt:n #1
4327 {
4328   \exp_after:wN
4329   \__dim_strip_pt:w \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: \q_stop
4330 }
4331 \use:x
4332 {
4333   \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \__dim_strip_pt:w
4334   ##1 . ##2 \tl_to_str:n { pt } ##3 \exp_not:N \q_stop
4335   {
4336     ##1
4337     \exp_not:N \int_compare:nNt {##2} > \c_zero
4338     { . ##2 }
4339   }
4340 }
(End definition for \__dim_strip_pt:n This function is documented on page 94.)

```

**\dim\_use:N**

Accessing a  $\langle dim \rangle$ .

**\dim\_use:c**

```

4341 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_use:N \tex_the:D
4342 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_use:N { c }
(End definition for \dim_use:N and \dim_use:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

## 9.8 Viewing dim variables

**\dim\_show:N**

Diagnostics.

**\dim\_show:c**

```

4343 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_show:N \__kernel_register_show:N
4344 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \dim_show:N { c }
(End definition for \dim_show:N and \dim_show:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

**\dim\_show:n**

Diagnostics. We don't use the TeX primitive `\showthe` to show dimension expressions: this gives a more unified output, since the closing brace is read by the dimension expression in all cases.

```

4345 \cs_new_protected:Npn \dim_show:n #1
4346 { \etex_showtokens:D \exp_after:wN { \dim_use:N \__dim_eval:w #1 } }
(End definition for \dim_show:n This function is documented on page 86.)

```

## 9.9 Constant dimensions

`\c_zero_dim` The source for these depends on whether we are in package mode.

```
\c_max_dim
4347 \*initex>
4348 \dim_new:N \c_zero_dim
4349 \dim_new:N \c_max_dim
4350 \dim_set:Nn \c_max_dim { 16383.99999 pt }
4351 \*initex>
4352 \*package>
4353 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_zero_dim \z@
4354 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_max_dim \maxdimen
4355 \*package>
```

(End definition for `\c_zero_dim` This function is documented on page 86.)

## 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
4356 \dim_new:N \l_tmpa_dim
4357 \dim_new:N \l_tmpb_dim
4358 \dim_new:N \g_tmpa_dim
4359 \dim_new:N \g_tmpb_dim
```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_dim` and `\l_tmpb_dim` These functions are documented on page 86.)

## 9.11 Creating and initialising skip variables

`\skip_new:N` Allocation of a new internal registers.

```
\skip_new:c
4360 \*package>
4361 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_new:N #1
4362 {
4363   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
4364   \newskip #1
4365 }
4366 \*package>
4367 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_new:N { c }
```

(End definition for `\skip_new:N` and `\skip_new:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\skip_const:Nn` Contrarily to integer constants, we cannot avoid using a register, even for constants.

```
\skip_const:cn
4368 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_const:Nn #1
4369 {
4370   \skip_new:N #1
4371   \skip_gset:Nn #1
4372 }
4373 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_const:Nn { c }
```

(End definition for `\skip_const:Nn` and `\skip_const:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\skip_zero:N` Reset the register to zero.

```

\skip_zero:c 4374 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_zero:N #1 { #1 \c_zero_skip }
\skip_gzero:N 4375 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gzero:N { \tex_global:D \skip_zero:N }
\skip_gzero:c 4376 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_zero:N { c }
4377 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gzero:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\skip_zero:N` and `\skip_zero:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\skip_zero_new:N` Create a register if needed, otherwise clear it.

```

\skip_zero_new:c 4378 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_zero_new:N #1
\skip_gzero_new:N 4379 { \skip_if_exist:NTF #1 { \skip_zero:N #1 } { \skip_new:N #1 } }
\skip_gzero_new:c 4380 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gzero_new:N #1
4381 { \skip_if_exist:NTF #1 { \skip_gzero:N #1 } { \skip_new:N #1 } }
4382 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_zero_new:N { c }
4383 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gzero_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\skip_zero_new:N` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\skip_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.

```

\skip_if_exist_p:c 4384 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_if_exist:NTF \cs_if_exist:NTF
\skip_if_exist:NTF 4385 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_if_exist:NT \cs_if_exist:NT
\skip_if_exist:cTF 4386 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_if_exist:NF \cs_if_exist:NF
4387 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_if_exist_p:N \cs_if_exist_p:N
4388 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_if_exist:cTF \cs_if_exist:cTF
4389 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_if_exist:cT \cs_if_exist:cT
4390 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_if_exist:cF \cs_if_exist:cF
4391 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_if_exist_p:c \cs_if_exist_p:c

```

(End definition for `\skip_if_exist:N` and `\skip_if_exist:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 9.12 Setting skip variables

`\skip_set:Nn` Much the same as for dimensions.

```

\skip_set:cn 4392 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_set:Nn #1#2
\skip_gset:Nn 4393 { #1 ~ \etex_glueexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
\skip_gset:cn 4394 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gset:Nn { \tex_global:D \skip_set:Nn }
4395 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_set:Nn { c }
4396 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gset:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\skip_set:Nn` and `\skip_set:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\skip_set_eq:NN` All straightforward.

```

\skip_set_eq:cN 4397 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_set_eq:NN #1#2 { #1 = #2 }
\skip_set_eq:Nc 4398 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_set_eq:NN { c }
\skip_set_eq:cc 4399 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_set_eq:NN { Nc , cc }
\skip_gset_eq:NN 4400 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gset_eq:NN #1#2 { \tex_global:D #1 = #2 }
\skip_gset_eq:cN 4401 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gset_eq:NN { c }
\skip_gset_eq:Nc 4402 \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 ??.)

`\skip_add:Nn` Using by here deals with the (incorrect) case `\skip123`.

```

\skip_add:cn 4403 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_add:Nn #1#2
\skip_gadd:Nn 4404 { \tex_advance:D #1 by \etex_glueexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
\skip_gadd:cn 4405 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gadd:Nn { \tex_global:D \skip_add:Nn }
\skip_sub:Nn 4406 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_add:Nn { c }
\skip_sub:cn 4407 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gadd:Nn { c }
\skip_gsub:Nn 4408 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_sub:Nn #1#2
\skip_gsub:cn 4409 { \tex_advance:D #1 by - \etex_glueexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
4410 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_gsub:Nn { \tex_global:D \skip_sub:Nn }
4411 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_sub:Nn { c }
4412 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_gsub:Nn { c }

```

*(End definition for \skip\_add:Nn and \skip\_add:cn These functions are documented on page ??.)*

### 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.

```

4413 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \skip_if_eq:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
4414 {
4415   \if_int_compare:w
4416     \pdfTeX_strcmp:D { \skip_eval:n { #1 } } { \skip_eval:n { #2 } }
4417     = \c_zero
4418     \prg_return_true:
4419   \else:
4420     \prg_return_false:
4421   \fi:
4422 }

```

*(End definition for \skip\_if\_eq:nn These functions are documented on page 88.)*

`\skip_if_finite_p:n` With  $\epsilon$ -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.

```

4423 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__cs_tmp:w #1
4424 {
4425   \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \skip_if_finite:n ##1 { p , T , F , TF }
4426   {
4427     \exp_after:wN \__skip_if_finite:wwNw
4428     \skip_use:N \etex_glueexpr:D ##1 ; \prg_return_false:
4429     #1 ; \prg_return_true: \q_stop
4430   }
4431   \cs_new:Npn \__skip_if_finite:wwNw ##1 #1 ##2 ; ##3 ##4 \q_stop {##3}
4432 }
4433 \exp_args:No \__cs_tmp:w { \tl_to_str:n { fil } }

```

*(End definition for \skip\_if\_finite:n These functions are documented on page 88.)*



## 9.14 Using skip expressions and variables

**`\skip_eval:n`** Evaluating a skip expression expandably.

```
4434 \cs_new:Npn \skip_eval:n #1
4435 { \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`**

```
4436 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_use:N \tex_the:D
4437 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_use:N { c }
(End definition for \skip_use:N and \skip_use:c These functions are documented on page ??.)
```

## 9.15 Inserting skips into the output

**`\skip_horizontal:N`** Inserting skips.

**`\skip_horizontal:c`**

**`\skip_horizontal:n`**

**`\skip_vertical:N`**

**`\skip_vertical:c`**

**`\skip_vertical:n`**

```
4438 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_horizontal:N \tex_hskip:D
4439 \cs_new:Npn \skip_horizontal:n #1
4440 { \skip_horizontal:N \etex_glueexpr:D #1 \scan_stop: }
4441 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_vertical:N \tex_vskip:D
4442 \cs_new:Npn \skip_vertical:n #1
4443 { \skip_vertical:N \etex_glueexpr:D #1 \scan_stop: }
4444 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_horizontal:N { c }
4445 \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 ??.)
```

## 9.16 Viewing skip variables

**`\skip_show:N`** Diagnostics.

**`\skip_show:c`**

```
4446 \cs_new_eq:NN \skip_show:N \__kernel_register_show:N
4447 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \skip_show:N { c }
(End definition for \skip_show:N and \skip_show:c These functions are documented on page ??.)
```

**`\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, since the closing brace is read by the skip expression in all cases.

```
4448 \cs_new_protected:Npn \skip_show:n #1
4449 { \etex_showtokens:D \exp_after:wN { \tex_the:D \etex_glueexpr:D #1 } }
(End definition for \skip_show:n This function is documented on page 89.)
```

## 9.17 Constant skips

**`\c_zero_skip`** Skips with no rubber component are just dimensions

**`\c_max_skip`**

```
4450 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_zero_skip \c_zero_dim
4451 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_max_skip \c_max_dim
(End definition for \c_zero_skip This function is documented on page 89.)
```

## 9.18 Scratch skips

`\l_tmpa_skip` We provide two local and two global scratch registers, maybe we need more or less.

`\l_tmpb_skip` 4452 `\skip_new:N \l_tmpa_skip`  
`\g_tmpa_skip` 4453 `\skip_new:N \l_tmpb_skip`  
`\g_tmpb_skip` 4454 `\skip_new:N \g_tmpa_skip`  
4455 `\skip_new:N \g_tmpb_skip`

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_skip` and `\l_tmpb_skip` These functions are documented on page 89.)

## 9.19 Creating and initialising muskip variables

`\muskip_new:N` And then we add muskips.

`\muskip_new:c` 4456 `\*package`  
4457 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_new:N #1`  
4458 `{`  
4459 `\__chk_if_free_cs:N #1`  
4460 `\newmuskip #1`  
4461 `}`  
4462 `\*package`  
4463 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_new:N { c }`

(End definition for `\muskip_new:N` and `\muskip_new:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\muskip_const:Nn` Contrarily to integer constants, we cannot avoid using a register, even for constants.

`\muskip_const:cn` 4464 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_const:Nn #1`  
4465 `{`  
4466 `\muskip_new:N #1`  
4467 `\muskip_gset:Nn #1`  
4468 `}`  
4469 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_const:Nn { c }`

(End definition for `\muskip_const:Nn` and `\muskip_const:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\muskip_zero:N` Reset the register to zero.

`\muskip_zero:c` 4470 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_zero:N #1`  
`\muskip_gzero:N` 4471 `{ #1 \c_zero_muskip }`  
`\muskip_gzero:c` 4472 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gzero:N { \tex_global:D \muskip_zero:N }`  
4473 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_zero:N { c }`  
4474 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gzero:N { c }`

(End definition for `\muskip_zero:N` and `\muskip_zero:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\muskip_zero_new:N` Create a register if needed, otherwise clear it.

`\muskip_zero_new:c` 4475 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_zero_new:N #1`  
`\muskip_gzero_new:N` 4476 `{ \muskip_if_exist:NTF #1 { \muskip_zero:N #1 } { \muskip_new:N #1 } }`  
`\muskip_gzero_new:c` 4477 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gzero_new:N #1`  
4478 `{ \muskip_if_exist:NTF #1 { \muskip_gzero:N #1 } { \muskip_new:N #1 } }`  
4479 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_zero_new:N { c }`  
4480 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gzero_new:N { c }`

(End definition for `\muskip_zero_new:N` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\muskip_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the `cs` functions defined in `l3basics`.

```

\muskip_if_exist_p:c 4481 \cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_if_exist:NTF \cs_if_exist:NTF
\muskip_if_exist:NTF 4482 \cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_if_exist:NT \cs_if_exist:NT
\muskip_if_exist:cTF 4483 \cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_if_exist:NF \cs_if_exist:NF
4484 \cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_if_exist_p:N \cs_if_exist_p:N
4485 \cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_if_exist:cTF \cs_if_exist:cTF
4486 \cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_if_exist:cT \cs_if_exist:cT
4487 \cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_if_exist:cF \cs_if_exist:cF
4488 \cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_if_exist_p:c \cs_if_exist_p:c

```

(End definition for `\muskip_if_exist:N` and `\muskip_if_exist:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 9.20 Setting muskip variables

`\muskip_set:Nn` This should be pretty familiar.

```

\muskip_set:cn 4489 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_set:Nn #1#2
\muskip_gset:Nn 4490 { #1 ~ \etex_muexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
\muskip_gset:cn 4491 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gset:Nn { \tex_global:D \muskip_set:Nn }
4492 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_set:Nn { c }
4493 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gset:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\muskip_set:Nn` and `\muskip_set:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\muskip_set_eq:NN` All straightforward.

```

\muskip_set_eq:cN 4494 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_set_eq:NN #1#2 { #1 = #2 }
\muskip_set_eq:Nc 4495 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_set_eq:NN { c }
\muskip_set_eq:cc 4496 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_set_eq:NN { Nc , cc }
\muskip_gset_eq:NN 4497 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gset_eq:NN #1#2 { \tex_global:D #1 = #2 }
\muskip_gset_eq:cN 4498 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gset_eq:NN { c }
\muskip_gset_eq:Nc 4499 \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 ??.)

`\muskip_add:Nn` Using `by` here deals with the (incorrect) case `\muskip123`.

```

\muskip_add:cn 4500 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_add:Nn #1#2
\muskip_gadd:Nn 4501 { \tex_advance:D #1 by \etex_muexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
\muskip_gadd:cn 4502 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gadd:Nn { \tex_global:D \muskip_add:Nn }
\muskip_sub:Nn 4503 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_add:Nn { c }
\muskip_sub:cn 4504 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gadd:Nn { c }
\muskip_gsub:Nn 4505 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_sub:Nn #1#2
\muskip_gsub:cn 4506 { \tex_advance:D #1 by - \etex_muexpr:D #2 \scan_stop: }
4507 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_gsub:Nn { \tex_global:D \muskip_sub:Nn }
4508 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_sub:Nn { c }
4509 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_gsub:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\muskip_add:Nn` and `\muskip_add:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 9.21 Using muskip expressions and variables

**\muskip\_eval:n** Evaluating a muskip expression expandably.

```
4510 \cs_new:Npn \muskip_eval:n #1
4511 { \muskip_use:N \etex_muexpr:D #1 \scan_stop: }
```

(End definition for \muskip\_eval:n This function is documented on page 92.)

**\muskip\_use:N** Accessing a  $\langle muskip \rangle$ .

**\muskip\_use:c**

```
4512 \cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_use:N \tex_the:D
4513 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_use:N { c }
```

(End definition for \muskip\_use:N and \muskip\_use:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 9.22 Viewing muskip variables

**\muskip\_show:N** Diagnostics.

**\muskip\_show:c**

```
4514 \cs_new_eq:NN \muskip_show:N \__kernel_register_show:N
4515 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \muskip_show:N { c }
```

(End definition for \muskip\_show:N and \muskip\_show:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\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, since the closing brace is read by the muskip expression in all cases.

```
4516 \cs_new_protected:Npn \muskip_show:n #1
4517 { \etex_showtokens:D \exp_after:wN { \tex_the:D \etex_muexpr:D #1 } }
```

(End definition for \muskip\_show:n This function is documented on page 92.)

## 9.23 Constant muskips

**\c\_zero\_muskip** Constant muskips given by their value.

**\c\_max\_muskip**

```
4518 \muskip_const:Nn \c_zero_muskip { 0 mu }
4519 \muskip_const:Nn \c_max_muskip { 16383.99999 mu }
```

(End definition for \c\_zero\_muskip This function is documented on page 92.)

## 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**

**\g\_tmpa\_muskip**

**\g\_tmpb\_muskip**

```
4520 \muskip_new:N \l_tmpa_muskip
4521 \muskip_new:N \l_tmpb_muskip
4522 \muskip_new:N \g_tmpa_muskip
4523 \muskip_new:N \g_tmpb_muskip
```

(End definition for \l\_tmpa\_muskip and \l\_tmpb\_muskip These functions are documented on page 93.)

## 9.25 Deprecated functions

Deprecated on 2012-05-10, for removal by 2012-08-31.

```
\skip_if_infinite_glue_p:n Reverse of \skip_if_finite:nTF.
\skip_if_infinite_glue:nTF 4524 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \skip_if_infinite_glue:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
                          4525 { \skip_if_finite:nTF {#1} \prg_return_false: \prg_return_true: }
                          (End definition for \skip_if_infinite_glue:n These functions are documented on page ??.)
                          Deprecated 2012-06-03 for removal after 2012-12-31.

\prg_case_dim:nnn Moved here, was in l3prg but load order means we define it here now.
                     4526 \cs_new_eq:NN \prg_case_dim:nnn \dim_case:nnn
                     (End definition for \prg_case_dim:nnn This function is documented on page ??.)

\dim_eval:w
\dim_eval_end: 4527 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_eval:w \__dim_eval:w
               4528 \cs_new_eq:NN \dim_eval_end: \__dim_eval_end:
               (End definition for \dim_eval:w and \dim_eval_end: These functions are documented on page ??.)
               4529 \</initex | package>
```

## 10 l3tl implementation

```
4530 \<*initex | package>
4531 \<@@=tl>
4532 \<*package>
4533 \ProvidesExplPackage
4534 { \ExplFileName } { \ExplFileDate } { \ExplFileVersion } { \ExplFileDescription }
4535 \__expl_package_check:
4536 \</package>
```

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 if
\tl_new:c free doing the definition.

4537 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_new:N #1
4538 {
4539   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
4540   \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_tl
4541 }
4542 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_new:N { c }
(End definition for \tl_new:N and \tl_new:c These functions are documented on page ??.)
```

**\tl\_const:Nn** Constants are also easy to generate.

```

\tl_const:Nx 4543 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_const:Nn #1#2
\tl_const:cn 4544 {
\tl_const:cx 4545   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
4546   \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} }
4547 }
4548 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_const:Nx #1#2
4549 {
4550   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
4551   \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 {#2}
4552 }
4553 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_const:Nn { c }
4554 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_const:Nx { c }

```

*(End definition for \tl\_const:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)*

**\c\_empty\_tl** Never full. We need to define that constant early for **\tl\_new:N** to work properly.

```
4555 \tl_const:Nn \c_empty_tl { }
```

*(End definition for \c\_empty\_tl This variable is documented on page 108.)*

**\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 4556 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_clear:N #1
\tl_gclear:N 4557 { \tl_set_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_tl }
\tl_gclear:c 4558 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gclear:N #1
4559 { \tl_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_tl }
4560 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_clear:N { c }
4561 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gclear:N { c }

```

*(End definition for \tl\_clear:N and \tl\_clear:c These functions are documented on page ??.)*

**\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 4562 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_clear_new:N #1
\tl_gclear_new:N 4563 { \tl_if_exist:NTF #1 { \tl_clear:N #1 } { \tl_new:N #1 } }
\tl_gclear_new:c 4564 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gclear_new:N #1
4565 { \tl_if_exist:NTF #1 { \tl_gclear:N #1 } { \tl_new:N #1 } }
4566 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_clear_new:N { c }
4567 \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 ??.)*

**\tl\_set\_eq:NN** For setting token list variables equal to each other.

```

\tl_set_eq:Nc 4568 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:NN \cs_set_eq:NN
\tl_set_eq:cN 4569 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:cN \cs_set_eq:cN
\tl_set_eq:cc 4570 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:Nc \cs_set_eq:Nc
\tl_gset_eq:NN 4571 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:cc \cs_set_eq:cc
\tl_gset_eq:Nc 4572 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:NN \cs_gset_eq:NN
\tl_gset_eq:cN 4573 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:cN \cs_gset_eq:cN
\tl_gset_eq:Nc 4574 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:Nc \cs_gset_eq:Nc
\tl_gset_eq:cc 4575 \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 ??.)

```

\relax\tl_concat:NNN Concatenating token lists is easy.
\relax\tl_concat:ccc 4576 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_concat:NNN #1#2#3
\relax\tl_gconcat:NNN 4577 { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} \exp_not:o {#3} } }
\relax\tl_gconcat:ccc 4578 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gconcat:NNN #1#2#3
4579 { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} \exp_not:o {#3} } }
4580 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_concat:NNN { ccc }
4581 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gconcat:NNN { ccc }

```

(End definition for `\tl_concat:NNN` and `\tl_concat:ccc` These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\relax\tl_if_exist_p:N Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.
\relax\tl_if_exist_p:c 4582 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_if_exist:NTF \cs_if_exist:NTF
\relax\tl_if_exist:N $\overline{TF}$  4583 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_if_exist:NT \cs_if_exist:NT
\relax\tl_if_exist:c $\overline{TF}$  4584 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_if_exist:NF \cs_if_exist:NF
4585 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_if_exist_p:N \cs_if_exist_p:N
4586 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_if_exist:cTF \cs_if_exist:cTF
4587 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_if_exist:cT \cs_if_exist:cT
4588 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_if_exist:cF \cs_if_exist:cF
4589 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_if_exist_p:c \cs_if_exist_p:c

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_exist:N` and `\tl_if_exist:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 10.2 Constant token lists

`\c_job_name_tl` 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. LuaT<sub>E</sub>X does not quote file names containing spaces, whereas pdfT<sub>E</sub>X and X<sub>Y</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X do. So there may be a correction to make in the LuaT<sub>E</sub>X case.

```

4590 \begin{initex}
4591 \tex_everyjob:D \exp_after:wN
4592 {
4593   \tex_the:D \tex_everyjob:D
4594   \luatex_if_engine:T
4595   {
4596     \lua_now:x
4597     { dofile ( assert ( kpse.find_file ("lualatexquotejobname.lua" ) ) ) }
4598   }
4599 }
4600 \end{initex}
4601 \tl_const:Nx \c_job_name_tl { \tex_jobname:D }

```

(End definition for `\c_job_name_tl` This variable is documented on page 108.)

`\c_space_tl` A space as a token list (as opposed to as a character).

```

4602 \tl_const:Nn \c_space_tl { ~ }

```

(End definition for `\c_space_tl` This variable is documented on page 109.)

### 10.3 Adding to token list variables

By using `\exp_not:n` token list variables can contain `#` tokens, which makes the token list registers provided by `TEX` more or less redundant. The `\tl_set:No` version is done “by hand” as it is used quite a lot.

```

\tl_set:Nn 4603 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_set:Nn #1#2
\tl_set:NV 4604 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
\tl_set:Nv
\tl_set:No
\tl_set:Nf 4605 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_set:No #1#2
\tl_set:Nx 4606 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} } }
\tl_set:cn 4607 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_set:Nx #1#2
\tl_set:NV 4608 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 {#2} }
\tl_set:Nv
\tl_set:co 4609 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gset:Nn #1#2
\tl_set:cf 4610 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
\tl_set:cx 4611 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gset:No #1#2
\tl_gset:Nn 4612 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} } }
\tl_gset:NV 4613 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gset:Nx #1#2
\tl_gset:Nv 4614 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 {#2} }
\tl_gset:No 4615 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set:Nn { NV , Nv , Nf }
\tl_gset:Nf 4616 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set:Nx { c }
\tl_gset:Nx 4617 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set:Nn { c , co , cV , cv , cf }
\tl_gset:cn 4618 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gset:Nn { NV , Nv , Nf }
\tl_gset:NV 4619 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gset:Nx { c }
\tl_gset:Nv 4620 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gset:Nn { c , co , cV , cv , cf }
\tl_gset:No
\tl_gset:Nf
\tl_gset:Nx
\tl_gset:cn
\tl_gset:NV
\tl_gset:Nv

```

*(End definition for \tl\_set:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)*

Adding to the left is done directly to gain a little performance.

```

\tl_put_left:Nn 4621 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_left:Nn #1#2
\tl_put_left:NV 4622 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} \exp_not:o #1 } }
\tl_put_left:Nv
\tl_put_left:No 4623 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_left:NV #1#2
\tl_put_left:Nf 4624 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:V #2 \exp_not:o #1 } }
\tl_put_left:Nx 4625 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_left:No #1#2
\tl_put_left:cn 4626 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} \exp_not:o #1 } }
\tl_put_left:cV 4627 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_left:Nx #1#2
\tl_put_left:cV 4628 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { #2 \exp_not:o #1 } }
\tl_put_left:co 4629 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:Nn #1#2
\tl_put_left:cx 4630 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} \exp_not:o #1 } }
\tl_gput_left:Nn 4631 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:NV #1#2
\tl_gput_left:NV 4632 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:V #2 \exp_not:o #1 } }
\tl_gput_left:No 4633 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:No #1#2
\tl_gput_left:Nf 4634 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} \exp_not:o #1 } }
\tl_gput_left:Nx 4635 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_left:Nx #1#2
\tl_gput_left:cn 4636 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { #2 \exp_not:o {#1} } }
\tl_gput_left:cV 4637 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_left:Nn { c }
\tl_gput_left:cV 4638 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_left:NV { c }
\tl_gput_left:co 4639 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_left:No { c }
\tl_gput_left:co 4640 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_left:Nx { c }
\tl_gput_left:cx 4641 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_left:Nn { c }
4642 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_left:NV { c }
4643 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_left:No { c }
4644 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_left:Nx { c }

```



(End definition for `\tl_put_left:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\relax\tl_put_right:Nn The same on the right.
\relax\tl_put_right:NV 4645 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_right:Nn #1#2
\relax\tl_put_right:No 4646 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:n {#2} } }
\relax\tl_put_right:Nx 4647 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_right:NV #1#2
\relax\tl_put_right:cn 4648 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:V #2 } }
\relax\tl_put_right:cV 4649 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_right:No #1#2
\relax\tl_put_right:co 4650 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:o {#2} } }
\relax\tl_put_right:cx 4651 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_put_right:Nx #1#2
\relax\tl_gput_right:Nn 4652 { \cs_set_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 #2 } }
\relax\tl_gput_right:NV 4653 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_right:Nn #1#2
\relax\tl_gput_right:No 4654 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:n {#2} } }
\relax\tl_gput_right:Nx 4655 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_right:NV #1#2
\relax\tl_gput_right:cn 4656 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:V #2 } }
\relax\tl_gput_right:cV 4657 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_right:No #1#2
\relax\tl_gput_right:co 4658 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o #1 \exp_not:o {#2} } }
\relax\tl_gput_right:cx 4659 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gput_right:Nx #1#2
4660 { \cs_gset_nopar:Npx #1 { \exp_not:o {#1} #2 } }
4661 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_right:Nn { c }
4662 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_right:NV { c }
4663 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_right:No { c }
4664 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_put_right:Nx { c }
4665 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_right:Nn { c }
4666 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_right:NV { c }
4667 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_right:No { c }
4668 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gput_right:Nx { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_put_right:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 10.4 Reassigning token list category codes

`\c__tl_rescan_marker_tl` The rescanning code needs a special token list containing the same character with two different category codes. This is set up here, while the detail is described below.

```

4669 \group_begin:
4670 \tex_lccode:D '\A = '\@ \scan_stop:
4671 \tex_lccode:D '\B = '\@ \scan_stop:
4672 \tex_catcode:D '\A = 8 \scan_stop:
4673 \tex_catcode:D '\B = 3 \scan_stop:
4674 \tex_lowercase:D
4675 {
4676   \group_end:
4677   \tl_const:Nn \c__tl_rescan_marker_tl { A B }
4678 }

```

(End definition for `\c__tl_rescan_marker_tl` This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\tl_set_rescan:Nnn` The idea here is to deal cleanly with the problem that `\scantokens` treats the argument as a file, and without the correct settings a TeX error occurs:

! File ended while scanning definition of ...

```

\tl_set_rescan:Nno
\tl_set_rescan:Nnx
\tl_set_rescan:cnm
\tl_set_rescan:cno
\tl_set_rescan:cnx
\tl_gset_rescan:Nnn
\tl_gset_rescan:Nno
\tl_gset_rescan:Nnx
\tl_gset_rescan:cnm
\tl_gset_rescan:cno
\tl_gset_rescan:cnx
\tl_rescan:nn
\tl_set_rescan:Nnn

```

When expanding a token list this can be handled using `\exp_not:N` but this fails if the token list is not being expanded. So instead a delimited argument is used with an end marker which cannot appear within the token list which is scanned: two `@` symbols with different category codes. The rescanned token list cannot contain the end marker, because all `@` present in the token list are read with the same category code. As every character with charcode `\newlinechar` is replaced by the `\endlinechar`, and an extra `\endlinechar` is added at the end, we need to set both of those to `-1`, “unprintable”.

```

4679 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_set_rescan:Nnn
4680 { \tl_set_rescan:NNnn \tl_set:Nn }
4681 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_gset_rescan:Nnn
4682 { \tl_set_rescan:NNnn \tl_gset:Nn }
4683 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_rescan:nn
4684 { \tl_set_rescan:NNnn \prg_do_nothing: \use:n }
4685 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_set_rescan:NNnn #1#2#3#4
4686 {
4687   \group_begin:
4688     \exp_args:No \etex_everyeof:D { \c__tl_rescan_marker_tl \exp_not:N }
4689     \tex_endlinechar:D \c_minus_one
4690     \tex_newlinechar:D \c_minus_one
4691     #3
4692     \use:x
4693     {
4694       \group_end:
4695       #1 \exp_not:N #2
4696       {
4697         \exp_after:wN \tl_rescan:w
4698         \exp_after:wN \prg_do_nothing:
4699         \etex_scantokens:D {#4}
4700       }
4701     }
4702   }
4703   \use:x
4704   {
4705     \cs_new:Npn \exp_not:N \tl_rescan:w ##1
4706       \c__tl_rescan_marker_tl
4707       { \exp_not:N \exp_not:o { ##1 } }
4708   }
4709   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set_rescan:Nnn { Nno , Nnx }
4710   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_set_rescan:Nnn { c , cno , cnx }
4711   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gset_rescan:Nnn { Nno , Nnx }
4712   \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 98.)

## 10.5 Reassigning token list character codes

`\tl_to_lowercase:n`  
`\tl_to_uppercase:n`

Just some names for a few primitives.

```

4713 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_to_lowercase:n \tex_lowercase:D
4714 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_to_uppercase:n \tex_uppercase:D

```

(End definition for `\tl_to_lowercase:n` This function is documented on page 99.)

## 10.6 Modifying token list variables

`\tl_replace_all:Nnn` All of the replace functions are based on `\__tl_replace:NNNnn`, whose arguments are:  
`\tl_replace_all:cnn`  $\langle function \rangle$ ,  $\langle \text{tl\_}(g)\text{set:Nx} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \text{tl var} \rangle$ ,  $\langle search\ tokens \rangle$ ,  $\langle replacement\ tokens \rangle$ .  
`\tl_greplace_all:Nnn`  
`\tl_greplace_all:cnn`  
`\tl_replace_once:Nnn`  
`\tl_replace_once:cnn`  
`\tl_greplace_once:Nnn`  
`\tl_greplace_once:cnn`  
`\__tl_replace:NNNnn`  
`\__tl_replace:w`  
`\__tl_replace_all:`  
`\__tl_replace_once:`  
`\__tl_replace_once_end:w`

```

4715 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_replace_once:Nnn
4716 { \__tl_replace:NNNnn \__tl_replace_once: \tl_set:Nx }
4717 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_greplace_once:Nnn
4718 { \__tl_replace:NNNnn \__tl_replace_once: \tl_gset:Nx }
4719 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_replace_all:Nnn
4720 { \__tl_replace:NNNnn \__tl_replace_all: \tl_set:Nx }
4721 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_greplace_all:Nnn
4722 { \__tl_replace:NNNnn \__tl_replace_all: \tl_gset:Nx }
4723 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_replace_once:Nnn { c }
4724 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_greplace_once:Nnn { c }
4725 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_replace_all:Nnn { c }
4726 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_greplace_all:Nnn { c }

```

The idea is easier to understand by considering the case of `\tl_replace_all:Nnn`. The replacement happens within an x-type expansion. We use an auxiliary function `\__tl_tmp:w`, which essentially replaces the next  $\langle search\ tokens \rangle$  by  $\langle replacement\ tokens \rangle$ . To avoid runaway arguments, we expand something like `\__tl_tmp:w  $\langle token\ list \rangle$  \q_mark  $\langle search\ tokens \rangle$  \q_stop`, repeating until the end. How do we detect that we have reached the last occurrence of  $\langle search\ tokens \rangle$ ? The last replacement is characterized by the fact that the argument of `\__tl_tmp:w` contains `\q_mark`. In the code below, `\__tl_replace:w` takes an argument delimited by `\q_mark`, and removes the following token. Before we reach the end, this gobbles `\q_mark \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w` which appear in the definition of `\__tl_tmp:w`, and leaves the  $\langle replacement\ tokens \rangle$ , passed to `\exp_not:n`, to be included in the x-expanding definition. At the end, the first `\q_mark` is within the argument of `\__tl_tmp:w`, and `\__tl_replace:w` gobbles the second `\q_mark` as well, leaving `\use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w`, which ends the recursion cleanly.

```

4727 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_replace:NNNnn #1#2#3#4#5
4728 {
4729   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#4}
4730   {
4731     \_msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { empty-search-pattern }
4732     { \tl_to_str:n {#5} }
4733   }
4734   {
4735     \group_align_safe_begin:
4736     \cs_set:Npx \__tl_tmp:w ##1##2 #4
4737     {
4738       ##2
4739       \exp_not:N \q_mark
4740       \exp_not:N \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
4741       \exp_not:n { \exp_not:n {#5} }

```

```

4742         ##1
4743     }
4744     \group_align_safe_end:
4745     #2 #3
4746     {
4747         \exp_after:wN #1
4748         #3 \q_mark #4 \q_stop
4749     }
4750 }
4751 }
4752 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_replace:w #1 \q_mark #2 { \exp_not:o {#1} }

```

The first argument of `\__tl_tmp:w` is responsible for repeating the replacement in the case of `replace_all`, and stopping it early for `replace_once`. Note also that we build `\__tl_tmp:w` within an `x`-expansion so that the *replacement tokens* can contain `#`. The second `\exp_not:n` ensures that the *replacement tokens* are not expanded by `\tl_(g)set:Nx`.

Now on to the difference between “once” and “all”. The `\prg_do_nothing:` and accompanying `o`-expansion ensure that we don’t lose braces in case the tokens between two occurrences of the *search tokens* form a brace group.

```

4753 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__tl_replace_all:
4754 {
4755     \exp_after:wN \__tl_replace:w
4756     \__tl_tmp:w \__tl_replace_all: \prg_do_nothing:
4757 }
4758 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__tl_replace_once:
4759 {
4760     \exp_after:wN \__tl_replace:w
4761     \__tl_tmp:w { \__tl_replace_once_end:w \prg_do_nothing: } \prg_do_nothing:
4762 }
4763 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_replace_once_end:w #1 \q_mark #2 \q_stop
4764 { \exp_not:o {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\tl_replace_all:Nnn` and `\tl_replace_all:cnn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\tl_remove_once:Nn`  
`\tl_remove_once:cn`  
`\tl_gremove_once:Nn`  
`\tl_gremove_once:cn`

Removal is just a special case of replacement.

```

4765 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_remove_once:Nn #1#2
4766 { \tl_replace_once:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
4767 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gremove_once:Nn #1#2
4768 { \tl_greplace_once:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
4769 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_remove_once:Nn { c }
4770 \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 ??.)

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

Removal is just a special case of replacement.

```

4771 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_remove_all:Nn #1#2
4772 { \tl_replace_all:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
4773 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gremove_all:Nn #1#2

```

```

4774 { \tl_greplace_all:Nnn #1 {#2} { } }
4775 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_remove_all:Nn { c }
4776 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gremove_all:Nn { c }

```

## 10.7 Token list conditionals

`\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` 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. For performance reasons, we hard-code the emptiness test done in `\tl_if_empty:n(TF)`: convert to harmless characters with `\tl_to_str:n`, and then use `\if_meaning:w \q_nil ... \q_nil`. Note that converting to a string is done after reading the delimited argument for `\use_none:n`. The similar construction `\exp_after:wN \use_none:n \tl_to_str:n {<token list>} ?` would fail if the token list contains the control sequence `\`, while `\escapechar` is a space or is unprintable.

```

4777 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_blank:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
4778 { \__tl_if_empty_return:o { \use_none:n #1 ? } }
4779 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_blank_p:n { V }
4780 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_blank:nT { V }
4781 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_blank:nF { V }
4782 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_blank:nTF { V }
4783 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_blank_p:n { o }
4784 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_blank:nT { o }
4785 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_blank:nF { o }
4786 \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 ??.)

`\tl_if_empty_p:N` `\tl_if_empty_p:c` `\tl_if_empty:NTF` `\tl_if_empty:cTF` These functions check whether the token list in the argument is empty and execute the proper code from their argument(s).

```

4787 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_empty:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
4788 {
4789   \if_meaning:w #1 \c_empty_tl
4790   \prg_return_true:
4791   \else:
4792     \prg_return_false:
4793   \fi:
4794 }
4795 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty_p:N { c }
4796 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty:NT { c }
4797 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty:NF { c }
4798 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty:NTF { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_empty:N` and `\tl_if_empty:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\tl_if_empty_p:n` `\tl_if_empty_p:V` `\tl_if_empty:nTF` `\tl_if_empty:VTF` It would be tempting to just use `\if_meaning:w \q_nil #1 \q_nil` as a test since this works really well. However, it fails on a 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... A safer route is to convert the entire token list into harmless characters first and then compare that. This way the test will even accept `\q_nil` as the first token.

```

4799 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_empty:n #1 { p , TF , T , F }
4800 {
4801   \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_after:wN \q_nil \tl_to_str:n {#1} \q_nil
4802   \prg_return_true:
4803   \else:
4804     \prg_return_false:
4805   \fi:
4806 }
4807 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty_p:n { V }
4808 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty:nTF { V }
4809 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty:nT { V }
4810 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_empty:nF { V }
(End definition for \tl_if_empty:n and \tl_if_empty:V These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

`\tl_if_empty_p:o` The auxiliary function `\__tl_if_empty_return:o` is for use in conditionals on token lists, which mostly reduce to testing if a given token list is empty after applying a simple 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 `\tl_to_str:n` expands tokens that follow until reading a catcode 1 (begin-group) token.

```

4811 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_empty_return:o #1
4812 {
4813   \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w \exp_after:wN \q_nil
4814   \tl_to_str:n \exp_after:wN {#1} \q_nil
4815   \prg_return_true:
4816   \else:
4817     \prg_return_false:
4818   \fi:
4819 }
4820 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_empty:o #1 { p , TF , T , F }
4821 { \__tl_if_empty_return:o {#1} }
(End definition for \tl_if_empty:o These functions are 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 4822 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_eq:NN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
\tl_if_eq_p:cN 4823 {
\tl_if_eq_p:cc 4824   \if_meaning:w #1 #2
\tl_if_eq:NNTF 4825   \prg_return_true:
\tl_if_eq:NcTF 4826   \else:
\tl_if_eq:cNTF 4827   \prg_return_false:
\tl_if_eq:ccTF 4828   \fi:
4829 }
4830 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_eq_p:NN { Nc , c , cc }
4831 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_eq:NNTF { Nc , c , cc }
4832 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_eq:NNT { Nc , c , cc }
4833 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_eq:NNF { Nc , c , cc }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_eq:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\tl_if_eq:nnTF` A simple store and compare routine.

```

\l_tl_internal_a_tl 4834 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_eq:nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
\l_tl_internal_b_tl 4835 {
4836   \group_begin:
4837     \tl_set:Nn \l_tl_internal_a_tl {#1}
4838     \tl_set:Nn \l_tl_internal_b_tl {#2}
4839     \if_meaning:w \l_tl_internal_a_tl \l_tl_internal_b_tl
4840     \group_end:
4841     \prg_return_true:
4842   \else:
4843     \group_end:
4844     \prg_return_false:
4845   \fi:
4846 }
4847 \tl_new:N \l_tl_internal_a_tl
4848 \tl_new:N \l_tl_internal_b_tl

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_eq:nn` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\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)`.

```

4849 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_if_in:NnT { \exp_args:No \tl_if_in:nnT }
4850 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_if_in:NnF { \exp_args:No \tl_if_in:nnF }
4851 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_if_in:NnTF { \exp_args:No \tl_if_in:nnTF }
4852 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_in:NnT { c }
4853 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_in:NnF { c }
4854 \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 ??.)

`\tl_if_in:nnTF` Once more, the test relies on `\tl_to_str:n` for robustness. The function `\__tl_tmp:w`  
`\tl_if_in:VnTF` removes tokens until the first occurrence of `#2`. If this does not appear in `#1`, then the  
`\tl_if_in:onTF` final `#2` is removed, leaving an empty token list. Otherwise some tokens remain, and the  
`\tl_if_in:noTF` test is false. See `\tl_if_empty:n(TF)` for details on the emptiness test.

Special care is needed to treat correctly cases like `\tl_if_in:nnTF {a state}{states}`, where `#1#2` contains `#2` before the end. 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.

```

4855 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_in:nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
4856 {
4857   \cs_set:Npn \__tl_tmp:w ##1 #2 { }
4858   \tl_if_empty:oTF { \__tl_tmp:w #1 {} {} } #2 {
4859     { \prg_return_false: } { \prg_return_true: }
4860 }
4861 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_in:nnT { V , o , no }
4862 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_in:nnF { V , o , no }
4863 \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 ??.)

```

\tl_if_single_p:N Expand the token list and feed it to \tl_if_single:n.
\tl_if_single:N\TF
4864 \cs_new:Npn \tl_if_single_p:N { \exp_args:No \tl_if_single_p:n }
4865 \cs_new:Npn \tl_if_single:NT { \exp_args:No \tl_if_single:nT }
4866 \cs_new:Npn \tl_if_single:NF { \exp_args:No \tl_if_single:nF }
4867 \cs_new:Npn \tl_if_single:NTF { \exp_args:No \tl_if_single:nTF }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_single:N` These functions are documented on page 100.)

`\tl_if_single_p:n` A token list has exactly one item if it is either a single token surrounded by optional explicit spaces, or a single brace group surrounded by optional explicit spaces. The naive version of this test would do `\use_none:n #1`, and test if the result is empty. However, this will fail when the token list is empty. Furthermore, it does not allow optional trailing spaces.

```

4868 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_single:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
4869 { \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn { \exp_not:o { \use_none:nn #1 ?? } } {?} }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_single:n` These functions are documented on page 100.)

```

\tl_case:Nnn
\tl_case:cnn
\__tl_case:Nw
\__tl_case_end:nw
4870 \cs_new:Npn \tl_case:Nnn #1#2#3
4871 {
4872   \tex_romannumeral:D
4873   \__tl_case:Nw #1 #2 #1 {#3} \q_recursion_stop
4874 }
4875 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_case:Nw #1#2#3
4876 {
4877   \tl_if_eq:NNTF #1 #2
4878   { \__tl_case_end:nw {#3} }
4879   { \__tl_case:Nw #1 }
4880 }
4881 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_case:Nnn { c }
4882 \cs_new_eq:NN \__tl_case_end:nw \__prg_case_end:nw

```

(End definition for `\tl_case:Nnn` and `\tl_case:cnn` 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
\tl_map_function:cN
\__tl_map_function:Nn
4883 \cs_new:Npn \tl_map_function:nN #1#2
4884 {
4885   \__tl_map_function:Nn #2 #1
4886   \q_recursion_tail
4887   \__prg_break_point:Nn \tl_map_break: { }
4888 }
4889 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_map_function:NN
4890 { \exp_args:No \tl_map_function:nN }
4891 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_map_function:Nn #1#2

```



```

4892 {
4893   \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN {#2} \tl_map_break:
4894   #1 {#2} \__tl_map_function:Nn #1
4895 }
4896 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_map_function:NN { c }
(End definition for \tl_map_function:nN This function is documented on page ??.)

```

**\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.

```

4897 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_map_inline:nn #1#2
4898 {
4899   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
4900   \cs_gset:cpn { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w } ##1 {#2}
4901   \exp_args:Nc \__tl_map_function:Nn
4902   { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
4903   #1 \q_recursion_tail
4904   \__prg_break_point:Nn \tl_map_break: { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
4905 }
4906 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_map_inline:Nn
4907 { \exp_args:No \tl_map_inline:nn }
4908 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_map_inline:Nn { c }
(End definition for \tl_map_inline:nn This function is documented on page ??.)

```

**\tl\_map\_variable:nNn** **\tl\_map\_variable:NNn** **\tl\_map\_variable:cNn** **\\_\_tl\_map\_variable:Nnn** **\tl\_map\_variable:nNn**  $\langle token\ list \rangle$   $\langle temp \rangle$   $\langle action \rangle$  assigns  $\langle temp \rangle$  to each element and executes  $\langle action \rangle$ .

```

4909 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_map_variable:nNn #1#2#3
4910 {
4911   \__tl_map_variable:Nnn #2 {#3} #1
4912   \q_recursion_tail
4913   \__prg_break_point:Nn \tl_map_break: { }
4914 }
4915 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_map_variable:NNn
4916 { \exp_args:No \tl_map_variable:nNn }
4917 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__tl_map_variable:Nnn #1#2#3
4918 {
4919   \tl_set:Nn #1 {#3}
4920   \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN #1 \tl_map_break:
4921   \use:n {#2}
4922   \__tl_map_variable:Nnn #1 {#2}
4923 }
4924 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_map_variable:NNn { c }
(End definition for \tl_map_variable:nNn This function is documented on page ??.)

```

**\tl\_map\_break:** **\tl\_map\_break:n** The break statements use the general **\\_\_prg\_map\_break:Nn**.

```

4925 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_map_break:
4926 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \tl_map_break: { } }
4927 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_map_break:n
4928 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \tl_map_break: }
(End definition for \tl_map_break: This function is documented on page 102.)

```

## 10.9 Using token lists

**\tl\_to\_str:n** Another name for a primitive.

```
4929 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_to_str:n \etex_detokenize:D
(End definition for \tl_to_str:n This function is documented on page 103.)
```

**\tl\_to\_str:N** These functions return the replacement text of a token list as a string.

```
\tl_to_str:c 4930 \cs_new:Npn \tl_to_str:N #1 { \etex_detokenize:D \exp_after:wN {#1} }
4931 \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 ??.)
```

**\tl\_use:N** Token lists which are simply not defined will give a clear T<sub>E</sub>X error here. No such luck  
**\tl\_use:c** for ones equal to `\scan_stop:` so instead a test is made and if there is an issue an error is forced.

```
4932 \cs_new:Npn \tl_use:N #1
4933 {
4934   \tl_if_exist:NTF #1 {#1}
4935   { \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { bad-variable } {#1} }
4936 }
4937 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_use:N { c }
(End definition for \tl_use:N and \tl_use:c These functions are documented on page ??.)
```

## 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  
**\tl\_count:V** the list are read as a single element. Spaces are ignored. `\__tl_count:n` grabs the  
**\tl\_count:o** element and replaces it by +1. The 0 to ensure it works on an empty list.

```
\tl_count:N 4938 \cs_new:Npn \tl_count:n #1
\tl_count:c 4939 {
\__tl_count:n 4940   \int_eval:n
4941   { 0 \tl_map_function:nN {#1} \__tl_count:n }
4942 }
4943 \cs_new:Npn \tl_count:N #1
4944 {
4945   \int_eval:n
4946   { 0 \tl_map_function:NN #1 \__tl_count:n }
4947 }
4948 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_count:n #1 { + \c_one }
4949 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_count:n { V , o }
4950 \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 ??.)
```

**\tl\_reverse\_items:n** Reversal of a token list is done by taking one item at a time and putting it after `\q_stop`.

```
\__tl_reverse_items:nwNwn 4951 \cs_new:Npn \tl_reverse_items:n #1
\__tl_reverse_items:wn 4952 {
4953   \__tl_reverse_items:nwNwn #1 ?
4954   \q_mark \__tl_reverse_items:nwNwn
```

```

4955     \q_mark \_tl_reverse_items:wn
4956     \q_stop { }
4957 }
4958 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_reverse_items:nwNwn #1 #2 \q_mark #3 #4 \q_stop #5
4959 {
4960     #3 #2
4961     \q_mark \_tl_reverse_items:nwNwn
4962     \q_mark \_tl_reverse_items:wn
4963     \q_stop { {#1} #5 }
4964 }
4965 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_reverse_items:wn #1 \q_stop #2
4966 { \exp_not:o { \use_none:nn #2 } }

```

(End definition for `\tl_reverse_items:n` This function is documented on page 104.)

`\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.

```

4967 \cs_new:Npn \tl_trim_spaces:n #1
4968 { \_tl_trim_spaces:nn { \q_mark #1 } \exp_not:o }
4969 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_trim_spaces:N #1
4970 { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \tl_trim_spaces:n {#1} } }
4971 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_gtrim_spaces:N #1
4972 { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \tl_trim_spaces:n {#1} } }
4973 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_trim_spaces:N { c }
4974 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_gtrim_spaces:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_trim_spaces:n` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\_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_i: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_ii:w`. This hands the relevant tokens to the loop `\_tl_trim_spaces_iii: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_iv: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*.

```

4975 \cs_set:Npn \_tl_tmp:w #1
4976 {
4977     \cs_new:Npn \_tl_trim_spaces:nn ##1
4978     {
4979         \_tl_trim_spaces_i:w
4980         ##1
4981         \q_nil
4982         \q_mark #1 { }
4983         \q_mark \_tl_trim_spaces_ii:w

```

```

4984         \_tl_trim_spaces_iii:w
4985         #1 \q_nil
4986         \_tl_trim_spaces_iv:w
4987     \q_stop
4988 }
4989 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_trim_spaces_i:w ##1 \q_mark #1 ##2 \q_mark ##3
4990 {
4991     ##3
4992     \_tl_trim_spaces_i:w
4993     \q_mark
4994     ##2
4995     \q_mark #1 {##1}
4996 }
4997 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_trim_spaces_ii:w
4998     \_tl_trim_spaces_i:w \q_mark \q_mark ##1
4999 {
5000     \_tl_trim_spaces_iii:w
5001     ##1
5002 }
5003 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_trim_spaces_iii:w ##1 #1 \q_nil ##2
5004 {
5005     ##2
5006     ##1 \q_nil
5007     \_tl_trim_spaces_iii:w
5008 }
5009 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_trim_spaces_iv:w ##1 \q_nil ##2 \q_stop ##3
5010 { ##3 { \use_none:n ##1 } }
5011 }
5012 \_tl_tmp:w { ~ }

```

(End definition for `\_tl_trim_spaces:nn` This function is documented on page 109.)

## 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 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 preceded by `\_tl_act_output:n` `\romannumeral` and ends by producing `\c_zero` once the result has been obtained. Then `\_tl_act_reverse_output:n` loop over tokens, groups, and spaces in #5. The marker `\q___tl_act_mark` is used both `\_tl_act_loop:w` to avoid losing outer braces and to detect the end of the token list more easily. The result is stored as an argument for the dummy function `\_tl_act_result:n`. `\_tl_act_normal:NwnNNN` `\_tl_act_group:nwnNNN` `\_tl_act_space:wwnNNN` `\_tl_act_end:w`

```

5013 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_act:NNNnn #1#2#3#4#5
5014 {
5015     \group_align_safe_begin:
5016     \_tl_act_loop:w #5 \q___tl_act_mark \q___tl_act_stop

```

```

5017     {#4} #1 #2 #3
5018     \_tl_act_result:n { }
5019   }

```

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 `\c_zero` and the result in the input stream, to terminate the expansion of `\romannumeral`. 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:wnnNNN` gobble the space.

```

5020 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_act_loop:w #1 \q___tl_act_stop
5021 {
5022   \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {#1}
5023   { \_tl_act_normal:NwnNNN }
5024   {
5025     \tl_if_head_is_group:nTF {#1}
5026     { \_tl_act_group:wnnNNN }
5027     { \_tl_act_space:wnnNNN }
5028   }
5029   #1 \q___tl_act_stop
5030 }
5031 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_act_normal:NwnNNN #1 #2 \q___tl_act_stop #3#4
5032 {
5033   \if_meaning:w \q___tl_act_mark #1
5034   \exp_after:wN \_tl_act_end:wn
5035   \fi:
5036   #4 {#3} #1
5037   \_tl_act_loop:w #2 \q___tl_act_stop
5038   {#3} #4
5039 }
5040 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_act_end:wn #1 \_tl_act_result:n #2
5041 { \group_align_safe_end: \c_zero #2 }
5042 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_act_group:wnnNNN #1 #2 \q___tl_act_stop #3#4#5
5043 {
5044   #5 {#3} {#1}
5045   \_tl_act_loop:w #2 \q___tl_act_stop
5046   {#3} #4 #5
5047 }
5048 \exp_last_unbraced:NNo
5049 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_act_space:wnnNNN \c_space_tl #1 \q___tl_act_stop #2#3#4#5
5050 {
5051   #5 {#2}
5052   \_tl_act_loop:w #1 \q___tl_act_stop
5053   {#2} #3 #4 #5
5054 }

```

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.

```

5055 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_act_output:n #1 #2 \_tl_act_result:n #3

```

```

5056 { #2 \_tl_act_result:n { #3 #1 } }
5057 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_act_reverse_output:n #1 #2 \_tl_act_result:n #3
5058 { #2 \_tl_act_result:n { #1 #3 } }
(End definition for \_tl_act:NNNnn This function is documented on page ??.)

```

**\tl\_reverse:n** The goal here is to reverse without losing spaces nor braces. This is done using the general internal function `\_tl_act:NNNnn`. Spaces and “normal” tokens are output on the left of the current output. Grouped tokens are output to the left but without any reversal within the group. All of the internal functions here drop one argument: this is needed by `\_tl_act:NNNnn` when changing case (to record which direction the change is in), but not when reversing the tokens.

```

\__tl_reverse_normal:nN
\_tl_reverse_group_preserve:nn
\_tl_reverse_space:n

5059 \cs_new:Npn \tl_reverse:n #1
5060 {
5061   \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
5062   {
5063     \tex_romannumeral:D
5064     \_tl_act:NNNnn
5065     \_tl_reverse_normal:nN
5066     \_tl_reverse_group_preserve:nn
5067     \_tl_reverse_space:n
5068     { }
5069     {#1}
5070   }
5071 }
5072 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_reverse:n { o , V }
5073 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_reverse_normal:nN #1#2
5074 { \_tl_act_reverse_output:n {#2} }
5075 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_reverse_group_preserve:nn #1#2
5076 { \_tl_act_reverse_output:n { {#2} } }
5077 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_reverse_space:n #1
5078 { \_tl_act_reverse_output:n { ~ } }

```

(End definition for `\tl_reverse:n`, `\tl_reverse:o`, and `\tl_reverse:V` These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\tl\_reverse:N** This reverses the list, leaving `\exp_stop_f:` in front, which stops the f-expansion.

```

\tl_reverse:c
\tl_greverse:N
\tl_greverse:c

5079 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_reverse:N #1
5080 { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \tl_reverse:n { #1 } } }
5081 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_greverse:N #1
5082 { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \exp_args:No \tl_reverse:n { #1 } } }
5083 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_reverse:N { c }
5084 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_greverse:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\tl_reverse:N` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 10.12 The first token from a token list

**\tl\_head:N** These functions pick up either the head or the tail of a list. The empty brace groups in `\tl_head:n` and `\tl_tail:n` ensure that a blank argument gives an empty result. The result is returned within the `\unexpanded` primitive.

```

\tl_head:n
\tl_head:V
\tl_head:v
\tl_head:f
\tl_head:w
\tl_tail:N
\tl_tail:n
\tl_tail:V
\tl_tail:v
\tl_tail:f
\tl_tail:w
\_tl_tail:w

```

```

5085 \cs_new:Npn \tl_head:w #1#2 \q_stop {#1}
5086 \cs_new:Npn \tl_tail:w #1#2 \q_stop {#2}
5087 \cs_new:Npn \tl_head:n #1
5088 { \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN { \tl_head:w #1 { } \q_stop } }
5089 \cs_new:Npn \tl_tail:n #1
5090 { \etex_unexpanded:D \_tl_tail:w #1 \q_mark { } \q_mark \q_stop }
5091 \cs_new:Npn \_tl_tail:w #1 #2 \q_mark #3 \q_stop { {#2} }
5092 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_head:N { \exp_args:No \tl_head:n }
5093 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_head:n { V , v , f }
5094 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_tail:N { \exp_args:No \tl_tail:n }
5095 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_tail:n { V , v , f }

```

(End definition for `\tl_head:N` and others. These functions are documented on page 106.)

`\str_head:n` After `\tl_to_str:n`, we have a list of character tokens, all with category code 12, except the space, which has category code 10. Directly using `\tl_head:w` would thus lose leading spaces. Instead, we take an argument delimited by an explicit space, and then only use `\tl_head:w`. If the string started with a space, then the argument of `\_str_head:w` is empty, and the function correctly returns a space character. Otherwise, it returns the first token of `#1`, which is the first token of the string. If the string is empty, we return an empty result.

To remove the first character of `\tl_to_str:n {#1}`, we test it using `\if_charcode:w \scan_stop:`, always `false` for characters. If the argument was non-empty, then `\_str_tail:w` returns everything until the first X (with category code letter, no risk of confusing with the user input). If the argument was empty, the first X is taken by `\if_charcode:w`, and nothing is returned. We use X as a *marker*, rather than a quark because the test `\if_charcode:w \scan_stop: <marker>` has to be `false`.

```

5096 \cs_new:Npn \str_head:n #1
5097 {
5098   \exp_after:wN \_str_head:w
5099   \tl_to_str:n {#1}
5100   { { } } ~ \q_stop
5101 }
5102 \cs_new:Npn \_str_head:w #1 ~ %
5103 { \tl_head:w #1 { ~ } }
5104 \cs_new:Npn \str_tail:n #1
5105 {
5106   \exp_after:wN \_str_tail:w
5107   \reverse_if:N \if_charcode:w
5108     \scan_stop: \tl_to_str:n {#1} X X \q_stop
5109 }
5110 \cs_new:Npn \_str_tail:w #1 X #2 \q_stop { \fi: #1 }

```

(End definition for `\str_head:n` and `\str_tail:n` These functions are documented on page 106.)

`\tl_if_head_eq_meaning_p:nN` 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).

`\tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nNTF` Forgetting temporarily about this issue we would use the following test in `\tl_if_head_eq_charcode_p:nN`. Here, `\tl_head:w` yields the first token of the token list, then passed to `\exp_not:N`.

`\tl_if_head_eq_charcode:nNTF`  
`\tl_if_head_eq_catcode_p:nN`  
`\tl_if_head_eq_catcode:nNTF`

```

\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.

```

5111 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_head_eq_charcode:nN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
5112 {
5113   \if_charcode:w
5114     \exp_not:N #2
5115     \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF { #1 ? }
5116     {
5117       \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N
5118       \tl_head:w #1 { ? \use_none:nn } \q_stop
5119     }
5120     { \str_head:n {#1} }
5121     \prg_return_true:
5122   \else:
5123     \prg_return_false:
5124   \fi:
5125 }
5126 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_head_eq_charcode_p:nN { f }
5127 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_head_eq_charcode:nNTF { f }
5128 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_head_eq_charcode:nNT { f }
5129 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_if_head_eq_charcode:nNF { f }

```

For `\tl_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.

```

5130 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_head_eq_catcode:nN #1 #2 { p , T , F , TF }
5131 {
5132   \if_catcode:w
5133     \exp_not:N #2
5134     \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF { #1 ? }
5135     {
5136       \exp_after:wN \exp_not:N
5137       \tl_head:w #1 { ? \use_none:nn } \q_stop
5138     }
5139     {
5140       \tl_if_head_is_group:nTF {#1}
5141       { \c_group_begin_token }

```



```

5142         { \c_space_token }
5143     }
5144     \prg_return_true:
5145 \else:
5146     \prg_return_false:
5147 \fi:
5148 }

```

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.

```

5149 \prg_new_conditional:Npn \tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nN #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
5150 {
5151     \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF { #1 ? }
5152     { \__tl_if_head_eq_meaning_normal:nN }
5153     { \__tl_if_head_eq_meaning_special:nN }
5154     {#1} #2
5155 }
5156 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_head_eq_meaning_normal:nN #1 #2
5157 {
5158     \exp_after:wN \if_meaning:w
5159     \tl_head:w #1 { ?? \use_none:nnn } \q_stop #2
5160     \prg_return_true:
5161 \else:
5162     \prg_return_false:
5163 \fi:
5164 }
5165 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_head_eq_meaning_special:nN #1 #2
5166 {
5167     \if_charcode:w \str_head:n {#1} \exp_not:N #2
5168     \exp_after:wN \use:n
5169 \else:
5170     \prg_return_false:
5171     \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
5172 \fi:
5173 {
5174     \if_catcode:w \exp_not:N #2
5175     \tl_if_head_is_group:nTF {#1}
5176     { \c_group_begin_token }
5177     { \c_space_token }
5178     \prg_return_true:
5179 \else:
5180     \prg_return_false:
5181 \fi:
5182 }
5183 }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nN` These functions are documented on page 106.)

`\tl_if_head_is_N_type_p:n` The first token of a token list can be either an N-type argument, a begin-group token (catcode 1), or an explicit space token (catcode 10 and charcode 32). These two cases are characterized by the fact that `\use:n` removes some tokens from `#1`, hence changing its string representation (no token can have an empty string representation). The extra brace group covers the case of an empty argument, whose head is not “normal”.

`\tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF`

```
5184 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_head_is_N_type:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
5185 {
5186   \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn
5187   { \exp_not:o { \use:n #1 { } } }
5188   { \exp_not:n { #1 { } } }
5189 }
```

(End definition for `\tl_if_head_is_N_type:n` These functions are documented on page 107.)

`\tl_if_head_is_group_p:n` Pass the first token of `#1` through `\token_to_str:N`, then check for the brace balance. The extra `?` caters for an empty argument.<sup>5</sup>

`\tl_if_head_is_group:nTF`

```
5190 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_head_is_group:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
5191 {
5192   \if_catcode:w *
5193   \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
5194   \exp_after:wN {
5195     \exp_after:wN {
5196       \token_to_str:N #1 ?
5197     }
5198   }
5199   *
5200   \prg_return_false:
5201   \else:
5202     \prg_return_true:
5203   \fi:
5204 }
```

(End definition for `\tl_if_head_is_group:n` These functions are documented on page 107.)

`\tl_if_head_is_space_p:n` If the first token of the token list is an explicit space, i.e., a character token with character code 32 and category code 10, then this test will be `true`. It is `false` if the token list is empty, if the first token is an implicit space token, such as `\c_space_token`, or any token other than an explicit space. The slightly convoluted approach with `\romannumeral` ensures that each expansion step gives a balanced token list.

`\tl_if_head_is_space:nTF`

`\__tl_if_head_is_space:w`

```
5205 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_head_is_space:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
5206 {
5207   \tex_romannumeral:D \if_false: { \fi:
5208     \__tl_if_head_is_space:w ? #1 ? ~ }
5209 }
5210 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_if_head_is_space:w #1 ~
```

<sup>5</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.

(End definition for `\tl_if_head_is_space:n` These functions are documented on page 108.)

### 10.13 Viewing token lists

`\tl_show:N` Showing token list variables is done directly: at the moment do not worry if they are  
`\tl_show:c` defined.

```
5217 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_show:N #1 { \cs_show:N #1 }
5218 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_show:N { c }
```

(End definition for \tl show:N and \tl show:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

```
\tl_show:n For literal token lists, life is easy.
```

5219 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \tl\_show:n \etex\_showtokens:D

(End definition for \tl\_show:n This function is documented on page 108.)

## 10.14 Scratch token lists

<code>\g_tmpa_tl</code>	Global temporary token list variables. They are supposed to be set and used immediately,
<code>\g_tmpb_tl</code>	with no delay between the definition and the use because you can't count on other macros
	not to redefine them from under you.

```
5220 \tl_new:N \g_tmpa_tl
5221 \tl_new:N \g_tmpb_tl
```

(End definition for \g\_tmpa\_tl and \g\_tmptb\_tl These variables are documented on page 109.)

`\l_tmpa_tl` These are local temporary token list variables. Be sure not to assume that the value you  
`\l_tmpb_tl` put into them will survive for long—see discussion above.

```
5222 \tl_new:N \l_tmpa_tl
5223 \tl_new:N \l_tmpb_tl
```

(End definition for \l tmpa t1 and \l tmpb t1 These variables are documented on page 109.)

## 10.15 Deprecated functions

`\tl_new:Nn` Use either `\tl_const:Nn` or `\tl_new:N.`

`\tl_new:cn` 5224  $\langle$ \*deprecated $\rangle$

```
\tl_new:Nx      5225 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_new:Nn #1#2
```

```
5226 {
5227     \tl_new:N #1
5228     \tl_gset:Nn #1 {#2}
5229 }
```

```

5230 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_new:Nn { c }
5231 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_new:Nn { Nx }
5232 \</deprecated>

```

(End definition for `\tl_new:Nn`, `\tl_new:cn`, and `\tl_new:Nx` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\tl_gset:Nc` This was useful once, but nowadays does not make much sense.

```

\tl_set:Nc
5233 <deprecated>
5234 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \tl_gset:Nc
5235 { \tex_global:D \tl_set:Nc }
5236 \cs_new_protected:Npn \tl_set:Nc #1#2
5237 { \tl_set:No #1 { \cs:w #2 \cs_end: } }
5238 </deprecated>

```

(End definition for `\tl_gset:Nc` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\tl_replace_in:Nnn` These are renamed.

```

\tl_replace_in:cnn
\tl_greplace_in:Nnn
\tl_greplace_in:cnn
\tl_replace_all_in:Nnn
\tl_replace_all_in:cnn
\tl_greplace_all_in:Nnn
\tl_greplace_all_in:cnn
5239 <deprecated>
5240 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_replace_in:Nnn \tl_replace_once:Nnn
5241 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_replace_in:cnn \tl_replace_once:cnn
5242 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_greplace_in:Nnn \tl_greplace_once:Nnn
5243 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_greplace_in:cnn \tl_greplace_once:cnn
5244 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_replace_all_in:Nnn \tl_replace_all:Nnn
5245 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_replace_all_in:cnn \tl_replace_all:cnn
5246 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_greplace_all_in:Nnn \tl_greplace_all:Nnn
5247 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_greplace_all_in:cnn \tl_greplace_all:cnn
5248 </deprecated>

```

(End definition for `\tl_replace_in:Nnn` and `\tl_replace_in:cnn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\tl_remove_in:Nn` Also renamed.

```

\tl_remove_in:cn
\tl_gremove_in:Nn
\tl_gremove_in:cn
\tl_remove_all_in:Nn
\tl_remove_all_in:cn
\tl_gremove_all_in:Nn
\tl_gremove_all_in:cn
5249 <deprecated>
5250 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_remove_in:Nn \tl_remove_once:Nn
5251 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_remove_in:cn \tl_remove_once:cn
5252 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_gremove_in:Nn \tl_gremove_once:Nn
5253 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_gremove_in:cn \tl_gremove_once:cn
5254 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_remove_all_in:Nn \tl_remove_all:Nn
5255 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_remove_all_in:cn \tl_remove_all:cn
5256 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_gremove_all_in:Nn \tl_gremove_all:Nn
5257 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_gremove_all_in:cn \tl_gremove_all:cn
5258 </deprecated>

```

(End definition for `\tl_remove_in:Nn` and `\tl_remove_in:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\tl_elt_count:n` Another renaming job.

```

\tl_elt_count:V
\tl_elt_count:o
\tl_elt_count:N
\tl_elt_count:c
5259 <deprecated>
5260 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_elt_count:n \tl_count:n
5261 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_elt_count:V \tl_count:V
5262 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_elt_count:o \tl_count:o
5263 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_elt_count:N \tl_count:N
5264 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_elt_count:c \tl_count:c
5265 </deprecated>

```

(End definition for `\tl_elt_count:n`, `\tl_elt_count:V`, and `\tl_elt_count:o` These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\tl_head_i:n Two renames, and a few that are rather too specialised.
\tl_head_i:w 5266 \*deprecated
\tl_head_iii:n 5267 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_head_i:n \tl_head:n
\tl_head_iii:f 5268 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_head_i:w \tl_head:w
\tl_head_iii:w 5269 \cs_new:Npn \tl_head_iii:n #1 { \tl_head_iii:w #1 \q_stop }
5270 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \tl_head_iii:n { f }
5271 \cs_new:Npn \tl_head_iii:w #1#2#3#4 \q_stop {#1#2#3}
5272 \</deprecated>

```

(End definition for `\tl_head_i:n` This function is documented on page ??.)

Deprecated on 2012-05-13 for removal by 2012-08-31.

```

\tl_length_tokens:n
5273 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_length_tokens:n \tl_count_tokens:n
(End definition for \tl_length_tokens:n This function is documented on page ??.)
Deprecated 2012-05-13 for removal by 2012-11-31.

```

```

\tl_length:N Renames.
\tl_length:c 5274 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_length:N \tl_count:N
\tl_length:n 5275 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_length:c \tl_count:c
\tl_length:V 5276 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_length:n \tl_count:n
\tl_length:o 5277 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_length:V \tl_count:V
5278 \cs_new_eq:NN \tl_length:o \tl_count:o
(End definition for \tl_length:N and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)
Deprecated 2012-06-05 for removal after 2012-12-31.

```

`\tl_if_empty_p:x` We can test expandably the emptiness of an expanded token list thanks to the primitive `\pdfstrcmp` which expands its argument: a token list is empty if and only if its string representation is empty.

```

\tl_if_empty:xTF
5279 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_empty:x #1 { p , T , F , TF }
5280 { \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn { } {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_empty:x` These functions are documented on page ??.)

Deprecated 2012-07-08 for removal after 2012-10-31.

```

\tl_if_head_group_p:n
\tl_if_head_group:nTF 5281 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \tl_if_head_group:n \tl_if_head_is_group:n
\tl_if_head_N_type_p:n 5282 { p , T , F , TF }
\tl_if_head_N_type:nTF 5283 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \tl_if_head_N_type:n \tl_if_head_is_N_type:n
\tl_if_head_space_p:n 5284 { p , T , F , TF }
\tl_if_head_space:nTF 5285 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \tl_if_head_space:n \tl_if_head_is_space:n
5286 { p , T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for `\tl_if_head_group:n` These functions are documented on page ??.)

```
5287 \</initex | package>
```

## 11 l3seq implementation

The following test files are used for this code: *m3seq002,m3seq003*.

```

5288 <*initex | package>
5289 <@@=seq>
5290 <*package>
5291 \ProvidesExplPackage
5292   {\ExplFileName}{\ExplFileDate}{\ExplFileVersion}{\ExplFileDescription}
5293   \__expl_package_check:
5294 </package>

```

A sequence is a control sequence whose top-level expansion is of the form “\\_\_seq\_item:n {<item<sub>1</sub>>} ... \\_\_seq\_item:n {<item<sub>n</sub>>}”. An earlier implementation used the structure “\seq\_elt:w {<item<sub>1</sub>>} \seq\_elt\_end: ... \seq\_elt:w {<item<sub>n</sub>>} \seq\_elt\_end:”. This allows rapid searching using a delimited function, but is not suitable for items containing {, } and # tokens, and also leads to the loss of surrounding braces around items.

**\\_\_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.

```

5295 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_item:n
5296   {
5297     \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { misused-sequence }
5298     \use_none:n
5299   }
(End definition for \__seq_item:n)

```

**\l\_\_seq\_internal\_a\_tl** Scratch space for various internal uses.  
**\l\_\_seq\_internal\_b\_tl**

```

5300 \tl_new:N \l__seq_internal_a_tl
5301 \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 ??.)

```

**\c\_empty\_seq** Simply copy the empty token list.  

```

5302 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_empty_seq \c_empty_tl
(End definition for \c_empty_seq This variable is documented on page 118.)

```

### 11.1 Allocation and initialisation

**\seq\_new:N** Internally, sequences are just token lists.  
**\seq\_new:c**

```

5303 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_new:N \tl_new:N
5304 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_new:c \tl_new:c
(End definition for \seq_new:N and \seq_new:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

`\seq_clear:N` Clearing sequences is just the same as clearing token lists.

```
\seq_clear:c 5305 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_clear:N \tl_clear:N
\seq_gclear:N 5306 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_clear:c \tl_clear:c
\seq_gclear:c 5307 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gclear:N \tl_gclear:N
5308 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gclear:c \tl_gclear:c
```

(End definition for `\seq_clear:N` and `\seq_clear:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\seq_clear_new:N` Once again a copy from the token list functions.

```
\seq_clear_new:c 5309 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_clear_new:N \tl_clear_new:N
\seq_gclear_new:N 5310 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_clear_new:c \tl_clear_new:c
\seq_gclear_new:c 5311 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gclear_new:N \tl_gclear_new:N
5312 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gclear_new:c \tl_gclear_new:c
```

(End definition for `\seq_clear_new:N` and `\seq_clear_new:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\seq_set_eq:NN` Once again, these are simple copies from the token list functions.

```
\seq_set_eq:cN 5313 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_set_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:NN
\seq_set_eq:Nc 5314 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_set_eq:Nc \tl_set_eq:Nc
\seq_set_eq:cc 5315 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_set_eq:cN \tl_set_eq:cN
\seq_gset_eq:NN 5316 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_set_eq:cc \tl_set_eq:cc
\seq_gset_eq:cN 5317 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gset_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:NN
\seq_gset_eq:Nc 5318 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gset_eq:Nc \tl_gset_eq:Nc
\seq_gset_eq:cN 5319 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gset_eq:cN \tl_gset_eq:cN
\seq_gset_eq:cc 5320 \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 ??.)

`\seq_set_split:Nnn` The goal is to split a given token list at a marker, strip spaces from each item, and  
`\seq_set_split:NnV` remove one set of outer braces if after removing leading and trailing spaces the item is  
`\seq_gset_split:Nnn` enclosed within braces. After `\tl_replace_all:Nnn`, the token list `\l__seq_internal_`  
`\seq_gset_split:NnV` `a_tl` is a repetition of the pattern `__seq_set_split_i:w \prg_do_nothing: <item with`  
`__seq_set_split:Nnn` `spaces> __seq_set_split_end:.` Then, x-expansion causes `__seq_set_split_i:w` to  
`__seq_set_split_i:w` trim spaces, and leaves its result as `__seq_set_split_ii:w <trimmed item> __seq_`  
`__seq_set_split_ii:w` `set_split_end:.` This is then converted to the `l3seq` internal structure by another x-  
`__seq_set_split_end:` 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.

```
5321 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_set_split:Nnn
5322 { \__seq_set_split:Nnn \tl_set:Nx }
5323 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_gset_split:Nnn
5324 { \__seq_set_split:Nnn \tl_gset:Nx }
5325 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_set_split:Nnn #1 #2 #3 #4
5326 {
5327   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#3}
5328   { #1 #2 { \tl_map_function:nN {#4} \__seq_wrap_item:n } }
5329   {
5330     \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_a_tl
5331     {
5332       \__seq_set_split_i:w \prg_do_nothing:
```

```

5333         #4
5334         \__seq_set_split_end:
5335     }
5336     \tl_replace_all:Nnn \l__seq_internal_a_tl { #3 }
5337     {
5338         \__seq_set_split_end:
5339         \__seq_set_split_i:w \prg_do_nothing:
5340     }
5341     \tl_set:Nx \l__seq_internal_a_tl { \l__seq_internal_a_tl }
5342     #1 #2 { \l__seq_internal_a_tl }
5343 }
5344 }
5345 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_set_split_i:w #1 \__seq_set_split_end:
5346 {
5347     \exp_not:N \__seq_set_split_ii:w
5348     \exp_args:No \tl_trim_spaces:n {#1}
5349     \exp_not:N \__seq_set_split_end:
5350 }
5351 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_set_split_ii:w #1 \__seq_set_split_end:
5352 { \__seq_wrap_item:n {#1} }
5353 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_set_split:Nnn { NnV }
5354 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gset_split:Nnn { NnV }

```

(End definition for \seq\_set\_split:Nnn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\seq_concat:NNN Concatenating sequences is easy.
\seq_concat:ccc 5355 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_concat:NNN #1#2#3
\seq_gconcat:NNN 5356 { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} \exp_not:o {#3} } }
\seq_gconcat:ccc 5357 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gconcat:NNN #1#2#3
5358 { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \exp_not:o {#2} \exp_not:o {#3} } }
5359 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_concat:NNN { ccc }
5360 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gconcat:NNN { ccc }

```

(End definition for \seq\_concat:NNN and \seq\_concat:ccc These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\seq_if_exist_p:N Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.
\seq_if_exist_p:c 5361 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_if_exist:NTF \cs_if_exist:NTF
\seq_if_exist:NTF 5362 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_if_exist:NT \cs_if_exist:NT
\seq_if_exist:cTF 5363 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_if_exist:NF \cs_if_exist:NF
5364 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_if_exist_p:N \cs_if_exist_p:N
5365 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_if_exist:cTF \cs_if_exist:cTF
5366 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_if_exist:cT \cs_if_exist:cT
5367 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_if_exist:cF \cs_if_exist:cF
5368 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_if_exist_p:c \cs_if_exist_p:c

```

(End definition for \seq\_if\_exist:N and \seq\_if\_exist:c These functions are documented on page ??.)



## 11.2 Appending data to either end

```
\seq_put_left:Nn
\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
```

The code here is just a wrapper for adding to token lists.

```
5369 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_put_left:Nn #1#2
5370 { \tl_put_left:Nn #1 { \__seq_item:n {#2} } }
5371 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_put_right:Nn #1#2
5372 { \tl_put_right:Nn #1 { \__seq_item:n {#2} } }
5373 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_put_left:Nn { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
5374 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_put_left:Nn { c , cV , cv , co , cx }
5375 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_put_right:Nn { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
5376 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_put_right:Nn { c , cV , cv , co , cx }
```

(End definition for `\seq_put_left:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```
\seq_gput_right:Nn
\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
\seq_gput_right:cx
```

The same for global addition.

```
5377 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gput_left:Nn #1#2
5378 { \tl_gput_left:Nn #1 { \__seq_item:n {#2} } }
5379 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gput_right:Nn #1#2
5380 { \tl_gput_right:Nn #1 { \__seq_item:n {#2} } }
5381 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gput_left:Nn { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
5382 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gput_left:Nn { c , cV , cv , co , cx }
5383 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gput_right:Nn { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
5384 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gput_right:Nn { c , cV , cv , co , cx }
```

(End definition for `\seq_gput_left:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```
\seq_gput_right:Nn
```

```
\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
```

```
\seq_gput_right:cx
```

## 11.3 Modifying sequences

This function converts its argument to a proper sequence item in an x-expansion context.

```
5385 \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.

```
5386 \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.

```
5387 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_remove_duplicates:N
5388 { \__seq_remove_duplicates:NN \seq_set_eq:NN }
5389 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gremove_duplicates:N
5390 { \__seq_remove_duplicates:NN \seq_gset_eq:NN }
5391 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_remove_duplicates:NN #1#2
5392 {
5393   \seq_clear:N \l__seq_remove_seq
5394   \seq_map_inline:Nn #2
5395   {
5396     \seq_if_in:NnF \l__seq_remove_seq {##1}
5397     { \seq_put_right:Nn \l__seq_remove_seq {##1} }
5398   }
5399   #1 #2 \l__seq_remove_seq
```

```
\seq_remove_duplicates:N
```

```
\seq_remove_duplicates:c
```

```
\seq_gremove_duplicates:N
```

```
\seq_gremove_duplicates:c
```

```
\__seq_remove_duplicates:NN
```

```

5400 }
5401 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_remove_duplicates:N { c }
5402 \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 ??.)

`\seq_remove_all:Nn` The idea of the code here is to avoid a relatively expensive addition of items one at a time to an intermediate sequence. The approach taken is therefore similar to that in `\__seq_pop_right_aux_ii:NNN`, using a “flexible” x-type expansion to do most of the work. As `\tl_if_eq:nnT` is not expandable, a two-part strategy is needed. First, the x-type 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.

```

5403 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_remove_all:Nn
5404 { \__seq_remove_all_aux:NNn \tl_set:Nx }
5405 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gremove_all:Nn
5406 { \__seq_remove_all_aux:NNn \tl_gset:Nx }
5407 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_remove_all_aux:NNn #1#2#3
5408 {
5409   \__seq_push_item_def:n
5410   {
5411     \str_if_eq:nnT {##1} {#3}
5412     {
5413       \if_false: { \fi: }
5414       \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_b_tl {##1}
5415       #1 #2
5416       { \if_false: } \fi:
5417       \exp_not:o {#2}
5418       \tl_if_eq:NNT \l__seq_internal_a_tl \l__seq_internal_b_tl
5419       { \use_none:nn }
5420     }
5421     \__seq_wrap_item:n {##1}
5422   }
5423   \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_a_tl {#3}
5424   #1 #2 {#2}
5425   \__seq_pop_item_def:
5426 }
5427 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_remove_all:Nn { c }
5428 \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 ??.)

## 11.4 Sequence conditionals

`\seq_if_empty_p:N` Simple copies from the token list variable material.  
`\seq_if_empty_p:c`  
`\seq_if_empty:N $\underline{TF}$`   
`\seq_if_empty:c $\underline{TF}$`

```

5429 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_if_empty:N \tl_if_empty:N
5430 { p , T , F , TF }
5431 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_if_empty:c \tl_if_empty:c
5432 { p , T , F , TF }

```

(End definition for \seq\_if\_empty:N and \seq\_if\_empty:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\seq_if_in:NnTF The approach here is to define \__seq_item:n to compare its argument with the test
\seq_if_in:NvTF sequence. If the two items are equal, the mapping is terminated and \group_end: \prg_-
\seq_if_in:NoTF return_true: is inserted after skipping over the rest of the recursion. On the other hand,
\seq_if_in:NxTF if there is no match then the loop will break returning \prg_return_false:. Everything
\seq_if_in:cnTF is inside a group so that \__seq_item:n is preserved in nested situations.
\seq_if_in:cVTF
\seq_if_in:cvTF
\seq_if_in:coTF
\seq_if_in:cxTF
\__seq_if_in:
5433 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_if_in:Nn #1#2
5434 { T , F , TF }
5435 {
5436   \group_begin:
5437     \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_a_tl {#2}
5438     \cs_set_protected:Npn \__seq_item:n ##1
5439     {
5440       \tl_set:Nn \l__seq_internal_b_tl {##1}
5441       \if_meaning:w \l__seq_internal_a_tl \l__seq_internal_b_tl
5442         \exp_after:wN \__seq_if_in:
5443       \fi:
5444     }
5445     #1
5446   \group_end:
5447   \prg_return_false:
5448   \__prg_break_point:
5449 }
5450 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__seq_if_in:
5451 { \__prg_break:n { \group_end: \prg_return_true: } }
5452 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_in:NnT { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
5453 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_in:NnT { c , cV , cv , co , cx }
5454 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_in:NnF { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
5455 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_in:NnF { c , cV , cv , co , cx }
5456 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_in:NnTF { NV , Nv , No , Nx }
5457 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_if_in:NnTF { c , cV , cv , co , cx }

```

(End definition for \seq\_if\_in:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 11.5 Recovering data from sequences

\\_\_seq\_pop:NNNN The two pop functions share their emptiness tests. We also use a common emptiness test  
 \\_\_seq\_pop\_TF:NNNN for all branching get and pop functions.

```

5458 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_pop:NNNN #1#2#3#4
5459 {
5460   \if_meaning:w #3 \c_empty_seq
5461     \tl_set:Nn #4 { \q_no_value }
5462   \else:
5463     #1#2#3#4

```

```

5464     \fi:
5465   }
5466   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_pop_TF:NNNN #1#2#3#4
5467   {
5468     \if_meaning:w #3 \c_empty_seq
5469     % \tl_set:Nn #4 { \q_no_value }
5470     \prg_return_false:
5471   \else:
5472     #1#2#3#4
5473     \prg_return_true:
5474   \fi:
5475 }

```

(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 removing the \\_\_seq\_item:n at the start. We first append a \q\_no\_value item to  
**\\_\_seq\_get\_left:NnwN** cover the case of an empty sequence

```

5476   \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_get_left:NN #1#2
5477   {
5478     \tl_set:Nx #2
5479     {
5480       \exp_after:wN \__seq_get_left:Nnw
5481       #1 \__seq_item:n { \q_no_value } \q_stop
5482     }
5483   }
5484   \cs_new:Npn \__seq_get_left:Nnw \__seq_item:n #1#2 \q_stop
5485   { \exp_not:n {#1} }
5486   \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 ??.)

**\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.  
**\seq\_gpop\_left:cN**  
**\\_\_seq\_pop\_left:NNN**  
**\\_\_seq\_pop\_left:NnwNNN**

```

5487   \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_pop_left:NN
5488   { \__seq_pop:NNNN \__seq_pop_left:NNN \tl_set:Nn }
5489   \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_gpop_left:NN
5490   { \__seq_pop:NNNN \__seq_pop_left:NNN \tl_gset:Nn }
5491   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_pop_left:NNN #1#2#3
5492   { \exp_after:wN \__seq_pop_left:NnwNNN #2 \q_stop #1#2#3 }
5493   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_pop_left:NnwNNN \__seq_item:n #1#2 \q_stop #3#4#5
5494   {
5495     #3 #4 {#2}
5496     \tl_set:Nn #5 {#1}
5497   }
5498   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_left:NN { c }
5499   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_left:NN { c }

```

(End definition for \seq\_pop\_left:NN and \seq\_gpop\_left:cN These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\seq_get_right:NN` First prepend `\q_no_value`, then take two arguments at a time. Apart from the right-hand end of the sequence, this be a brace group followed by `\__seq_item:n`. The `\use_none:n` removes both of those. 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. The `\afterassignment` primitive places `\use_none:n` to get rid of a trailing `\__seq_get_right_loop:nn`.

```

5500 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_get_right:NN #1#2
5501 {
5502   \exp_after:wN \__seq_get_right_loop:nn
5503   \exp_after:wN \q_no_value
5504   #1
5505   {
5506     ??
5507     \tex_afterassignment:D \use_none:n
5508     \tl_set:Nn #2
5509   }
5510 }
5511 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_get_right_loop:nn #1#2
5512 {
5513   \use_none:nn #2 {#1}
5514   \__seq_get_right_loop:nn
5515 }
5516 \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 ??.)

`\seq_pop_right:NN` The approach to popping from the right is a bit more involved, but does use some of the same ideas as getting from the right. What is needed is a “flexible length” way to set a token list variable. This is supplied by the `{\if_false:} \fi: ... \if_false: { \fi: }` construct. Using an x-type expansion and a “non-expanding” definition for `\__seq_item:n`, the left-most  $n - 1$  entries in a sequence of  $n$  items will be stored back in the sequence. That needs a loop of unknown length, hence using the strange `\if_false:` way of including brackets. When the last item of the sequence is reached, the closing bracket for the assignment is inserted, and `\tl_set:Nn #3` is inserted in front of the final entry. This therefore does the pop assignment. The trailing looping macro is removed by placing a `\use_none:n` using the `\afterassignment` primitive.

```

5517 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_pop_right:NN
5518 { \__seq_pop:NNNN \__seq_pop_right_aux:NNN \tl_set:Nx }
5519 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_gpop_right:NN
5520 { \__seq_pop:NNNN \__seq_pop_right_aux:NNN \tl_gset:Nx }
5521 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_pop_right_aux:NNN #1#2#3
5522 {
5523   \cs_set_eq:NN \seq_tmp:w \__seq_item:n
5524   \cs_set_eq:NN \__seq_item:n \scan_stop:
5525   #1 #2
5526   { \if_false: } \fi:
5527   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
5528   \exp_after:wN \__seq_pop_right_loop:nn

```

```

5529         \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
5530         #2
5531         {
5532             \if_false: { \fi: }
5533             \tex_afterassignment:D \use_none:n
5534             \tl_set:Nx #3
5535         }
5536     \cs_set_eq:NN \__seq_item:n \seq_tmp:w
5537 }
5538 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_pop_right_loop:nn #1#2
5539 {
5540     #2 { \exp_not:n {#1} }
5541     \__seq_pop_right_loop:nn
5542 }
5543 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_right:NN { c }
5544 \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 ??.)

`\seq_get_left:NNTF` Getting from the left or right with a check on the results. The first argument to `\__seq_get_left:cNTF` `\seq_pop_TF:NNNN` is left unused.

```

\seq_get_right:NNTF 5545 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_get_left:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
\seq_get_left:cNTF 5546 { \__seq_pop_TF:NNNN \prg_do_nothing: \seq_get_left:NN #1#2 }
\seq_get_right:cNTF 5547 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_get_right:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
5548 { \__seq_pop_TF:NNNN \prg_do_nothing: \seq_get_right:NN #1#2 }
5549 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_left:NNT { c }
5550 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_left:NNF { c }
5551 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_left:NNTF { c }
5552 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_right:NNT { c }
5553 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_right:NNF { c }
5554 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_get_right:NNTF { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_get_left:NN` and `\seq_get_left:cN` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\seq_pop_left:NNTF` More or less the same for popping.

```

\seq_pop_left:cNTF 5555 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_pop_left:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
\seq_gpop_left:NNTF 5556 { \__seq_pop_TF:NNNN \__seq_pop_left:NNN \tl_set:Nn #1 #2 }
\seq_gpop_left:cNTF 5557 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_gpop_left:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
\seq_pop_right:NNTF 5558 { \__seq_pop_TF:NNNN \__seq_pop_left:NNN \tl_gset:Nn #1 #2 }
\seq_pop_right:cNTF 5559 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_pop_right:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
\seq_gpop_right:NNTF 5560 { \__seq_pop_TF:NNNN \__seq_pop_right_aux:NNN \tl_set:Nx #1 #2 }
\seq_gpop_right:cNTF 5561 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \seq_gpop_right:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
5562 { \__seq_pop_TF:NNNN \__seq_pop_right_aux:NNN \tl_gset:Nx #1 #2 }
5563 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_left:NNT { c }
5564 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_left:NNF { c }
5565 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_left:NNTF { c }
5566 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_left:NNT { c }
5567 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_left:NNF { c }
5568 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_left:NNTF { c }

```

```

5569 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_right:NNT { c }
5570 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_right:NNF { c }
5571 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_pop_right:NNTF { c }
5572 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_right:NNT { c }
5573 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_right:NNF { c }
5574 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gpop_right:NNTF { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_pop_left:NN` and `\seq_pop_left:cN` These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 11.6 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.

```

5575 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \seq_map_break:
5576 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \seq_map_break: { } }
5577 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \seq_map_break:n
5578 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \seq_map_break: }

```

(End definition for `\seq_map_break:` This function is documented on page 116.)

`\seq_map_function:NN` The idea here is to apply the code of #2 to each item in the sequence without altering  
`\seq_map_function:cN` the definition of `\__seq_item:n`. This is done as by noting that every odd token in the  
`\__seq_map_function:NNn` 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.

```

5579 \cs_new:Npn \seq_map_function:NN #1#2
5580 {
5581   \exp_after:wN \__seq_map_function:NNn \exp_after:wN #2 #1
5582   { ? \seq_map_break: } { }
5583   \__prg_break_point:Nn \seq_map_break: { }
5584 }
5585 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_map_function:NNn #1#2#3
5586 {
5587   \use_none:n #2
5588   #1 {#3}
5589   \__seq_map_function:NNn #1
5590 }
5591 \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 ??.)

`\__seq_push_item_def:n` The definition of `\__seq_item:n` needs to be saved and restored at various points within  
`\__seq_push_item_def:x` the mapping and manipulation code. That is handled here: as always, this approach uses  
`\__seq_push_item_def:` global assignments.

```

\__seq_pop_item_def:
5592 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_push_item_def:n
5593 {
5594   \__seq_push_item_def:
5595   \cs_gset:Npn \__seq_item:n ##1

```

```

5596 }
5597 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_push_item_def:x
5598 {
5599   \__seq_push_item_def:
5600   \cs_gset:Npx \__seq_item:n ##1
5601 }
5602 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_push_item_def:
5603 {
5604   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
5605   \cs_gset_eq:cN { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
5606   \__seq_item:n
5607 }
5608 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__seq_pop_item_def:
5609 {
5610   \cs_gset_eq:Nc \__seq_item:n
5611   { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
5612   \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int
5613 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_seq\_push\_item\_def:n and \\_\_seq\_push\_item\_def:x These functions are documented on page 119.)

**\seq\_map\_inline:Nn**  
**\seq\_map\_inline:cn**

The idea here is that \\_\_seq\_item:n is already “applied” to each item in a sequence, and so an in-line mapping is just a case of redefining \\_\_seq\_item:n.

```

5614 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_map_inline:Nn #1#2
5615 {
5616   \__seq_push_item_def:n {#2}
5617   #1
5618   \__prg_break_point:Nn \seq_map_break: { \__seq_pop_item_def: }
5619 }
5620 \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 ??.)

**\seq\_map\_variable:NNn**  
**\seq\_map\_variable:Ncn**  
**\seq\_map\_variable:cNn**  
**\seq\_map\_variable:ccn**

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.

```

5621 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_map_variable:NNn #1#2#3
5622 {
5623   \__seq_push_item_def:x
5624   {
5625     \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N #2 {##1}
5626     \exp_not:n {#3}
5627   }
5628   #1
5629   \__prg_break_point:Nn \seq_map_break: { \__seq_pop_item_def: }
5630 }
5631 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_map_variable:NNn { Nc }
5632 \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 ??.)



**\seq\_count:N** Counting the items in a sequence is done using the same approach as for other count functions: turn each entry into a +1 then use integer evaluation to actually do the mathematics.  
**\seq\_count:c**  
**\\_\_seq\_count:n**

```

5633 \cs_new:Npn \seq_count:N #1
5634 {
5635   \int_eval:n
5636   {
5637     0
5638     \seq_map_function:NN #1 \__seq_count:n
5639   }
5640 }
5641 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_count:n #1 { + \c_one }
5642 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_count:N { c }

```

(End definition for \seq\_count:N and \seq\_count:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 11.7 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 5643 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:Nn \seq_put_left:Nn
\seq_push:Nv 5644 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:Nv \seq_put_left:Nv
\seq_push:No 5645 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:Nv \seq_put_left:Nv
\seq_push:Nx 5646 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:No \seq_put_left:No
\seq_push:cn 5647 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:Nx \seq_put_left:Nx
\seq_push:cV 5648 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:cn \seq_put_left:cn
\seq_push:cV 5649 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:cV \seq_put_left:cV
\seq_push:cv 5650 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:cv \seq_put_left:cv
\seq_push:co 5651 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:co \seq_put_left:co
\seq_push:cx 5652 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_push:cx \seq_put_left:cx
\seq_gpush:Nn 5653 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:Nn \seq_gput_left:Nn
\seq_gpush:NV 5654 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:Nv \seq_gput_left:Nv
\seq_gpush:Nv 5655 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:Nv \seq_gput_left:Nv
\seq_gpush:No 5656 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:No \seq_gput_left:No
\seq_gpush:Nx 5657 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:Nx \seq_gput_left:Nx
\seq_gpush:cn 5658 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:cn \seq_gput_left:cn
\seq_gpush:cV 5659 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:cV \seq_gput_left:cV
\seq_gpush:cv 5660 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:cv \seq_gput_left:cv
\seq_gpush:co 5661 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpush:co \seq_gput_left:co
\seq_gpush:cx 5662 \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 ??.)

**\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**

```

\seq_pop:NN 5663 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_get:NN \seq_get_left:NN
\seq_pop:cN 5664 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_get:cN \seq_get_left:cN
\seq_gpop:NN 5665 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_pop:NN \seq_pop_left:NN
\seq_gpop:cN 5666 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_pop:cN \seq_pop_left:cN

```

```

5667 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_gpop:NN \seq_gpop_left:NN
5668 \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 ??.)

```

**\seq\_get:NNTF** More copies.

```

\seq_get:cNTF 5669 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_get:NN \seq_get_left:NN { T , F , TF }
\seq_pop:NNTF 5670 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_get:cN \seq_get_left:cN { T , F , TF }
\seq_pop:cNTF 5671 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_pop:NN \seq_pop_left:NN { T , F , TF }
\seq_gpop:NNTF 5672 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_pop:cN \seq_pop_left:cN { T , F , TF }
\seq_gpop:cNTF 5673 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_gpop:NN \seq_gpop_left:NN { T , F , TF }
5674 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \seq_gpop:cN \seq_gpop_left:cN { T , F , TF }
(End definition for \seq_get:NN and \seq_get:cN These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

## 11.8 Viewing sequences

**\seq\_show:N** Apply the general `\__msg_show_variable:Nnx`.

**\seq\_show:c**

```

5675 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_show:N #1
5676 {
5677   \__msg_show_variable:Nnx #1 { seq }
5678   { \seq_map_function:NN #1 \__msg_show_item:n }
5679 }
5680 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_show:N { c }
(End definition for \seq_show:N and \seq_show:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

## 11.9 Scratch sequences

**\l\_tmpa\_seq** Temporary comma list variables.

**\l\_tmpb\_seq**

**\g\_tmpa\_seq**

**\g\_tmpb\_seq**

```

5681 \seq_new:N \l_tmpa_seq
5682 \seq_new:N \l_tmpb_seq
5683 \seq_new:N \g_tmpa_seq
5684 \seq_new:N \g_tmpb_seq
(End definition for \l_tmpa_seq and others. These variables are documented on page 118.)

```

## 11.10 Deprecated interfaces

A few functions which are no longer documented: these were moved here on or before 2011-04-20, and will be removed entirely by 2011-07-20.

**\seq\_top:NN** These are old stack functions.

**\seq\_top:cN**

```

5685 <*deprecated>
5686 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_top:NN \seq_get_left:NN
5687 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_top:cN \seq_get_left:cN
5688 </deprecated>
(End definition for \seq_top:NN and \seq_top:cN These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

`\seq_display:N` An older name for `\seq_show:N`.

`\seq_display:c`

```

5689 <*deprecated>
5690 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_display:N \seq_show:N
5691 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_display:c \seq_show:c
5692 </deprecated>

```

(End definition for `\seq_display:N` and `\seq_display:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)  
Deprecated 2012-05-13 for removal by 2012-11-30.

`\seq_length:N`

`\seq_length:c`

```

5693 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_length:N \seq_count:N
5694 \cs_new_eq:NN \seq_length:c \seq_count:c

```

(End definition for `\seq_length:N` and `\seq_length:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)  
Deprecated 2012-05-23 for removal by 2012-08-30.

`\seq_use:N` A simple short cut for a mapping.

`\seq_use:c`

```

5695 \cs_new:Npn \seq_use:N #1 { \seq_map_function:NN #1 \use:n }
5696 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_use:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_use:N` and `\seq_use:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

5697 </initex | package>

```

## 12 l3clist implementation

The following test files are used for this code: `m3clist002`.

```

5698 <*initex | package>
5699 <@@=clist>
5700 <*package>
5701 \ProvidesExplPackage
5702   {\ExplFileName}{\ExplFileDate}{\ExplFileVersion}{\ExplFileDescription}
5703   \__expl_package_check:
5704 </package>

```

`\c_empty_clist` An empty comma list is simply an empty token list.

```

5705 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_empty_clist \c_empty_tl

```

(End definition for `\c_empty_clist` This variable is documented on page 127.)

`\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`

```

5706 \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.

```

5707 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_tmp:w { }

```

(End definition for `\__clist_tmp:w`)

## 12.1 Allocation and initialisation

**\clist\_new:N** Internally, comma lists are just token lists.

**\clist\_new:c** 5708 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_new:N \tl\_new:N  
5709 \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 ??.)

**\clist\_clear:N** Clearing comma lists is just the same as clearing token lists.

**\clist\_clear:c** 5710 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_clear:N \tl\_clear:N  
**\clist\_gclear:N** 5711 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_clear:c \tl\_clear:c  
**\clist\_gclear:c** 5712 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_gclear:N \tl\_gclear:N  
5713 \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 ??.)

**\clist\_clear\_new:N** Once again a copy from the token list functions.

**\clist\_clear\_new:c** 5714 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_clear\_new:N \tl\_clear\_new:N  
**\clist\_gclear\_new:N** 5715 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_clear\_new:c \tl\_clear\_new:c  
**\clist\_gclear\_new:c** 5716 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_gclear\_new:N \tl\_gclear\_new:N  
5717 \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 ??.)

**\clist\_set\_eq:NN** Once again, these are simple copies from the token list functions.

**\clist\_set\_eq:cN** 5718 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_set\_eq:NN \tl\_set\_eq:NN  
**\clist\_set\_eq:Nc** 5719 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_set\_eq:Nc \tl\_set\_eq:Nc  
**\clist\_set\_eq:cc** 5720 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_set\_eq:cN \tl\_set\_eq:cN  
**\clist\_gset\_eq:NN** 5721 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_set\_eq:cc \tl\_set\_eq:cc  
**\clist\_gset\_eq:cN** 5722 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_gset\_eq:NN \tl\_gset\_eq:NN  
**\clist\_gset\_eq:Nc** 5723 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_gset\_eq:Nc \tl\_gset\_eq:Nc  
**\clist\_gset\_eq:cN** 5724 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_gset\_eq:cN \tl\_gset\_eq:cN  
**\clist\_gset\_eq:cc** 5725 \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 ??.)

**\clist\_concat:NNN** Concatenating comma lists is not quite as easy as it seems, as there needs to be the correct addition of a comma to the output. So a little work to do.

**\clist\_concat:ccc** 5726 \cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:Npn \clist\_concat:NNN  
**\clist\_gconcat:NNN** 5727 { \\_\_clist\_concat:NNNN \tl\_set:Nx }  
**\\_\_clist\_concat:NNNN** 5728 \cs\_new\_protected\_nopar:Npn \clist\_gconcat:NNN  
5729 { \\_\_clist\_concat:NNNN \tl\_gset:Nx }  
5730 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \\_\_clist\_concat:NNNN #1#2#3#4  
5731 {  
5732 #1 #2  
5733 {  
5734 \exp\_not:o #3  
5735 \clist\_if\_empty:NF #3 { \clist\_if\_empty:NF #4 { , } }  
5736 \exp\_not:o #4  
5737 }  
5738 }  
5739 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \clist\_concat:NNN { ccc }  
5740 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \clist\_gconcat:NNN { ccc }

(End definition for `\clist_concat:NNN` and `\clist_concat:ccc` These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\clist_if_exist_p:N
\clist_if_exist_p:c
\clist_if_exist:NTF
\clist_if_exist:cTF

```

Copies of the `cs` functions defined in `l3basics`.

```

5741 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_if_exist:NTF \cs_if_exist:NTF
5742 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_if_exist:NT \cs_if_exist:NT
5743 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_if_exist:NF \cs_if_exist:NF
5744 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_if_exist_p:N \cs_if_exist_p:N
5745 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_if_exist:cTF \cs_if_exist:cTF
5746 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_if_exist:cT \cs_if_exist:cT
5747 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_if_exist:cF \cs_if_exist:cF
5748 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_if_exist_p:c \cs_if_exist_p:c

```

(End definition for `\clist_if_exist:N` and `\clist_if_exist:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 12.2 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>`.

```

5749 \cs_new:Npn \_clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw #1#2 ,
5750 {
5751   \_tl_trim_spaces:nn {#2}
5752   { \exp_args:No \_clist_trim_spaces_generic:nn } {#1}
5753 }
5754 \cs_new:Npn \_clist_trim_spaces_generic:nn #1#2 { #2 {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\_clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\_clist_trim_spaces:n` The first argument of `\_clist_trim_spaces_ii: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.

```

5755 \cs_new:Npn \_clist_trim_spaces:n #1
5756 {
5757   \_clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw
5758   { \_clist_trim_spaces_ii:nn { } }
5759   \q_mark #1 ,
5760   \q_recursion_tail, \q_recursion_stop
5761 }
5762 \cs_new:Npn \_clist_trim_spaces_ii:nn #1 #2
5763 {
5764   \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n {#2}
5765   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#2}
5766   {
5767     \_clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw

```

```

5768         { \_cllist_trim_spaces_ii:nn {#1} } \q_mark
5769     }
5770     {
5771         #1 \exp_not:n {#2}
5772         \_cllist_trim_spaces_generic:nw
5773         { \_cllist_trim_spaces_ii:nn { , } } \q_mark
5774     }
5775 }

```

(End definition for \\_cllist\_trim\_spaces:n This function is documented on page ??.)

## 12.3 Adding data to comma lists

```

\clist_set:Nn
\clist_set:NV 5776 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_set:Nn #1#2
\clist_set:No 5777 { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \_cllist_trim_spaces:n {#2} } }
\clist_set:Nx 5778 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gset:Nn #1#2
\clist_set:cn 5779 { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \_cllist_trim_spaces:n {#2} } }
\clist_set:cV 5780 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_set:Nn { NV , No , Nx , c , cV , co , cx }
\clist_set:co 5781 \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 ??.)

Comma lists cannot hold empty values: there are therefore a couple of sanity checks to avoid accumulating commas.

```

\clist_gset:Nn
\clist_put_left:Nn
\clist_gset:NV
\clist_put_left:NV
\clist_gset:No
\clist_put_left:No
\clist_gset:Nx
\clist_put_left:Nx
\clist_gset:cn
\clist_put_left:cn
\clist_gset:cV
\clist_put_left:cV
\clist_gset:co
\clist_put_left:co
\clist_gset:cx
\clist_put_left:cx
\clist_gput_left:Nn
\clist_gput_left:NV
\clist_gput_left:No
\clist_gput_left:Nx
\clist_gput_left:cn
\clist_gput_left:cV
\clist_gput_left:co
\clist_gput_left:cx
\clist_gput_right:Nn
\clist_gput_right:NV
\clist_gput_right:No
\clist_gput_right:Nx
\clist_gput_right:cn
\clist_gput_right:cV
\clist_gput_right:co
\clist_gput_right:cx
\__cllistpput_right:Nn
\clist_put_right:NV
\clist_put_right:No
\clist_put_right:Nx
\clist_put_right:cn
\clist_put_right:cV
\clist_put_right:co
\clist_put_right:cx
\clist_gput_right:Nn
\clist_gput_right:NV
\clist_gput_right:No
\clist_gput_right:Nx
\clist_gput_right:cn
\clist_gput_right:cV
\clist_gput_right:co
\clist_gput_right:cx
\__cllistpput_right:NNNn

```

(End definition for \clist\_put\_left:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

5804 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_put_right:Nn { NV , No , Nx }
5805 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_put_right:Nn { c , cV , co , cx }
5806 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gput_right:Nn { NV , No , Nx }
5807 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gput_right:Nn { c , cV , co , cx }

```

(End definition for `\clist_put_right:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 12.4 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`

```

5808 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_get:NN #1#2
5809 {
5810   \if_meaning:w #1 \c_empty_clist
5811     \tl_set:Nn #2 { \q_no_value }
5812   \else:
5813     \exp_after:wN \__clist_get:wN #1 , \q_stop #2
5814   \fi:
5815 }
5816 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_get:wN #1 , #2 \q_stop #3
5817 { \tl_set:Nn #3 {#1} }
5818 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_get:NN { c }

```

(End definition for `\clist_get:NN` and `\clist_get:cN` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\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`

```

5819 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \clist_pop:NN
5820 { \__clist_pop:NNN \tl_set:Nx }
5821 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \clist_gpop:NN
5822 { \__clist_pop:NNN \tl_gset:Nx }
5823 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_pop:NNN #1#2#3
5824 {
5825   \if_meaning:w #2 \c_empty_clist
5826     \tl_set:Nn #3 { \q_no_value }
5827   \else:
5828     \exp_after:wN \__clist_pop:wwNNN #2 , \q_mark \q_stop #1#2#3
5829   \fi:
5830 }
5831 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_pop:wwNNN #1 , #2 \q_stop #3#4#5
5832 {
5833   \tl_set:Nn #5 {#1}
5834   #3 #4
5835   {
5836     \__clist_pop:wN \prg_do_nothing:
5837     #2 \exp_not:o
5838     , \q_mark \use_none:n

```

```

5839         \q_stop
5840     }
5841 }
5842 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_pop:wN #1 , \q_mark #2 #3 \q_stop { #2 {#1} }
5843 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_pop:NN { c }
5844 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gpop:NN { c }

```

(End definition for \clist\_pop:NN and \clist\_pop:cN These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\clist\_get:NNTF** The same, as branching code: very similar to the above.

```

\clist_get:cNTF 5845 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \clist_get:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
\clist_pop:NNTF 5846 {
\clist_pop:cNTF 5847     \if_meaning:w #1 \c_empty_clist
\clist_gpop:NNTF 5848     \prg_return_false:
\clist_gpop:cNTF 5849     \else:
5850     \exp_after:wN \__clist_get:wN #1 , \q_stop #2
5851     \prg_return_true:
5852     \fi:
5853 }
5854 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_get:NNT { c }
5855 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_get:NNF { c }
5856 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_get:NNTF { c }
5857 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \clist_pop:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
5858 { \__clist_pop_TF:NNN \tl_set:Nx #1 #2 }
5859 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \clist_gpop:NN #1#2 { T , F , TF }
5860 { \__clist_pop_TF:NNN \tl_gset:Nx #1 #2 }
5861 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_pop_TF:NNN #1#2#3
5862 {
5863     \if_meaning:w #2 \c_empty_clist
5864     \prg_return_false:
5865     \else:
5866     \exp_after:wN \__clist_pop:wwNNN #2 , \q_mark \q_stop #1#2#3
5867     \prg_return_true:
5868     \fi:
5869 }
5870 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_pop:NNT { c }
5871 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_pop:NNF { c }
5872 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_pop:NNTF { c }
5873 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gpop:NNT { c }
5874 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gpop:NNF { c }
5875 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gpop:NNTF { c }

```

(End definition for \clist\_get:NN and \clist\_get:cN These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\clist\_push:Nn** Pushing to a comma list is the same as adding on the left.

```

\clist_push:NV 5876 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:Nn \clist_put_left:Nn
\clist_push:No 5877 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:NV \clist_put_left:NV
\clist_push:Nx 5878 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:No \clist_put_left:No
\clist_push:cn 5879 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:Nx \clist_put_left:Nx
\clist_push:cV 5880 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:cn \clist_put_left:cn
\clist_push:co 5881 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:cV \clist_put_left:cV
\clist_push:cx

```

```

\clist_gpush:Nn
\clist_gpush:NV
\clist_gpush:No
\clist_gpush:Nx
\clist_gpush:cn
\clist_gpush:cV
\clist_gpush:co
\clist_gpush:cx

```



```

5882 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:co \clist_put_left:co
5883 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_push:cx \clist_put_left:cx
5884 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:Nn \clist_gput_left:Nn
5885 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:NV \clist_gput_left:NV
5886 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:No \clist_gput_left:No
5887 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:Nx \clist_gput_left:Nx
5888 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:cn \clist_gput_left:cn
5889 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:cV \clist_gput_left:cV
5890 \cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gpush:co \clist_gput_left:co
5891 \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 ??.)

## 12.5 Modifying comma lists

\l\_\_clist\_internal\_remove\_clist An internal comma list for the removal routines.

```

5892 \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
\clist_remove_duplicates:c
\clist_gremove_duplicates:N
\clist_gremove_duplicates:c
  \__clist_remove_duplicates:NN

```

Removing duplicates means making a new list then copying it.

```

5893 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_remove_duplicates:N
5894 { \__clist_remove_duplicates:NN \clist_set_eq:NN }
5895 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gremove_duplicates:N
5896 { \__clist_remove_duplicates:NN \clist_gset_eq:NN }
5897 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_remove_duplicates:NN #1#2
5898 {
5899   \clist_clear:N \l__clist_internal_remove_clist
5900   \clist_map_inline:Nn #2
5901   {
5902     \clist_if_in:NnF \l__clist_internal_remove_clist {##1}
5903     { \clist_put_right:Nn \l__clist_internal_remove_clist {##1} }
5904   }
5905   #1 #2 \l__clist_internal_remove_clist
5906 }
5907 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_remove_duplicates:N { c }
5908 \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 ??.)

```

\clist_remove_all:Nn
\clist_remove_all:cn
\clist_gremove_all:Nn
\clist_gremove_all:cn
\__clist_remove_all:NNn
  \__clist_remove_all:w
  \__clist_remove_all:

```

The method used here is very similar to \tl\_replace\_all:Nnn. Build a function delimited by the  $\langle item \rangle$  that should be removed, surrounded with commas, and call that function followed by the expanded comma list, and another copy of the  $\langle item \rangle$ . 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  $\langle item \rangle$  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.

```

5909 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_remove_all:Nn
5910 { \__clist_remove_all:NNn \tl_set:Nx }
5911 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gremove_all:Nn
5912 { \__clist_remove_all:NNn \tl_gset:Nx }
5913 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_remove_all:NNn #1#2#3
5914 {
5915   \cs_set:Npn \__clist_tmp:w ##1 , #3 ,
5916   {
5917     ##1
5918     , \q_mark , \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w ,
5919     \__clist_remove_all:
5920   }
5921   #1 #2
5922   {
5923     \exp_after:wN \__clist_remove_all:
5924     #2 , \q_mark , #3 , \q_stop
5925   }
5926   \clist_if_empty:NF #2
5927   {
5928     #1 #2
5929     {
5930       \exp_args:No \exp_not:o
5931       { \exp_after:wN \use_none:n #2 }
5932     }
5933   }
5934 }
5935 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_remove_all:
5936 { \exp_after:wN \__clist_remove_all:w \__clist_tmp:w , }
5937 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_remove_all:w #1 , \q_mark , #2 , { \exp_not:n {#1} }
5938 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_remove_all:Nn { c }
5939 \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 ??.)

## 12.6 Comma list conditionals

**\clist\_if\_empty\_p:N**

Simple copies from the token list variable material.

**\clist\_if\_empty\_p:c**

```
5940 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \clist_if_empty:N \tl_if_empty:N { p , T , F , TF }
```

**\clist\_if\_empty:NTF**

```
5941 \prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \clist_if_empty:c \tl_if_empty:c { p , T , F , TF }
```

**\clist\_if\_empty:cTF**

(End definition for \clist\_if\_empty:N and \clist\_if\_empty:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\clist\_if\_in:NnTF**

See description of the \tl\_if\_in:Nn function for details. We simply surround the comma list, and the item, with commas.

**\clist\_if\_in:NVTF**

**\clist\_if\_in:NoTF**

**\clist\_if\_in:cnTF**

**\clist\_if\_in:cVTF**

**\clist\_if\_in:coTF**

**\clist\_if\_in:nnTF**

**\clist\_if\_in:nVTF**

**\clist\_if\_in:noTF**

**\\_\_clist\_if\_in\_return:nn**

```

5942 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \clist_if_in:Nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
5943 {
5944   \exp_args:No \__clist_if_in_return:nn #1 {#2}
5945 }
5946 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \clist_if_in:nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
5947 {
5948   \clist_set:Nn \l__clist_internal_clist {#1}
5949   \exp_args:No \__clist_if_in_return:nn \l__clist_internal_clist {#2}
5950 }
5951 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_if_in_return:nn #1#2
5952 {
5953   \cs_set:Npn \__clist_tmp:w ##1 ,#2, { }
5954   \tl_if_empty:oTF
5955     { \__clist_tmp:w ,#1, {} {} } ,#2, }
5956     { \prg_return_false: } { \prg_return_true: }
5957 }
5958 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:NnT { NV , No }
5959 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:NnT { c , cV , co }
5960 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:NnF { NV , No }
5961 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:NnF { c , cV , co }
5962 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:NnTF { NV , No }
5963 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:NnTF { c , cV , co }
5964 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:nnT { nV , no }
5965 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:nnF { nV , no }
5966 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_if_in:nnTF { nV , no }

```

(End definition for \clist\_if\_in:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 12.7 Mapping to comma lists

**\clist\_map\_function:NN** If the variable is empty, the mapping is skipped (otherwise, that comma-list would be seen as consisting of one empty item). Then loop over the comma-list, grabbing one 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.

```

5967 \cs_new:Npn \clist_map_function:NN #1#2
5968 {
5969   \clist_if_empty:NF #1
5970   {
5971     \exp_last_unbraced:NNo \__clist_map_function:Nw #2 #1
5972     , \q_recursion_tail ,
5973     \__prg_break_point:Nn \clist_map_break: { }
5974   }
5975 }
5976 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_map_function:Nw #1#2 ,
5977 {
5978   \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN {#2} \clist_map_break:
5979   #1 {#2}
5980   \__clist_map_function:Nw #1
5981 }

```

```
5982 \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 ??.)

```
\clist_map_function:nN
\__clist_map_function_n:Nn
\__clist_map_unbrace:Nw
```

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. The auxiliary \\_\_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.

```
5983 \cs_new:Npn \clist_map_function:nN #1#2
5984 {
5985   \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw { \__clist_map_function_n:Nn #2 }
5986   \q_mark #1, \q_recursion_tail,
5987   \__prg_break_point:Nn \clist_map_break: { }
5988 }
5989 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_map_function_n:Nn #1 #2
5990 {
5991   \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN {#2} \clist_map_break:
5992   \tl_if_empty:nF {#2} { \__clist_map_unbrace:Nw #1 #2, }
5993   \__clist_trim_spaces_generic:nw { \__clist_map_function_n:Nn #1 }
5994   \q_mark
5995 }
5996 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_map_unbrace:Nw #1 #2, { #1 {#2} }
```

(End definition for \clist\_map\_function:nN This function is documented on page ??.)

```
\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 T<sub>E</sub>X’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.

```
5997 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_map_inline:Nn #1#2
5998 {
5999   \clist_if_empty:NF #1
6000   {
6001     \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
6002     \cs_gset:cpn { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w } ##1 {#2}
6003     \exp_last_unbraced:Nco \__clist_map_function:Nw
6004     { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
6005     #1 , \q_recursion_tail ,
6006     \__prg_break_point:Nn \clist_map_break:
6007     { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
6008   }
6009 }
6010 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_map_inline:nn #1
6011 {
6012   \clist_set:Nn \l__clist_internal_clist {#1}
```

```

6013     \clist_map_inline:Nn \l__clist_internal_clist
6014   }
6015   \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 ??.)

**\clist\_map\_variable:NNn** As for other comma-list mappings, filter out the case of an empty list. Same approach as **\clist\_map\_function:Nn**, additionally we store each item in the given variable. As **\clist\_map\_variable:cNn** for inline mappings, space trimming for the **n** variant is done by storing the comma list in a variable.

**\clist\_map\_variable:nNn**

**\\_\_clist\_map\_variable:Nnw**

```

6016   \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_map_variable:NNn #1#2#3
6017   {
6018     \clist_if_empty:NF #1
6019     {
6020       \exp_args:Nno \use:nn
6021       { \__clist_map_variable:Nnw #2 {#3} }
6022       #1
6023       , \q_recursion_tail , \q_recursion_stop
6024       \__prg_break_point:Nn \clist_map_break: { }
6025     }
6026   }
6027   \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_map_variable:nNn #1
6028   {
6029     \clist_set:Nn \l__clist_internal_clist {#1}
6030     \clist_map_variable:NNn \l__clist_internal_clist
6031   }
6032   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_map_variable:Nnw #1#2#3,
6033   {
6034     \tl_set:Nn #1 {#3}
6035     \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:N #1
6036     \use:n {#2}
6037     \__clist_map_variable:Nnw #1 {#2}
6038   }
6039   \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 ??.)

**\clist\_map\_break:** The break statements use the general **\\_\_prg\_map\_break:Nn** mechanism.

**\clist\_map\_break:n**

```

6040   \cs_new_nopar:Npn \clist_map_break:
6041   { \__prg_map_break:Nn \clist_map_break: { } }
6042   \cs_new_nopar:Npn \clist_map_break:n
6043   { \__prg_map_break:Nn \clist_map_break: }

```

(End definition for \clist\_map\_break: and \clist\_map\_break:n These functions are documented on page 125.)

**\clist\_count:N** Counting the items in a comma list is done using the same approach as for other token count functions: turn each entry into a +1 then use integer evaluation to actually do the

**\clist\_count:c**

**\clist\_count:n**

**\\_\_clist\_count:n**

**\\_\_clist\_count:w**

mathematics. In the case of an n-type comma-list, we could of course use `\clist_map_function:nN`, but that is very slow, because it carefully removes spaces. Instead, we loop manually, and skip blank items (but not `{}`, hence the extra spaces).

```

6044 \cs_new:Npn \clist_count:N #1
6045 {
6046   \int_eval:n
6047   {
6048     0
6049     \clist_map_function:NN #1 \__clist_count:n
6050   }
6051 }
6052 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_count:N { c }
6053 \cs_new:Npx \clist_count:n #1
6054 {
6055   \exp_not:N \int_eval:n
6056   {
6057     0
6058     \exp_not:N \__clist_count:w \c_space_tl
6059     #1 \exp_not:n { , \q_recursion_tail , \q_recursion_stop }
6060   }
6061 }
6062 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_count:n #1 { + \c_one }
6063 \cs_new:Npx \__clist_count:w #1 ,
6064 {
6065   \exp_not:n { \exp_args:Nf \quark_if_recursion_tail_stop:n } {#1}
6066   \exp_not:N \tl_if_blank:nF {#1} { + \c_one }
6067   \exp_not:N \__clist_count:w \c_space_tl
6068 }

```

*(End definition for `\clist_count:N`, `\clist_count:c`, and `\clist_count:n` These functions are documented on page ??.)*

## 12.8 Viewing comma lists

`\clist_show:N` Apply the general `\__msg_show_variable:Nnx`. In the case of an n-type comma-list, first store it in a scratch variable, then show that variable: The message takes care of omitting its name.

```

6069 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_show:N #1
6070 {
6071   \__msg_show_variable:Nnx #1 { clist }
6072   { \clist_map_function:NN #1 \__msg_show_item:n }
6073 }
6074 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_show:n #1
6075 {
6076   \clist_set:Nn \l__clist_internal_clist {#1}
6077   \clist_show:N \l__clist_internal_clist
6078 }
6079 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_show:N { c }

```

*(End definition for `\clist_show:N` and `\clist_show:c` These functions are documented on page 127.)*

## 12.9 Scratch comma lists

`\l_tmpa_clist` Temporary comma list variables.  
`\l_tmpb_clist` 6080 `\clist_new:N \l_tmpa_clist`  
`\g_tmpa_clist` 6081 `\clist_new:N \l_tmpb_clist`  
`\g_tmpb_clist` 6082 `\clist_new:N \g_tmpa_clist`  
6083 `\clist_new:N \g_tmpb_clist`  
(End definition for `\l_tmpa_clist` and `\l_tmpb_clist` These functions are documented on page 127.)

## 12.10 Deprecated interfaces

Deprecated on 2011-05-27, for removal by 2011-08-31.

`\clist_top:NN` These are old stack functions.  
`\clist_top:cN` 6084 `\*deprecated`  
6085 `\cs_new_eq:NN \clist_top:NN \clist_get:NN`  
6086 `\cs_new_eq:NN \clist_top:cN \clist_get:cN`  
6087 `\*deprecated`  
(End definition for `\clist_top:NN` and `\clist_top:cN` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\clist_remove_element:Nn` An older name for `\clist_remove_all:Nn`.  
`\clist_gremove_element:Nn` 6088 `\*deprecated`  
6089 `\cs_new_eq:NN \clist_remove_element:Nn \clist_remove_all:Nn`  
6090 `\cs_new_eq:NN \clist_gremove_element:Nn \clist_gremove_all:Nn`  
6091 `\*deprecated`  
(End definition for `\clist_remove_element:Nn` and `\clist_gremove_element:Nn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\clist_display:N` An older name for `\clist_show:N`.  
`\clist_display:c` 6092 `\*deprecated`  
6093 `\cs_new_eq:NN \clist_display:N \clist_show:N`  
6094 `\cs_new_eq:NN \clist_display:c \clist_show:c`  
6095 `\*deprecated`  
(End definition for `\clist_display:N` and `\clist_display:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

Deprecated on 2011-09-05, for removal by 2011-12-31.

`\clist_trim_spaces:N` Since clist items are now always stripped from their surrounding spaces, it is redundant to provide these functions. The `\_clist_trim_spaces:n` function is now internal, deprecated for use outside the kernel.  
`\clist_trim_spaces:c`  
`\clist_gtrim_spaces:N`  
`\clist_gtrim_spaces:c` 6096 `\*deprecated`  
6097 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_trim_spaces:N #1 { \clist_set:No #1 {#1} }`  
6098 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gtrim_spaces:N #1 { \clist_gset:No #1 {#1} }`  
6099 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_trim_spaces:N { c }`  
6100 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gtrim_spaces:N { c }`  
6101 `\*deprecated`  
(End definition for `\clist_trim_spaces:N` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)  
Deprecated on 2012-05-10, for removal by 2012-08-31.

`\clist_if_eq_p:NN` Simple copies from the token list variable material.

`\clist_if_eq_p:Nc` 6102 \prg\_new\_eq\_conditional:NNn \clist\_\_if\_eq:NN \tl\_if\_eq:NN { p , T , F , TF }

`\clist_if_eq_p:cN` 6103 \prg\_new\_eq\_conditional:NNn \clist\_if\_eq:Nc \tl\_if\_eq:Nc { p , T , F , TF }

`\clist_if_eq_p:cc` 6104 \prg\_new\_eq\_conditional:NNn \clist\_if\_eq:cN \tl\_if\_eq:cN { p , T , F , TF }

`\clist_if_eq:NNTF` 6105 \prg\_new\_eq\_conditional:NNn \clist\_if\_eq:cc \tl\_if\_eq:cc { p , T , F , TF }

`\clist_if_eq:NcTF` *(End definition for \clist\_if\_eq:NN and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)*

`\clist_if_eq:cNTF` Deprecated 2012-05-13 for removal by 2012-11-31.

`\clist_if_eq:ccTF`

`\clist_length:N`

`\clist_length:c` 6106 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_length:N \clist\_count:N

`\clist_length:n` 6107 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_length:n \clist\_count:c

6108 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_length:c \clist\_count:n

*(End definition for \clist\_length:N, \clist\_length:c, and \clist\_length:n These functions are documented on page ??.)*

Deprecated 2012-05-19 for removal by 2012-11-31.

`\clist_use:N`

`\clist_use:c` 6109 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_use:N \tl\_use:N

6110 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \clist\_use:c \tl\_use:c

*(End definition for \clist\_use:N and \clist\_use:c These functions are documented on page ??.)*

6111 </initex | package>

## 13 l3prop implementation

The following test files are used for this code: `m3prop001`, `m3prop002`, `m3prop003`, `m3prop004`, `m3show001`.

6112 <\*initex | package>

6113 <@@=prop>

6114 <\*package>

6115 \ProvidesExplPackage

6116 { \ExplFileName } { \ExplFileDate } { \ExplFileVersion } { \ExplFileDescription }

6117 \\_\_expl\_package\_check:

6118 </package>

A property list is a macro whose top-level expansion is for the form

```
\q__prop <key1> \q__prop {<value1>}
...
\q__prop <keyn> \q__prop {<valuen>}
\q__prop
```

where the trailing `\q__prop` is always present for performance reasons: this means that empty property lists are not actually empty.

`\q__prop` A private quark is used as a marker between entries.

6119 \quark\_new:N \q\_\_prop



(End definition for \q\_\_prop)

**\c\_empty\_prop** An empty prop contains exactly one \q\_\_prop.

```
6120 \tl_const:Nn \c_empty_prop { \q__prop }
```

(End definition for \c\_empty\_prop This variable is documented on page 134.)

## 13.1 Allocation and initialisation

**\prop\_new:N** Internally, property lists are token lists, but an empty prop is not an empty tl, so we  
**\prop\_new:c** need to do things by hand.

```
6121 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_new:N #1 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_prop }
```

```
6122 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_new:c #1 { \cs_new_eq:cN {#1} \c_empty_prop }
```

(End definition for \prop\_new:N and \prop\_new:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\prop\_clear:N** The same idea for clearing

**\prop\_clear:c**

```
6123 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_clear:N #1 { \cs_set_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_prop }
```

**\prop\_gclear:N**

```
6124 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_clear:N { c }
```

**\prop\_gclear:c**

```
6125 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_gclear:N #1 { \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_prop }
```

```
6126 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gclear:N { c }
```

(End definition for \prop\_clear:N and \prop\_clear:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\prop\_clear\_new:N** Once again a simple copy from the token list functions.

**\prop\_clear\_new:c**

```
6127 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_clear_new:N #1
```

**\prop\_gclear\_new:N**

```
6128 { \prop_if_exist:NTF #1 { \prop_clear:N #1 } { \prop_new:N #1 } }
```

**\prop\_gclear\_new:c**

```
6129 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_clear_new:N { c }
```

```
6130 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_gclear_new:N #1
```

```
6131 { \prop_if_exist:NTF #1 { \prop_gclear:N #1 } { \prop_new:N #1 } }
```

```
6132 \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 ??.)

**\prop\_set\_eq:NN** Once again, these are simply copies from the token list functions.

**\prop\_set\_eq:cN**

```
6133 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_set_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:NN
```

**\prop\_set\_eq:Nc**

```
6134 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_set_eq:Nc \tl_set_eq:Nc
```

**\prop\_set\_eq:cc**

```
6135 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_set_eq:cN \tl_set_eq:cN
```

**\prop\_gset\_eq:NN**

```
6136 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_set_eq:cc \tl_set_eq:cc
```

**\prop\_gset\_eq:cN**

```
6137 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_gset_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:NN
```

**\prop\_gset\_eq:Nc**

```
6138 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_gset_eq:Nc \tl_gset_eq:Nc
```

**\prop\_gset\_eq:cc**

```
6139 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_gset_eq:cN \tl_gset_eq:cN
```

```
6140 \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 ??.)

**\l\_tmpa\_prop** We can now initialize the scratch variables.

**\l\_tmpb\_prop**

```
6141 \prop_new:N \l_tmpa_prop
```

**\g\_tmpa\_prop**

```
6142 \prop_new:N \l_tmpb_prop
```

**\g\_tmpb\_prop**

```
6143 \prop_new:N \g_tmpa_prop
```

```
6144 \prop_new:N \g_tmpb_prop
```

(End definition for \l\_tmpa\_prop and \l\_tmpb\_prop These functions are documented on page 133.)

## 13.2 Accessing data in property lists

```

\__prop_split:NnTF
\__prop_split_aux:NnTF
\__prop_split_aux:nnnn
\__prop_split_aux:w

```

This function is used by most of the module, and hence must be fast. The aim here is to split a property list at a given key into the part before the key–value pair, the value associated with the key and the part after the key–value pair. To do this, the key is first detokenized (to avoid repeatedly doing this), then a delimited function is constructed to match the key. It will match `\q__prop <detokenized key> \q__prop {<value>} <extra argument>`, effectively separating an `<extract1>` before the key in the property list and an `<extract2>` after the key.

If the key is present in the property list, then `<extra argument>` is simply `\q__prop`, and `\__prop_split_aux:nnnn` will gobble this and the false branch (#4), leaving the correct code on the input stream. More precisely, it leaves the user code (true branch), followed by three groups, `{<extract1>} {<value>} {<extract2>}`. In order for `<extract1><extract2>` to be a well-formed property list, `<extract1>` has a leading and trailing `\q__prop`, retaining exactly the structure of a property list, while `<extract2>` omits the leading `\q__prop`.

If the key is not there, then `<extra argument>` is `? \use_ii:nn { }`, and `\__prop_split_aux:nnnn ? \use_ii:nn { }` removes the three brace groups that just follow. Then `\use_ii:nn` removes the true branch, leaving the false branch, with no trailing material.

```

6145 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__prop_split:NnTF #1#2
6146 { \exp_args:NNo \__prop_split_aux:NnTF #1 { \tl_to_str:n {#2} } }
6147 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__prop_split_aux:NnTF #1#2
6148 {
6149   \cs_set_protected:Npn \__prop_split_aux:w
6150     ##1 \q__prop #2 \q__prop ##2 ##3 ##4 \q_mark ##5 \q_stop
6151     { \__prop_split_aux:nnnn ##3 { {##1 \q__prop } {##2} {##4} } }
6152   \exp_after:wN \__prop_split_aux:w #1 \q_mark
6153     \q__prop #2 \q__prop { } { ? \use_ii:nn { } } \q_mark \q_stop
6154 }
6155 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_split_aux:nnnn #1#2#3#4 { #3 #2 }
6156 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__prop_split_aux:w { }

```

(End definition for `\__prop_split:NnTF` This function is documented on page 134.)

```

\prop_remove:Nn
\prop_remove:NV
\prop_remove:cn
\prop_remove:cV
\prop_gremove:Nn
\prop_gremove:NV
\prop_gremove:cn
\prop_gremove:cV
\__prop_remove:NNnnn

```

Deleting from a property starts by splitting the list. If the key is present in the property list, the returned value is ignored. If the key is missing, nothing happens.

```

6157 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_remove:Nn #1#2
6158 { \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2} { \__prop_remove:NNnnn \tl_set:Nn #1 { } } }
6159 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_gremove:Nn #1#2
6160 { \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2} { \__prop_remove:NNnnn \tl_gset:Nn #1 { } } }
6161 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__prop_remove:NNnnn #1#2#3#4#5
6162 { #1 #2 { #3 #5 } }
6163 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_remove:Nn { NV }
6164 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_remove:Nn { c , cV }
6165 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gremove:Nn { NV }
6166 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gremove:Nn { c , cV }

```

(End definition for `\prop_remove:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\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** 6167 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \prop\_get:NnN #1#2#3

**\prop\_get:cnN** 6168 {

**\prop\_get:cVN** 6169 \\_\_prop\_split:NnTF #1 {#2}

**\prop\_get:coN** 6170 { \\_\_prop\_get:Nnnn #3 }

**\\_\_prop\_get:Nnnn** 6171 { \tl\_set:Nn #3 { \q\_no\_value } }

6172 }

6173 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \\_\_prop\_get:Nnnn #1#2#3#4

6174 { \tl\_set:Nn #1 {#3} }

6175 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \prop\_get:NnN { NV , No }

6176 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \prop\_get:NnN { c , cV , co }

(End definition for \prop\_get:NnN and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\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** \q\_no\_value in the token list.

**\prop\_pop:coN** 6177 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \prop\_pop:NnN #1#2#3

**\prop\_gpop:NnN** 6178 {

**\prop\_gpop:NoN** 6179 \\_\_prop\_split:NnTF #1 {#2}

**\prop\_gpop:cnN** 6180 { \\_\_prop\_pop:NNNnnn \tl\_set:Nn #1 #3 }

**\prop\_gpop:coN** 6181 { \tl\_set:Nn #3 { \q\_no\_value } }

**\\_\_prop\_pop:NNNnnn** 6182 }

6183 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \prop\_gpop:NnN #1#2#3

6184 {

6185 \\_\_prop\_split:NnTF #1 {#2}

6186 { \\_\_prop\_pop:NNNnnn \tl\_gset:Nn #1 #3 }

6187 { \tl\_set:Nn #3 { \q\_no\_value } }

6188 }

6189 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \\_\_prop\_pop:NNNnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6

6190 {

6191 \tl\_set:Nn #3 {#5}

6192 #1 #2 { #4 #6 }

6193 }

6194 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \prop\_pop:NnN { No }

6195 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \prop\_pop:NnN { c , co }

6196 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \prop\_gpop:NnN { No }

6197 \cs\_generate\_variant:Nn \prop\_gpop:NnN { c , co }

(End definition for \prop\_pop:NnN and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\prop\_pop:NnNTF** 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:cnNTF**

**\prop\_gpop:NnNTF**

**\prop\_gpop:cnNTF** 6198 \prg\_new\_protected\_conditional:Npnn \prop\_pop:NnN #1#2#3 { T , F , TF }

**\\_\_prop\_pop\_true:NNNnnn** 6199 {

6200 \\_\_prop\_split:NnTF #1 {#2}

6201 { \\_\_prop\_pop\_true:NNNnnn \tl\_set:Nn #1 #3 }

6202 { \prg\_return\_false: }

```

6203 }
6204 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \prop_gpop:NnN #1#2#3 { T , F , TF }
6205 {
6206   \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
6207   { \__prop_pop_true:NNNnnn \tl_gset:Nn #1 #3 }
6208   { \prg_return_false: }
6209 }
6210 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__prop_pop_true:NNNnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
6211 {
6212   \tl_set:Nn #3 {#5}
6213   #1 #2 { #4 #6 }
6214   \prg_return_true:
6215 }
6216 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_pop:NnNT { c }
6217 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_pop:NnNF { c }
6218 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_pop:NnNTF { c }
6219 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gpop:NnNT { c }
6220 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gpop:NnNF { c }
6221 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gpop:NnNTF { c }

```

(End definition for \prop\_pop:NnN and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\prop\_put:Nnn** Putting a key–value pair in a property list starts by splitting to remove any existing value. If the  $\langle key \rangle$  was absent, append the new key–value pair. Otherwise, the property list is reconstructed from the two remaining parts #5 and #7, and the updated entry. The updated entry is placed at the same spot as the original  $\langle key \rangle$  in the property list, preserving the order of entries.

```

6222 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_put:Nnn
6223 { \__prop_put:NNNnn \tl_set:Nx \tl_put_right:Nx }
6224 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_gput:Nnn
6225 { \__prop_put:NNNnn \tl_gset:Nx \tl_gput_right:Nx }
6226 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__prop_put:NNNnn #1#2#3#4#5
6227 {
6228   \__prop_split:NnTF #3 {#4}
6229   { \__prop_put:NNnnnnn #1 #3 {#4} {#5} }
6230   { #2 #3 { \tl_to_str:n {#4} \exp_not:n { \q__prop {#5} \q__prop } } }
6231 }
6232 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__prop_put:NNnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
6233 {
6234   #1 #2
6235   {
6236     \exp_not:n {#5}
6237     \tl_to_str:n {#3} \exp_not:n { \q__prop {#4} \q__prop }
6238     \exp_not:n {#7}
6239   }
6240 }
6241 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_put:Nnn
6242 { NnV , Nno , Nnx , NV , NVV , No , Noo }
6243 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gput:Nnn
6244 { c , cnV , cno , cnx , cV , cVV , co , coo }

```

```

6245 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gput:Nnn
6246 { NnV , Nno , Nnx , NV , NVV , No , Noo }
6247 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gput:Nnn
6248 { c , cnV , cno , cnx , cV , cVV , co , coo }

```

(End definition for \prop\_put:Nnn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\prop_put_if_new:Nnn
\prop_put_if_new:cnn
\prop_gput_if_new:Nnn
\prop_gput_if_new:cnn
\__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.

```

6249 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \prop_put_if_new:Nnn
6250 { \__prop_put_if_new:Nnn \tl_put_right:Nx }
6251 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \prop_gput_if_new:Nnn
6252 { \__prop_put_if_new:Nnn \tl_gput_right:Nx }
6253 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__prop_put_if_new:Nnn #1#2#3#4
6254 {
6255   \__prop_split:NnTF #2 {#3}
6256   { \use_none:nnn }
6257   {
6258     #1 #2
6259     { \tl_to_str:n {#3} \exp_not:n { \q__prop {#4} \q__prop } }
6260   }
6261 }
6262 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_put_if_new:Nnn { c }
6263 \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 ??.)

### 13.3 Property list conditionals

```

\prop_if_exist_p:N
\prop_if_exist_p:c
\prop_if_exist:NTF
\prop_if_exist:cTF

```

Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.

```

6264 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_if_exist:NNTF \cs_if_exist:NNTF
6265 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_if_exist:NT \cs_if_exist:NT
6266 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_if_exist:NF \cs_if_exist:NF
6267 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_if_exist_p:N \cs_if_exist_p:N
6268 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_if_exist:cTF \cs_if_exist:cTF
6269 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_if_exist:cT \cs_if_exist:cT
6270 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_if_exist:cF \cs_if_exist:cF
6271 \cs_new_eq:NN \prop_if_exist_p:c \cs_if_exist_p:c

```

(End definition for \prop\_if\_exist:N and \prop\_if\_exist:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\prop_if_empty_p:N
\prop_if_empty_p:c
\prop_if_empty:NNTF
\prop_if_empty:cTF

```

The test here uses \c\_empty\_prop as it is not really empty!

```

6272 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \prop_if_empty:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
6273 {
6274   \if_meaning:w #1 \c_empty_prop
6275   \prg_return_true:
6276   \else:
6277   \prg_return_false:
6278   \fi:

```

```

6279 }
6280 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_empty_p:N {c}
6281 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_empty:NTF {c}
6282 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_empty:NT {c}
6283 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_empty:NF {c}

```

(End definition for `\prop_if_empty:N` and `\prop_if_empty:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\prop_if_in_p:Nn
\prop_if_in_p:NV
\prop_if_in_p:No
\prop_if_in_p:cn
\prop_if_in_p:cV
\prop_if_in_p:co
\prop_if_in:NnTF
\prop_if_in:NVTF
\prop_if_in:NoTF
\prop_if_in:cnTF
\prop_if_in:cVTF
\prop_if_in:coTF

```

Testing expandably if a key is in a property list requires to go through the key-value pairs one by one. This is rather slow, and a faster test would be

```

\prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \prop_if_in:Nn #1 #2
{
  \@@_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
  {
    \prg_return_true:
    \use_none:nnn
  }
  { \prg_return_false: }
}

```

```

\__prop_if_in:nwn
\__prop_if_in:N

```

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 add the key that is search for at the end of the property list. 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. When ending, we test the next token: it is either `\q__prop` or `\q_recursion_tail` in the case of a missing key. 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.

```

6284 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \prop_if_in:Nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
6285 {
6286   \exp_last_unbraced:Noo \__prop_if_in:nwn
6287   { \tl_to_str:n {#2} } #1
6288   \tl_to_str:n {#2} \q__prop { }
6289   \q_recursion_tail % could be any cs != \q__prop
6290   \__prg_break_point:
6291 }
6292 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_if_in:nwn #1 \q__prop #2 \q__prop #3
6293 {
6294   \str_if_eq_x:nnTF {#1} {#2}
6295   { \__prop_if_in:N }
6296   { \__prop_if_in:nwn {#1} }
6297 }
6298 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_if_in:N #1
6299 {
6300   \if_meaning:w \q__prop #1
6301   \prg_return_true:
6302   \else:

```

```

6303     \prg_return_false:
6304     \fi:
6305     \__prg_break:
6306 }
6307 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in_p:Nn { NV , No }
6308 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in_p:Nn { c , cV , co }
6309 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in:NnT { NV , No }
6310 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in:NnT { c , cV , co }
6311 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in:NnF { NV , No }
6312 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in:NnF { c , cV , co }
6313 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in:NnTF { NV , No }
6314 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in:NnTF { c , cV , co }

```

(End definition for `\prop_if_in:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

### 13.4 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`

`\__prop_get_true:Nnnn`

```

6315 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \prop_get:Nn #1#2#3 { T , F , TF }
6316 {
6317     \__prop_split:NnTF #1 {#2}
6318     { \__prop_get_true:Nnnn #3 }
6319     { \prg_return_false: }
6320 }
6321 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__prop_get_true:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
6322 {
6323     \tl_set:Nn #1 {#3}
6324     \prg_return_true:
6325 }
6326 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnNT { NV , No }
6327 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnNF { NV , No }
6328 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnNTF { NV , No }
6329 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnNT { c , cV , co }
6330 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnNF { c , cV , co }
6331 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:NnNTF { c , cV , co }

```

(End definition for `\prop_get:NnN` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

### 13.5 Mapping to property lists

`\prop_map_function:NN` The fastest way to do a recursion here would be to use an `\if_meaning:w` test: the keys are strings, and thus cannot match the marker `\q_recursion_tail`.

`\prop_map_function:Nc`

`\prop_map_function:cN`

`\prop_map_function:cc`

`\__prop_map_function:Nwn`

```

6332 \cs_new:Npn \prop_map_function:NN #1#2
6333 {
6334     \exp_last_unbraced:NNo \__prop_map_function:Nwn #2
6335     #1 \q_recursion_tail \q__prop { }
6336     \__prg_break_point:Nn \prop_map_break: { }
6337 }

```

```

6338 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_map_function:Nwn #1 \q__prop #2 \q__prop #3
6339 {
6340   \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN {#2} \prop_map_break:
6341   #1 {#2} {#3}
6342   \__prop_map_function:Nwn #1
6343 }
6344 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_map_function:NN { Nc }
6345 \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 ??.)

**\prop\_map\_inline:Nn** Mapping in line requires a nesting level counter.

```

\prop_map_inline:cn
6346 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_map_inline:Nn #1#2
6347 {
6348   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
6349   \cs_gset:cpn { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w } ##1##2 {#2}
6350   \exp_last_unbraced:Nco \__prop_map_function:Nwn
6351   { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :w }
6352   #1
6353   \q_recursion_tail \q__prop { }
6354   \__prg_break_point:Nn \prop_map_break: { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
6355 }
6356 \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 ??.)

**\prop\_map\_break:** The break statements are based on the general \\_\_prg\_map\_break:Nn.

```

\prop_map_break:n
6357 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \prop_map_break:
6358 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \prop_map_break: { } }
6359 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \prop_map_break:n
6360 { \__prg_map_break:Nn \prop_map_break: }

```

(End definition for \prop\_map\_break: This function is documented on page 133.)

## 13.6 Viewing property lists

**\prop\_show:N** Apply the general \\_\_msg\_show\_variable:Nnx. 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
6361 \cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_show:N #1
6362 {
6363   \__msg_show_variable:Nnx #1 { prop }
6364   { \prop_map_function:NN #1 \__msg_show_item:nn }
6365 }
6366 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_show:N { c }

```

(End definition for \prop\_show:N and \prop\_show:c These functions are documented on page ??.)



## 13.7 Deprecated interfaces

Deprecated on 2011-05-27, for removal by 2011-08-31.

`\prop_display:N` An older name for `\prop_show:N`.

`\prop_display:c`

6367 `\*deprecated`

6368 `\cs_new_eq:NN \prop_display:N \prop_show:N`

6369 `\cs_new_eq:NN \prop_display:c \prop_show:c`

6370 `\*deprecated`

*(End definition for `\prop_display:N` and `\prop_display:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)*

`\prop_gget:NnN`

`\prop_gget:NVN`

`\prop_gget:cnN`

`\prop_gget:cVN`

`\prop_gget_aux:Nnnn`

Getting globally is no longer supported: this is a conceptual change, so the necessary code for the transition is provided directly.

6371 `\*deprecated`

6372 `\tl_new:N \l__prop_internal_tl`

6373 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \prop_gget:NnN #1#2#3`

6374 `{`

6375 `\prop_get:NnN #1 {#2} \l__prop_internal_tl`

6376 `\tl_gset_eq:NN #3 \l__prop_internal_tl`

6377 `}`

6378 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gget:NnN { NV }`

6379 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gget:NnN { c , cV }`

6380 `\*deprecated`

*(End definition for `\prop_gget:NnN` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)*

`\prop_get_gdel:NnN`

This name seems very odd.

6381 `\*deprecated`

6382 `\cs_new_eq:NN \prop_get_gdel:NnN \prop_gpop:NnN`

6383 `\*deprecated`

*(End definition for `\prop_get_gdel:NnN` This function is documented on page ??.)*

`\prop_if_in:ccTF`

A hang-over from an ancient implementation

6384 `\*deprecated`

6385 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in:NnT { cc }`

6386 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in:NnF { cc }`

6387 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_if_in:NnTF { cc }`

6388 `\*deprecated`

*(End definition for `\prop_if_in:ccTF` This function is documented on page ??.)*

`\prop_gput:ccx`

Another one.

6389 `\*deprecated`

6390 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_gput:Nnn { ccx }`

6391 `\*deprecated`

*(End definition for `\prop_gput:ccx` This function is documented on page ??.)*

`\prop_if_eq_p:NN` These ones do no even make sense!  
`\prop_if_eq_p:Nc` 6392 `\*deprecated`  
`\prop_if_eq_p:cN` 6393 `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \prop_if_eq:NN \tl_if_eq:NN { p , T , F , TF }`  
`\prop_if_eq_p:cc` 6394 `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \prop_if_eq:cN \tl_if_eq:cN { p , T , F , TF }`  
`\prop_if_eq:NNTF` 6395 `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \prop_if_eq:Nc \tl_if_eq:Nc { p , T , F , TF }`  
`\prop_if_eq:NcTF` 6396 `\prg_new_eq_conditional:NNn \prop_if_eq:cc \tl_if_eq:cc { p , T , F , TF }`  
`\prop_if_eq:cNTF` 6397 `\*deprecated`  
`\prop_if_eq:ccTF` (End definition for `\prop_if_eq:NN` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)  
 Deprecated on 2012-05-12, for removal by 2012-11-30.

`\prop_del:Nn`  
`\prop_del:NV` 6398 `\cs_new_eq:NN \prop_del:Nn \prop_remove:Nn`  
`\prop_del:cn` 6399 `\cs_new_eq:NN \prop_del:NV \prop_remove:NV`  
`\prop_del:cV` 6400 `\cs_new_eq:NN \prop_del:cn \prop_remove:cn`  
`\prop_gdel:Nn` 6401 `\cs_new_eq:NN \prop_del:cV \prop_remove:cV`  
`\prop_gdel:NV` 6402 `\cs_new_eq:NN \prop_gdel:Nn \prop_gremove:Nn`  
`\prop_gdel:cn` 6403 `\cs_new_eq:NN \prop_gdel:NV \prop_gremove:NV`  
`\prop_gdel:cV` 6404 `\cs_new_eq:NN \prop_gdel:cn \prop_gremove:cn`  
 6405 `\cs_new_eq:NN \prop_gdel:cV \prop_gremove:cV`  
 (End definition for `\prop_del:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)  
 6406 `\*initex | package`

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6407 `\*initex | package`  
 6408 `\@@=box`  
 6409 `\*package`  
 6410 `\ProvidesExplPackage`  
 6411 `{\ExplFileName}{\ExplFileDate}{\ExplFileVersion}{\ExplFileDescription}`  
 6412 `\__expl_package_check:`  
 6413 `\*package`

The code in this module is very straight forward so I'm not going to comment it very extensively.

### 14.1 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` 6414 `\*package`  
 6415 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \box_new:N #1`  
 6416 `{`  
 6417 `\__chk_if_free_cs:N #1`  
 6418 `\newbox #1`  
 6419 `}`  
 6420 `\*package`  
 6421 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_new:N { c }`

<code>\box_clear:N</code>	Clear a $\langle box \rangle$ register.
<code>\box_clear:c</code>	6422 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \box_clear:N #1</code>
<code>\box_gclear:N</code>	6423 <code>{ \box_set_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_box }</code>
<code>\box_gclear:c</code>	6424 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \box_gclear:N #1</code>
	6425 <code>{ \box_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_empty_box }</code>
	6426 <code>\cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_clear:N { c }</code>
	6427 <code>\cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_gclear:N { c }</code>
 <code>\box_clear_new:N</code>	 Clear or new.
<code>\box_clear_new:c</code>	6428 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \box_clear_new:N #1</code>
<code>\box_gclear_new:N</code>	6429 <code>{ \box_if_exist:NTF #1 { \box_clear:N #1 } { \box_new:N #1 } }</code>
<code>\box_gclear_new:c</code>	6430 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \box_gclear_new:N #1</code>
	6431 <code>{ \box_if_exist:NTF #1 { \box_gclear:N #1 } { \box_new:N #1 } }</code>
	6432 <code>\cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_clear_new:N { c }</code>
	6433 <code>\cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_gclear_new:N { c }</code>
 <code>\box_set_eq:NN</code>	 Assigning the contents of a box to be another box.
<code>\box_set_eq:cN</code>	6434 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_eq:NN #1#2</code>
<code>\box_set_eq:Nc</code>	6435 <code>{ \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_copy:D #2 }</code>
<code>\box_set_eq:cc</code>	6436 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \box_gset_eq:NN</code>
<code>\box_gset_eq:NN</code>	6437 <code>{ \tex_global:D \box_set_eq:NN }</code>
<code>\box_gset_eq:cN</code>	6438 <code>\cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }</code>
<code>\box_gset_eq:Nc</code>	6439 <code>\cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_gset_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }</code>
<code>\box_gset_eq:cc</code>	
<code>\box_set_eq_clear:NN</code>	Assigning the contents of a box to be another box. This clears the second box globally
<code>\box_set_eq_clear:cN</code>	(that's how $\TeX$ does it).
<code>\box_set_eq_clear:Nc</code>	6440 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_eq_clear:NN #1#2</code>
<code>\box_set_eq_clear:cc</code>	6441 <code>{ \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_box:D #2 }</code>
<code>\box_gset_eq_clear:NN</code>	6442 <code>\cs_new_protected:Npn \box_gset_eq_clear:NN</code>
<code>\box_gset_eq_clear:cN</code>	6443 <code>{ \tex_global:D \box_set_eq_clear:NN }</code>
<code>\box_gset_eq_clear:Nc</code>	6444 <code>\cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_eq_clear:NN { c , Nc , cc }</code>
<code>\box_gset_eq_clear:cc</code>	6445 <code>\cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_gset_eq_clear:NN { c , Nc , cc }</code>
 <code>\box_if_exist_p:N</code>	 Copies of the cs functions defined in l3basics.
<code>\box_if_exist_p:c</code>	6446 <code>\cs_new_eq:NN \box_if_exist:NTF \cs_if_exist:NTF</code>
<code>\box_if_exist:N<math>\underline{TF}</math></code>	6447 <code>\cs_new_eq:NN \box_if_exist:NT \cs_if_exist:NT</code>
<code>\box_if_exist:c<math>\underline{TF}</math></code>	6448 <code>\cs_new_eq:NN \box_if_exist:NF \cs_if_exist:NF</code>
	6449 <code>\cs_new_eq:NN \box_if_exist_p:N \cs_if_exist_p:N</code>
	6450 <code>\cs_new_eq:NN \box_if_exist:cTF \cs_if_exist:cTF</code>
	6451 <code>\cs_new_eq:NN \box_if_exist:cT \cs_if_exist:cT</code>
	6452 <code>\cs_new_eq:NN \box_if_exist:cF \cs_if_exist:cF</code>
	6453 <code>\cs_new_eq:NN \box_if_exist_p:c \cs_if_exist_p:c</code>

## 14.2 Measuring and setting box dimensions

`\box_ht:N` Accessing the height, depth, and width of a  $\langle box \rangle$  register.

```

\box_ht:c      6454 \cs_new_eq:NN \box_ht:N \tex_ht:D
\box_dp:N      6455 \cs_new_eq:NN \box_dp:N \tex_dp:D
\box_dp:c      6456 \cs_new_eq:NN \box_wd:N \tex_wd:D
\box_wd:N      6457 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_ht:N { c }
\box_wd:c      6458 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_dp:N { c }
                6459 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_wd:N { c }

```

`\box_set_ht:Nn` Measuring is easy: all primitive work. These primitives are not expandable, so the derived functions are not either.

```

\box_set_ht:cn 6460 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_dp:Nn #1#2
                { \box_dp:N #1 \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: }
\box_set_dp:cn 6461 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_ht:Nn #1#2
                { \box_ht:N #1 \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: }
\box_set_wd:Nn 6462 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_wd:Nn #1#2
                { \box_wd:N #1 \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: }
\box_set_wd:cn 6463 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_ht:Nn { c }
                6464 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_dp:Nn { c }
                6465 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_wd:Nn { c }

```

## 14.3 Using boxes

`\box_use_clear:N` Using a  $\langle box \rangle$ . These are just T<sub>E</sub>X primitives with meaningful names.

```

\box_use_clear:c 6469 \cs_new_eq:NN \box_use_clear:N \tex_box:D
\box_use:N       6470 \cs_new_eq:NN \box_use:N \tex_copy:D
\box_use:c       6471 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_use_clear:N { c }
                6472 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_use:N { c }

```

`\box_move_left:nn` Move box material in different directions.

```

\box_move_right:nn 6473 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_move_left:nn #1#2
\box_move_up:nn    6474 { \tex_moveleft:D \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: #2 }
\box_move_down:nn  6475 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_move_right:nn #1#2
                    6476 { \tex_moveright:D \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: #2 }
                    6477 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_move_up:nn #1#2
                    6478 { \tex_raise:D \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: #2 }
                    6479 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_move_down:nn #1#2
                    6480 { \tex_lower:D \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: #2 }

```

## 14.4 Box conditionals

`\if_hbox:N` The primitives for testing if a  $\langle box \rangle$  is empty/void or which type of box it is.

```

\if_vbox:N      6481 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_hbox:N \tex_ifhbox:D
\if_box_empty:N 6482 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_vbox:N \tex_ifvbox:D
                6483 \cs_new_eq:NN \if_box_empty:N \tex_ifvoid:D

```

```

\box_if_horizontal_p:N
\box_if_horizontal_p:c
\box_if_horizontal:N $\textit{TF}$ 
\box_if_horizontal:c $\textit{TF}$ 
\box_if_vertical_p:N
\box_if_vertical_p:c
\box_if_vertical:N $\textit{TF}$ 
\box_if_vertical:c $\textit{TF}$ 

```

```

6484 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \box_if_horizontal:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
6485 { \if_hbox:N #1 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }
6486 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \box_if_vertical:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
6487 { \if_vbox:N #1 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }
6488 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_horizontal_p:N { c }
6489 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_horizontal:NT { c }
6490 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_horizontal:NF { c }
6491 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_horizontal:NTF { c }
6492 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_vertical_p:N { c }
6493 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_vertical:NT { c }
6494 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_vertical:NF { c }
6495 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_vertical:NTF { c }

```

$\backslash\text{box\_if\_empty\_p:N}$  Testing if a  $\langle\text{box}\rangle$  is empty/void.

```

\box_if_empty_p:c
\box_if_empty:N $\textit{TF}$ 
\box_if_empty:c $\textit{TF}$ 

```

```

6496 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \box_if_empty:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
6497 { \if_box_empty:N #1 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }
6498 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_empty_p:N { c }
6499 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_empty:NT { c }
6500 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_empty:NF { c }
6501 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_if_empty:NTF { c }

```

(End definition for  $\backslash\text{box\_new:N}$  and  $\backslash\text{box\_new:c}$  These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 14.5 The last box inserted

$\backslash\text{box\_set\_to\_last:N}$  Set a box to the previous box.  
 $\backslash\text{box\_set\_to\_last:c}$   
 $\backslash\text{box\_gset\_to\_last:N}$   
 $\backslash\text{box\_gset\_to\_last:c}$

```

6502 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_set_to_last:N #1
6503 { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_lastbox:D }
6504 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_gset_to_last:N
6505 { \tex_global:D \box_set_to_last:N }
6506 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_set_to_last:N { c }
6507 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_gset_to_last:N { c }

```

(End definition for  $\backslash\text{box\_set\_to\_last:N}$  and  $\backslash\text{box\_set\_to\_last:c}$  These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 14.6 Constant boxes

$\backslash\text{c\_empty\_box}$

```

6508 \*package>
6509 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_empty_box \voidb@x
6510 \</package>
6511 \*initex>
6512 \box_new:N \c_empty_box
6513 \</initex>

```

(End definition for  $\backslash\text{c\_empty\_box}$  This variable is documented on page 138.)

## 14.7 Scratch boxes

`\l_tmpa_box` Reuse the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> scratch box in package mode.

```
\l_tmpb_box 6514 <*package>
\g_tmpa_box 6515 \cs_new_eq:NN \l_tmpa_box \@tempboxa
\g_tmpb_box 6516 </package>
6517 <*initex>
6518 \box_new:N \l_tmpa_box
6519 </initex>
6520 \box_new:N \l_tmpb_box
6521 \box_new:N \g_tmpa_box
6522 \box_new:N \g_tmpb_box
```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_box` and others. These variables are documented on page 139.)

## 14.8 Viewing box contents

T<sub>E</sub>X's `\tex_showbox:D` 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 6523 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_show:N #1
\box_show:Nnn 6524 { \box_show:Nnn #1 \c_max_int \c_max_int }
\box_show:cnn 6525 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_show:N { c }
6526 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \box_show:Nnn
6527 { \__box_show:Nnn \c_one }
6528 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_show:Nnn { c }
```

(End definition for `\box_show:N` and `\box_show:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\box_log:N` Getting T<sub>E</sub>X to write to the log without interruption the run is done by altering the interaction mode. For that, the  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X extensions are needed.

```
\box_log:c 6529 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_log:N #1
\box_log:Nnn 6530 { \box_log:Nnn #1 \c_max_int \c_max_int }
\box_log:cnn 6531 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_log:N { c }
6532 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_log:Nnn #1#2#3
6533 {
6534   \use:x
6535   {
6536     \etex_interactionmode:D \c_zero
6537     \__box_show:Nnn \c_zero \exp_not:N #1
6538     { \int_eval:n {#2} } { \int_eval:n {#3} }
6539     \etex_interactionmode:D
6540     = \tex_the:D \etex_interactionmode:D \scan_stop:
6541   }
6542 }
6543 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_log:Nnn { c }
```

(End definition for `\box_log:N` and `\box_log:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\_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 `\tex_tracingonline:D` is used to control what appears in the terminal.

```

6544 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_box_show:NNnn #1#2#3#4
6545 {
6546   \group_begin:
6547     \int_set:Nn \tex_showboxbreadth:D {#3}
6548     \int_set:Nn \tex_showboxdepth:D {#4}
6549     \int_set_eq:NN \tex_tracingonline:D #1
6550     \box_if_exist:NTF #2
6551       { \tex_showbox:D \use:n {#2} }
6552       {
6553         \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { variable-not-defined }
6554         { \token_to_str:N #2 }
6555       }
6556   \group_end:
6557 }
(End definition for \_box_show:NNnn)

```

## 14.9 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.

```

6558 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox:n { \tex_hbox:D \scan_stop: }
(End definition for \hbox:n This function is documented on page 139.)

```

```

\hbox_set:Nn
\hbox_set:cn
\hbox_gset:Nn
\hbox_gset:cn
6559 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_set:Nn #1#2 { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_hbox:D {#2} }
6560 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_gset:Nn { \tex_global:D \hbox_set:Nn }
6561 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_set:Nn { c }
6562 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_gset:Nn { c }
(End definition for \hbox_set:Nn and \hbox_set:cn These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

`\hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn` Storing material in a horizontal box with a specified width.  
`\hbox_set_to_wd:cnn`  
`\hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnn`  
`\hbox_gset_to_wd:cnn`

```

6563 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn #1#2#3
6564 { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_hbox:D to \_dim_eval:w #2 \_dim_eval_end: {#3} }
6565 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_gset_to_wd:Nnn
6566 { \tex_global:D \hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn }
6567 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_set_to_wd:Nnn { c }
6568 \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 ??.)

```

`\hbox_set:Nw` Storing material in a horizontal box. This type is useful in environment definitions.  
`\hbox_set:cw`  
`\hbox_gset:Nw`  
`\hbox_gset:cw`  
`\hbox_set_end:`  
`\hbox_gset_end:`

```

6569 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_set:Nw #1
6570 { \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_hbox:D \c_group_begin_token }
6571 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_gset:Nw
6572 { \tex_global:D \hbox_set:Nw }

```

```

6573 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_set:Nw { c }
6574 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_gset:Nw { c }
6575 \cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_set_end: \c_group_end_token
6576 \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 140.)

`\hbox_set_inline_begin:N` Renamed September 2011.

```

\hbox_set_inline_begin:c 6577 \cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_set_inline_begin:N \hbox_set:Nw
\hbox_gset_inline_begin:N 6578 \cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_set_inline_begin:c \hbox_set:cw
\hbox_gset_inline_begin:c 6579 \cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_set_inline_end: \hbox_set_end:
\hbox_set_inline_end: 6580 \cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_gset_inline_begin:N \hbox_gset:Nw
\hbox_gset_inline_end: 6581 \cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_gset_inline_begin:c \hbox_gset:cw
6582 \cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_gset_inline_end: \hbox_gset_end:

```

(End definition for `\hbox_set_inline_begin:N` and `\hbox_set_inline_begin:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\hbox_to_wd:nn` Put a horizontal box directly into the input stream.

```

\hbox_to_zero:n 6583 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_to_wd:nn #1#2
6584 { \tex_hbox:D to \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: {#2} }
6585 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_to_zero:n #1 { \tex_hbox:D to \c_zero_skip {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\hbox_to_wd:nn` This function is documented on page 140.)

`\hbox_overlap_left:n` Put a zero-sized box with the contents pushed against one side (which makes it stick out  
`\hbox_overlap_right:n` on the other) directly into the input stream.

```

6586 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_overlap_left:n #1
6587 { \hbox_to_zero:n { \tex_hss:D #1 } }
6588 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hbox_overlap_right:n #1
6589 { \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 140.)

`\hbox_unpack:N` Unpacking a box and if requested also clear it.

```

\hbox_unpack:c 6590 \cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_unpack:N \tex_unhcopy:D
\hbox_unpack_clear:N 6591 \cs_new_eq:NN \hbox_unpack_clear:N \tex_unhbox:D
\hbox_unpack_clear:c 6592 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hbox_unpack:N { c }
6593 \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 ??.)

## 14.10 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`.

`\vbox_top:n` The following test files are used for this code: `m3box003.lvt`.

Put a vertical box directly into the input stream.

```

6594 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox:n #1 { \tex_vbox:D { #1 \par } }
6595 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_top:n #1 { \tex_vtop:D { #1 \par } }

```



(End definition for `\vbox:n` This function is documented on page 141.)

`\vbox_to_ht:nn` Put a vertical box directly into the input stream.  
`\vbox_to_zero:n` 6596 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_to_ht:nn #1#2`  
`\vbox_to_ht:nn` 6597 `{ \tex_vbox:D to \__dim_eval:w #1 \__dim_eval_end: { #2 \par } }`  
`\vbox_to_zero:n` 6598 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_to_zero:n #1`  
6599 `{ \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 141.)

`\vbox_set:Nn` Storing material in a vertical box with a natural height.  
`\vbox_set:cn` 6600 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set:Nn #1#2`  
`\vbox_gset:Nn` 6601 `{ \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vbox:D { #2 \par } }`  
`\vbox_gset:cn` 6602 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_gset:Nn { \tex_global:D \vbox_set:Nn }`  
6603 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_set:Nn { c }`  
6604 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_gset:Nn { c }`

(End definition for `\vbox_set:Nn` and `\vbox_set:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\vbox_set_top:Nn` Storing material in a vertical box with a natural height and reference point at the baseline  
`\vbox_set_top:cn` of the first object in the box.  
`\vbox_gset_top:Nn` 6605 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set_top:Nn #1#2`  
`\vbox_gset_top:cn` 6606 `{ \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vtop:D { #2 \par } }`  
6607 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_gset_top:Nn`  
6608 `{ \tex_global:D \vbox_set_top:Nn }`  
6609 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_set_top:Nn { c }`  
6610 `\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 ??.)

`\vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn` Storing material in a vertical box with a specified height.  
`\vbox_set_to_ht:cnn` 6611 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn #1#2#3`  
`\vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnn` 6612 `{ \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vbox:D to \__dim_eval:w #2 \__dim_eval_end: { #3 \par } }`  
`\vbox_gset_to_ht:cnn` 6613 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_gset_to_ht:Nnn`  
6614 `{ \tex_global:D \vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn }`  
6615 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_set_to_ht:Nnn { c }`  
6616 `\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 ??.)

`\vbox_set:Nw` Storing material in a vertical box. This type is useful in environment definitions.  
`\vbox_set:cw` 6617 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set:Nw #1`  
`\vbox_gset:Nw` 6618 `{ \tex_setbox:D #1 \tex_vbox:D \c_group_begin_token }`  
`\vbox_gset:cw` 6619 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_gset:Nw`  
`\vbox_set_end:` 6620 `{ \tex_global:D \vbox_set:Nw }`  
`\vbox_gset_end:` 6621 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_set:Nw { c }`  
6622 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_gset:Nw { c }`  
6623 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set_end:`  
6624 `{`  
6625 `\par`  
6626 `\c_group_end_token`

```

6627 }
6628 \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 142.)

```

\vbox_set_inline_begin:N Renamed September 2011.
\vbox_set_inline_begin:c 6629 \cs_new_eq:NN \vbox_set_inline_begin:N \vbox_set:Nw
\vbox_gset_inline_begin:N 6630 \cs_new_eq:NN \vbox_set_inline_begin:c \vbox_set:cw
\vbox_gset_inline_begin:c 6631 \cs_new_eq:NN \vbox_set_inline_end: \vbox_set_end:
\vbox_set_inline_end: 6632 \cs_new_eq:NN \vbox_gset_inline_begin:N \vbox_gset:Nw
\vbox_gset_inline_end: 6633 \cs_new_eq:NN \vbox_gset_inline_begin:c \vbox_gset:cw
6634 \cs_new_eq:NN \vbox_gset_inline_end: \vbox_gset_end:

```

(End definition for `\vbox_set_inline_begin:N` and `\vbox_set_inline_begin:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\vbox_unpack:N Unpacking a box and if requested also clear it.
\vbox_unpack:c 6635 \cs_new_eq:NN \vbox_unpack:N \tex_unvcopy:D
\vbox_unpack_clear:N 6636 \cs_new_eq:NN \vbox_unpack_clear:N \tex_unvbox:D
\vbox_unpack_clear:c 6637 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \vbox_unpack:N { c }
6638 \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 ??.)

```

\vbox_set_split_to_ht:NNn Splitting a vertical box in two.
6639 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vbox_set_split_to_ht:NNn #1#2#3
6640 { \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 142.)

## 14.11 Deprecated functions

`\l_last_box` Deprecated 2011-11-13, for removal by 2012-02-28.

```

6641 \*deprecated
6642 \cs_new_eq:NN \l_last_box \tex_lastbox:D
6643 \*deprecated

```

(End definition for `\l_last_box` This variable is documented on page ??.)

```

6644 \*initex | package

```

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```

6645 \*initex | package
6646 \@@=coffin
6647 \*package
6648 \ProvidesExplPackage
6649 { \ExplFileName } { \ExplFileDate } { \ExplFileVersion } { \ExplFileDescription }
6650 \__expl_package_check:
6651 \*package

```

## 15.1 Coffins: data structures and general variables

<code>\l__coffin_internal_box</code>	Scratch variables.
<code>\l__coffin_internal_dim</code>	6652 <code>\box_new:N \l__coffin_internal_box</code>
<code>\l__coffin_internal_tl</code>	6653 <code>\dim_new:N \l__coffin_internal_dim</code> 6654 <code>\tl_new:N \l__coffin_internal_tl</code> (End definition for <code>\l__coffin_internal_box</code> This function is documented on page ??.)
<code>\c__coffin_corners_prop</code>	The “corners”; of a coffin define the real content, as opposed to the $\text{\TeX}$ bounding box. They all start off in the same place, of course. 6655 <code>\prop_new:N \c__coffin_corners_prop</code> 6656 <code>\prop_put:Nnn \c__coffin_corners_prop { tl } { { 0 pt } { 0 pt } }</code> 6657 <code>\prop_put:Nnn \c__coffin_corners_prop { tr } { { 0 pt } { 0 pt } }</code> 6658 <code>\prop_put:Nnn \c__coffin_corners_prop { bl } { { 0 pt } { 0 pt } }</code> 6659 <code>\prop_put:Nnn \c__coffin_corners_prop { br } { { 0 pt } { 0 pt } }</code> (End definition for <code>\c__coffin_corners_prop</code> This variable is documented on page ??.)
<code>\c__coffin_poles_prop</code>	Pole positions are given for horizontal, vertical and reference-point based values. 6660 <code>\prop_new:N \c__coffin_poles_prop</code> 6661 <code>\tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_tl { { 0 pt } { 0 pt } { 0 pt } { 1000 pt } }</code> 6662 <code>\prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { l } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }</code> 6663 <code>\prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { hc } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }</code> 6664 <code>\prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { r } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }</code> 6665 <code>\tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_tl { { 0 pt } { 0 pt } { 1000 pt } { 0 pt } }</code> 6666 <code>\prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { b } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }</code> 6667 <code>\prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { vc } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }</code> 6668 <code>\prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { t } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }</code> 6669 <code>\prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { B } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }</code> 6670 <code>\prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { H } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }</code> 6671 <code>\prop_put:Nno \c__coffin_poles_prop { T } { \l__coffin_internal_tl }</code> (End definition for <code>\c__coffin_poles_prop</code> This variable is documented on page ??.)
<code>\l__coffin_slope_x_fp</code>	Used for calculations of intersections.
<code>\l__coffin_slope_y_fp</code>	6672 <code>\fp_new:N \l__coffin_slope_x_fp</code> 6673 <code>\fp_new:N \l__coffin_slope_y_fp</code> (End definition for <code>\l__coffin_slope_x_fp</code> This function is documented on page ??.)
<code>\l__coffin_error_bool</code>	For propagating errors so that parts of the code can work around them. 6674 <code>\bool_new:N \l__coffin_error_bool</code> (End definition for <code>\l__coffin_error_bool</code> This variable is documented on page ??.)
<code>\l__coffin_offset_x_dim</code>	The offset between two sets of coffin handles when typesetting. These values are corrected
<code>\l__coffin_offset_y_dim</code>	from those requested in an alignment for the positions of the handles. 6675 <code>\dim_new:N \l__coffin_offset_x_dim</code> 6676 <code>\dim_new:N \l__coffin_offset_y_dim</code> (End definition for <code>\l__coffin_offset_x_dim</code> This function is documented on page ??.)

`\l__coffin_pole_a_tl` Needed for finding the intersection of two poles.  
`\l__coffin_pole_b_tl` 6677 `\tl_new:N \l__coffin_pole_a_tl`  
6678 `\tl_new:N \l__coffin_pole_b_tl`  
(End definition for `\l__coffin_pole_a_tl` This function is documented on page ??.)  
  
`\l__coffin_x_dim` For calculating intersections and so forth.  
`\l__coffin_y_dim` 6679 `\dim_new:N \l__coffin_x_dim`  
`\l__coffin_x_prime_dim` 6680 `\dim_new:N \l__coffin_y_dim`  
`\l__coffin_y_prime_dim` 6681 `\dim_new:N \l__coffin_x_prime_dim`  
6682 `\dim_new:N \l__coffin_y_prime_dim`  
(End definition for `\l__coffin_x_dim` This function is documented on page ??.)

## 15.2 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  
`\coffin_if_exist_p:c` are checked.  
`\coffin_if_exist:NTF`

`\coffin_if_exist:cTF` 6683 `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn \coffin_if_exist:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }`  
6684 `{`  
6685 `\cs_if_exist:NTF #1`  
6686 `{`  
6687 `\cs_if_exist:cTF { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }`  
6688 `{ \prg_return_true: }`  
6689 `{ \prg_return_false: }`  
6690 `}`  
6691 `{ \prg_return_false: }`  
6692 `}`  
6693 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_if_exist_p:N { c }`  
6694 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_if_exist:NT { c }`  
6695 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_if_exist:NF { c }`  
6696 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_if_exist:NTF { c }`

(End definition for `\coffin_if_exist:N` and `\coffin_if_exist:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\__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.

6697 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1#2`  
6698 `{`  
6699 `\coffin_if_exist:NTF #1`  
6700 `{ #2 }`  
6701 `{`  
6702 `\__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { unknown-coffin }`  
6703 `{ \token_to_str:N #1 }`  
6704 `}`  
6705 `}`

(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`**

```

6706 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_clear:N #1
6707 {
6708   \_coffin_if_exist:NT #1
6709   {
6710     \box_clear:N #1
6711     \_coffin_reset_structure:N #1
6712   }
6713 }
6714 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_clear:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_clear:N` and `\coffin_clear:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

**`\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.

```

6715 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_new:N #1
6716 {
6717   \box_new:N #1
6718   \prop_clear_new:c { l__coffin_corners_ } \int_value:w #1 _prop }
6719   \prop_clear_new:c { l__coffin_poles_ } \int_value:w #1 _prop }
6720   \prop_gset_eq:cN { l__coffin_corners_ } \int_value:w #1 _prop }
6721   \c__coffin_corners_prop
6722   \prop_gset_eq:cN { l__coffin_poles_ } \int_value:w #1 _prop }
6723   \c__coffin_poles_prop
6724 }
6725 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\coffin_new:N` and `\coffin_new:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

**`\hcoffin_set:Nn`** Horizontal coffins are relatively easy: set the appropriate box, reset the structures then  
**`\hcoffin_set:cn`** update the handle positions.

```

6726 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hcoffin_set:Nn #1#2
6727 {
6728   \_coffin_if_exist:NT #1
6729   {
6730     \hbox_set:Nn #1
6731     {
6732       \color_group_begin:
6733       \color_ensure_current:
6734       #2
6735       \color_group_end:
6736     }
6737     \_coffin_reset_structure:N #1
6738     \_coffin_update_poles:N #1
6739     \_coffin_update_corners:N #1
6740   }

```

```

6741 }
6742 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hcoffin_set:Nn { c }
(End definition for \hcoffin_set:Nn and \hcoffin_set:cn These functions are documented on page
??.)

```

**\vcoffin\_set:Nnn** Setting vertical coffins is more complex. First, the material is typeset with a given width. 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).

```

6743 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vcoffin_set:Nnn #1#2#3
6744 {
6745   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
6746   {
6747     \vbox_set:Nn #1
6748     {
6749       \dim_set:Nn \tex_hsize:D {#2}
6750       <*package>
6751       \dim_set_eq:NN \linewidth \tex_hsize:D
6752       \dim_set_eq:NN \columnwidth \tex_hsize:D
6753       </package>
6754       \color_group_begin:
6755       #3
6756       \color_group_end:
6757     }
6758     \__coffin_reset_structure:N #1
6759     \__coffin_update_poles:N #1
6760     \__coffin_update_corners:N #1
6761     \vbox_set_top:Nn \l__coffin_internal_box { \vbox_unpack:N #1 }
6762     \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 { T }
6763     {
6764       { 0 pt }
6765       { \dim_eval:n { \box_ht:N #1 - \box_ht:N \l__coffin_internal_box } }
6766       { 1000 pt }
6767       { 0 pt }
6768     }
6769     \box_clear:N \l__coffin_internal_box
6770   }
6771 }
6772 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \vcoffin_set:Nnn { c }
(End definition for \vcoffin_set:Nnn and \vcoffin_set:cnn These functions are documented on page
??.)

```

**\hcoffin\_set:Nw** These are the “begin”/“end” versions of the above: watch the grouping!

```

\hcoffin_set:cw
\hcoffin_set_end:
6773 \cs_new_protected:Npn \hcoffin_set:Nw #1
6774 {
6775   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
6776   {
6777     \hbox_set:Nw #1 \color_group_begin: \color_ensure_current:

```

```

6778 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \hcoffin_set_end:
6779 {
6780   \color_group_end:
6781   \hbox_set_end:
6782   \__coffin_reset_structure:N #1
6783   \__coffin_update_poles:N #1
6784   \__coffin_update_corners:N #1
6785 }
6786 }
6787 }
6788 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \hcoffin_set_end: { }
6789 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \hcoffin_set:Nw { c }

```

(End definition for \hcoffin\_set:Nw and \hcoffin\_set:cw These functions are documented on page 145.)

**\vcoffin\_set:Nnw**  
**\vcoffin\_set:cnw**  
**\vcoffin\_set\_end:**

The same for vertical coffins.

```

6790 \cs_new_protected:Npn \vcoffin_set:Nnw #1#2
6791 {
6792   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
6793   {
6794     \vbox_set:Nw #1
6795     \dim_set:Nn \tex_hsize:D {#2}
6796     <*package>
6797       \dim_set_eq:NN \linewidth \tex_hsize:D
6798       \dim_set_eq:NN \columnwidth \tex_hsize:D
6799     </package>
6800     \color_group_begin: \color_ensure_current:
6801     \cs_set_protected:Npn \vcoffin_set_end:
6802     {
6803       \color_group_end:
6804       \vbox_set_end:
6805       \__coffin_reset_structure:N #1
6806       \__coffin_update_poles:N #1
6807       \__coffin_update_corners:N #1
6808       \vbox_set_top:Nn \l__coffin_internal_box { \vbox_unpack:N #1 }
6809       \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 { T }
6810       {
6811         { 0 pt }
6812         {
6813           \dim_eval:n { \box_ht:N #1 - \box_ht:N \l__coffin_internal_box }
6814         }
6815         { 1000 pt }
6816         { 0 pt }
6817       }
6818       \box_clear:N \l__coffin_internal_box
6819     }
6820   }
6821 }
6822 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \vcoffin_set_end: { }
6823 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \vcoffin_set:Nnw { c }

```

(End definition for `\vcoffin_set:Nnw` and `\vcoffin_set:cnw` These functions are documented on page 145.)

`\coffin_set_eq:NN` Setting two coffins equal is just a wrapper around other functions.

```

\coffin_set_eq:Nc      6824 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_set_eq:NN #1#2
\coffin_set_eq:cN      6825 {
\coffin_set_eq:cc      6826   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
                        6827   {
                        6828     \box_set_eq:NN #1 #2
                        6829     \__coffin_set_eq_structure:NN #1 #2
                        6830   }
                        6831 }
                        6832 \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 ??.)

`\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
\l__coffin_aligned_internal_coffin
                        6833 \coffin_new:N \c_empty_coffin
                        6834 \hbox_set:Nn \c_empty_coffin { }
                        6835 \coffin_new:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
                        6836 \coffin_new:N \l__coffin_aligned_internal_coffin

```

(End definition for `\c_empty_coffin` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\l_tmpa_coffin` The usual scratch space.

```

\l_tmpb_coffin      6837 \coffin_new:N \l_tmpa_coffin
                        6838 \coffin_new:N \l_tmpb_coffin

```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_coffin` and `\l_tmpb_coffin` These variables are documented on page 148.)

### 15.3 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      6839 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_dp:N \box_dp:N
\coffin_ht:N      6840 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_dp:c \box_dp:c
\coffin_ht:c      6841 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_ht:N \box_ht:N
\coffin_wd:N      6842 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_ht:c \box_ht:c
\coffin_wd:c      6843 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_wd:N \box_wd:N
                        6844 \cs_new_eq:NN \coffin_wd:c \box_wd:c

```

(End definition for `\coffin_dp:N` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)



## 15.4 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.

```

6845 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #1#2#3
6846 {
6847   \prop_get:cnNF
6848     { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2} #3
6849   {
6850     \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { unknown-coffin-pole }
6851     {#2} { \token_to_str:N #1 }
6852     \tl_set:Nn #3 { { 0 pt } { 0 pt } { 0 pt } { 0 pt } }
6853   }
6854 }

```

*(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.

```

6855 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_reset_structure:N #1
6856 {
6857   \prop_set_eq:cN { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
6858   \c__coffin_corners_prop
6859   \prop_set_eq:cN { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
6860   \c__coffin_poles_prop
6861 }

```

*(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`

```

6862 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_set_eq_structure:NN #1#2
6863 {
6864   \prop_set_eq:cc { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
6865   { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #2 _prop }
6866   \prop_set_eq:cc { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
6867   { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #2 _prop }
6868 }
6869 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_gset_eq_structure:NN #1#2
6870 {
6871   \prop_gset_eq:cc { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
6872   { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #2 _prop }
6873   \prop_gset_eq:cc { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
6874   { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #2 _prop }
6875 }

```

*(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`

`\coffin_set_horizontal_pole:cnm`

`\coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn`

`\coffin_set_vertical_pole:cnm`

`\__coffin_set_pole:Nnn`

`\__coffin_set_pole:Nnx`

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.

```

6876 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn #1#2#3
6877 {

```

```

6878 \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
6879 {
6880     \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 {#2}
6881     {
6882         { 0 pt } { \dim_eval:n {#3} }
6883         { 1000 pt } { 0 pt }
6884     }
6885 }
6886 }
6887 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn #1#2#3
6888 {
6889     \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
6890     {
6891         \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 {#2}
6892         {
6893             { \dim_eval:n {#3} } { 0 pt }
6894             { 0 pt } { 1000 pt }
6895         }
6896     }
6897 }
6898 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_set_pole:Nnn #1#2#3
6899 { \prop_put:cnn { l__coffin_poles_ } \__int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2} {#3} }
6900 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_set_horizontal_pole:Nnn { c }
6901 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_set_vertical_pole:Nnn { c }
6902 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__coffin_set_pole:Nnn { Nnx }

```

(End definition for \coffin\_set\_horizontal\_pole:Nnn and \coffin\_set\_horizontal\_pole:cnn These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\\_\_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.

```

6903 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_update_corners:N #1
6904 {
6905     \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ } \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { tl }
6906     { { 0 pt } { \dim_use:N \box_ht:N #1 } }
6907     \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ } \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { tr }
6908     { { \dim_use:N \box_wd:N #1 } { \dim_use:N \box_ht:N #1 } }
6909     \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ } \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { bl }
6910     { { 0 pt } { \dim_eval:n { - \box_dp:N #1 } } }
6911     \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ } \__int_value:w #1 _prop } { br }
6912     { { \dim_use:N \box_wd:N #1 } { \dim_eval:n { - \box_dp:N #1 } } }
6913 }

```

(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.

```

6914 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_update_poles:N #1
6915 {

```

```

6916 \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop } { hc }
6917 {
6918   { \dim_eval:n { 0.5 \box_wd:N #1 } }
6919   { 0 pt } { 0 pt } { 1000 pt }
6920 }
6921 \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop } { r }
6922 {
6923   { \dim_use:N \box_wd:N #1 }
6924   { 0 pt } { 0 pt } { 1000 pt }
6925 }
6926 \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop } { vc }
6927 {
6928   { 0 pt }
6929   { \dim_eval:n { ( \box_ht:N #1 - \box_dp:N #1 ) / 2 } }
6930   { 1000 pt }
6931   { 0 pt }
6932 }
6933 \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop } { t }
6934 {
6935   { 0 pt }
6936   { \dim_use:N \box_ht:N #1 }
6937   { 1000 pt }
6938   { 0 pt }
6939 }
6940 \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop } { b }
6941 {
6942   { 0 pt }
6943   { \dim_eval:n { - \box_dp:N #1 } }
6944   { 1000 pt }
6945   { 0 pt }
6946 }
6947 }

```

(End definition for \\_coffin\_update\_poles:N This function is documented on page ??.)

## 15.5 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.

```

6948 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn #1#2#3
6949 {
6950   \_coffin_get_pole:NnN #1 {#2} \l__coffin_pole_a_tl
6951   \_coffin_get_pole:NnN #1 {#3} \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
6952   \bool_set_false:N \l__coffin_error_bool
6953   \exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo
6954     \_coffin_calculate_intersection:nnnnnnnn
6955     \l__coffin_pole_a_tl \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
6956   \bool_if:NT \l__coffin_error_bool
6957   {

```

```

6958         \_msg_kernel_error:nn { kernel } { no-pole-intersection }
6959         \dim_zero:N \l__coffin_x_dim
6960         \dim_zero:N \l__coffin_y_dim
6961     }
6962 }

```

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.

```

6963 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_calculate_intersection:nnnnnnnn
6964   #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
6965   {
6966     \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.

```

6967     {
6968       \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_dim {#1}
6969       \dim_compare:nNnTF {#7} = \c_zero_dim
6970       { \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.

```

6971     {
6972       \dim_compare:nNnTF {#8} = \c_zero_dim
6973       { \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_dim {#6} }
6974       {
6975         \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnnN
6976         {#1} {#5} {#6} {#7} {#8} \l__coffin_y_dim
6977       }
6978     }
6979 }

```

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.

```

6980   {
6981     \dim_compare:nNnTF {#4} = \c_zero_dim
6982     {
6983       \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_dim {#2}
6984       \dim_compare:nNnTF {#8} = { \c_zero_dim }
6985       { \bool_set_true:N \l__coffin_error_bool }
6986       {
6987         \dim_compare:nNnTF {#7} = \c_zero_dim
6988         { \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.

```

6989         {
6990             \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
6991             {#2} {#6} {#5} {#8} {#7} \l__coffin_x_dim
6992         }
6993     }
6994 }

```

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.

```

6995     {
6996         \dim_compare:nNnTF {#7} = \c_zero_dim
6997         {
6998             \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_dim {#5}
6999             \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
7000             {#5} {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} \l__coffin_y_dim
7001         }
7002         {
7003             \dim_compare:nNnTF {#8} = \c_zero_dim
7004             {
7005                 \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_dim {#6}
7006                 \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
7007                 {#6} {#2} {#1} {#4} {#3} \l__coffin_x_dim
7008             }
7009         }
7010     }

```

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.

```

7009     {
7010         \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_slope_x_fp
7011         { \dim_to_fp:n {#4} / \dim_to_fp:n {#3} }
7012         \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_slope_y_fp
7013         { \dim_to_fp:n {#8} / \dim_to_fp:n {#7} }
7014         \fp_compare:nNnTF
7015         \l__coffin_slope_x_fp = \l__coffin_slope_y_fp
7016         { \bool_set_true:N \l__coffin_error_bool }
7017     }

```

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.

```

7017 {
7018   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_dim
7019   {
7020     \fp_to_dim:n
7021     {
7022       (
7023         \dim_to_fp:n {#1} * \l__coffin_slope_x_fp
7024         - ( \dim_to_fp:n {#5} * \l__coffin_slope_y_fp )
7025         - \dim_to_fp:n {#2}
7026         + \dim_to_fp:n {#6}
7027       )
7028       /
7029       ( \l__coffin_slope_x_fp - \l__coffin_slope_y_fp )
7030     }
7031   }
7032   \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN
7033   { \l__coffin_x_dim }
7034   {#5} {#6} {#8} {#7} \l__coffin_y_dim
7035 }
7036 }
7037 }
7038 }
7039 }
7040 }

```

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.

```

7041 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_calculate_intersection_aux:nnnnnN #1#2#3#4#5#6
7042 {
7043   \dim_set:Nn #6
7044   {
7045     \fp_to_dim:n
7046     {
7047       \dim_to_fp:n {#4} *
7048       ( \dim_to_fp:n {#1} - \dim_to_fp:n {#2} ) /
7049       \dim_to_fp:n {#5}
7050       + \dim_to_fp:n {#3}
7051     }
7052   }
7053 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_coffin\_calculate\_intersection:Nnn This function is documented on page ??.)

## 15.6 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.

```

7054 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_join:NnnNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
7055 {
7056   \__coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN
7057   #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.

```

7058   \hbox_set:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7059   {
7060     \dim_compare:nNnT { \l__coffin_offset_x_dim } < \c_zero_dim
7061     { \tex_kern:D -\l__coffin_offset_x_dim }
7062     \hbox_unpack:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7063     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_dim
7064     { \l__coffin_offset_x_dim - \box_wd:N #1 + \box_wd:N #4 }
7065     \dim_compare:nNnT \l__coffin_internal_dim < \c_zero_dim
7066     { \tex_kern:D -\l__coffin_internal_dim }
7067   }

```

The coffin structure is reset, and the corners are cleared: only those from the two parent coffins are needed.

```

7068   \__coffin_reset_structure:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7069   \prop_clear:c
7070   { \l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w \l__coffin_aligned_coffin _ prop }
7071   \__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.

```

7072   \dim_compare:nNnTF \l__coffin_offset_x_dim < \c_zero_dim
7073   {
7074     \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #1 { -\l__coffin_offset_x_dim } { 0 pt }
7075     \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #4 { 0 pt } { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim }
7076     \__coffin_offset_corners:Nnn #1 { -\l__coffin_offset_x_dim } { 0 pt }
7077     \__coffin_offset_corners:Nnn #4 { 0 pt } { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim }
7078   }
7079   {
7080     \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #1 { 0 pt } { 0 pt }
7081     \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #4
7082     { \l__coffin_offset_x_dim } { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim }
7083     \__coffin_offset_corners:Nnn #1 { 0 pt } { 0 pt }
7084     \__coffin_offset_corners:Nnn #4
7085     { \l__coffin_offset_x_dim } { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim }
7086   }
7087   \__coffin_update_vertical_poles:NNN #1 #4 \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7088   \coffin_set_eq:NN #1 \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7089 }

```

```
7090 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_join:NnnNnnnn { c , Nnnc , cnnc }
(End definition for \coffin_join:NnnNnnnn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)
```

**\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. The function used when marking a position is hear also as it is similar but without the structure updates.

```
\coffin_attach:cnncNnnnn
\coffin_attach:NnncNnnnn
\coffin_attach:cnncNnnnn
\coffin_attach:cnncNnnnn
\coffin_attach_mark:NnnNnnnn
7091 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
7092 {
7093   \__coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN
7094   #1 {#2} {#3} #4 {#5} {#6} {#7} {#8} \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7095   \box_set_ht:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_ht:N #1 }
7096   \box_set_dp:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_dp:N #1 }
7097   \box_set_wd:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_wd:N #1 }
7098   \__coffin_reset_structure:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7099   \prop_set_eq:cc
7100   { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w \l__coffin_aligned_coffin _prop }
7101   { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
7102   \__coffin_update_poles:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7103   \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #1 { 0 pt } { 0 pt }
7104   \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #4
7105   { \l__coffin_offset_x_dim } { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim }
7106   \__coffin_update_vertical_poles:NNN #1 #4 \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7107   \coffin_set_eq:NN #1 \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7108 }
7109 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_attach_mark:NnnNnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
7110 {
7111   \__coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN
7112   #1 {#2} {#3} #4 {#5} {#6} {#7} {#8} \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7113   \box_set_ht:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_ht:N #1 }
7114   \box_set_dp:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_dp:N #1 }
7115   \box_set_wd:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin { \box_wd:N #1 }
7116   \box_set_eq:NN #1 \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7117 }
7118 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn { c , Nnnc , cnnc }
(End definition for \coffin_attach:NnnNnnnn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)
```

**\\_\_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.

```
7119 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
7120 {
7121   \__coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn #4 {#5} {#6}
7122   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_prime_dim { \l__coffin_x_dim }
```



```

7123 \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_prime_dim { \l__coffin_y_dim }
7124 \__coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn #1 {#2} {#3}
7125 \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_offset_x_dim
7126 { \l__coffin_x_dim - \l__coffin_x_prime_dim + #7 }
7127 \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_offset_y_dim
7128 { \l__coffin_y_dim - \l__coffin_y_prime_dim + #8 }
7129 \hbox_set:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_internal_coffin
7130 {
7131   \box_use:N #1
7132   \tex_kern:D -\box_wd:N #1
7133   \tex_kern:D \l__coffin_offset_x_dim
7134   \box_move_up:nn { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim } { \box_use:N #4 }
7135 }
7136 \coffin_set_eq:NN #9 \l__coffin_aligned_internal_coffin
7137 }

```

(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.

```

7138 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn #1#2#3
7139 {
7140   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
7141   { \__coffin_offset_pole:Nnnnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 {#2} {#3} }
7142 }
7143 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_offset_pole:Nnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
7144 {
7145   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_dim { #3 + #7 }
7146   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_dim { #4 + #8 }
7147   \tl_if_in:nnTF {#2} { - }
7148   { \tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_tl { {#2} } }
7149   { \tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_tl { { #1 - #2 } } }
7150   \exp_last_unbraced:NNo \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7151   { \l__coffin_internal_tl }
7152   {
7153     { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim }
7154     {#5} {#6}
7155   }
7156 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_offset_poles:Nnn` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\__coffin_offset_corners:Nnn`  
`\__coffin_offset_corner:Nnnnn`

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.

```

7157 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_offset_corners:Nnn #1#2#3
7158 {

```

```

7159     \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
7160     { \__coffin_offset_corner:Nnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 {#2} {#3} }
7161   }
7162   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_offset_corner:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
7163   {
7164     \prop_put:cnx
7165     { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w \l__coffin_aligned_coffin _prop }
7166     { #1 - #2 }
7167     {
7168       { \dim_eval:n { #3 + #5 } }
7169       { \dim_eval:n { #4 + #6 } }
7170     }
7171   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_coffin\_offset\_corners:Nnn This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_\_coffin\_update\_vertical\_poles:NNN  
 \\_\_coffin\_update\_T:nnnnnnnnN  
 \\_\_coffin\_update\_B:nnnnnnnnN

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.

```

7172   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_update_vertical_poles:NNN #1#2#3
7173   {
7174     \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #3 { #1 -T } \l__coffin_pole_a_tl
7175     \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #3 { #2 -T } \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
7176     \exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo \__coffin_update_T:nnnnnnnnN
7177     \l__coffin_pole_a_tl \l__coffin_pole_b_tl #3
7178     \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #3 { #1 -B } \l__coffin_pole_a_tl
7179     \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #3 { #2 -B } \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
7180     \exp_last_two_unbraced:Noo \__coffin_update_B:nnnnnnnnN
7181     \l__coffin_pole_a_tl \l__coffin_pole_b_tl #3
7182   }
7183   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_update_T:nnnnnnnnN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
7184   {
7185     \dim_compare:nNnTF {#2} < {#6}
7186     {
7187       \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #9 { T }
7188       { { 0 pt } {#6} { 1000 pt } { 0 pt } }
7189     }
7190     {
7191       \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #9 { T }
7192       { { 0 pt } {#2} { 1000 pt } { 0 pt } }
7193     }
7194   }
7195   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_update_B:nnnnnnnnN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
7196   {
7197     \dim_compare:nNnTF {#2} < {#6}
7198     {
7199       \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #9 { B }
7200       { { 0 pt } {#2} { 1000 pt } { 0 pt } }
7201     }
7202     {

```

```

7203     \_coffin_set_pole:Nnx #9 { B }
7204     { { 0 pt } {#6} { 1000 pt } { 0 pt } }
7205   }
7206 }

```

(End definition for \\_coffin\_update\_vertical\_poles:NNN This function is documented on page ??.)

**\coffin\_typeset:Nnnnn**  
**\coffin\_typeset:cnnnn**

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.

```

7207 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_typeset:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
7208 {
7209   \hbox_unpack:N \c_empty_box
7210   \_coffin_align:NnnNnnnnN \c_empty_coffin { H } { 1 }
7211   #1 {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7212   \box_use:N \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7213 }
7214 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_typeset:Nnnnn { c }

```

(End definition for \coffin\_typeset:Nnnnn and \coffin\_typeset:cnnnn These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 15.7 Coffin diagnostics

**\l\_\_coffin\_display\_coffin**  
**\l\_\_coffin\_display\_coord\_coffin**  
**\l\_\_coffin\_display\_pole\_coffin**

Used for printing coffins with data structures attached.

```

7215 \coffin_new:N \l__coffin_display_coffin
7216 \coffin_new:N \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin
7217 \coffin_new:N \l__coffin_display_pole_coffin

```

(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_display\_coffin This function 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.

```

7218 \prop_new:N \l__coffin_display_handles_prop
7219 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { tl }
7220 { { b } { r } { -1 } { 1 } }
7221 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { thc }
7222 { { b } { hc } { 0 } { 1 } }
7223 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { tr }
7224 { { b } { l } { 1 } { 1 } { 1 } }
7225 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { vcl }
7226 { { vc } { r } { -1 } { 0 } }
7227 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { vhc }
7228 { { vc } { hc } { 0 } { 0 } }
7229 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { vcr }
7230 { { vc } { l } { 1 } { 1 } { 0 } }
7231 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { bl }
7232 { { t } { r } { -1 } { -1 } }
7233 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { bhc }
7234 { { t } { hc } { 0 } { -1 } }
7235 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { br }

```

```

7236 { { t } { l } { 1 } { -1 } }
7237 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Tl }
7238 { { t } { r } { -1 } { -1 } }
7239 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Thc }
7240 { { t } { hc } { 0 } { -1 } }
7241 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Tr }
7242 { { t } { l } { 1 } { -1 } }
7243 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Hl }
7244 { { vc } { r } { -1 } { 1 } }
7245 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Hhc }
7246 { { vc } { hc } { 0 } { 1 } }
7247 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Hr }
7248 { { vc } { l } { 1 } { 1 } }
7249 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Bl }
7250 { { b } { r } { -1 } { -1 } }
7251 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Bhc }
7252 { { b } { hc } { 0 } { -1 } }
7253 \prop_put:Nnn \l__coffin_display_handles_prop { Br }
7254 { { 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.

```

7255 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_display_offset_dim
7256 \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.

```

7257 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_display_x_dim
7258 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_display_y_dim

```

(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_display\_x\_dim This function 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.

```

7259 \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.

```

7260 \tl_new:N \l__coffin_display_font_tl
7261 <*initex>
7262 \tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_font_tl { } % TODO
7263 </initex>
7264 <*package>
7265 \tl_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_font_tl { \sfamily \tiny }
7266 </package>

```

(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_display\_font\_tl This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\coffin_mark_handle:Nnnn`  
`\coffin_mark_handle:cnnn`  
`\_coffin_mark_handle_aux:nnnnNnn`

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.

```

7267 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_mark_handle:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
7268 {
7269   \hcoffin_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_pole_coffin
7270   {
7271     (*initex)
7272     \hbox:n { \tex_vrule:D width 1 pt height 1 pt \scan_stop: } % TODO
7273   }
7274   (*package)
7275   \color {#4}
7276   \rule { 1 pt } { 1 pt }
7277 }
7278
7279 \coffin_attach_mark:NnnNnnnn #1 {#2} {#3}
7280 \l__coffin_display_pole_coffin { hc } { vc } { 0 pt } { 0 pt }
7281 \hcoffin_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin
7282 {
7283   (*initex)
7284   % TODO
7285 }
7286 (*package)
7287 \color {#4}
7288 
7289 \l__coffin_display_font_tl
7290 ( \tl_to_str:n { #2 , #3 } )
7291 }
7292 \prop_get:NnN \l__coffin_display_handles_prop
7293 { #2 #3 } \l__coffin_internal_tl
7294 \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__coffin_internal_tl
7295 {
7296   \prop_get:NnN \l__coffin_display_handles_prop
7297   { #3 #2 } \l__coffin_internal_tl
7298   \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__coffin_internal_tl
7299   {
7300     \coffin_attach_mark:NnnNnnnn #1 {#2} {#3}
7301     \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin { l } { vc }
7302     { 1 pt } { 0 pt }
7303   }
7304   {
7305     \exp_last_unbraced:No \_coffin_mark_handle_aux:nnnnNnn
7306     \l__coffin_internal_tl #1 {#2} {#3}
7307   }
7308 }
7309 {
7310   \exp_last_unbraced:No \_coffin_mark_handle_aux:nnnnNnn
7311   \l__coffin_internal_tl #1 {#2} {#3}

```

```

7312     }
7313   }
7314   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_mark_handle_aux:nnnnNnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
7315   {
7316     \coffin_attach_mark:NnnNnnnn #5 {#6} {#7}
7317     \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin {#1} {#2}
7318     { #3 \l__coffin_display_offset_dim }
7319     { #4 \l__coffin_display_offset_dim }
7320   }
7321   \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_mark_handle:Nnnnn { c }

```

(End definition for \coffin\_mark\_handle:Nnnnn and \coffin\_mark\_handle:cnnn These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\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.

```

7322   \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_display_handles:Nn #1#2
7323   {
7324     \hcoffin_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_pole_coffin
7325     {
7326       <*initex>
7327       \hbox:n { \tex_vrule:D width 1 pt height 1 pt \scan_stop: } % TODO
7328       </initex>
7329       <*package>
7330       \color {#2}
7331       \rule { 1 pt } { 1 pt }
7332       </package>
7333     }
7334     \prop_set_eq:Nc \l__coffin_display_poles_prop
7335     { \l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
7336     \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #1 { H } \l__coffin_pole_a_tl
7337     \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #1 { T } \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
7338     \tl_if_eq:NNT \l__coffin_pole_a_tl \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
7339     { \prop_remove:Nn \l__coffin_display_poles_prop { T } }
7340     \__coffin_get_pole:NnN #1 { B } \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
7341     \tl_if_eq:NNT \l__coffin_pole_a_tl \l__coffin_pole_b_tl
7342     { \prop_remove:Nn \l__coffin_display_poles_prop { B } }
7343     \coffin_set_eq:NN \l__coffin_display_coffin #1
7344     \prop_map_inline:Nn \l__coffin_display_poles_prop
7345     {
7346       \prop_remove:Nn \l__coffin_display_poles_prop {##1}
7347       \__coffin_display_handles_aux:nnnnnn {##1} ##2 {#2}
7348     }
7349     \box_use:N \l__coffin_display_coffin
7350   }

```

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.

```

7351 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_display_handles_aux:nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
7352 {
7353   \prop_map_inline:Nn \l__coffin_display_poles_prop
7354   {
7355     \bool_set_false:N \l__coffin_error_bool
7356     \__coffin_calculate_intersection:nnnnnnnn {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} ##2
7357     \bool_if:NF \l__coffin_error_bool
7358     {
7359       \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_x_dim { \l__coffin_x_dim }
7360       \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_y_dim { \l__coffin_y_dim }
7361       \__coffin_display_attach:Nnnnn
7362       \l__coffin_display_pole_coffin { hc } { vc }
7363       { 0 pt } { 0 pt }
7364       \hcoffin_set:Nn \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin
7365       {
7366         (*initex)
7367           % TODO
7368         (/initex)
7369         (*package)
7370           \color {#6}
7371         (/package)
7372         \l__coffin_display_font_tl
7373         ( \tl_to_str:n { #1 , ##1 } )
7374       }
7375       \prop_get:NnN \l__coffin_display_handles_prop
7376       { #1 ##1 } \l__coffin_internal_tl
7377       \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__coffin_internal_tl
7378       {
7379         \prop_get:NnN \l__coffin_display_handles_prop
7380         { ##1 #1 } \l__coffin_internal_tl
7381         \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__coffin_internal_tl
7382         {
7383           \__coffin_display_attach:Nnnnn
7384           \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin { 1 } { vc }
7385           { 1 pt } { 0 pt }
7386         }
7387         {
7388           \exp_last_unbraced:No
7389           \__coffin_display_handles_aux:nnnn
7390           \l__coffin_internal_tl
7391         }
7392       }
7393       {
7394         \exp_last_unbraced:No \__coffin_display_handles_aux:nnnn
7395         \l__coffin_internal_tl
7396       }
7397     }
7398   }
7399 }
7400 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_display_handles_aux:nnnn #1#2#3#4

```

```

7401 {
7402   \__coffin_display_attach:Nnnnn
7403   \l__coffin_display_coord_coffin {#1} {#2}
7404   { #3 \l__coffin_display_offset_dim }
7405   { #4 \l__coffin_display_offset_dim }
7406 }
7407 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \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.

```

7408 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_display_attach:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
7409 {
7410   \__coffin_calculate_intersection:Nnn #1 {#2} {#3}
7411   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_x_prime_dim { \l__coffin_x_dim }
7412   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_y_prime_dim { \l__coffin_y_dim }
7413   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_offset_x_dim
7414   { \l__coffin_display_x_dim - \l__coffin_x_prime_dim + #4 }
7415   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_offset_y_dim
7416   { \l__coffin_display_y_dim - \l__coffin_y_prime_dim + #5 }
7417   \hbox_set:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7418   {
7419     \box_use:N \l__coffin_display_coffin
7420     \tex_kern:D -\box_wd:N \l__coffin_display_coffin
7421     \tex_kern:D \l__coffin_offset_x_dim
7422     \box_move_up:nn { \l__coffin_offset_y_dim } { \box_use:N #1 }
7423   }
7424   \box_set_ht:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7425   { \box_ht:N \l__coffin_display_coffin }
7426   \box_set_dp:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7427   { \box_dp:N \l__coffin_display_coffin }
7428   \box_set_wd:Nn \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7429   { \box_wd:N \l__coffin_display_coffin }
7430   \box_set_eq:NN \l__coffin_display_coffin \l__coffin_aligned_coffin
7431 }

```

*(End definition for `\coffin_display_handles:Nn` and `\coffin_display_handles:cn` These functions are documented on page ??.)*

**`\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`**

```

7432 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_show_structure:N #1
7433 {
7434   \__coffin_if_exist:NT #1
7435   {
7436     \__msg_show_variable:Nnx #1 { coffins }
7437     {
7438       \prop_map_function:cn
7439       { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
7440       \__msg_show_item_unbraced:nn
7441     }

```



```

7442     }
7443   }
7444   \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 ??.)

## 15.8 Messages

```

7445 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { no-pole-intersection }
7446 { No~intersection~between~coffin~poles. }
7447 {
7448   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
7449   LaTeX~was~asked~to~find~the~intersection~between~two~poles,~
7450   but~they~do~not~have~a~unique~meeting~point:~
7451   the~value~(0~pt,~0~pt)~will~be~used.
7452 }
7453 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { unknown-coffin }
7454 { Unknown~coffin~'#1'. }
7455 { The~coffin~'#1'~was~never~defined. }
7456 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { unknown-coffin-pole }
7457 { Pole~'#1'~unknown~for~coffin~'#2'. }
7458 {
7459   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
7460   LaTeX~was~asked~to~find~a~typesetting~pole~for~a~coffin,~
7461   but~either~the~coffin~does~not~exist~or~the~pole~name~is~wrong.
7462 }
7463 \__msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { show-coffins }
7464 {
7465   Size~of~coffin~\token_to_str:N #1 : \\
7466   > ~ ht~~\dim_use:N \box_ht:N #1 \\
7467   > ~ dp~~\dim_use:N \box_dp:N #1 \\
7468   > ~ wd~~\dim_use:N \box_wd:N #1 \\
7469   Poles~of~coffin~\token_to_str:N #1 :
7470 }
7471 </initex | package>

```

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```

7472 <*initex | package>
7473 <*package>
7474 \ProvidesExplPackage
7475   {\ExplFileName}{\ExplFileDate}{\ExplFileVersion}{\ExplFileDescription}
7476 \__expl_package_check:
7477 </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.

```

7478 \cs_new_eq:NN \color_group_begin: \group_begin:

```

```

7479 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \color_group_end:
7480 {
7481     \tex_par:D
7482     \group_end:
7483 }

```

(End definition for `\color_group_begin:` and `\color_group_end:` These functions are documented on page 149.)

**`\color_ensure_current:`** A driver-independent wrapper for setting the foreground color to the current color “now”.

```

7484 <*initex>
7485 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \color_ensure_current:
7486 { \__driver_color_ensure_current: }
7487 </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.

```

7488 <*package>
7489 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \color_ensure_current: { }
7490 \AtBeginDocument
7491 {
7492     \cs_if_exist:NTF \__driver_color_ensure_current:
7493     {
7494         \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \color_ensure_current:
7495         { \__driver_color_ensure_current: }
7496     }
7497     {
7498         \cs_if_exist:NT \set@color
7499         { \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \color_ensure_current: { \set@color } }
7500     }
7501 }
7502 </package>

```

(End definition for `\color_ensure_current:` This function is documented on page 149.)

```

7503 </initex | package>

```

## 17 l3msg implementation

```

7504 <*initex | package>
7505 <@@=msg>
7506 <*package>
7507 \ProvidesExplPackage
7508 { \ExplFileName } { \ExplFileDate } { \ExplFileVersion } { \ExplFileDescription }
7509 \__expl_package_check:
7510 </package>

```

**`\l_msg_internal_tl`** A general scratch for the module.

```

7511 \tl_new:N \l_msg_internal_tl

```

(End definition for `\l_msg_internal_tl` This variable is documented on page ??.)

## 17.1 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`    7512 `\tl_const:Nn \c__msg_text_prefix_tl { msg~text~>~ }`  
                                  7513 `\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`    7514 `\prg_new_conditional:Npnn \msg_if_exist:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }`  
                                  7515 `{`  
                                  7516    `\cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }`  
                                  7517    `{ \prg_return_true: } { \prg_return_false: }`  
                                  7518 `}`  
*(End definition for \msg\_if\_exist:nn These functions are documented on page 151.)*

`\__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.

7519 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \__chk_if_free_msg:nn #1#2`  
 7520 `{`  
 7521    `\msg_if_exist:nnT {#1} {#2}`  
 7522    `{`  
 7523      `\__msg_kernel_error:nnxx { kernel } { message-already-defined }`  
 7524      `{#1} {#2}`  
 7525    `}`  
 7526 `}`  
 7527 `\*package>`  
 7528 `\tex_ifodd:D \l@expl@log@functions@bool`  
 7529    `\cs_gset_protected:Npn \__chk_if_free_msg:nn #1#2`  
 7530    `{`  
 7531      `\msg_if_exist:nnT {#1} {#2}`  
 7532      `{`  
 7533          `\__msg_kernel_error:nnxx { kernel } { message-already-defined }`  
 7534          `{#1} {#2}`  
 7535      `}`  
 7536      `\iow_log:x { Defining~message~ #1 / #2 ~\msg_line_context: }`  
 7537    `}`  
 7538 `\fi:`  
 7539 `\</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  
`\msg_new:nnn` check first.

```

\msg_gset:nnnn 7540 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_new:nnnn #1#2
\msg_gset:nnn 7541 {
\msg_set:nnnn 7542 \__chk_if_free_msg:nn {#1} {#2}
\msg_set:nnn 7543 \msg_gset:nnnn {#1} {#2}
7544 }
7545 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_new:nnn #1#2#3
7546 { \msg_new:nnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} { } }
7547 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_set:nnnn #1#2#3#4
7548 {
7549 \cs_set:cpn { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }
7550 ##1##2##3##4 {#3}
7551 \cs_set:cpn { \c__msg_more_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }
7552 ##1##2##3##4 {#4}
7553 }
7554 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_set:nnn #1#2#3
7555 { \msg_set:nnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} { } }
7556 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_gset:nnnn #1#2#3#4
7557 {
7558 \cs_gset:cpn { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }
7559 ##1##2##3##4 {#3}
7560 \cs_gset:cpn { \c__msg_more_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 }
7561 ##1##2##3##4 {#4}
7562 }
7563 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_gset:nnn #1#2#3
7564 { \msg_gset:nnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} { } }

```

(End definition for `\msg_new:nnnn` and `\msg_new:nnn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 17.2 Messages: support functions and text

`\c_msg_coding_error_text_tl` Simple pieces of text for messages.

```

\c_msg_continue_text_tl 7565 \tl_const:Nn \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
\c_msg_critical_text_tl 7566 {
\c_msg_fatal_text_tl 7567 This-is-a-coding-error.
\c_msg_help_text_tl 7568 \\ \\
\c_msg_no_info_text_tl 7569 }
\c_msg_on_line_text_tl 7570 \tl_const:Nn \c_msg_continue_text_tl
\c_msg_return_text_tl 7571 { Type-<return>-to-continue }
\c_msg_trouble_text_tl 7572 \tl_const:Nn \c_msg_critical_text_tl
7573 { Reading-the-current-file-will-stop }
7574 \tl_const:Nn \c_msg_fatal_text_tl
7575 { This-is-a-fatal-error:-LaTeX-will-abort }
7576 \tl_const:Nn \c_msg_help_text_tl
7577 { For-immediate-help-type-H-<return> }
7578 \tl_const:Nn \c_msg_no_info_text_tl
7579 {
7580 LaTeX-does-not-know-anything-more-about-this-error,~sorry.
7581 \c_msg_return_text_tl

```

```

7582 }
7583 \tl_const:Nn \c_msg_on_line_text_tl { on~line }
7584 \tl_const:Nn \c_msg_return_text_tl
7585 {
7586   \\ \\
7587   Try~typing~<return>~to~proceed.
7588   \\
7589   If~that~doesn't~work,~type~X~<return>~to~quit.
7590 }
7591 \tl_const:Nn \c_msg_trouble_text_tl
7592 {
7593   \\ \\
7594   More~errors~will~almost~certainly~follow: \\
7595   the~LaTeX~run~should~be~aborted.
7596 }

```

(End definition for `\c_msg_coding_error_text_tl` and others. These variables are documented on page ??.)

`\msg_line_number:` For writing the line number nicely. `\msg_line_context:` was set up earlier, so this is not new.

```

7597 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \msg_line_number: { \int_use:N \tex_inputlineno:D }
7598 \cs_gset_nopar:Npn \msg_line_context:
7599 {
7600   \c_msg_on_line_text_tl
7601   \c_space_tl
7602   \msg_line_number:
7603 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_line_number:` and `\msg_line_context:` These functions are documented on page 151.)

## 17.3 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 T<sub>E</sub>X's `\errhelp` register before issuing an `\errmessage`.

```

7604 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_interrupt:nnn #1#2#3
7605 {
7606   \tl_if_empty:nTF {#3}
7607   {
7608     \__msg_interrupt_wrap:nn { \\ \c_msg_no_info_text_tl }
7609     {#1 \\ \\ #2 \\ \\ \c_msg_continue_text_tl }
7610   }
7611   {
7612     \__msg_interrupt_wrap:nn { \\ #3 }
7613     {#1 \\ \\ #2 \\ \\ \c_msg_help_text_tl }
7614   }
7615 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_interrupt:nnn` This function is documented on page 156.)

```

\__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.

```

7616 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_interrupt_wrap:nn #1#2
7617 {
7618   \iow_wrap:nnnN {#1} { | ~ } { } \__msg_interrupt_more_text:n
7619   \iow_wrap:nnnN {#2} { ! ~ } { } \__msg_interrupt_text:n
7620 }
7621 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_interrupt_more_text:n #1
7622 {
7623   \exp_args:Nx \tex_errhelp:D
7624   {
7625     |,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
7626     #1 \iow_newline:
7627     |.....
7628   }
7629 }

```

(End definition for `\__msg_interrupt_wrap:nn` This function is documented on page 156.)

```

\__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.

```

7630 \group_begin:
7631   \char_set_lccode:nn {'\} {'\ }
7632   \char_set_lccode:nn {'\} {'\ }
7633   \char_set_lccode:nn {'&} {'!\}
7634   \char_set_catcode_active:N \&
7635   \tl_to_lowercase:n
7636   {
7637     \group_end:
7638     \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_interrupt_text:n #1
7639     {
7640       \iow_term:x
7641       {
7642         \iow_newline:
7643         !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
7644         \iow_newline:
7645         !
7646       }
7647     }

```

```

7648         \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn &
7649         {
7650             \tex_errmessage:D
7651             {
7652                 #1
7653                 \use_none:n
7654                 { ..... }
7655             }
7656         }
7657         \exp_after:wN
7658         \group_end:
7659         &
7660     }
7661 }

```

(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.

```

7662 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_log:n #1
7663 {
7664     \iow_log:n { ..... }
7665     \iow_wrap:nnnN { . ~ #1 } { . ~ } { } \iow_log:n
7666     \iow_log:n { ..... }
7667 }
7668 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_term:n #1
7669 {
7670     \iow_term:n { ***** }
7671     \iow_wrap:nnnN { * ~ #1 } { * ~ } { } \iow_term:n
7672     \iow_term:n { ***** }
7673 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_log:n` This function is documented on page 156.)

## 17.4 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 2<sub>ε</sub> kernel, so to avoid messing up any deliberate change by a user this is only set in format mode.

```

7674 <*initex>
7675 \int_gset_eq:NN \tex_errorcontextlines:D \c_minus_one
7676 </initex>

```

`\msg_fatal_text:n` A function for issuing messages: both the text and order could in principle vary.  
`\msg_critical_text:n`  
`\msg_error_text:n`  
`\msg_warning_text:n`  
`\msg_info_text:n`

```

7677 \cs_new:Npn \msg_fatal_text:n #1 { Fatal~#1~error }
7678 \cs_new:Npn \msg_critical_text:n #1 { Critical~#1~error }
7679 \cs_new:Npn \msg_error_text:n #1 { #1~error }
7680 \cs_new:Npn \msg_warning_text:n #1 { #1~warning }
7681 \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 152.)

`\msg_see_documentation_text:n` Contextual footer information. The `LATEX` module only comprises `LATEX3` code, so we refer to the `LATEX3` documentation rather than simply “`LATEX`”.

```

7682 \cs_new:Npn \msg_see_documentation_text:n #1
7683 {
7684   \\\ See-the~
7685   \str_if_eq:nnTF {#1} { LaTeX } { LaTeX3 } {#1} ~
7686   documentation~for~further~information.
7687 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_see_documentation_text:n` This function is documented on page 152.)

`\__msg_class_new:nn`

```

7688 \group_begin:
7689 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__msg_class_new:nn #1#2
7690 {
7691   \prop_new:c { l__msg_redirect_ #1 _prop }
7692   \cs_new_protected:cpn { __msg_ #1 _code:nnnnnn } ##1##2##3##4##5##6 {#2}
7693   \cs_new_protected:cpn { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } ##1##2##3##4##5##6
7694   {
7695     \use:x
7696     {
7697       \exp_not:n { \__msg_use:nnnnnn {#1} {##1} {##2} }
7698       { \tl_to_str:n {##3} } { \tl_to_str:n {##4} }
7699       { \tl_to_str:n {##5} } { \tl_to_str:n {##6} }
7700     }
7701   }
7702   \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnnnn } ##1##2##3##4##5
7703   { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} {##5} { } }
7704   \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnnn } ##1##2##3##4
7705   { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} { } { } }
7706   \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnn } ##1##2##3
7707   { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} { } { } { } }
7708   \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nn } ##1##2
7709   { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} { } { } { } { } }
7710   \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnxxxx } ##1##2##3##4##5##6
7711   {
7712     \use:x
7713     {
7714       \exp_not:N \exp_not:n
7715       { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} }
7716       {##3} {##4} {##5} {##6}
7717     }
7718   }
7719   \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnxxx } ##1##2##3##4##5
7720   { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnxxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} {##5} { } }
7721   \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnxx } ##1##2##3##4
7722   { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnxxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} { } { } }
7723   \cs_new_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnx } ##1##2##3
7724   { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnxxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} { } { } { } }
7725 }

```



(End definition for `\_msg\_class\_new:nn` This function is documented on page ??.)

**\msg\_fatal:nnnnnn** For fatal errors, after the error message T<sub>E</sub>X bails out.

```

\msg_fatal:nnnnnn 7726 \_msg\_class\_new:nn { fatal }
\msg_fatal:nnnn 7727 {
\msg_fatal:nnn 7728 \msg\_interrupt:nnn
\msg_fatal:nn 7729 { \msg\_fatal\_text:n {#1} : ~ "#2" }
\msg_fatal:nnxxxx 7730 {
\msg_fatal:nnxxx 7731 \use:c { \c\_msg\_text\_prefix\_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
\msg_fatal:nnxx 7732 \msg\_see\_documentation\_text:n {#1}
\msg_fatal:nnx 7733 }
7734 { \c\_msg\_fatal\_text\_tl }
7735 \tex\_end:D
7736 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_fatal:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\msg\_critical:nnnnnn** Not quite so bad: just end the current file.

```

\msg_critical:nnnnnn 7737 \_msg\_class\_new:nn { critical }
\msg_critical:nnnn 7738 {
\msg_critical:nnn 7739 \msg\_interrupt:nnn
\msg_critical:nn 7740 { \msg\_critical\_text:n {#1} : ~ "#2" }
\msg_critical:nnxxxx 7741 {
\msg_critical:nnxxx 7742 \use:c { \c\_msg\_text\_prefix\_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
\msg_critical:nnxx 7743 \msg\_see\_documentation\_text:n {#1}
\msg_critical:nnx 7744 }
7745 { \c\_msg\_critical\_text\_tl }
7746 \tex\_endinput:D
7747 }

```

(End definition for `\msg_critical:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\msg\_error:nnnnnn** For an error, the interrupt routine is called. We check if there is a “more text” by comparing that control sequence with a permanently empty text.

```

\msg_error:nnnnnn 7748 \_msg\_class\_new:nn { error }
\msg_error:nnnn 7749 {
\msg_error:nnn 7750 \_msg\_error:cnnnnn
\msg_error:nnxxxx 7751 { \c\_msg\_more\_text\_prefix\_tl #1 / #2 }
\msg_error:nnxxx 7752 {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
\msg_error:nnxx 7753 {
\msg_error:nnx 7754 \msg\_interrupt:nnn
\msg_error:nn 7755 { \msg\_error\_text:n {#1} : ~ "#2" }
\msg_error:nn 7756 {
\msg_error:nn 7757 \use:c { \c\_msg\_text\_prefix\_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
\msg_error:nn 7758 \msg\_see\_documentation\_text:n {#1}
\msg_error:nn 7759 }
\msg_error:nn 7760 }
\msg_error:nn 7761 }
\cs\_new\_protected:Npn \_msg\_error:cnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6 7762 {
\cs\_if\_eq:cNTF {#1} \_msg\_no\_more\_text:nnnn 7763 {
\cs\_if\_eq:cNTF {#1} \_msg\_no\_more\_text:nnnn 7764

```

```

7765         { #6 { } }
7766         { #6 { \use:c {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} } }
7767     }
7768     \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 ??.)

**\msg\_warning:nnnnnn**

Warnings are printed to the terminal.

```

\msg_warning:nnnnnn 7769 \__msg_class_new:nn { warning }
\msg_warning:nnnnnn 7770 {
\msg_warning:nnnn 7771     \msg_term:n
\msg_warning:nn 7772     {
\msg_warning:nnxxxx 7773         \msg_warning_text:n {#1} : ~ "#2" \\ \\
\msg_warning:nnxxxx 7774         \use:c { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
\msg_warning:nnxxx 7775     }
\msg_warning:nnx 7776 }

```

(End definition for \msg\_warning:nnnnnn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\msg\_info:nnnnnn**

Information only goes into the log.

```

\msg_info:nnnnnn 7777 \__msg_class_new:nn { info }
\msg_info:nnnnnn 7778 {
\msg_info:nnnn 7779     \msg_log:n
\msg_info:nn 7780     {
\msg_info:nnxxxx 7781         \msg_info_text:n {#1} : ~ "#2" \\ \\
\msg_info:nnxxxx 7782         \use:c { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
\msg_info:nnxxx 7783     }
\msg_info:nnx 7784 }

```

(End definition for \msg\_info:nnnnnn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\msg\_log:nnnnnn**

“Log” data is very similar to information, but with no extras added.

```

\msg_log:nnnnnn 7785 \__msg_class_new:nn { log }
\msg_log:nnnnnn 7786 {
\msg_log:nnnn 7787     \iow_wrap:nnnN
\msg_log:nn 7788     { \use:c { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6} }
\msg_log:nnxxxx 7789     { } { } \iow_log:n
\msg_log:nnxxx 7790 }

```

(End definition for \msg\_log:nnnnnn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\msg\_none:nnnnnn**

The none message type is needed so that input can be gobbled.

```

\msg_none:nnnnnn 7791 \__msg_class_new:nn { none } { }

```

(End definition for \msg\_none:nnnnnn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

End the group to eliminate \\_\_msg\_class\_new:nn.

```

\msg_none:nn 7792 \group_end:
\msg_none:nnxxxx

```

**\\_\_msg\_class\_chk\_exist:nnxxx**

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.

```

7793 \cs_new:Npn \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT #1
7794 {

```

```

7795     \cs_if_free:cTF { __msg_ #1 _code:nnnnnn }
7796     { \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { message-class-unknown } {#1} }
7797 }
(End definition for \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT)

```

\l\_\_msg\_class\_tl Support variables needed for the redirection system.

```

\l__msg_current_class_tl 7798 \tl_new:N \l__msg_class_tl
7799 \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

```

7800 \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 {}.

```

7801 \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.

```

7802 \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.

```

7803 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_use:nnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
7804 {
7805     \msg_if_exist:nnTF {#2} {#3}
7806     {
7807         \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT {#1}
7808         {
7809             \tl_set:Nn \l__msg_current_class_tl {#1}
7810             \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npx \__msg_use_code:
7811             {
7812                 \exp_not:n
7813                 {
7814                     \use:c { __msg_ \l__msg_class_tl _code:nnnnnn }
7815                     {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6} {#7}
7816                 }
7817             }
7818             \__msg_use_redirect_name:n { #2 / #3 }
7819         }
7820     }
7821     { \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { message-unknown } {#2} {#3} }
7822 }
7823 \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.

```

7824 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_use_redirect_name:n #1
7825 {
7826   \prop_get:NnNTF \l__msg_redirect_prop { / #1 } \l__msg_class_tl
7827   { \__msg_use_code: }
7828   {
7829     \seq_clear:N \l__msg_hierarchy_seq
7830     \__msg_use_hierarchy:nwN { }
7831     #1 \q_mark \__msg_use_hierarchy:nwN
7832     / \q_mark \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
7833     \q_stop
7834     \__msg_use_redirect_module:n { }
7835   }
7836 }
7837 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_use_hierarchy:nwN #1#2 / #3 \q_mark #4
7838 {
7839   \seq_put_left:Nn \l__msg_hierarchy_seq {#1}
7840   #4 { #1 / #2 } #3 \q_mark #4
7841 }

```

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`.

```

7842 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_use_redirect_module:n #1
7843 {
7844   \seq_map_inline:Nn \l__msg_hierarchy_seq
7845   {
7846     \prop_get:cnNTF { l__msg_redirect_ \l__msg_current_class_tl _prop }
7847     {##1} \l__msg_class_tl
7848     {
7849       \seq_map_break:n
7850       {
7851         \tl_if_eq:NNTF \l__msg_current_class_tl \l__msg_class_tl
7852         { \__msg_use_code: }
7853         {
7854           \tl_set_eq:NN \l__msg_current_class_tl \l__msg_class_tl
7855           \__msg_use_redirect_module:n {##1}
7856         }
7857       }
7858     }
7859   }
7860 }

```

```

7857         }
7858     }
7859     {
7860         \str_if_eq:nnT {##1} {#1}
7861         {
7862             \tl_set_eq:NN \l__msg_class_tl \l__msg_current_class_tl
7863             \seq_map_break:n { \__msg_use_code: }
7864         }
7865     }
7866 }
7867 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_msg\_use:nnnnnnn This function is documented on page ??.)

**\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.

```

7868 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_redirect_name:nnn #1#2#3
7869 {
7870     \tl_if_empty:nTF {#3}
7871     { \prop_remove:Nn \l__msg_redirect_prop { / #1 / #2 } }
7872     {
7873         \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT {#3}
7874         { \prop_put:Nnn \l__msg_redirect_prop { / #1 / #2 } {#3} }
7875     }
7876 }

```

(End definition for \msg\_redirect\_name:nnn This function is documented on page 155.)

**\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**

```

7877 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \msg_redirect_class:nn
7878 { \__msg_redirect:nnn { } }
7879 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_redirect_module:nnn #1
7880 { \__msg_redirect:nnn { / #1 } }
7881 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_redirect:nnn #1#2#3
7882 {
7883     \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT {#2}
7884     {
7885         \tl_if_empty:nTF {#3}
7886         { \prop_remove:cn { l__msg_redirect_ #2 _prop } {#1} }
7887         {
7888             \__msg_class_chk_exist:nT {#3}
7889             {
7890                 \prop_put:cnn { l__msg_redirect_ #2 _prop } {#1} {#3}
7891                 \tl_set:Nn \l__msg_current_class_tl {#2}
7892                 \seq_clear:N \l__msg_class_loop_seq
7893                 \__msg_redirect_loop_chk:nnn {#2} {#3} {#1}
7894             }
7895         }
7896     }

```

```
7897 }
```

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.

```
7898 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_redirect_loop_chk:nnn #1#2#3
7899 {
7900   \seq_put_right:Nn \l__msg_class_loop_seq {#1}
7901   \prop_get:cnNT { l__msg_redirect_ #1 _prop } {#3} \l__msg_class_tl
7902   {
7903     \str_if_eq:x:nnF { \l__msg_class_tl } {#1}
7904     {
7905       \tl_if_eq:NNTF \l__msg_class_tl \l__msg_current_class_tl
7906       {
7907         \prop_put:cnn { l__msg_redirect_ #2 _prop } {#3} {#2}
7908         \__msg_kernel_warning:nnxxxx { kernel } { message-redirect-loop }
7909         { \seq_item:Nn \l__msg_class_loop_seq { \c_one } }
7910         { \seq_item:Nn \l__msg_class_loop_seq { \c_two } }
7911         {#3}
7912         {
7913           \seq_map_function:NN \l__msg_class_loop_seq
7914             \__msg_redirect_loop_list:n
7915             { \seq_item:Nn \l__msg_class_loop_seq { \c_one } }
7916         }
7917       }
7918       { \__msg_redirect_loop_chk:onn \l__msg_class_tl {#2} {#3} }
7919     }
7920   }
7921 }
7922 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__msg_redirect_loop_chk:nnn { o }
7923 \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 155.)

## 17.5 Kernel-specific functions

```
\__msg_kernel_new:nnnn
\__msg_kernel_new:nnn
\__msg_kernel_set:nnnn
\__msg_kernel_set:nnn
```

The kernel needs some messages of its own. These are created using pre-built functions. Two functions are provided: one more general and one which only has the short text part.

```
7924 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn #1#2
7925 { \msg_new:nnnn { LaTeX } { #1 / #2 } }
```

```

7926 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_new:nnn #1#2
7927 { \msg_new:nnn { LaTeX } { #1 / #2 } }
7928 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_set:nnnn #1#2
7929 { \msg_set:nnnn { LaTeX } { #1 / #2 } }
7930 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_set:nnn #1#2
7931 { \msg_set:nnn { LaTeX } { #1 / #2 } }

```

(End definition for \\_\_msg\_kernel\_new:nnnn and \\_\_msg\_kernel\_new:nnn These functions are documented on page ??.)

\\_\_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.

```

7932 \group_begin:
7933 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_class_new:nN #1
7934 { \__msg_kernel_class_new_aux:nN { kernel_ #1 } }
7935 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_class_new_aux:nN #1#2
7936 {
7937   \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } ##1##2##3##4##5##6
7938   {
7939     \use:x
7940     {
7941       \exp_not:n { #2 { LaTeX } { ##1 / ##2 } }
7942       { \tl_to_str:n {##3} } { \tl_to_str:n {##4} }
7943       { \tl_to_str:n {##5} } { \tl_to_str:n {##6} }
7944     }
7945   }
7946   \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } ##1##2##3##4##5
7947   { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} {##5} { } }
7948   \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nnnn } ##1##2##3##4
7949   { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} { } { } }
7950   \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nnn } ##1##2##3
7951   { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} {##3} { } { } { } }
7952   \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nn } ##1##2
7953   { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} { } { } { } { } }
7954   \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nnxxx } ##1##2##3##4##5##6
7955   {
7956     \use:x
7957     {
7958       \exp_not:N \exp_not:n
7959       { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnnnnn } {##1} {##2} }
7960       {##3} {##4} {##5} {##6}
7961     }
7962   }
7963   \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nnxxx } ##1##2##3##4##5
7964   { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} {##5} { } }
7965   \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nnxx } ##1##2##3##4
7966   { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} { } { } }
7967   \cs_new_protected:cpx { __msg_ #1 :nnx } ##1##2##3

```

```

7968         { \exp_not:c { __msg_ #1 :nnxxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} { } { } { } }
7969     }

```

(End definition for `\_msg_kernel_class_new:nN` This function is documented on page ??.)

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.

```

7970 \_msg_kernel_class_new:nN { fatal } \_msg_fatal_code:nnnnnn
7971 \cs_undefine:N \_msg_kernel_error:nnxx
7972 \cs_undefine:N \_msg_kernel_error:nnx
7973 \cs_undefine:N \_msg_kernel_error:nn
7974 \_msg_kernel_class_new:nN { error } \_msg_error_code:nnnnnn

```

(End definition for `\_msg_kernel_fatal:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

Kernel messages which can be redirected simply use the machinery for normal messages, with the module name “`LATEX`”.

```

7975 \_msg_kernel_class_new:nN { warning } \msg_warning:nnxxxxx
7976 \_msg_kernel_class_new:nN { info } \msg_info:nnxxxxx

```

(End definition for `\_msg_kernel_warning:nnnnnn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

End the group to eliminate `\_msg_kernel_class_new:nN`.

```

7977 \group_end:

```

Error messages needed to actually implement the message system itself.

```

7978 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { message-already-defined }
7979 { Message~'~#2'~for~module~'~#1'~already-defined. }
7980 {
7981   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
7982   LaTeX~was~asked~to~define~a~new~message~called~'~#2'\
7983   by~the~module~'~#1':~this~message~already~exists.
7984   \c_msg_return_text_tl
7985 }
7986 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { message-unknown }
7987 { Unknown~message~'~#2'~for~module~'~#1'. }
7988 {
7989   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
7990   LaTeX~was~asked~to~display~a~message~called~'~#2'\
7991   by~the~module~'~#1':~this~message~does~not~exist.
7992   \c_msg_return_text_tl
7993 }
7994 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { message-class-unknown }
7995 { Unknown~message~class~'~#1'. }
7996 {
7997   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~redirect~messages~to~a~class~'~#1':\
7998   this~was~never~defined.
7999   \c_msg_return_text_tl
8000 }
8001 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { message-redirect-loop }

```



```

8002 {
8003   Message~redirection~loop~caused~by~ {#1} ~>~ {#2}
8004   \tl_if_empty:nF {#3} { ~for~module~' \use_none:n #3 ' } .
8005 }
8006 {
8007   Adding~the~message~redirection~ {#1} ~>~ {#2}
8008   \tl_if_empty:nF {#3} { ~for~the~module~' \use_none:n #3 ' } ~
8009   created~an~infinite~loop\\\\
8010   \iow_indent:n { #4 \\\ }
8011 }

```

Messages for earlier kernel modules.

```

8012 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { bad-number-of-arguments }
8013 { Function~'~#1'~cannot~be~defined~with~#2~arguments. }
8014 {
8015   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
8016   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~define~a~function~'~#1'~with~
8017   #2~arguments.~
8018   TeX~allows~between~0~and~9~arguments~for~a~single~function.
8019 }
8020 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { command-already-defined }
8021 { Control~sequence~#1~already~defined. }
8022 {
8023   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
8024   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~create~a~new~control~sequence~'~#1'~
8025   but~this~name~has~already~been~used~elsewhere. \\\
8026   The~current~meaning~is:\\
8027   \ \ #2
8028 }
8029 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { command-not-defined }
8030 { Control~sequence~#1~undefined. }
8031 {
8032   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
8033   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~use~a~command~#1,~but~this~has~not~
8034   been~defined~yet.
8035 }
8036 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { empty-search-pattern }
8037 { Empty~search~pattern. }
8038 {
8039   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
8040   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~replace~an~empty~pattern~by~'~#1':~that~
8041   would~lead~to~an~infinite~loop!
8042 }
8043 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { out-of-registers }
8044 { No~room~for~a~new~#1. }
8045 {
8046   TeX~only~supports~\int_use:N \c_max_register_int \
8047   of~each~type.~All~the~#1~registers~have~been~used.~
8048   This~run~will~be~aborted~now.
8049 }

```

```

8050 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { missing-colon }
8051 { Function~'#1'~contains~no~':'~. }
8052 {
8053   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
8054   Code-level~functions~must~contain~':'~to~separate~the~
8055   argument~specification~from~the~function~name.~This~is~
8056   needed~when~defining~conditionals~or~variants,~or~when~building~a~
8057   parameter~text~from~the~number~of~arguments~of~the~function.
8058 }
8059 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { protected-predicate }
8060 { Predicate~'#1'~must~be~expandable. }
8061 {
8062   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
8063   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~define~'#1'~as~a~protected~predicate.~
8064   Only~expandable~tests~can~have~a~predicate~version.
8065 }
8066 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { conditional-form-unknown }
8067 { Conditional~form~'#1'~for~function~'#2'~unknown. }
8068 {
8069   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
8070   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~define~the~conditional~form~'#1'~of~
8071   the~function~'#2',~but~only~'TF',~'T',~'F',~and~'p'~forms~exist.
8072 }
8073 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { scanmark-already-defined }
8074 { Scan~mark~'#1'~already~defined. }
8075 {
8076   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
8077   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~create~a~new~scan~mark~'#1'~
8078   but~this~name~has~already~been~used~for~a~scan~mark.
8079 }
8080 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { variable-not-defined }
8081 { Variable~'#1'~undefined. }
8082 {
8083   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
8084   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~show~a~variable~'#1',~but~this~has~not~
8085   been~defined~yet.
8086 }
8087 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { variant-too-long }
8088 { Variant~form~'#1'~longer~than~base~signature~of~'#2'. }
8089 {
8090   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
8091   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~create~a~variant~of~the~function~'#2'~
8092   with~a~signature~starting~with~'#1',~but~that~is~longer~than~
8093   the~signature~(part~after~the~colon)~of~'#2'.
8094 }
8095 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { invalid-variant }
8096 { Variant~form~'#1'~invalid~for~base~form~'#2'. }
8097 {
8098   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
8099   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~create~a~variant~of~the~function~'#2'~

```

```

8100     with~a~signature~starting~with~'~#1',~but~cannot~change~an~argument~
8101     from~type~'~#3'~to~type~'~#4'.
8102 }

```

Some errors only appear in expandable settings, hence don't need a “more-text” argument.

```

8103 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { bad-variable }
8104 { Erroneous~variable~#1 used! }
8105 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { misused-sequence }
8106 { A~sequence~was~misused. }
8107 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { negative-replication }
8108 { Negative~argument~for~\prg_replicate:nn. }
8109 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { unknown-comparison }
8110 { Relation~symbol~'~#1'~unknown:~use~<,<=,>,>=,!=,<=,>=. }
8111 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { zero-step }
8112 { Zero~step~size~for~step~function~#1. }

```

Messages used by the “show” functions.

```

8113 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { show-clist }
8114 {
8115   The~comma~list~
8116   \str_if_eq:nnF {#1} { \l__clist_internal_clist } { \token_to_str:N #1~}
8117   \clist_if_empty:NTF #1
8118   { is~empty }
8119   { contains~the~items~(without~outer~braces): }
8120 }
8121 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { show-prop }
8122 {
8123   The~property~list~\token_to_str:N #1~
8124   \prop_if_empty:NTF #1
8125   { is~empty }
8126   { contains~the~pairs~(without~outer~braces): }
8127 }
8128 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { show-seq }
8129 {
8130   The~sequence~\token_to_str:N #1~
8131   \seq_if_empty:NTF #1
8132   { is~empty }
8133   { contains~the~items~(without~outer~braces): }
8134 }
8135 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { show-no-stream }
8136 { No~ #1 ~streams~are~open }
8137 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { show-open-streams }
8138 { The~following~ #1 ~streams~are~in~use: }

```

## 17.6 Expandable errors

`\_msg_expandable_error:n` In expansion only context, we cannot use the normal means of reporting errors. Instead, we feed  $\text{\TeX}$  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,  $\text{\TeX}$  is processing the argument of  $\text{\use:n}$ , which is  $\text{\LaTeX3 error:}$   $\langle\text{error message}\rangle$ . Then  $\text{\_msg\_expandable\_error:w}$  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  $\text{\q_stop}$ . The  $\text{\c_zero}$  prevents losing braces around the user-inserted text if any, and stops the expansion of  $\text{\romannumeral}$ .

```

8139 \group_begin:
8140 \char_set_catcode_math_superscript:N \^
8141 \char_set_lccode:nn { '^ } { '\ }
8142 \char_set_lccode:nn { 'L } { 'L }
8143 \char_set_lccode:nn { 'T } { 'T }
8144 \char_set_lccode:nn { 'X } { 'X }
8145 \tl_to_lowercase:n
8146 {
8147   \cs_new:Npx \_msg_expandable_error:n #1
8148   {
8149     \exp_not:n
8150     {
8151       \tex_romannumeral:D
8152       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
8153       \exp_after:wN \_msg_expandable_error:w
8154       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
8155       \exp_after:wN \c_zero
8156     }
8157     \exp_not:N \use:n { \exp_not:c { LaTeX3~error: } ^ #1 } ^
8158   }
8159   \cs_new:Npn \_msg_expandable_error:w #1 ^ #2 ^ { #1 }
8160 }
8161 \group_end:

```

(End definition for  $\text{\_msg\_expandable\_error:n}$  This function is documented on page 158.)

$\text{\_msg\_kernel\_expandable\_error:nnnnnn}$  The command built from the csname  $\text{\c\_@@\_text\_prefix\_tl LaTeX / \#1 / \#2}$  takes four arguments and builds the error text, which is fed to  $\text{\_msg\_expandable\_error:n}$ .

```

8162 \cs_new:Npn \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
8163 {
8164   \exp_args:Nf \_msg_expandable_error:n
8165   {
8166     \exp_args:NNc \exp_after:wN \exp_stop_f:
8167     { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl LaTeX / #1 / #2 }
8168     {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
8169   }
8170 }
8171 \cs_new:Npn \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
8172 {
8173   \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn
8174   {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} { }

```

```

8175 }
8176 \cs_new:Npn \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnn #1#2#3#4
8177 {
8178   \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn
8179   {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} { } { }
8180 }
8181 \cs_new:Npn \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn #1#2#3
8182 {
8183   \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn
8184   {#1} {#2} {#3} { } { } { }
8185 }
8186 \cs_new:Npn \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn #1#2
8187 {
8188   \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnnn
8189   {#1} {#2} { } { } { } { }
8190 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_msg\_kernel\_expandable\_error:nnnnnn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 17.7 Showing variables

Functions defined in this section are used for diagnostic functions in l3clist, l3file, l3prop, l3seq, xtemplate

```

\__msg_term:nnnnnn Print the text of a message to the terminal without formatting: short cuts around \iow_
\__msg_term:nnnnnV wrap:nnnN.
\__msg_term:nnnnn 8191 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_term:nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
\__msg_term:nnn 8192 {
\__msg_term:nn 8193   \iow_wrap:nnnN
8194   { \use:c { \c__msg_text_prefix_tl #1 / #2 } {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6} }
8195   { } { } \iow_term:n
8196 }
8197 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__msg_term:nnnnnn { nnnnnV }
8198 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_term:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
8199 { \__msg_term:nnnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} { } }
8200 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_term:nnn #1#2#3
8201 { \__msg_term:nnnnnn {#1} {#2} {#3} { } { } { } }
8202 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_term:nn #1#2
8203 { \__msg_term:nnnnnn {#1} {#2} { } { } { } { } }

```

(End definition for \\_\_msg\_term:nnnnnn and \\_\_msg\_term:nnnnnV These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\__msg_show_variable:Nnn The arguments of \__msg_show_variable:Nnx are
\__msg_show_variable:Nnx
\__msg_show_variable:n
\__msg_show_variable:x
\__msg_show_variable:w

```

- The  $\langle variable \rangle$  to be shown.
- The TF emptiness conditional for that type of variables.
- The type of the variable.

- A mapping of the form `\seq_map_function:NN <variable> \_msg_show_item:n`, which produces the formatted string.

We remove a new line and  $\>$  from the first item using a `w`-type auxiliary, and the fact that `f`-expansion removes a space. To avoid a low-level  $\TeX$  error if there is an empty argument, a simple test is used to keep the output “clean”. The odd `\exp_after:wN` which expands the closing brace improves the output slightly.

```

8204 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_msg_show_variable:Nnn #1#2#3
8205 {
8206   \cs_if_exist:NTF #1
8207   {
8208     \_msg_term:nnn { LaTeX / kernel } { show- #2 } {#1}
8209     \_msg_show_variable:x { \tl_to_str:n {#3} }
8210   }
8211   {
8212     \_msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { variable-not-defined }
8213     { \token_to_str:N #1 }
8214   }
8215 }
8216 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \_msg_show_variable:Nnn { Nnx }
8217 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_msg_show_variable:n #1
8218 {
8219   \tl_set:Nn \l__msg_internal_tl {#1}
8220   \tl_if_empty:NTF \l__msg_internal_tl
8221   { \etex_showtokens:D \exp_after:wN { } }
8222   {
8223     \exp_args:Nf \etex_showtokens:D
8224     {
8225       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
8226       \exp_after:wN \_msg_show_variable:w
8227       \exp_after:wN \l__msg_internal_tl
8228     }
8229   }
8230 }
8231 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \_msg_show_variable:n { x }
8232 \cs_new:Npn \_msg_show_variable:w #1 > { }

```

(End definition for `\_msg_show_variable:Nnn` and `\_msg_show_variable:Nnx` These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\_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.

```

8233 \cs_new:Npn \_msg_show_item:n #1
8234 {
8235   \iow_newline: > \c_space_tl \c_space_tl { \exp_not:n {#1} }
8236 }
8237 \cs_new:Npn \_msg_show_item:nn #1#2
8238 {
8239   \iow_newline: > \c_space_tl \c_space_tl { \exp_not:n {#1} }
8240   \c_space_tl \c_space_tl => \c_space_tl \c_space_tl { \exp_not:n {#2} }
8241 }

```

```

8242 \cs_new:Npn \__msg_show_item_unbraced:nn #1#2
8243 {
8244   \iow_newline: > \c_space_tl \c_space_tl \exp_not:n {#1}
8245   \c_space_tl \c_space_tl => \c_space_tl \c_space_tl \exp_not:n {#2}
8246 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_msg\_show\_item:n This function is documented on page 159.)

## 17.8 Deprecated functions

Deprecated on 2011-05-27, for removal by 2011-08-31.

\msg\_class\_new:nn This is only ever used in a set fashion.

```

8247 (*deprecated)
8248 \cs_new_eq:NN \msg_class_new:nn \msg_class_set:nn
8249 (/deprecated)

```

(End definition for \msg\_class\_new:nn This function is documented on page ??.)

\msg\_trace:nnxxxx The performance here is never going to be good enough for tracing code, so let's be realistic.

```

\msg_trace:nnxxx
\msg_trace:nnxx
\msg_trace:nnx
\msg_trace:nn
8250 (*deprecated)
8251 \cs_new_eq:NN \msg_trace:nnxxxx \msg_log:nnxxxx
8252 \cs_new_eq:NN \msg_trace:nnxxx \msg_log:nnxxx
8253 \cs_new_eq:NN \msg_trace:nnxx \msg_log:nnxx
8254 \cs_new_eq:NN \msg_trace:nnx \msg_log:nnx
8255 \cs_new_eq:NN \msg_trace:nn \msg_log:nn
8256 (/deprecated)

```

(End definition for \msg\_trace:nnxxxx and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

\msg\_generic\_new:nnn These were all too low-level.

```

\msg_generic_new:nn
\msg_generic_set:nnn
\msg_generic_set:nn
\msg_direct_interrupt:xxxxx
\msg_direct_log:xx
\msg_direct_term:xx
8257 (*deprecated)
8258 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_generic_new:nnn #1#2#3 { \deprecated }
8259 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_generic_new:nn #1#2 { \deprecated }
8260 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_generic_set:nnn #1#2#3 { \deprecated }
8261 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_generic_set:nn #1#2 { \deprecated }
8262 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_direct_interrupt:xxxxx #1#2#3#4#5 { \deprecated }
8263 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_direct_log:xx #1#2 { \deprecated }
8264 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_direct_term:xx #1#2 { \deprecated }
8265 (/deprecated)

```

(End definition for \msg\_generic\_new:nnn This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\__msg_kernel_bug:x
\c_msg_kernel_bug_text_tl
\c_msg_kernel_bug_more_text_tl
8266 (*deprecated)
8267 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__msg_kernel_bug:x #1
8268 {
8269   \msg_interrupt:nnn { \c_msg_kernel_bug_text_tl }
8270   {
8271     #1
8272     \msg_see_documentation_text:n { LaTeX3 }

```

```

8273     }
8274     { \c__msg_kernel_bug_more_text_tl }
8275 }
8276 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_kernel_bug_text_tl
8277 { This-is-a-LaTeX-bug:~check~coding! }
8278 \tl_const:Nn \c__msg_kernel_bug_more_text_tl
8279 {
8280   There-is-a-coding-bug-somewhere-around~here. \\
8281   This-probably-needs-examining-by-an-expert.
8282   \c_msg_return_text_tl
8283 }
8284 </deprecated>
(End definition for \c__msg_kernel_bug:x This function is documented on page ??.)
Deprecated on 2012-06-28, for removal by 2012-12-31.

```

`\msg_newline:` New lines are printed in the same way as for low-level file writing.

`\msg_two_newlines:`

```

8285 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \msg_newline: { ^^J }
8286 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \msg_two_newlines: { ^^J ^^J }

```

(End definition for `\msg_newline:` and `\msg_two_newlines:` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\msg_log:x` These were all misnamed.

`\msg_term:x`

`\msg_interrupt:xxx`

```

8287 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \msg_log:n { x }
8288 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \msg_term:n { x }
8289 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \msg_interrupt:nnn { xxx }

```

(End definition for `\msg_log:x` and `\msg_term:x` These functions are documented on page ??.)

Deprecated on 2012-06-29, for removal by 2012-12-31.

`\msg_class_set:nn` Setting up a message class does two tasks. Any existing redirection is cleared, and the various message functions are created to simply use the code stored for the message.

```

8290 \cs_new_protected:Npn \msg_class_set:nn #1#2
8291 {
8292   \cs_if_exist:cTF { __msg_ #1 _code:nnnnnn }
8293   \cs_set_protected:cpn
8294   \cs_new_protected:cpn
8295   { __msg_ #1 _code:nnnnnn } ##1##2##3##4##5##6 {#2}
8296   \prop_clear_new:c { l__msg_redirect_ #1 _prop }
8297   \cs_set_protected_nopar:cpn { msg_ #1 :nnxxxx }
8298   { \__msg_use:nnnnnn {#1} }
8299   \cs_set_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnxxx } ##1##2##3##4##5
8300   { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnxxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} {##5} { } }
8301   \cs_set_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnxx } ##1##2##3##4
8302   { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnxxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} {##4} { } { } }
8303   \cs_set_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nnx } ##1##2##3
8304   { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnxxxx } {##1} {##2} {##3} { } { } { } }
8305   \cs_set_protected:cpx { msg_ #1 :nn } ##1##2
8306   { \exp_not:c { msg_ #1 :nnxxxx } {##1} {##2} { } { } { } { } }
8307 }
(End definition for \msg_class_set:nn This function is documented on page ??.)
8308 </initex | package>

```



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```

8309 <*initex | package>
8310 <*package>
8311 \ProvidesExplPackage
8312   {\ExplFileName}{\ExplFileDate}{\ExplFileVersion}{\ExplFileDescription}
8313   \__expl_package_check:
8314 </package>

```

### 18.1 Low-level interface

<@@=keyval>

For historical reasons this code uses the ‘keyval’ module prefix.

\g\_\_msg\_level\_int For nesting purposes an integer is needed for the current level.

```

8315 \int_new:N \g__msg_level_int
(End definition for \g__msg_level_int This variable is documented on page ??.)

```

\l\_\_msg\_key\_tl The current key name and value.

```

8316 \tl_new:N \l__msg_key_tl
8317 \tl_new:N \l__msg_value_tl
(End definition for \l__msg_key_tl and \l__msg_value_tl These variables are documented on page ??.)

```

\l\_\_msg\_sanitise\_tl Token list variables for dealing with awkward category codes in the input.

```

8318 \tl_new:N \l__msg_sanitise_tl
8319 \tl_new:N \l__msg_parse_tl
(End definition for \l__msg_sanitise_tl This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\\_\_msg\_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.

```

8320 \group_begin:
8321   \char_set_catcode_active:n { '\= }
8322   \char_set_catcode_active:n { '\, }
8323   \char_set_lccode:nn { '\8 } { '\= }
8324   \char_set_lccode:nn { '\9 } { '\, }
8325   \tl_to_lowercase:n
8326   {
8327     \group_end:
8328     \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_parse:n #1
8329     {
8330       \group_begin:
8331         \tl_clear:N \l__msg_sanitise_tl
8332         \tl_set:Nn \l__msg_sanitise_tl {#1}
8333         \tl_replace_all:Nnn \l__msg_sanitise_tl { = } { 8 }
8334         \tl_replace_all:Nnn \l__msg_sanitise_tl { , } { 9 }
8335         \tl_clear:N \l__msg_parse_tl
8336         \exp_after:wN \__msg_parse_elt:w \exp_after:wN
8337         \q_no_value \l__msg_sanitise_tl 9 \q_nil 9
8338         \exp_after:wN \group_end:

```

```

8339         \l__msg_parse_tl
8340     }
8341 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_msg\_parse:n This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_\_msg\_parse\_elt:w Each item to be parsed will have \q\_no\_value added to the front. Hence the blank test here can always be used to find a totally empty argument. If this is the case, the system loops round. If there is something to parse, there is a check for the \q\_nil marker and if not a hand-off.

```

8342 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_parse_elt:w #1 ,
8343 {
8344     \tl_if_blank:oTF { \use_none:n #1 }
8345     { \__msg_parse_elt:w \q_no_value }
8346     {
8347         \quark_if_nil:oF { \use_ii:nn #1 }
8348         {
8349             \__msg_split_key_value:w #1 = = \q_stop
8350             \__msg_parse_elt:w \q_no_value
8351         }
8352     }
8353 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_msg\_parse\_elt:w This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_\_msg\_split\_key\_value:w The key and value are handled separately. First the key is grabbed and saved as \l\_\_msg\_key\_tl. Then a check is need to see if there is a value at all: if not then the key name is simply added to the output. If there is a value then there is a check to ensure that there was only one = in the input (remembering some extra ones are around at the moment to prevent errors). All being well, there is an hand-off to find the value: the \q\_nil is there to prevent loss of braces.

```

8354 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__msg_split_key_value:w #1 = #2 \q_stop
8355 {
8356     \__msg_split_key:w #1 \q_stop
8357     \str_if_eq:nnTF {#2} { = }
8358     {
8359         \tl_put_right:Nx \l__msg_parse_tl
8360         {
8361             \exp_not:c
8362             { \__msg_key_no_value_elt_ \int_use:N \g__msg_level_int :n }
8363             { \exp_not:o \l__msg_key_tl }
8364         }
8365     }
8366     {
8367         \__msg_split_key_value:wTF #2 \q_no_value \q_stop
8368         { \__msg_split_value:w \q_nil #2 }
8369         { \__msg_kernel_error:nn { kernel } { misplaced-equals-sign } }
8370     }
8371 }
8372 \cs_new:Npn \__msg_split_key_value:wTF #1 = #2#3 \q_stop
8373 { \tl_if_head_eq_meaning:nNTF {#3} \q_no_value }

```

(End definition for \\_msg\_split\_key\_value:w This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_msg\_split\_key:w The aim here is to remove spaces and also exactly one set of braces. There is also a quark to remove, hence the \use\_none:n appearing before application of \tl\_trim\_spaces:n.

```

8374 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_msg_split_key:w #1 \q_stop
8375 {
8376   \tl_set:Nx \l__msg_key_tl
8377   { \exp_after:wN \tl_trim_spaces:n \exp_after:wN { \use_none:n #1 } }
8378 }

```

(End definition for \\_msg\_split\_key:w This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_msg\_split\_value:w Here the value has to be separated from the equals signs and the leading \q\_nil added in to keep the brace levels. First the processing function can be added to the output list. If there is no value, setting \l\_\_msg\_value\_tl with three groups removed will leave nothing at all, and so an empty group can be added to the parsed list. On the other hand, if the value is entirely contained within a set of braces then \l\_\_msg\_value\_tl will contain \q\_nil only. In that case, strip off the leading quark using \use\_ii:nnn, which also deals with any spaces.

```

8379 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_msg_split_value:w #1 = =
8380 {
8381   \tl_put_right:Nx \l__msg_parse_tl
8382   {
8383     \exp_not:c
8384     { __msg_key_value_elt_ \int_use:N \g__msg_level_int :nn }
8385     { \exp_not:o \l__msg_key_tl }
8386   }
8387   \tl_set:Nx \l__msg_value_tl
8388   { \exp_not:o { \use_none:nnn #1 \q_nil \q_nil } }
8389   \tl_if_empty:NTF \l__msg_value_tl
8390   { \tl_put_right:Nn \l__msg_parse_tl { { } } }
8391   {
8392     \quark_if_nil:NTF \l__msg_value_tl
8393     {
8394       \tl_put_right:Nx \l__msg_parse_tl
8395       { { \exp_not:o { \use_ii:nnn #1 \q_nil } } }
8396     }
8397     { \_msg_split_value_aux:w #1 \q_stop }
8398   }
8399 }

```

A similar idea to the key code: remove the spaces from each end and deal with one set of braces.

```

8400 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_msg_split_value_aux:w \q_nil #1 \q_stop
8401 {
8402   \tl_set:Nx \l__msg_value_tl { \tl_trim_spaces:n {#1} }
8403   \tl_put_right:Nx \l__msg_parse_tl
8404   { { \exp_not:o \l__msg_value_tl } }
8405 }

```

(End definition for \\_msg\_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.

```

8406 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keyval_parse:NNn #1#2#3
8407 {
8408   \int_gincr:N \g__msg_level_int
8409   \cs_gset_eq:cN
8410     { __msg_key_no_value_elt_ \int_use:N \g__msg_level_int :n } #1
8411   \cs_gset_eq:cN
8412     { __msg_key_value_elt_ \int_use:N \g__msg_level_int :nn } #2
8413   \__msg_parse:n {#3}
8414   \int_gdecr:N \g__msg_level_int
8415 }

```

(End definition for `\keyval_parse:NNn` This function is documented on page 170.)

One message for the low level parsing system.

```

8416 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { misplaced-equals-sign }
8417 { Misplaced~equals~sign~in~key~value~input~\msg_line_number: }
8418 {
8419   LaTeX-is-attempting-to-parse-some-key-value-input-but-found-
8420   two~equals~signs~not~separated-by-a~comma.
8421 }

```

## 18.2 Constants and variables

8422 `<@@=keys>`

`\c__keys_code_root_tl` The prefixes for the code and variables of the keys themselves.

`\c__keys_vars_root_tl` 8423 `\tl_const:Nn \c__keys_code_root_tl { key~code~>~ }`

8424 `\tl_const:Nn \c__keys_vars_root_tl { key~var~>~ }`

(End definition for `\c__keys_code_root_tl` and `\c__keys_vars_root_tl` These variables are documented on page ??.)

`\c__keys_props_root_tl` The prefix for storing properties.

8425 `\tl_const:Nn \c__keys_props_root_tl { key~prop~>~ }`

(End definition for `\c__keys_props_root_tl` This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\c__keys_value_forbidden_tl` Two marker token lists.

`\c__keys_value_required_tl` 8426 `\tl_const:Nn \c__keys_value_forbidden_tl { forbidden }`

8427 `\tl_const:Nn \c__keys_value_required_tl { required }`

(End definition for `\c__keys_value_forbidden_tl` and `\c__keys_value_required_tl` These variables are documented on page ??.)

`\l_keys_choice_int` Publicly accessible data on which choice is being used when several are generated as a set.

`\l_keys_choice_tl`

8428 `\int_new:N \l_keys_choice_int`

8429 `\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 166.)

`\l_keys_key_tl` The name of a key itself: needed when setting keys.

8430 `\tl_new:N \l_keys_key_tl`

(End definition for `\l_keys_key_tl` This variable is documented on page 168.)

`\l__keys_module_tl` The module for an entire set of keys.

8431 `\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.

8432 `\bool_new:N \l__keys_no_value_bool`

(End definition for `\l__keys_no_value_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.

8433 `\tl_new:N \l_keys_path_tl`

(End definition for `\l_keys_path_tl` This variable is documented on page 168.)

`\l__keys_property_tl` The “property” begin set for a key at definition time is stored here.

8434 `\tl_new:N \l__keys_property_tl`

(End definition for `\l__keys_property_tl` This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l__keys_unknown_clist` Used when setting only known keys to store those left over.

8435 `\tl_new:N \l__keys_unknown_clist`

(End definition for `\l__keys_unknown_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.

8436 `\tl_new:N \l_keys_value_tl`

(End definition for `\l_keys_value_tl` This variable is documented on page 168.)

### 18.3 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).

`\__keys_define:nnn`  
`\__keys_define:onn`

```
8437 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_define:nn
8438 { \__keys_define:onn \l__keys_module_tl }
8439 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_define:nnn #1#2#3
8440 {
8441   \tl_set:Nx \l__keys_module_tl { \tl_to_str:n {#2} }
8442   \keyval_parse:NNn \__keys_define_elt:n \__keys_define_elt:nn {#3}
8443   \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_module_tl {#1}
8444 }
8445 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_define:nnn { o }
```

(End definition for `\keys_define:nn` This function is documented on page 161.)

`__keys_define_elt:n`    The outer functions here record whether a value was given and then converge on a  
`__keys_define_elt:nn`   common internal mechanism. There is first a search for a property in the current key  
`__keys_define_elt_aux:nn` name, then a check to make sure it is known before the code hands off to the next step.

```

8446 \cs_new_protected:Npn __keys_define_elt:n #1
8447 {
8448   \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_no_value_bool
8449   __keys_define_elt_aux:nn {#1} { }
8450 }
8451 \cs_new_protected:Npn __keys_define_elt:nn #1#2
8452 {
8453   \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_no_value_bool
8454   __keys_define_elt_aux:nn {#1} {#2}
8455 }
8456 \cs_new_protected:Npn __keys_define_elt_aux:nn #1#2
8457 {
8458   __keys_property_find:n {#1}
8459   \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_props_root_tl \l__keys_property_tl }
8460   { __keys_define_key:n {#2} }
8461   {
8462     \msg_kernel_error:nnxx { kernel } { property-unknown }
8463     { \l__keys_property_tl } { \l_keys_path_tl }
8464   }
8465 }

```

(End definition for `__keys_define_elt:n` This function is documented on page ??.)

`__keys_property_find:n`   Searching for a property means finding the last . in the input, and storing the text before  
`__keys_property_find:w`   and after it. Everything is turned into strings, so there is no problem using an x-type  
                              expansion.

```

8466 \cs_new_protected:Npn __keys_property_find:n #1
8467 {
8468   \tl_set:Nx \l_keys_path_tl { \l__keys_module_tl / }
8469   \tl_if_in:nnTF {#1} { . }
8470   { __keys_property_find:w #1 \q_stop }
8471   { \msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { key-no-property } {#1} }
8472 }
8473 \cs_new_protected:Npn __keys_property_find:w #1 . #2 \q_stop
8474 {
8475   \tl_set:Nx \l_keys_path_tl { \l_keys_path_tl \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
8476   \tl_if_in:nnTF {#2} { . }
8477   {
8478     \tl_set:Nx \l_keys_path_tl { \l_keys_path_tl . }
8479     __keys_property_find:w #2 \q_stop
8480   }
8481   { \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_property_tl { . #2 } }
8482 }

```

(End definition for `__keys_property_find:n` This function is documented on page ??.)

`__keys_define_key:n`    Two possible cases. If there is a value for the key, then just use the function. If not,  
`__keys_define_key:w`   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.

```

8483 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_define_key:n #1
8484 {
8485   \bool_if:NTF \l__keys_no_value_bool
8486   {
8487     \exp_after:wN \__keys_define_key:w
8488     \l__keys_property_tl \q_stop
8489     { \use:c { \c__keys_props_root_tl \l__keys_property_tl } }
8490     {
8491       \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel }
8492       { property-requires-value } { \l__keys_property_tl }
8493       { \l_keys_path_tl }
8494     }
8495   }
8496   { \use:c { \c__keys_props_root_tl \l__keys_property_tl } {#1} }
8497 }
8498 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_define_key:w #1 : #2 \q_stop
8499 { \tl_if_empty:NTF {#2} }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_define\_key:n This function is documented on page ??.)

## 18.4 Turning properties into actions

\\_\_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.

```

8500 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_bool_set:NN #1#2
8501 {
8502   \bool_if_exist:NF #1 { \bool_new:N #1 }
8503   \__keys_choice_make:
8504   \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / true }
8505   { \exp_not:c { bool_ #2 set_true:N } \exp_not:N #1 }
8506   \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / false }
8507   { \exp_not:c { bool_ #2 set_false:N } \exp_not:N #1 }
8508   \__keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / unknown }
8509   {
8510     \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { boolean-values-only }
8511     { \l_keys_key_tl }
8512   }
8513   \__keys_default_set:n { true }
8514 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_bool\_set:NN)

\\_\_keys\_bool\_set\_inverse:NN Inverse boolean setting is much the same.

```

8515 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_bool_set_inverse:NN #1#2
8516 {
8517   \bool_if_exist:NF #1 { \bool_new:N #1 }
8518   \__keys_choice_make:
8519   \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / true }

```

```

8520     { \exp_not:c { bool_ #2 set_false:N } \exp_not:N #1 }
8521 \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / false }
8522     { \exp_not:c { bool_ #2 set_true:N } \exp_not:N #1 }
8523 \__keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / unknown }
8524     {
8525         \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { boolean-values-only }
8526         { \l_keys_key_tl }
8527     }
8528 \__keys_default_set:n { true }
8529 }
(End definition for \__keys_bool_set_inverse:NN)

```

**\\_\_keys\_choice\_make:** To make a choice from a key, two steps: set the code, and set the unknown key.

```

8530 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__keys_choice_make:
8531 {
8532     \__keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl }
8533     { \__keys_choice_find:n {##1} }
8534 \__keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / unknown }
8535     {
8536         \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { key-choice-unknown }
8537         { \l_keys_path_tl } {##1}
8538     }
8539 }
(End definition for \__keys_choice_make:)

```

**\\_\_keys\_choices\_make:nn** Auto-generating choices means setting up the root key as a choice, then defining each choice in turn.

```

8540 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_choices_make:nn #1#2
8541 {
8542     \__keys_choice_make:
8543     \int_zero:N \l_keys_choice_int
8544     \clist_map_inline:nn {#1}
8545     {
8546         \int_incr:N \l_keys_choice_int
8547         \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / ##1 }
8548         {
8549             \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N \l_keys_choice_tl {##1}
8550             \int_set:Nn \exp_not:N \l_keys_choice_int
8551             { \int_use:N \l_keys_choice_int }
8552             \exp_not:n {#2}
8553         }
8554     }
8555 }
(End definition for \__keys_choices_make:nn)

```

**\\_\_keys\_choices\_generate:n** Creating multiple-choices means setting up the “indicator” code, then applying whatever the user wanted.

**\\_\_keys\_choices\_generate\_aux:n**

```

8556 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_choices_generate:n #1
8557 {

```



```

8558 \cs_if_exist:cTF
8559 { \c__keys_vars_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl .choice~code }
8560 {
8561   \__keys_choice_make:
8562   \int_zero:N \l_keys_choice_int
8563   \clist_map_function:nN {#1} \__keys_choices_generate_aux:n
8564 }
8565 {
8566   \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel }
8567   { generate-choices-before-code } { \l_keys_path_tl }
8568 }
8569 }
8570 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_choices_generate_aux:n #1
8571 {
8572   \int_incr:N \l_keys_choice_int
8573   \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / #1 }
8574   {
8575     \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N \l_keys_choice_tl {#1}
8576     \int_set:Nn \exp_not:N \l_keys_choice_int
8577     { \int_use:N \l_keys_choice_int }
8578     \exp_not:v
8579     { \c__keys_vars_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl .choice~code }
8580   }
8581 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_choices\_generate:n This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_\_keys\_choice\_code\_store:n The code for making multiple choices is stored in a token list.

```

\__keys_choice_code_store:x
8582 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_choice_code_store:n #1
8583 {
8584   \cs_if_exist:cF
8585   { \c__keys_vars_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl .choice~code }
8586   {
8587     \tl_new:c
8588     { \c__keys_vars_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl .choice~code }
8589   }
8590   \tl_set:cn { \c__keys_vars_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl .choice~code }
8591   {#1}
8592 }
8593 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_choice_code_store:n { x }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_choice\_code\_store:n and \\_\_keys\_choice\_code\_store:x)

\\_\_keys\_cmd\_set:nn Creating a new command means tidying up the properties and then making the internal  
 \\_\_keys\_cmd\_set:nx function which actually does the work.

```

\__keys_cmd_set:Vo
\__keys_cmd_set:n
8594 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_cmd_set:nn #1#2
8595 {
8596   \__keys_cmd_set:n {#1}
8597   \cs_set:cpn { \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 } ##1 {#2}
8598 }
8599 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_cmd_set:nx #1#2

```

```

8600 {
8601   \__keys_cmd_set:n {#1}
8602   \cs_set:cpx { \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 } ##1 {#2}
8603 }
8604 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_cmd_set:nn { Vo }
8605 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_cmd_set:n #1
8606 {
8607   \tl_clear_new:c { \c__keys_vars_root_tl #1 .default }
8608   \tl_set:cn { \c__keys_vars_root_tl #1 .default } { \q_no_value }
8609   \tl_clear_new:c { \c__keys_vars_root_tl #1 .req }
8610 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_cmd\_set:nn, \\_\_keys\_cmd\_set:nx, and \\_\_keys\_cmd\_set:Vo These functions are documented on page ??.)

\\_\_keys\_default\_set:n Setting a default value is easy.

```

\__keys_default_set:V
8611 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_default_set:n #1
8612 { \tl_set:cn { \c__keys_vars_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl .default } {#1} }
8613 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_default_set:n { V }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_default\_set:n and \\_\_keys\_default\_set:V)

\\_\_keys\_initialise:n A set up for initialisation from which the key system requires that the path is split up  
\\_\_keys\_initialise:V into a module and a key name. At this stage, \l\_keys\_path\_tl will contain / so a split  
\\_\_keys\_initialise:wn is easy to do.

```

8614 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_initialise:n #1
8615 {
8616   \use:x
8617   { \exp_after:wN \__keys_initialise:wn \l_keys_path_tl \q_stop {#1} }
8618 }
8619 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_initialise:n { V }
8620 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_initialise:wn #1 / #2 \q_stop #3
8621 { \keys_set:nn {#1} { #2 = \exp_not:n { {#3} } } }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_initialise:n and \\_\_keys\_initialise:V These functions are documented on page ??.)

\\_\_keys\_meta\_make:n To create a meta-key, simply set up to pass data through.

```

\__keys_meta_make:x
8622 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_meta_make:n #1
8623 {
8624   \__keys_cmd_set:Vo \l_keys_path_tl
8625   { \exp_after:wN \keys_set:nn \exp_after:wN { \l__keys_module_tl } {#1} }
8626 }
8627 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_meta_make:x #1
8628 {
8629   \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl }
8630   { \exp_not:N \keys_set:nn { \l__keys_module_tl } {#1} }
8631 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_meta\_make:n and \\_\_keys\_meta\_make:x These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\__keys_multichoice_find:n` Choices where several values can be selected are very similar to normal exclusive choices.  
`\__keys_multichoice_make:` There is just a slight change in implementation to map across a comma-separated list.  
`\__keys_multichoices_make:nn` This then requires that the appropriate set up takes place elsewhere.

```

8632 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_multichoice_find:n #1
8633 { \clist_map_function:nN {#1} \__keys_choice_find:n }
8634 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__keys_multichoice_make:
8635 {
8636   \__keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl }
8637   { \__keys_multichoice_find:n {##1} }
8638   \__keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / unknown }
8639   {
8640     \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { key-choice-unknown }
8641     { \l_keys_path_tl } {##1}
8642   }
8643 }
8644 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_multichoices_make:nn #1#2
8645 {
8646   \__keys_multichoice_make:
8647   \int_zero:N \l_keys_choice_int
8648   \clist_map_inline:nn {#1}
8649   {
8650     \int_incr:N \l_keys_choice_int
8651     \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl / ##1 }
8652     {
8653       \tl_set:Nn \exp_not:N \l_keys_choice_tl {##1}
8654       \int_set:Nn \exp_not:N \l_keys_choice_int
8655       { \int_use:N \l_keys_choice_int }
8656       \exp_not:n {#2}
8657     }
8658   }
8659 }

```

(End definition for `\__keys_multichoice_find:n` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\__keys_value_requirement:n` Values can be required or forbidden by having the appropriate marker set.

```

8660 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_value_requirement:n #1
8661 {
8662   \tl_set_eq:cc
8663   { \c_keys_vars_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl .req }
8664   { c__keys_value_ #1 _tl }
8665 }

```

(End definition for `\__keys_value_requirement:n`)

`\__keys_variable_set:NnNN` Setting a variable takes the type and scope separately so that it is easy to make a new  
`\__keys_variable_set:cnNN` variable if needed. The three-argument version is set up so that the use of { } as an  
`\__keys_variable_set:NnN` N-type variable is only done once!  
`\__keys_variable_set:cnN`

```

8666 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_variable_set:NnNN #1#2#3#4
8667 {
8668   \use:c { #2_if_exist:NF } #1 { \use:c { #2_new:N } #1 }
8669   \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl }

```

```

8670         { \exp_not:c { #2 _ #3 set:N #4 } \exp_not:N #1 {##1} }
8671     }
8672 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_variable_set:NnN #1#2#3
8673 { \__keys_variable_set:NnNN #1 {#2} { } #3 }
8674 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_variable_set:NnNN { c }
8675 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_variable_set:NnN { c }

```

(End definition for `\__keys_variable_set:NnNN` and `\__keys_variable_set:cnNN` These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 18.5 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.

`.bool_set:N` One function for this.

```

8676 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_set:N } #1
8677 { \__keys_bool_set:NN #1 { } }
8678 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset:N } #1
8679 { \__keys_bool_set:NN #1 g }

```

(End definition for `.bool_set:N` This function is documented on page 161.)

`.bool_set_inverse:N` One function for this.

```

8680 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_set_inverse:N } #1
8681 { \__keys_bool_set_inverse:NN #1 { } }
8682 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .bool_gset_inverse:N } #1
8683 { \__keys_bool_set_inverse:NN #1 g }

```

(End definition for `.bool_set_inverse:N` This function is documented on page 162.)

`.choice:` Making a choice is handled internally, as it is also needed by `.generate_choices:n`.

```

8684 \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .choice: }
8685 { \__keys_choice_make: }

```

(End definition for `.choice:` This function is documented on page 162.)

`.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.

```

8686 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .choices:nn } #1
8687 { \__keys_choices_make:nn #1 }

```

(End definition for `.choices:nn` This function is documented on page 162.)

`.code:n` Creating code is simply a case of passing through to the underlying `set` function.

```

8688 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .code:n } #1
8689 { \__keys_cmd_set:nn { \l_keys_path_tl } {#1} }
8690 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .code:x } #1
8691 { \__keys_cmd_set:nx { \l_keys_path_tl } {#1} }

```

(End definition for `.code:n` and `.code:x` These functions are documented on page 162.)

`.choice_code:n` Storing the code for choices

`.choice_code:x`

```

8692 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .choice_code:n } #1
8693 { \__keys_choice_code_store:n {#1} }
8694 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .choice_code:x } #1
8695 { \__keys_choice_code_store:x {#1} }

```

(End definition for `.choice_code:n` and `.choice_code:x` These functions are documented on page 162.)

`.clist_set:N`

`.clist_set:c`

`.clist_gset:N`

`.clist_gset:c`

```

8696 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .clist_set:N } #1
8697 { \__keys_variable_set:NnN #1 { clist } n }
8698 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .clist_set:c } #1
8699 { \__keys_variable_set:cnN {#1} { clist } n }
8700 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .clist_gset:N } #1
8701 { \__keys_variable_set:NnNN #1 { clist } g n }
8702 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .clist_gset:c } #1
8703 { \__keys_variable_set:cnNN {#1} { clist } g n }

```

(End definition for `.clist_set:N` and `.clist_set:c` These functions are documented on page 162.)

`.default:n` Expansion is left to the internal functions.

`.default:V`

```

8704 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .default:n } #1
8705 { \__keys_default_set:n {#1} }
8706 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .default:V } #1
8707 { \__keys_default_set:V #1 }

```

(End definition for `.default:n` and `.default:V` These functions are documented on page 163.)

`.dim_set:N` Setting a variable is very easy: just pass the data along.

`.dim_set:c`

`.dim_gset:N`

`.dim_gset:c`

```

8708 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .dim_set:N } #1
8709 { \__keys_variable_set:NnN #1 { dim } n }
8710 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .dim_set:c } #1
8711 { \__keys_variable_set:cnN {#1} { dim } n }
8712 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .dim_gset:N } #1
8713 { \__keys_variable_set:NnNN #1 { dim } g n }
8714 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .dim_gset:c } #1
8715 { \__keys_variable_set:cnNN {#1} { dim } g n }

```

(End definition for `.dim_set:N` and `.dim_set:c` These functions are documented on page 163.)

`.fp_set:N` Setting a variable is very easy: just pass the data along.

`.fp_set:c`

`.fp_gset:N`

`.fp_gset:c`

```

8716 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .fp_set:N } #1
8717 { \__keys_variable_set:NnN #1 { fp } n }
8718 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .fp_set:c } #1
8719 { \__keys_variable_set:cnN {#1} { fp } n }
8720 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .fp_gset:N } #1
8721 { \__keys_variable_set:NnNN #1 { fp } g n }
8722 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .fp_gset:c } #1
8723 { \__keys_variable_set:cnNN {#1} { fp } g n }

```

(End definition for `.fp_set:N` and `.fp_set:c` These functions are documented on page 163.)

**.generate\_choices:n** Making choices is easy.

```

8724 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .generate_choices:n } #1
8725 { \__keys_choices_generate:n {#1} }

```

(End definition for .generate\_choices:n This function is documented on page 163.)

**.initial:n** The standard hand-off approach.

**.initial:V**

```

8726 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .initial:n } #1
8727 { \__keys_initialise:n {#1} }
8728 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .initial:V } #1
8729 { \__keys_initialise:V #1 }

```

(End definition for .initial:n and .initial:V These functions are documented on page 163.)

**.int\_set:N** Setting a variable is very easy: just pass the data along.

**.int\_set:c**

**.int\_gset:N**

**.int\_gset:c**

```

8730 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .int_set:N } #1
8731 { \__keys_variable_set:NnN #1 { int } n }
8732 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .int_set:c } #1
8733 { \__keys_variable_set:cnN {#1} { int } n }
8734 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .int_gset:N } #1
8735 { \__keys_variable_set:NnNN #1 { int } g n }
8736 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .int_gset:c } #1
8737 { \__keys_variable_set:cnNN {#1} { int } g n }

```

(End definition for .int\_set:N and .int\_set:c These functions are documented on page 164.)

**.meta:n** Making a meta is handled internally.

**.meta:x**

```

8738 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .meta:n } #1
8739 { \__keys_meta_make:n {#1} }
8740 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .meta:x } #1
8741 { \__keys_meta_make:x {#1} }

```

(End definition for .meta:n and .meta:x These functions are documented on page 164.)

**.multichoice:** The same idea as .choice: and .choices:nn, but where more than one choice is allowed.

**.multichoices:nn**

```

8742 \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .multichoice: }
8743 { \__keys_multichoice_make: }
8744 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .multichoices:nn } #1
8745 { \__keys_multichoices_make:nn #1 }

```

(End definition for .multichoice: This function is documented on page 164.)

**.skip\_set:N** Setting a variable is very easy: just pass the data along.

**.skip\_set:c**

**.skip\_gset:N**

**.skip\_gset:c**

```

8746 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .skip_set:N } #1
8747 { \__keys_variable_set:NnN #1 { skip } n }
8748 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .skip_set:c } #1
8749 { \__keys_variable_set:cnN {#1} { skip } n }
8750 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .skip_gset:N } #1
8751 { \__keys_variable_set:NnNN #1 { skip } g n }
8752 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .skip_gset:c } #1
8753 { \__keys_variable_set:cnNN {#1} { skip } g n }

```

(End definition for .skip\_set:N and .skip\_set:c These functions are documented on page 164.)

```

.tl_set:N Setting a variable is very easy: just pass the data along.
.tl_set:c 8754 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_set:N } #1
.tl_gset:N 8755 { \__keys_variable_set:NnN #1 { tl } n }
.tl_gset:c 8756 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_set:c } #1
.tl_set_x:N 8757 { \__keys_variable_set:cnN {#1} { tl } n }
.tl_set_x:c 8758 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_set_x:N } #1
.tl_gset_x:N 8759 { \__keys_variable_set:NnN #1 { tl } x }
.tl_gset_x:c 8760 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_set_x:c } #1
8761 { \__keys_variable_set:cnN {#1} { tl } x }
8762 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_gset:N } #1
8763 { \__keys_variable_set:NnNN #1 { tl } g n }
8764 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_gset:c } #1
8765 { \__keys_variable_set:cnNN {#1} { tl } g n }
8766 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_gset_x:N } #1
8767 { \__keys_variable_set:NnNN #1 { tl } g x }
8768 \cs_new_protected:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .tl_gset_x:c } #1
8769 { \__keys_variable_set:cnNN {#1} { tl } g x }

```

(End definition for .tl\_set:N and .tl\_set:c These functions are documented on page 164.)

```

.value_forbidden: These are very similar, so both call the same function.
.value_required: 8770 \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .value_forbidden: }
8771 { \__keys_value_requirement:n { forbidden } }
8772 \cs_new_protected_nopar:cpn { \c__keys_props_root_tl .value_required: }
8773 { \__keys_value_requirement:n { required } }

```

(End definition for .value\_forbidden: This function is documented on page 165.)

## 18.6 Setting keys

```

\keys_set:nn A simple wrapper again.
\keys_set:nV 8774 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_set:nn
\keys_set:nv 8775 { \__keys_set:onn { \l__keys_module_tl } }
\keys_set:no 8776 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set:nnn #1#2#3
\__keys_set:nnn 8777 {
\__keys_set:onn 8778 \tl_set:Nx \l__keys_module_tl { \tl_to_str:n {#2} }
8779 \keyval_parse:NnN \__keys_set_elt:n \__keys_set_elt:nn {#3}
8780 \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_module_tl {#1}
8781 }
8782 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \keys_set:nn { nV , nv , no }
8783 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_set:nnn { o }

```

(End definition for \keys\_set:nn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\keys_set_known:nnN
\keys_set_known:nVN 8784 \cs_new_protected:Npn \keys_set_known:nnN
\keys_set_known:nvN 8785 { \__keys_set_known:onnN { \l__keys_module_tl } }
\keys_set_known:noN 8786 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set_known:nnnN #1#2#3#4
\__keys_set_known:nnnN 8787 {
\__keys_set_known:onnN 8788 \tl_set:Nx \l__keys_module_tl { \tl_to_str:n {#2} }
8789 \clist_clear:N \l__keys_unknown_clist

```

```

8790 \cs_set_eq:NN \__keys_execute_unknown: \__keys_execute_unknown_alt:
8791 \keyval_parse:NNn \__keys_set_elt:n \__keys_set_elt:nn {#3}
8792 \cs_set_eq:NN \__keys_execute_unknown: \__keys_execute_unknown_std:
8793 \tl_set:Nn \l__keys_module_tl {#1}
8794 \clist_set_eq:NN #4 \l__keys_unknown_clist
8795 }
8796 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \keys_set_known:nnN { nV , nv , no }
8797 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__keys_set_known:nnnN { o }

```

(End definition for \keys\_set\_known:nnN and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

\\_\_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:nn move on to execute the code.

```

8798 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set_elt:n #1
8799 {
8800   \bool_set_true:N \l__keys_no_value_bool
8801   \__keys_set_elt_aux:nn {#1} { }
8802 }
8803 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set_elt:nn #1#2
8804 {
8805   \bool_set_false:N \l__keys_no_value_bool
8806   \__keys_set_elt_aux:nn {#1} {#2}
8807 }
8808 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_set_elt_aux:nn #1#2
8809 {
8810   \tl_set:Nx \l_keys_key_tl { \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
8811   \tl_set:Nx \l_keys_path_tl { \l_keys_module_tl / \l_keys_key_tl }
8812   \__keys_value_or_default:n {#2}
8813   \bool_if:nTF
8814   {
8815     \__keys_if_value_p:n { required } &&
8816     \l__keys_no_value_bool
8817   }
8818   {
8819     \__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { value-required }
8820     { \l_keys_path_tl }
8821   }
8822   {
8823     \bool_if:nTF
8824     {
8825       \__keys_if_value_p:n { forbidden } &&
8826       ! \l__keys_no_value_bool
8827     }
8828     {
8829       \__msg_kernel_error:nnxx { kernel } { value-forbidden }
8830       { \l_keys_path_tl } { \l_keys_value_tl }
8831     }
8832     { \__keys_execute: }
8833   }

```



```
8834 }
```

(End definition for `\__keys_set_elt:n` and `\__keys_set_elt:nn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\__keys_value_or_default:n` If a value is given, return it as #1, otherwise send a default if available.

```
8835 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__keys_value_or_default:n #1
8836 {
8837   \tl_set:Nn \l_keys_value_tl {#1}
8838   \bool_if:NT \l__keys_no_value_bool
8839   {
8840     \quark_if_no_value:cF { \c__keys_vars_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl .default }
8841     {
8842       \cs_if_exist:cT { \c__keys_vars_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl .default }
8843       {
8844         \tl_set_eq:Nc \l_keys_value_tl
8845           { \c__keys_vars_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl .default }
8846       }
8847     }
8848   }
8849 }
```

(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.

```
8850 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \__keys_if_value:n #1 { p }
8851 {
8852   \tl_if_eq:ccTF { c__keys_value_#1_tl }
8853     { \c__keys_vars_root_tl \l_keys_path_tl .req }
8854     { \prg_return_true: }
8855     { \prg_return_false: }
8856 }
```

(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.

```
\__keys_execute_unknown:
\__keys_execute_unknown_std:
\__keys_execute_unknown_alt:
\__keys_execute:nn
8857 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__keys_execute:
8858   { \__keys_execute:nn { \l_keys_path_tl } { \__keys_execute_unknown: } }
8859 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__keys_execute_unknown:
8860   {
8861     \__keys_execute:nn { \l__keys_module_tl / unknown }
8862     {
8863       \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { key-unknown }
8864       { \l_keys_path_tl } { \l__keys_module_tl }
8865     }
8866   }
8867 \cs_new_eq:NN \__keys_execute_unknown_std: \__keys_execute_unknown:
8868 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__keys_execute_unknown_alt:
8869   {
8870     \clist_put_right:Nx \l__keys_unknown_clist
```

```

8871     {
8872         \exp_not:o \l_keys_key_tl
8873         \bool_if:NF \l__keys_no_value_bool
8874         { = { \exp_not:o \l_keys_value_tl } }
8875     }
8876 }
8877 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_execute:nn #1#2
8878 {
8879     \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 }
8880     {
8881         \exp_args:Nc \exp_args:No { \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 }
8882         \l_keys_value_tl
8883     }
8884     {#2}
8885 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_execute: This function is documented on page ??.)

**\\_\_keys\_choice\_find:n** Executing a choice has two parts. First, try the choice given, then if that fails call the unknown key. That will exist, as it is created when a choice is first made. So there is no need for any escape code.

```

8886 \cs_new:Npn \__keys_choice_find:n #1
8887 {
8888     \__keys_execute:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / \tl_to_str:n {#1} }
8889     { \__keys_execute:nn { \l_keys_path_tl / unknown } { } }
8890 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_keys\_choice\_find:n)

## 18.7 Utilities

**\keys\_if\_exist:p:nn** A utility for others to see if a key exists.

```

\keys_if_exist:nnTF 8891 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \keys_if_exist:nn #1#2 { p , T , F , TF }
8892 {
8893     \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 / #2 }
8894     { \prg_return_true: }
8895     { \prg_return_false: }
8896 }

```

(End definition for \keys\_if\_exist:nn These functions are documented on page 169.)

**\keys\_if\_choice\_exist:p:nnn** Just an alternative view on \keys\_if\_exist:nn(TF).

```

\keys_if_choice_exist:nnnTF 8897 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \keys_if_choice_exist:nnn #1#2#3 { p , T , F , TF }
8898 {
8899     \cs_if_exist:cTF { \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 / #2 / #3 }
8900     { \prg_return_true: }
8901     { \prg_return_false: }
8902 }

```

(End definition for \keys\_if\_choice\_exist:nnn These functions are documented on page 169.)

`\keys_show:nn` Showing a key is just a question of using the correct name.

```
8903 \cs_new:Npn \keys_show:nn #1#2
8904 { \cs_show:c { \c__keys_code_root_tl #1 / \tl_to_str:n {#2} } }
(End definition for \keys_show:nn This function is documented on page 169.)
```

## 18.8 Messages

For when there is a need to complain.

```
8905 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { boolean-values-only }
8906 { Key~'#1'~accepts~boolean~values~only. }
8907 { The~key~'#1'~only~accepts~the~values~'true'~and~'false'. }
8908 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { choice-unknown }
8909 { Choice~'#2'~unknown~for~key~'#1'. }
8910 {
8911   The~key~'#1'~takes~a~limited~number~of~values.\\
8912   The~input~given,~'#2',~is~not~on~the~list~accepted.
8913 }
8914 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { generate-choices-before-code }
8915 { No~code~available~to~generate~choices~for~key~'#1'. }
8916 {
8917   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
8918   Before~using~.generate_choices:n~the~code~should~be~defined~
8919   with~'.choice_code:n'~or~'.choice_code:x'.
8920 }
8921 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { key-no-property }
8922 { No~property~given~in~definition~of~key~'#1'. }
8923 {
8924   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
8925   Inside~\keys_define:nn~each~key~name
8926   needs~a~property: \\
8927   ~ ~ #1 .<property> \\
8928   LaTeX~did~not~find~a~'. ' ~to~indicate~the~start~of~a~property.
8929 }
8930 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { key-unknown }
8931 { The~key~'#1'~is~unknown~and~is~being~ignored. }
8932 {
8933   The~module~'#2'~does~not~have~a~key~called~'#1'.\\
8934   Check~that~you~have~spelled~the~key~name~correctly.
8935 }
8936 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { property-requires-value }
8937 { The~property~'#1'~requires~a~value. }
8938 {
8939   \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
8940   LaTeX~was~asked~to~set~property~'#2'~for~key~'#1'.\\
8941   No~value~was~given~for~the~property,~and~one~is~required.
8942 }
8943 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { property-unknown }
8944 { The~key~property~'#1'~is~unknown. }
8945 {
```

```

8946 \c_msg_coding_error_text_tl
8947 LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~set~the~property~'~#1'~for~key~'~#2'::~
8948 this~property~is~not~defined.
8949 }
8950 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { value-forbidden }
8951 { The~key~'~#1'~does~not~taken~a~value. }
8952 {
8953   The~key~'~#1'~should~be~given~without~a~value.\\
8954   LaTeX~will~ignore~the~given~value~'~#2'.
8955 }
8956 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { value-required }
8957 { The~key~'~#1'~requires~a~value. }
8958 {
8959   The~key~'~#1'~must~have~a~value.\\
8960   No~value~was~present::~the~key~will~be~ignored.
8961 }

```

## 18.9 Deprecated functions

Deprecated on 2011-05-27, for removal by 2011-08-31.

There is just one function for this now.

```

\KV_process_space_removal_sanitize:NNn
\KV_process_space_removal_no_sanitize:NNn
\KV_process_no_space_removal_no_sanitize:NNn
8962 <*deprecated>
8963 \cs_new_eq:NN \KV_process_space_removal_sanitize:NNn \keyval_parse:NNn
8964 \cs_new_eq:NN \KV_process_space_removal_no_sanitize:NNn \keyval_parse:NNn
8965 \cs_new_eq:NN \KV_process_no_space_removal_no_sanitize:NNn \keyval_parse:NNn
8966 </deprecated>
(End definition for \KV_process_space_removal_sanitize:NNn This function is documented on page ??.)
Internal material for removal by 2012-12-31.
8967 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_keys_code_root_tl \c__keys_code_root_tl
8968 </initex | package>

```

## 19 l3file implementation

The following test files are used for this code: m3file001.

```

8969 <*initex | package>
8970 <@@=file>
8971 <*package>
8972 \ProvidesExplPackage
8973   {\ExplFileName}{\ExplFileDate}{\ExplFileVersion}{\ExplFileDescription}
8974 \_expl_package_check:
8975 </package>

```

## 19.1 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 package mode the current file name is collected from L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub>.

```

8976 \tl_new:N \g_file_current_name_tl
8977 <*initex>
8978 \tex_everyjob:D \exp_after:wN
8979 {
8980   \tex_the:D \tex_everyjob:D
8981   \tl_gset:Nx \g_file_current_name_tl { \tex_jobname:D }
8982 }
8983 </initex>
8984 <*package>
8985 \tl_gset_eq:NN \g_file_current_name_tl \@currname
8986 </package>

```

(End definition for `\g_file_current_name_tl` This variable is documented on page 171.)

`\g__file_stack_seq` The input list of files is stored as a sequence stack.

```

8987 \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`.

```

8988 \seq_new:N \g__file_record_seq
8989 <*initex>
8990 \tex_everyjob:D \exp_after:wN
8991 {
8992   \tex_the:D \tex_everyjob:D
8993   \seq_gput_right:NV \g__file_record_seq \g_file_current_name_tl
8994 }
8995 </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.

```

8996 \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.

```

8997 \tl_new:N \l__file_internal_name_tl

```

(End definition for `\l__file_internal_name_tl` This variable is documented on page 177.)

`\l__file_search_path_seq` The current search path.

```

8998 \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.

```
8999 <*package>
9000 \seq_new:N \l_file_saved_search_path_seq
9001 </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.

```
9002 <*package>
9003 \seq_new:N \l_file_internal_seq
9004 </package>
(End definition for \l_file_internal_seq This variable is documented on page ??.)
```

`\__file_name_sanitiz:nn` For converting a token list to a string where active characters are treated as strings from the start.

```
9005 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_name_sanitiz:nn #1#2
9006 {
9007   \group_begin:
9008     \seq_map_inline:Nn \l_char_active_seq
9009     { \cs_set_nopar:Npx ##1 { \token_to_str:N ##1 } }
9010     \tl_set:Nx \l_file_internal_name_tl {#1}
9011     \tl_set:Nx \l_file_internal_name_tl
9012     { \tl_to_str:N \l_file_internal_name_tl }
9013     \tl_if_in:NnT \l_file_internal_name_tl { ~ }
9014     {
9015       \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { space-in-file-name }
9016       { \l_file_internal_name_tl }
9017       \tl_remove_all:Nn \l_file_internal_name_tl { ~ }
9018     }
9019     \use:x
9020     {
9021       \group_end:
9022       \exp_not:n {#2} { \l_file_internal_name_tl }
9023     }
9024 }
```

(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 TeX 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  
`\__file_add_path_search:nN` first location is of course treated as the correct one. If nothing is found, #2 is returned empty.

```
9025 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_add_path:nN #1
9026 { \__file_name_sanitiz:nn {#1} { \__file_add_path:nN } }
9027 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_add_path:nN #1#2
9028 {
9029   \__ior_open:Nn \g__file_internal_ior {#1}
9030   \ior_if_eof:Ntf \g__file_internal_ior
9031   { \__file_add_path_search:nN {#1} #2 }
```

```

9032     { \tl_set:Nn #2 {#1} }
9033     \ior_close:N \g__file_internal_ior
9034   }
9035   \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_add_path_search:nN #1#2
9036   {
9037     \tl_set:Nn #2 { \q_no_value }
9038   }
9039   \cs_if_exist:NT \input@path
9040   {
9041     \seq_set_eq:NN \l__file_saved_search_path_seq \l__file_search_path_seq
9042     \seq_set_split:NnV \l__file_internal_seq { , } \input@path
9043     \seq_concat:NNN \l__file_search_path_seq
9044       \l__file_search_path_seq \l__file_internal_seq
9045   }
9046 }
9047 \seq_map_inline:Nn \l__file_search_path_seq
9048 {
9049   \__ior_open:Nn \g__file_internal_ior { ##1 #1 }
9050   \ior_if_eof:NF \g__file_internal_ior
9051   {
9052     \tl_set:Nx #2 { ##1 #1 }
9053     \seq_map_break:
9054   }
9055 }
9056 }
9057 \cs_if_exist:NT \input@path
9058 { \seq_set_eq:NN \l__file_search_path_seq \l__file_saved_search_path_seq }
9059 }
9060 }

```

(End definition for \file\_add\_path:nN This function is documented on page 171.)

**\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.

```

9061 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \file_if_exist:n #1 { T , F , TF }
9062 {
9063   \file_add_path:nN {#1} \l__file_internal_name_tl
9064   \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__file_internal_name_tl
9065   { \prg_return_false: }
9066   { \prg_return_true: }
9067 }

```

(End definition for \file\_if\_exist:nTF This function is documented on page 171.)

**\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.

```

9068 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_input:n #1
9069 {
9070   \file_add_path:nN {#1} \l__file_internal_name_tl

```

```

9071 \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__file_internal_name_tl
9072 {
9073   \__file_name_sanitiz:nn {#1}
9074   { \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { file-not-found } }
9075 }
9076 { \__file_input:V \l__file_internal_name_tl }
9077 }
9078 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_input:n #1
9079 {
9080   \quark_if_nil:OTF { \__file_input_aux:w #1 . \q_nil . \q_stop }
9081   { \__file_input_aux:o { \tl_to_str:n { #1 .tex } } }
9082   { \__file_input_aux:n {#1} }
9083 }
9084 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__file_input:n { V }
9085 \cs_new:Npn \__file_input_aux:w #1 . #2 . #3 \q_stop { #2 }
9086 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_input_aux:n #1
9087 {
9088   <*initex>
9089   \seq_gput_right:Nn \g__file_record_seq {#1}
9090   </initex>
9091   <*package>
9092   \clist_if_exist:NTF \@filelist
9093   { \@addtofilelist {#1} }
9094   { \seq_gput_right:Nn \g__file_record_seq {#1} }
9095   </package>
9096   \seq_gpush:No \g__file_stack_seq \g_file_current_name_tl
9097   \tl_gset:Nn \g_file_current_name_tl {#1}
9098   \tex_input:D #1 \c_space_tl
9099   \seq_gpop:NN \g__file_stack_seq \l__file_internal_tl
9100   \tl_gset_eq:NN \g_file_current_name_tl \l__file_internal_tl
9101 }
9102 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__file_input_aux:n { o }

```

(End definition for \file\_input:n This function is documented on page 171.)

`\file_path_include:n`  
`\file_path_remove:n`  
`\__file_path_include:n`

Wrapper functions to manage the search path.

```

9103 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_path_include:n #1
9104 { \__file_name_sanitiz:nn {#1} { \__file_path_include:n } }
9105 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__file_path_include:n #1
9106 {
9107   \seq_if_in:NnF \l__file_search_path_seq {#1}
9108   { \seq_put_right:Nn \l__file_search_path_seq {#1} }
9109 }
9110 \cs_new_protected:Npn \file_path_remove:n #1
9111 {
9112   \__file_name_sanitiz:nn {#1}
9113   { \seq_remove_all:Nn \l__file_search_path_seq }
9114 }

```

(End definition for \file\_path\_include:n This function is documented on page 172.)



**\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 it into account (we capture it \AtBeginDocument into \g\_\_file\_record\_seq), turning each file name into a string.

```

9115 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \file_list:
9116 {
9117   \seq_set_eq:NN \l__file_internal_seq \g__file_record_seq
9118   \*package>
9119   \clist_if_exist:NT \@filelist
9120   {
9121     \clist_map_inline:Nn \@filelist
9122     {
9123       \seq_put_right:No \l__file_internal_seq
9124       { \tl_to_str:n {##1} }
9125     }
9126   }
9127   \*package>
9128   \seq_remove_duplicates:N \l__file_internal_seq
9129   \iow_log:n { *-File~List~* }
9130   \seq_map_inline:Nn \l__file_internal_seq { \iow_log:n {##1} }
9131   \iow_log:n { ***** }
9132 }

```

(End definition for \file\_list: This function is documented on page 172.)

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.

```

9133 \*package>
9134 \AtBeginDocument
9135 {
9136   \clist_map_inline:Nn \@filelist
9137   { \seq_gput_right:No \g__file_record_seq { \tl_to_str:n {##1} } }
9138 }
9139 \*package>

```

## 19.2 Input operations

```

9140 \@@=ior>

```

### 19.2.1 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.

```

9141 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_term_ior \c_sixteen

```

(End definition for \c\_term\_ior This variable is documented on page 177.)

**\c\_\_ior\_streams\_tl** The list of streams available, by number.

```

9142 \tl_const:Nn \c__ior_streams_tl
9143 {
9144   \c_zero
9145   \c_one

```

```

9146     \c_two
9147     \c_three
9148     \c_four
9149     \c_five
9150     \c_six
9151     \c_seven
9152     \c_eight
9153     \c_nine
9154     \c_ten
9155     \c_eleven
9156     \c_twelve
9157     \c_thirteen
9158     \c_fourteen
9159     \c_fifteen
9160 }

```

(End definition for `\c__ior_streams_tl` This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\g__ior_streams_prop` The allocations for streams are stored in property lists, which are set up to have a “full” set of allocations from the start. In package mode, a few slots are always taken, so these are blocked off from use.

```

9161 \prop_new:N \g__ior_streams_prop
9162 <*package>
9163 \prop_put:Nnn \g__ior_streams_prop { 0 } { LaTeX2e-reserved }
9164 </package>

```

(End definition for `\g__ior_streams_prop` This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l__ior_stream_int` Used to track the number allocated to the stream being created: this is taken from the property list but does alter.

```

9165 \int_new:N \l__ior_stream_int

```

(End definition for `\l__ior_stream_int` This variable is documented on page ??.)

## 19.2.2 Stream management

`\__ior_new:N` The lowest level for stream management is actually creating raw T<sub>E</sub>X streams. As these  
`\__ior_new:c` are very limited (even with  $\varepsilon$ -T<sub>E</sub>X), this should not be addressed directly.

```

9166 <*initex>
9167 \__alloc_setup_type:nnn { ior } \c_zero \c_sixteen
9168 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_new:N #1
9169 { \__alloc_reg:nnn { ior } \tex_chardef:D #1 }
9170 </initex>
9171 <*package>
9172 \cs_set_eq:NN \__ior_new:N \newread
9173 </package>
9174 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__ior_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\__ior_new:N` and `\__ior_new:c`)

`\ior_new:N` Reserving a new stream is done by defining the name as equal to using the terminal.

```

\ior_new:c 9175 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_new:N #1 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \c_term_ior }
          9176 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \ior_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for \ior\_new:N and \ior\_new:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

\g\_file\_internal\_ior Delayed from the file section so that the mechanisms are in place.

9177 \ior\_new:N \g\_file\_internal\_ior

(End definition for \g\_file\_internal\_ior This variable is documented on page ??.)

\ior\_open:Nn Opening a stream starts with a call to the closing function: this is safest. There is then  
 \ior\_open:cn a loop through the allocation number list to find the first free stream number. When  
 \ior\_open:NnTF one is found the allocation can take place, the information can be stored and finally  
 \\_\_ior\_open\_aux:Nn the file can actually be opened. Before any actual file operations there is a precaution  
 \\_\_ior\_open\_aux:NnTF against special characters in file names. There is an intermediate auxiliary to allow path  
 \\_\_ior\_open:Nn addition, keeping the internal function fast and avoiding an infinite loop.  
 \\_\_ior\_open:No

```

9178 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_open:Nn #1#2
9179 { \__file_name_sanitize:nn {#2} { \__ior_open_aux:Nn #1 } }
9180 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \ior_open:Nn { c }
9181 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_open_aux:Nn #1#2
9182 {
9183   \file_add_path:nN {#2} \l__file_internal_name_tl
9184   \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__file_internal_name_tl
9185     { \__msg_kernel_error:nmx { kernel } { file-not-found } {#2} }
9186     { \__ior_open:No #1 \l__file_internal_name_tl }
9187 }
9188 \prg_new_protected_conditional:Npnn \ior_open:Nn #1#2 { T , F , TF }
9189 { \__file_name_sanitize:nn {#2} { \__ior_open_aux:NnTF #1 } }
9190 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_open_aux:NnTF #1#2
9191 {
9192   \file_add_path:nN {#2} \l__file_internal_name_tl
9193   \quark_if_no_value:NTF \l__file_internal_name_tl
9194     { \prg_return_false: }
9195     {
9196       \__ior_open:No #1 \l__file_internal_name_tl
9197       \prg_return_true:
9198     }
9199 }
9200 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \ior_open:NnT { c }
9201 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \ior_open:NnF { c }
9202 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \ior_open:NnTF { c }
9203 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_open:Nn #1#2
9204 {
9205   \ior_close:N #1
9206   \int_set_eq:NN \l__ior_stream_int \c_sixteen
9207   \tl_map_function:NN \c__ior_streams_tl \__ior_alloc:n
9208   \int_compare:nNnTF \l__ior_stream_int = \c_sixteen
9209     { \__msg_kernel_fatal:nn { kernel } { input-streams-exhausted } }
9210     {
9211       \__ior_alloc:N #1
9212       \prop_gput:NvN \g__ior_streams_prop \l__ior_stream_int {#2}
9213       \tex_openin:D #1#2 \scan_stop:
9214     }

```

```

9215 }
9216 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \__ior_open:Nn { No }

```

(End definition for \ior\_open:Nn and \ior\_open:cn These functions are documented on page 172.)

\\_\_ior\_alloc:n See if a particular stream is available: the property list contains file names for streams in use, so any unused ones are for the taking.

```

9217 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_alloc:n #1
9218 {
9219   \prop_if_in:NnF \g__ior_streams_prop {#1}
9220   {
9221     \int_set:Nn \l__ior_stream_int {#1}
9222     \tl_map_break:
9223   }
9224 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_ior\_alloc:n)

\\_\_ior\_alloc:N Allocating a raw stream is much easier in `iniTeX` mode than for the package. For the format, all streams will be allocated by `l3file` and so there is a simple check to see if a raw stream is actually available. On the other hand, for the package there will be non-managed streams. So if the managed one is not open, a check is made to see if some other managed stream is available before deciding to open a new one. If a new one is needed, we get the number allocated by `LATEX 2ε` to get “back on track” with allocation.

```

9225 \ior_new:N \g__ior_internal_ior
9226 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__ior_alloc:N #1
9227 {
9228   \cs_if_exist:cF { g_ior_ \int_use:N \l__ior_stream_int _ior }
9229   {
9230     <*package>
9231     \__ior_alloc:
9232     \int_compare:nNnT \l__ior_stream_int = \c_sixteen
9233     {
9234       \__ior_new:N \g__ior_internal_ior
9235       \int_set:Nn \l__ior_stream_int { \g__ior_internal_ior }
9236       \cs_gset_eq:cN
9237       { g_ior_ \int_use:N \l__ior_stream_int _ior } \g__ior_internal_ior
9238     }
9239     </package>
9240     <*initex>
9241     \__ior_new:c { g_ior_ \int_use:N \l__ior_stream_int _ior }
9242     </initex>
9243   }
9244   \cs_gset_eq:Nc #1 { g_ior_ \int_use:N \l__ior_stream_int _ior }
9245 }
9246 <*package>
9247 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__ior_alloc:
9248 {
9249   \int_incr:N \l__ior_stream_int
9250   \int_compare:nNnT \l__ior_stream_int < \c_sixteen
9251   {

```

```

9252     \cs_if_exist:CTF { g_ior_ \int_use:N \l_ior_stream_int _ior }
9253     {
9254         \prop_if_in:NVT \g_ior_streams_prop \l_ior_stream_int
9255         { \_ior_alloc: }
9256     }
9257     { \_ior_alloc: }
9258 }
9259 }
9260 \end{package}

```

(End definition for `\_ior_alloc:N` This function is documented on page ??.)

**`\ior_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.

**`\ior_close:c`**

```

9261 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_close:N #1
9262 {
9263     \_chk_if_exist_cs:N #1
9264     \int_compare:nNfF #1 < \c_zero
9265     {
9266         \int_compare:nNfF #1 > \c_fifteen
9267         {
9268             \tex_closein:D #1
9269             \prop_gremove:NV \g_ior_streams_prop #1
9270             \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_term_ior
9271         }
9272     }
9273 }
9274 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \ior_close:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\ior_close:N` and `\ior_close:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

**`\ior_list_streams:`** Show the property lists, but with some “pretty printing”. See the `l3msg` module. If there are no open read streams, issue the message `show-no-stream`, and show an empty token list. If there are open read streams, format them with `\_msg_show_item_unbraced:nn`, and with the message `show-open-streams`.

**`\_ior_list_streams:Nn`**

```

9275 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \ior_list_streams:
9276 { \_ior_list_streams:Nn \g_ior_streams_prop { input } }
9277 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_ior_list_streams:Nn #1#2
9278 {
9279     \_msg_term:nnn { LaTeX / kernel }
9280     { \prop_if_empty:NTF #1 { show-no-stream } { show-open-streams } }
9281     {#2}
9282     \_msg_show_variable:x
9283     { \prop_map_function:NN #1 \_msg_show_item_unbraced:nn }
9284 }

```

(End definition for `\ior_list_streams:` This function is documented on page 173.)

### 19.2.3 Reading input

**\if\_eof:w** The primitive conditional

```
9285 \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:NTF
9286 \prg_new_conditional:Nnn \ior_if_eof:N { p , T , F , TF }
9287 {
9288   \cs_if_exist:NTF #1
9289   {
9290     \if_int_compare:w #1 = \c_sixteen
9291     \prg_return_true:
9292   \else:
9293     \if_eof:w #1
9294     \prg_return_true:
9295   \else:
9296     \prg_return_false:
9297   \fi:
9298 \fi:
9299 }
9300 { \prg_return_true: }
9301 }
```

(End definition for \ior\_if\_eof:N These functions are documented on page 174.)

**\ior\_get:NN** And here we read from files.

```
9302 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_get:NN #1#2
9303 { \tex_read:D #1 to #2 }
```

(End definition for \ior\_get:NN This function is documented on page 173.)

**\ior\_get\_str:NN** Reading as strings is a more complicated wrapper, as we wish to remove the endline character.

```
9304 \cs_new_protected:Npn \ior_get_str:NN #1#2
9305 {
9306   \use:x
9307   {
9308     \int_set_eq:NN \tex_endlinechar:D \c_minus_one
9309     \exp_not:n { \etex_readline:D #1 to #2 }
9310     \int_set:Nn \tex_endlinechar:D { \int_use:N \tex_endlinechar:D }
9311   }
9312 }
```

(End definition for \ior\_get\_str:NN This function is documented on page 173.)

## 19.3 Output operations

9313 `<@@=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.

### 19.3.1 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`).

9314 `\cs_new_eq:NN \c_log_iow \c_minus_one`

9315 `\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 177.)

`\c__iow_streams_tl` The list of streams available, by number: copied from the input operations.

9316 `\cs_new_eq:NN \c__iow_streams_tl \c__ior_streams_tl`

(End definition for `\c__iow_streams_tl` This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\g__iow_streams_prop` As for reads, but with more reserved as L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> takes up a few here.

9317 `\prop_new:N \g__iow_streams_prop`

9318 `<*package>`

9319 `\prop_put:Nnn \g__iow_streams_prop { 0 } { LaTeX2e-reserved }`

9320 `\prop_put:Nnn \g__iow_streams_prop { 1 } { LaTeX2e-reserved }`

9321 `\prop_put:Nnn \g__iow_streams_prop { 2 } { LaTeX2e-reserved }`

9322 `</package>`

(End definition for `\g__iow_streams_prop` This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\l__iow_stream_int` Used to track the number allocated to the stream being created: this is taken from the property list but does alter. The two allocation routines only need one register, so we save one here.

9323 `\cs_new_eq:NN \l__iow_stream_int \l__ior_stream_int`

(End definition for `\l__iow_stream_int` This variable is documented on page ??.)

## 19.4 Stream management

`\__iow_new:N` The same idea as for input, but with a separate set of functions.

`\__iow_new:c`

9324 `<*initex>`

9325 `\__alloc_setup_type:nnn { iow } \c_zero \c_sixteen`

9326 `\cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_new:N #1`

9327 `{ \__alloc_reg:nnn { iow } \tex_chardef:D #1 }`

9328 `</initex>`

9329 `<*package>`

9330 `\cs_set_eq:NN \__iow_new:N \newwrite`

9331 `</package>`

9332 `\cs_generate_variant:Nn \__iow_new:N { c }`

(End definition for `\__iow_new:N` and `\__iow_new:c`)

**\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.

```
9333 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_new:N #1 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \c_term_iow }
9334 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_new:N { c }
```

*(End definition for \iow\_new:N and \iow\_new:c These functions are documented on page ??.)*

**\iow\_open:Nn** The same idea as for reading, but without the path.

```
\iow_open:cn 9335 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_open:Nn #1#2
\__iow_open:Nn 9336 { \__file_name_sanitiz:nn {#2} { \__iow_open:Nn #1 } }
9337 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_open:Nn { c }
9338 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_open:Nn #1#2
9339 {
9340   \iow_close:N #1
9341   \int_set_eq:NN \l__iow_stream_int \c_sixteen
9342   \tl_map_function:NN \c__iow_streams_tl \__iow_alloc:n
9343   \int_compare:nNnTF \l__iow_stream_int = \c_sixteen
9344     { \__msg_kernel_fatal:nn { kernel } { output-streams-exhausted } }
9345   {
9346     \__iow_alloc:N #1
9347     \prop_gput:Nvn \g__iow_streams_prop \l__iow_stream_int {#2}
9348     \tex_immediate:D \tex_openout:D #1#2 \scan_stop:
9349   }
9350 }
```

*(End definition for \iow\_open:Nn and \iow\_open:cn These functions are documented on page ??.)*

**\\_\_iow\_alloc:n** Identical to the input routine, but with the appropriate names used (when l3docstrip has done it's job!).

```
9351 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_alloc:n #1
9352 {
9353   \prop_if_in:NnF \g__iow_streams_prop {#1}
9354   {
9355     \int_set:Nn \l__iow_stream_int {#1}
9356     \tl_map_break:
9357   }
9358 }
```

*(End definition for \\_\_iow\_alloc:n)*

**\\_\_iow\_alloc:N** Exactly the same as for reading!

```
\__iow_alloc: 9359 \iow_new:N \g__iow_internal_iow
\g__iow_internal_iow 9360 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_alloc:N #1
9361 {
9362   \cs_if_exist:cF { g_iow_ \int_use:N \l__iow_stream_int _iow }
9363   {
9364     <*package>
9365     \__iow_alloc:
9366     \int_compare:nNnT \l__iow_stream_int = \c_sixteen
9367     {
9368       \iow_new:N \g__iow_internal_iow
```



```

9369         \int_set:Nn \l__iow_stream_int { \g__iow_internal_iow }
9370         \cs_gset_eq:cN
9371             { g_iow_ \int_use:N \l__iow_stream_int _iow } \g__iow_internal_iow
9372     }
9373 \end{package}
9374 \begin{initex}
9375     \__iow_new:c { g_iow_ \int_use:N \l__iow_stream_int _iow }
9376 \end{initex}
9377 }
9378 \cs_gset_eq:Nc #1 { g_iow_ \int_use:N \l__iow_stream_int _iow }
9379 }
9380 \end{package}
9381 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_alloc:
9382 {
9383     \int_incr:N \l__iow_stream_int
9384     \int_compare:nNnT \l__iow_stream_int < \c_sixteen
9385     {
9386         \cs_if_exist:cTF { g_iow_ \int_use:N \l__iow_stream_int _iow }
9387         {
9388             \prop_if_in:NVT \g__iow_streams_prop \l__iow_stream_int
9389             { \__iow_alloc: }
9390         }
9391         { \__iow_alloc: }
9392     }
9393 }
9394 \end{package}

```

(End definition for \\_\_iow\_alloc:N This function is documented on page ??.)

**\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**

```

9395 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_close:N #1
9396 {
9397     \__chk_if_exist_cs:N #1
9398     \int_compare:nNnF #1 < \c_zero
9399     {
9400         \int_compare:nNnF #1 > \c_fifteen
9401         {
9402             \tex_immediate:D \tex_closeout:D #1
9403             \prop_gremove:NV \g__iow_streams_prop #1
9404             \cs_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_term_iow
9405         }
9406     }
9407 }
9408 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_close:N { c }

```

(End definition for \iow\_close:N and \iow\_close:c These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\iow\_list\_streams:** Done as for input, but with a copy of the auxiliary so the name is correct.

**\\_\_iow\_list\_streams:Nn**

```

9409 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \iow_list_streams:

```

```

9410 { \_iow_list_streams:Nn \g\_iow_streams_prop { output } }
9411 \cs_new_eq:NN \_iow_list_streams:Nn \_ior_list_streams:Nn
(End definition for \iow_list_streams: This function is documented on page ??.)

```

### 19.4.1 Deferred writing

**\iow\_shipout\_x:Nn** First the easy part, this is the primitive.  
**\iow\_shipout\_x:Nx**

```

9412 \cs_new_eq:NN \iow_shipout_x:Nn \tex_write:D
9413 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_shipout_x:Nn { Nx }
(End definition for \iow_shipout_x:Nn and \iow_shipout_x:Nx These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

**\iow\_shipout:Nn** With  $\epsilon$ -TeX available deferred writing without expansion is easy.  
**\iow\_shipout:Nx**

```

9414 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_shipout:Nn #1#2
9415 { \iow_shipout_x:Nn #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
9416 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_shipout:Nn { Nx }
(End definition for \iow_shipout:Nn and \iow_shipout:Nx These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

### 19.4.2 Immediate writing

**\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 no output stream at all, we get an internal error. We don't use the expansion done by `\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.

```

9417 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_now:Nn #1#2
9418 { \tex_immediate:D \iow_shipout_x:Nn #1 { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
9419 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \iow_now:Nn { Nx }
(End definition for \iow_now:Nn and \iow_now:Nx These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

**\iow\_log:n** Writing to the log and the terminal directly are relatively easy.

```

\iow_log:x 9420 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \iow_log:x { \iow_now:Nx \c_log_iow }
\iow_term:n 9421 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \iow_log:n { \iow_now:Nn \c_log_iow }
\iow_term:x 9422 \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \iow_term:x { \iow_now:Nx \c_term_iow }
9423 \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 ??.)

```

### 19.4.3 Special characters for writing

**\iow\_newline:** Global variable holding the character that forces a new line when something is written to an output stream

```

9424 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \iow_newline: { ^^J }
(End definition for \iow_newline: This function is documented on page 175.)

```

**\iow\_char:N** Function to write any escaped char to an output stream.

```

9425 \cs_new_eq:NN \iow_char:N \cs_to_str:N
(End definition for \iow_char:N This function is documented on page 175.)

```

#### 19.4.4 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.

<code>\l_iow_line_count_int</code>	<p>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.</p> <pre>9426 \int_new:N \l_iow_line_count_int 9427 \int_set:Nn \l_iow_line_count_int { 78 }</pre> <p>(End definition for <code>\l_iow_line_count_int</code> This variable is documented on page 176.)</p>
<code>\l__iow_target_count_int</code>	<p>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.</p> <pre>9428 \int_new:N \l__iow_target_count_int</pre> <p>(End definition for <code>\l__iow_target_count_int</code>)</p>
<code>\l__iow_current_line_int</code> <code>\l__iow_current_word_int</code> <code>\l__iow_current_indentation_int</code>	<p>These store the number of characters in the line and word currently being constructed, and the current indentation, respectively.</p> <pre>9429 \int_new:N \l__iow_current_line_int 9430 \int_new:N \l__iow_current_word_int 9431 \int_new:N \l__iow_current_indentation_int</pre> <p>(End definition for <code>\l__iow_current_line_int</code>, <code>\l__iow_current_word_int</code>, and <code>\l__iow_current_indentation_int</code>)</p>
<code>\l__iow_current_line_tl</code> <code>\l__iow_current_word_tl</code> <code>\l__iow_current_indentation_tl</code>	<p>These hold the current line of text and current word, and a number of spaces for indentation, respectively.</p> <pre>9432 \tl_new:N \l__iow_current_line_tl 9433 \tl_new:N \l__iow_current_word_tl 9434 \tl_new:N \l__iow_current_indentation_tl</pre> <p>(End definition for <code>\l__iow_current_line_tl</code>, <code>\l__iow_current_word_tl</code>, and <code>\l__iow_current_indentation_tl</code>)</p>
<code>\l__iow_wrap_tl</code>	<p>Used for the expansion step before detokenizing, and for the output from wrapping text: fully expanded and with lines which are not overly long.</p> <pre>9435 \tl_new:N \l__iow_wrap_tl</pre> <p>(End definition for <code>\l__iow_wrap_tl</code>)</p>
<code>\l__iow_newline_tl</code>	<p>The token list inserted to produce the new line, with the <i>⟨run-on text⟩</i>.</p> <pre>9436 \tl_new:N \l__iow_newline_tl</pre> <p>(End definition for <code>\l__iow_newline_tl</code>)</p>
<code>\l__iow_line_start_bool</code>	<p>Boolean to avoid adding a space at the beginning of forced newlines, and to know when to add the indentation.</p> <pre>9437 \bool_new:N \l__iow_line_start_bool</pre> <p>(End definition for <code>\l__iow_line_start_bool</code>)</p>

`\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.

```

9438 \group_begin:
9439   \char_set_catcode_other:N \*
9440   \char_set_lccode:nn {'\*} {'\ }
9441   \tl_to_lowercase:n { \tl_const:Nn \c_catcode_other_space_tl { * } }
9442 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\c_catcode_other_space_tl` This function is documented on page 177.)

`\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
9443 \group_begin:
9444   \int_set_eq:NN \tex_escapechar:D \c_minus_one
9445   \tl_const:Nx \c__iow_wrap_marker_tl
9446     { \tl_to_str:n { \^^I \^^O \^^W \^^_ \^^W \^^R \^^A \^^P } }
9447 \group_end:
9448 \tl_map_inline:nn
9449   { { end } { newline } { indent } { unindent } }
9450   {
9451     \tl_const:cx { c__iow_wrap_ #1 _marker_tl }
9452     {
9453       \c_catcode_other_space_tl
9454       \c__iow_wrap_marker_tl
9455       \c_catcode_other_space_tl
9456       #1
9457       \c_catcode_other_space_tl
9458     }
9459   }

```

(End definition for `\c__iow_wrap_marker_tl` This function is documented on page 177.)

`\iow_indent:n` We give a dummy (protected) definition to `\iow_indent:n` when outside messages. `\__iow_indent:n` 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.

```

9460 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_indent:n #1 { }
9461 \cs_new:Npx \__iow_indent:n #1
9462   {
9463     \c__iow_wrap_indent_marker_tl
9464     #1
9465     \c__iow_wrap_unindent_marker_tl
9466   }

```

(End definition for `\iow_indent:n` This function is documented on page 176.)

`\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.

```

9467 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_wrap:nnnN #1#2#3#4
9468 {
9469   \group_begin:
9470     \int_set_eq:NN \tex_escapechar:D \c_minus_one
9471     \cs_set_nopar:Npx \{ { \token_to_str:N \{ }
9472     \cs_set_nopar:Npx \# { \token_to_str:N \# }
9473     \cs_set_nopar:Npx \} { \token_to_str:N \} }
9474     \cs_set_nopar:Npx \% { \token_to_str:N \% }
9475     \cs_set_nopar:Npx \~ { \token_to_str:N \~ }
9476     \int_set:Nn \tex_escapechar:D { 92 }
9477     \cs_set_eq:NN \ \c__iow_wrap_newline_marker_tl
9478     \cs_set_eq:NN \ \c_catcode_other_space_tl
9479     \cs_set_eq:NN \iow_indent:n \__iow_indent:n
9480     #3
9481   <initex>
9482     \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_wrap_tl {#1}
9483   </initex>
9484   <package>
9485     \protected@edef \l__iow_wrap_tl {#1}
9486   </package>

```

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.

```

9487   \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_newline_tl { \iow_newline: #2 }
9488   \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_newline_tl { \tl_to_str:N \l__iow_newline_tl }
9489   \tl_replace_all:Nnn \l__iow_newline_tl { ~ } { \c_space_tl }
9490   \int_set:Nn \l__iow_target_count_int
9491     { \l__iow_line_count_int - \tl_count:N \l__iow_newline_tl + \c_one }
9492   \int_zero:N \l__iow_current_indentation_int
9493   \tl_clear:N \l__iow_current_indentation_tl
9494   \int_zero:N \l__iow_current_line_int
9495   \tl_clear:N \l__iow_current_line_tl
9496   \bool_set_true:N \l__iow_line_start_bool
9497   \use:x
9498   {
9499     \exp_not:n { \tl_clear:N \l__iow_wrap_tl }
9500     \__iow_wrap_loop:w
9501     \tl_to_str:N \l__iow_wrap_tl
9502     \tl_to_str:N \c__iow_wrap_end_marker_tl
9503     \c_space_tl \c_space_tl

```

```

9504         \exp_not:N \q_stop
9505     }
9506     \exp_args:NNo \group_end:
9507     #4 \l__iow_wrap_tl
9508 }

```

(End definition for `\iow_wrap:nnnN` This function is documented on page 176.)

`\__iow_wrap_loop:w` The loop grabs one word in the input, and checks whether it is the special marker, or a normal word.

```

9509 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_wrap_loop:w #1 ~ %
9510 {
9511     \tl_set:Nn \l__iow_current_word_tl {#1}
9512     \tl_if_eq:NNTF \l__iow_current_word_tl \c__iow_wrap_marker_tl
9513     { \__iow_wrap_special:w }
9514     { \__iow_wrap_word: }
9515 }

```

(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.

```

9516 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_wrap_word:
9517 {
9518     \int_set:Nn \l__iow_current_word_int
9519     { \__str_count_ignore_spaces:N \l__iow_current_word_tl }
9520     \int_add:Nn \l__iow_current_line_int { \l__iow_current_word_int }
9521     \int_compare:nNnTF \l__iow_current_line_int < \l__iow_target_count_int
9522     { \__iow_wrap_word_fits: }
9523     { \__iow_wrap_word_newline: }
9524     \__iow_wrap_loop:w
9525 }
9526 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_wrap_word_fits:
9527 {
9528     \bool_if:NNTF \l__iow_line_start_bool
9529     {
9530         \bool_set_false:N \l__iow_line_start_bool
9531         \tl_put_right:Nx \l__iow_current_line_tl
9532         { \l__iow_current_indentation_tl \l__iow_current_word_tl }
9533         \int_add:Nn \l__iow_current_line_int
9534         { \l__iow_current_indentation_int }
9535     }
9536     {
9537         \tl_put_right:Nx \l__iow_current_line_tl
9538         { ~ \l__iow_current_word_tl }
9539         \int_incr:N \l__iow_current_line_int
9540     }
9541 }

```

```

9542 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_wrap_word_newline:
9543 {
9544   \tl_put_right:Nx \l__iow_wrap_tl
9545   { \l__iow_current_line_tl \l__iow_newline_tl }
9546   \int_set:Nn \l__iow_current_line_int
9547   {
9548     \l__iow_current_word_int
9549     + \l__iow_current_indentation_int
9550   }
9551   \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_current_line_tl
9552   { \l__iow_current_indentation_tl \l__iow_current_word_tl }
9553 }

```

(End definition for `\__iow_wrap_word`: This function is documented on page 176.)

```

\__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.

```

9554 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__iow_wrap_special:w #1 ~ #2 ~ #3 ~ %
9555 {
9556   \use:c { __iow_wrap_#1: }
9557   \str_if_eq_x:nnTF { #2~#3 } { ~ \c__iow_wrap_marker_tl }
9558   { \__iow_wrap_special:w }
9559   { \__iow_wrap_loop:w #2 ~ #3 ~ }
9560 }
9561 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_wrap_newline:
9562 {
9563   \tl_put_right:Nx \l__iow_wrap_tl
9564   { \l__iow_current_line_tl \l__iow_newline_tl }
9565   \int_zero:N \l__iow_current_line_int
9566   \tl_clear:N \l__iow_current_line_tl
9567   \bool_set_true:N \l__iow_line_start_bool
9568 }
9569 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npx \__iow_wrap_indent:
9570 {
9571   \int_add:Nn \l__iow_current_indentation_int \c_four
9572   \tl_put_right:Nx \exp_not:N \l__iow_current_indentation_tl
9573   { \c_space_tl \c_space_tl \c_space_tl \c_space_tl }
9574 }
9575 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_wrap_unindent:
9576 {
9577   \int_sub:Nn \l__iow_current_indentation_int \c_four
9578   \tl_set:Nx \l__iow_current_indentation_tl
9579   { \prg_replicate:nn \l__iow_current_indentation_int { ~ } }
9580 }
9581 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__iow_wrap_end:

```

```

9582 {
9583   \tl_put_right:Nx \l__iow_wrap_tl
9584   { \l__iow_current_line_tl }
9585   \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
9586 }

```

(End definition for `\__iow_wrap_special:w` This function is documented on page 176.)

```

\__str_count_ignore_spaces:N
\__str_count_ignore_spaces:n
\__str_count_loop:NNNNNNNNN

```

The wrapping code requires to measure the number of character in each word. This could be done with `\tl_count:n`, but it is ten times faster (literally) to use the code below.

```

9587 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__str_count_ignore_spaces:N
9588   { \exp_args:No \__str_count_ignore_spaces:n }
9589 \cs_new:Npn \__str_count_ignore_spaces:n #1
9590   {
9591     \__int_value:w \__int_eval:w
9592     \exp_after:wN \__str_count_loop:NNNNNNNNN \tl_to_str:n {#1}
9593     { X8 } { X7 } { X6 } { X5 } { X4 } { X3 } { X2 } { X1 } { X0 } \q_stop
9594     \__int_eval_end:
9595   }
9596 \cs_new:Npn \__str_count_loop:NNNNNNNNN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
9597   {
9598     \if_catcode:w X #9
9599     \exp_after:wN \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w
9600     \else:
9601       9 +
9602       \exp_after:wN \__str_count_loop:NNNNNNNNN
9603     \fi:
9604   }

```

(End definition for `\__str_count_ignore_spaces:N` This function is documented on page 176.)

## 19.5 Messages

```

9605 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { file-not-found }
9606   { File~'#1'~not-found. }
9607   {
9608     The~requested~file~could~not~be~found~in~the~current~directory,~
9609     in~the~TeX~search~path~or~in~the~LaTeX~search~path.
9610   }
9611 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { input-streams-exhausted }
9612   { Input~streams~exhausted }
9613   {
9614     TeX~can~only~open~up~to~16~input~streams~at~one~time.\\
9615     All~16~are~currently~in~use,~and~something~wanted~to~open~
9616     another~one.
9617   }
9618 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { output-streams-exhausted }
9619   { Output~streams~exhausted }
9620   {
9621     TeX~can~only~open~up~to~16~output~streams~at~one~time.\\
9622     All~16~are~currently~in~use,~and~something~wanted~to~open~

```



```

9623     another~one.
9624   }
9625   \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { space-in-file-name }
9626   { Space~in~file~name~'~#1'. }
9627   {
9628     Spaces~are~not~permitted~in~files~loaded~by~LaTeX: \\
9629     Further~errors~may~follow!
9630   }

```

## 19.6 Deprecated functions

Deprecated on 2012-06-28, for removal by 2012-12-31.

`\iow_wrap:xnnnN` This was renamed and one unneeded argument was removed.

```

9631 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_wrap:xnnnN #1#2#3#4#5
9632 { \iow_wrap:nnnN {#1} {#2} {#4} #5 }

```

*(End definition for \iow\_wrap:xnnnN This function is documented on page ??.)*

Deprecated on 2012-06-24, for removal by 2012-12-31.

`\l_iow_line_length_int` Simple rename. Here we copy the TeX register.

```

9633 \cs_new_eq:NN \l_iow_line_length_int \l_iow_line_count_int

```

*(End definition for \l\_iow\_line\_length\_int This variable is documented on page ??.)*

`\ior_to:NN` The local variants are renames, while the global variants are deprecated and add the TeX primitive `\global`.

```

\ior_gto:NN
\ior_str_to:NN
\ior_str_gto:NN
9634 \cs_new_eq:NN \ior_to:NN \ior_get:NN
9635 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \ior_gto:NN { \tex_global:D \ior_to:NN }
9636 \cs_new_eq:NN \ior_str_to:NN \ior_get_str:NN
9637 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \ior_str_gto:NN { \tex_global:D \ior_str_to:NN }

```

*(End definition for \ior\_to:NN and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)*

Deprecated on 2012-02-10, for removal by 2012-05-31.

`\iow_now_when_avail:Nn` For writing only if the stream requested is open at all.

```

\iow_now_when_avail:Nx
9638 \*deprecated
9639 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_now_when_avail:Nn #1
9640 { \cs_if_free:NTF #1 { \use_none:n } { \iow_now:Nn #1 } }
9641 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_now_when_avail:Nx #1
9642 { \cs_if_free:NTF #1 { \use_none:n } { \iow_now:Nx #1 } }
9643 \*deprecated

```

*(End definition for \iow\_now\_when\_avail:Nn and \iow\_now\_when\_avail:Nx These functions are documented on page ??.)*

Deprecated on 2011-05-27, for removal by 2011-08-31.

`\iow_now_buffer_safe:Nn` This is much more easily done using the wrapping system: there is an expansion there, so a bit of a hack is needed.

```

\iow_now_buffer_safe:Nx
9644 \*deprecated
9645 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_now_buffer_safe:Nn #1#2
9646 { \iow_wrap:xnnnN { \exp_not:n {#2} } { } \c_zero { } \iow_now:Nn #1 }
9647 \cs_new_protected:Npn \iow_now_buffer_safe:Nx #1#2

```

```

9648 { \iow_wrap:xnnnN {#2} { } \c_zero { } \iow_now:Nn #1 }
9649 </deprecated>
(End definition for \iow_now_buffer_safe:Nn and \iow_now_buffer_safe:Nx These functions are doc-
umented on page ??.)

```

\ior\_open\_streams: Slightly misleading names.

```

\ior_open_streams: 9650 <*deprecated>
9651 \cs_new_eq:NN \ior_open_streams: \ior_list_streams:
9652 \cs_new_eq:NN \iow_open_streams: \iow_list_streams:
9653 </deprecated>
(End definition for \ior_open_streams: This function is documented on page ??.)
9654 </initex | package>

```

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```

9655 <*package>
9656 \ProvidesExplPackage
9657 { \ExplFileName } { \ExplFileDate } { \ExplFileVersion } { \ExplFileDescription }
9658 \__expl_package_check:
9659 </package>

```

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```

9660 <*initex | package>
9661 <@@=fp>

```

## 22 Internal storage of floating points numbers

A floating point number  $\langle X \rangle$  is stored as

$$\backslash s\_fp \backslash \_fp\_chk:w \langle case \rangle \langle sign \rangle \langle body \rangle ;$$

Here,  $\langle case \rangle$  is 0 for  $\pm 0$ , 1 for normal numbers, 2 for  $\pm \infty$ , and 3 for **nan**, and  $\langle sign \rangle$  is 0 for positive numbers, 1 for **nans**, and 2 for negative numbers. The  $\langle body \rangle$  of normal numbers is  $\{\langle exponent \rangle\} \{\langle X_1 \rangle\} \{\langle X_2 \rangle\} \{\langle X_3 \rangle\} \{\langle X_4 \rangle\}$ , 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  $\langle exponent \rangle$  lies between  $\pm \backslash c\_fp\_max\_exponent\_int = \pm 10000$  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.

## 22.1 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.

```
9662 \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`

```
9663 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_use_s:n #1 { #1; }
9664 \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`

```
9665 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_use_none_until_s:w #1; { }
9666 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_use_i_until_s:nw #1#2; { #1 }
9667 \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.

```
9668 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_reverse_args:Nww #1 #2; #3; { #1 #3; #2; }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_reverse_args:Nww`)

## 22.2 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  $\text{\TeX}$  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.

```
9669 \__scan_new:N \s__fp
9670 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_chk:w #1 ;
9671 {
9672   \__msg_kernel_error:nnx { kernel } { misused-fp }
9673   { \__fp_to_tl:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 ; }
9674 }
```

(End definition for `\s__fp` and `\__fp_chk:w`)

`\s__fp_mark` Aliases of `\tex_relax:D`, used to terminate expressions.

```
\s__fp_stop 9675 \__scan_new:N \s__fp_mark
9676 \__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 9677 \__scan_new:N \s__fp_invalid
\s__fp_overflow 9678 \__scan_new:N \s__fp_underflow
\s__fp_division 9679 \__scan_new:N \s__fp_overflow
\s__fp_exact 9680 \__scan_new:N \s__fp_division
9681 \__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`

`\c_nan_fp`

where the dots in `\s__fp...` are one of `invalid`, `underflow`, `overflow`, `division`, `exact`, describing how the floating point was created. We define the floating points here as “exact”.

```

9682 \tl_const:Nn \c_zero_fp { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 0 0 \s__fp_exact ; }
9683 \tl_const:Nn \c_minus_zero_fp { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 0 2 \s__fp_exact ; }
9684 \tl_const:Nn \c_inf_fp { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 2 0 \s__fp_exact ; }
9685 \tl_const:Nn \c_minus_inf_fp { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 2 2 \s__fp_exact ; }
9686 \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 ??.)

`\__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.

```

9687 \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`

```

9688 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_zero_fp:N #1 { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 0 #1 \s__fp_underflow ; }
9689 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_inf_fp:N #1 { \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` In some cases, we need to output the smallest or biggest positive or negative finite numbers.

`\__fp_min_fp:N`

```

9690 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_min_fp:N #1
9691 {
9692   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1
9693   { \int_eval:n { - \c__fp_max_exponent_int } }
9694   {1000} {0000} {0000} {0000} ;
9695 }
9696 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_max_fp:N #1
9697 {

```

```

9698     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1
9699     { \int_use:N \c__fp_max_exponent_int }
9700     {9999} {9999} {9999} {9999} ;
9701 }
(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.

```

9702 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exponent:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1
9703 {
9704     \if_meaning:w 1 #1
9705     \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_ii_until_s:nnw
9706     \else:
9707     \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_i_until_s:nw
9708     \exp_after:wN 0
9709     \fi:
9710 }
(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.

```

9711 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_neg_sign:N #1
9712 { \__int_eval:w \c_two - #1 \__int_eval_end: }
(End definition for \__fp_neg_sign:N)

```

## 22.3 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`.

```

9713 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sanitize:Nw #1 #2;
9714 {
9715     \if_case:w \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c__fp_max_exponent_int \c_one \else:
9716     \if_int_compare:w #2 < - \c__fp_max_exponent_int \c_two \else:
9717     \if_meaning:w 1 #1 \c_three \else: \c_zero \fi: \fi: \fi:
9718     \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_overflow:w
9719     \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_underflow:w
9720     \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize_zero:w
9721     \fi:
9722     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1 {#2}
9723 }
9724 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sanitize:wN #1; #2 { \__fp_sanitize:Nw #2 #1; }
9725 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sanitize_zero:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2 #3; { \c_zero_fp }
(End definition for \__fp_sanitize:Nw and \__fp_sanitize:wN These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

## 22.4 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.

```

9726 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1
9727 {
9728   \if_meaning:w 1 #1
9729     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_normal:nNNw
9730   \else:
9731     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_special:nNNw
9732   \fi:
9733   { }
9734   #1
9735 }
9736 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_o:nw #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2
9737 {
9738   \if_meaning:w 1 #2
9739     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_normal:nNNw
9740   \else:
9741     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_special:nNNw
9742   \fi:
9743   { #1 }
9744   #2
9745 }
9746 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_f:nw #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2
9747 {
9748   \if_meaning:w 1 #2
9749     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_normal:nNNw
9750   \else:
9751     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_special:nNNw
9752   \fi:
9753   { \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 #1 }
9754   #2
9755 }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_exp_after_o:w` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\__fp_exp_after_special:nNNw` Special floating point numbers are easy to jump over since they contain few tokens.

```

9756 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_special:nNNw #1#2#3#4;
9757 {
9758   \exp_after:wN \s__fp
9759   \exp_after:wN \__fp_chk:w
9760   \exp_after:wN #2
9761   \exp_after:wN #3
9762   \exp_after:wN #4
9763   \exp_after:wN ;
9764   #1
```

```

9765 }
(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.

```

9766 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_after_normal:nNNw #1 1 #2 #3 #4#5#6#7;
9767 {
9768   \exp_after:wN \_fp_exp_after_normal:Nwwwww
9769   \exp_after:wN #2
9770   \__int_value:w #3   \exp_after:wN ;
9771   \__int_value:w 1 #4 \exp_after:wN ;
9772   \__int_value:w 1 #5 \exp_after:wN ;
9773   \__int_value:w 1 #6 \exp_after:wN ;
9774   \__int_value:w 1 #7 \exp_after:wN ; #1
9775 }
9776 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_after_normal:Nwwwww
9777   #1 #2; 1 #3 ; 1 #4 ; 1 #5 ; 1 #6 ;
9778   { \s_fp \_fp_chk:w 1 #1 {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6} ; }
(End definition for \_fp_exp_after_normal:nNNw)

```

## 22.5 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  $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ '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  $-5\,0000$  (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  $4\,9995\,0000$  (the “middle shift”). That, in turn, expands `\exp_after:wN` which triggers the third computation. The third computation’s value is  $5\,0000\,0000 + 12345 \times 8899$ , 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  $5\,0000\,0000/10^4 + 4\,9995\,0000 = 5\,0000\,0000$ . 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 `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:NNNNNw
\__fp_pack:NNNNNwn
\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. The `\__fp_pack:NNNNNwn` function brings a braced *<continuation>* up through the levels of expansion.

```
9779 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_leading_shift_int { - 5 0000 }
9780 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_middle_shift_int { 5 0000 * 9999 }
9781 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_trailing_shift_int { 5 0000 * 10000 }
9782 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pack:NNNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; { + #1#2#3#4#5 ; {#6} }
9783 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pack:NNNNNwn #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; #7
9784 { + #1#2#3#4#5 ; {#7} {#6} }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_pack:NNNNNw` and `\__fp_pack:NNNNNwn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

```
\__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw
\__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNwn
\c__fp_big_trailing_shift_int
\c__fp_big_middle_shift_int
\c__fp_big_leading_shift_int
```

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 `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 `TeX`.

```
9785 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_big_leading_shift_int { - 15 2374 }
9786 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int { 15 2374 * 9999 }
9787 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_big_trailing_shift_int { 15 2374 * 10000 }
9788 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw #1#2 #3#4#5#6 #7;
9789 { + #1#2#3#4#5#6 ; {#7} }
9790 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNwn #1#2 #3#4#5#6 #7; #8
9791 { + #1#2#3#4#5#6 ; {#8} {#7} }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNw` and `\__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNwn` These functions are documented on page ??.)



`\__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw` This set of shifts allows for computations involving 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.

`\c__fp_Bigg_trailing_shift_int`

`\c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int`

`\c__fp_Bigg_leading_shift_int`

```

9792 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_Bigg_leading_shift_int { - 20 0000 }
9793 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int { 20 0000 * 9999 }
9794 \int_const:Nn \c__fp_Bigg_trailing_shift_int { 20 0000 * 10000 }
9795 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw #1#2 #3#4#5#6 #7;
9796 { + #1#2#3#4#5#6 ; {#7} }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\_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.

```

9797 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN #1; #2#3#4#5 #6#7#8#9
9798 { #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.

```

9799 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN #1; #2#3#4#5 #6#7#8#9
9800 { #1 {#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9} ; }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN`)

## 22.6 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  $\langle shift \rangle$ .

```

9801 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn #1
9802 {
9803   \cs:w
9804   __fp_decimate_

```

```

9805     \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #1 > \c_sixteen
9806         tiny
9807     \else:
9808         \tex_romannumeral:D \__int_eval:w #1
9809     \fi:
9810     :Nnnnn
9811 \cs_end:
9812 }

```

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.

```

9813 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_decimate_:Nnnnn #1 #2#3#4#5
9814 { #1 0 {#2#3} {#4#5} ; }
9815 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_decimate_tiny:Nnnnn #1 #2#3#4#5
9816 { #1 1 { 0000 0000 } { 0000 0000 } 0 #2#3#4#5 ; }
(End definition for \__fp_decimate_:Nnnnn and \__fp_decimate_tiny:Nnnnn)

```

```

\__fp_decimate_i:Nnnnn
\__fp_decimate_ii:Nnnnn
\__fp_decimate_iii:Nnnnn
\__fp_decimate_iv:Nnnnn
\__fp_decimate_v:Nnnnn
\__fp_decimate_vi:Nnnnn
\__fp_decimate_vii:Nnnnn
\__fp_decimate_viii:Nnnnn
\__fp_decimate_ix:Nnnnn
\__fp_decimate_x:Nnnnn
\__fp_decimate_xi:Nnnnn
\__fp_decimate_xii:Nnnnn
\__fp_decimate_xiii:Nnnnn
\__fp_decimate_xiv:Nnnnn
\__fp_decimate_xv:Nnnnn
\__fp_decimate_xvi: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:nnnnnnnnnw`,<sup>6</sup> responsible for building two blocks of 8 digits, and removing the 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.

```

9817 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1 #2 #3
9818 {
9819     \cs_new:cpn { __fp_decimate_ #1 :Nnnnn } ##1 ##2##3##4##5
9820     {
9821         \exp_after:wN ##1
9822         \__int_value:w
9823         \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_digit:Nw #2 ;
9824         \__fp_decimate_pack:nnnnnnnnnw #3 ;
9825     }
9826 }
9827 \__fp_tmp:w {i} {\use_none:nnn #50} { 0{#2}#3{#4}#5 }
9828 \__fp_tmp:w {ii} {\use_none:nn #5 } { 00{#2}#3{#4}#5 }
9829 \__fp_tmp:w {iii} {\use_none:n #5 } { 000{#2}#3{#4}#5 }
9830 \__fp_tmp:w {iv} { #5 } { {0000}#2{#3}#4 #5 }
9831 \__fp_tmp:w {v} {\use_none:nnn #4#5 } { 0{0000}#2{#3}#4 #5 }
9832 \__fp_tmp:w {vi} {\use_none:nn #4#5 } { 00{0000}#2{#3}#4 #5 }
9833 \__fp_tmp:w {vii} {\use_none:n #4#5 } { 000{0000}#2{#3}#4 #5 }
9834 \__fp_tmp:w {viii}{ #4#5 } { {0000}0000{#2}#3 #4 #5 }
9835 \__fp_tmp:w {ix} {\use_none:nnn #3#4+#5} { 0{0000}0000{#2}#3 #4 #5 }
9836 \__fp_tmp:w {x} {\use_none:nn #3#4+#5} { 00{0000}0000{#2}#3 #4 #5 }
9837 \__fp_tmp:w {xi} {\use_none:n #3#4+#5} { 000{0000}0000{#2}#3 #4 #5 }

```

<sup>6</sup>No, the argument spec is not a mistake: the function calls an auxiliary to do half of the job.

```

9838 \_fp_tmp:w {xii} { #3#4+#5 } { {0000}0000{0000}#2 #3 #4 #5 }
9839 \_fp_tmp:w {xiii}{\use_none:nnn#2#3+#4#5} { 0{0000}0000{0000}#2 #3 #4 #5 }
9840 \_fp_tmp:w {xiv} {\use_none:nn #2#3+#4#5} { 00{0000}0000{0000}#2 #3 #4 #5 }
9841 \_fp_tmp:w {xv} {\use_none:n #2#3+#4#5} { 000{0000}0000{0000}#2 #3 #4 #5 }
9842 \_fp_tmp:w {xvi} { #2#3+#4#5 } {{0000}0000{0000}0000 #2 #3 #4 #5 }
(End definition for \_fp_decimate_i:Nnnnn and others.)

```

`\_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 TeX’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.

```

9843 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_decimate_pack:nnnnnnnnnw #1#2#3#4#5
9844 { \_fp_decimate_pack_ii:nnnnnnnw { #1#2#3#4#5 } }
9845 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_decimate_pack_ii:nnnnnnnw #1 #2#3#4#5#6
9846 { {#1} {#2#3#4#5#6} }
(End definition for \_fp_round_digit:Nw and \_fp_decimate_pack:nnnnnnnnnw)

```

## 22.7 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 *fp var*, expanding once after that floating point. Case 1 will do *some computation* using the *floating point* (presumably compute the operation requested by the user in that non-trivial case). Case 2 will return the *floating point* without modifying it, removing the *junk* and expanding once after. Case 3 will close the conditional, remove the *junk* and the *floating point*, and expand *something* next. In other cases, the “*junk*” is expanded, performing some other operation on the *floating point*. We provide similar functions with two trailing *floating points*.

`\_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.

```

9847 \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 *<junk>* may not contain semicolons.

```
9848 \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 *<fp var>*) then expands once after it.

```
9849 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_case_return_o:Nw #1#2 \fi: #3 \s__fp #4 ;
9850 { \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.

```
9851 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_case_return_same_o:w #1 \fi: #2 \s__fp
9852 { \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.

```
9853 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_case_return_o:Nww #1#2 \fi: #3 \s__fp #4 ; #5 ;
9854 { \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 trailing floating point numbers, expanding once after the result.

```
9855 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_case_return_i_o:ww #1 \fi: #2 \s__fp #3 ; \s__fp #4 ;
9856 { \fi: \__fp_exp_after_o:w \s__fp #3 ; }
9857 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_case_return_ii_o:ww #1 \fi: #2 \s__fp #3 ;
9858 { \fi: \__fp_exp_after_o:w }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_case_return_i_o:ww` and `\__fp_case_return_ii_o:ww`)

## 22.8 Small integer floating points

`\__fp_small_int:wTF` This function tests if its floating point argument is an integer in the range  $[-99999999, 99999999]$ .

`\__fp_small_int_true:wTF` If it is, the result of the conversion is fed as a braced argument to the *<true code>*. Otherwise, the *<>false code>* is performed. First filter special cases: neither `nan` nor infinities are integers. 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.

```

9859 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_small_int:wTF \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1
9860 {
9861   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
9862     \__fp_case_return:nw { \__fp_small_int_true:wTF 0 ; }
9863   \or:   \exp_after:wN \__fp_small_int_normal:NnwTF
9864   \else: \__fp_case_return:nw \use_ii:nn
9865   \fi:
9866 }
9867 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_small_int_true:wTF #1; #2#3 { #2 {#1} }
9868 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_small_int_normal:NnwTF #1#2#3;
9869 {
9870   \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_zero
9871   \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_eight
9872     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
9873     \exp_after:wN \use_iii:nnn
9874   \else:
9875     \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn { \c_sixteen - #2 }
9876     \__fp_small_int_test:NnnwNTF
9877     #3 #1
9878   \fi:
9879   \else:
9880     \exp_after:wN \use_iii:nnn
9881   \fi:
9882 ;
9883 }
9884 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_small_int_test:NnnwNTF #1#2#3#4; #5
9885 {
9886   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
9887     \exp_after:wN \__fp_small_int_true:wTF
9888     \__int_value:w \if_meaning:w 2 #5 - \fi: #3
9889   \else:
9890     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
9891   \fi:
9892 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_small_int:wTF` This function is documented on page ??.)

## 22.9 Length of a floating point array

`\__fp_array_count:w`  
`\__fp_array_count_loop:Nw`

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.

```

9893 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_array_count:w #1 @
9894 {
9895   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_zero
9896   \__fp_array_count_loop:Nw #1 { ? \__prg_break: } ;
9897   \__prg_break_point:
9898   \__int_eval_end:

```

```

9899   }
9900   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_array_count_loop:Nw #1#2;
9901   { \use_none:n #1 + \c_one \__fp_array_count_loop:Nw }
(End definition for \__fp_array_count:w This function is documented on page ??.)

```

## 22.10 Messages

Using a floating point directly is an error.

```

9902 \__msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { misused-fp }
9903 { A~floating~point~with~value~'#1'~was~misused. }
9904 {
9905   To~obtain~the~value~of~a~floating~point~variable,~use~
9906   '\token_to_str:N \fp_to_decimal:N',~
9907   '\token_to_str:N \fp_to_scientific:N',~or~other~
9908   conversion~functions.
9909 }
9910 </initex | package>

```

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```

9911 <*initex | package>
9912 <@@=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.

```

9913 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_flag_off:n #1
9914 { \cs_set_eq:cN { l__fp_ #1 _flag_token } \c_undefined:D }
(End definition for \fp_flag_off:n This function is documented on page 187.)

```

**`\fp_flag_on:n`** Function to turn a flag on expandably: use T<sub>E</sub>X's automatic assignment to `\scan_stop:`.

```

9915 \cs_new:Npn \fp_flag_on:n #1
9916 { \exp_args:Nc \use_none:n { l__fp_ #1 _flag_token } }
(End definition for \fp_flag_on:n This function is documented on page 187.)

```

`\fp_if_flag_on_p:n` Returns true if the flag is on, false otherwise.

`\fp_if_flag_on:nTF`

```

9917 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \fp_if_flag_on:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
9918 {
9919   \if_cs_exist:w l__fp_ #1 _flag_token \cs_end:
9920   \prg_return_true:
9921   \else:
9922     \prg_return_false:
9923   \fi:
9924 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_if_flag_on:n` These functions are documented on page 186.)

`\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`

`\l_fp_overflow_flag_token`

`\l_fp_underflow_flag_token`

```

9925 \cs_new_eq:NN \l_fp_invalid_operation_flag_token \c_undefined:D
9926 \cs_new_eq:NN \l_fp_division_by_zero_flag_token \c_undefined:D
9927 \cs_new_eq:NN \l_fp_overflow_flag_token \c_undefined:D
9928 \cs_new_eq:NN \l_fp_underflow_flag_token \c_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:nf`,
- `\__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 {⟨exception⟩} {⟨way of trapping⟩}`, where the *⟨way of trapping⟩* 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`

```
9929 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_trap:nn #1#2
9930 {
9931   \cs_if_exist_use:cF { __fp_trap_#1_set_#2: }
9932   {
9933     \clist_if_in:nnTF
9934     { invalid_operation , division_by_zero , overflow , underflow }
9935     {#1}
9936     {
9937       \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel }
9938       { unknown-fpu-trap-type } {#1} {#2}
9939     }
9940     { \__msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { unknown-fpu-exception } {#1} }
9941   }
9942 }
```

(End definition for `\fp_trap:nn` This function is documented on page 187.)

`\__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_error:` We provide three types of trapping for invalid operations: either produce an error and  
`\__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_flag:` raise the relevant flag; or only raise the flag; or don't even raise the flag. In most cases,  
`\__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_none:` the function produces as a result its first argument, possibly with post-expansion.  
`\__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set:N`

```
9943 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_error:
9944 { \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set:N \prg_do_nothing: }
9945 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_flag:
9946 { \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set:N \use_none:nnnnn }
9947 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set_none:
9948 { \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set:N \use_none:nnnnnnn }
9949 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_trap_invalid_operation_set:N #1
9950 {
9951   \exp_args:Nno \use:n
9952   { \cs_set:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation:nnw ##1##2##3; }
9953   {
9954     #1
9955     \__fp_error:nfn { invalid } {##2} { \__fp_to_tl:w ##3; } { }
9956     \fp_flag_on:n { invalid_operation }
9957     ##1
9958   }
9959   \exp_args:Nno \use:n
9960   { \cs_set:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww ##1##2; ##3; }
9961   {
9962     #1
9963     \__fp_error:nfn { invalid-ii }
9964     { \__fp_to_tl:w ##2; } { \__fp_to_tl:w ##3; } {##1}
9965     \fp_flag_on:n { invalid_operation }
9966     \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
9967   }
9968   \exp_args:Nno \use:n
9969   { \cs_set:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation_tl_o:nf ##1##2 }
9970   {
9971     #1
```



```

9972         \__fp_error:nnfn { invalid } {##1} {##2} { }
9973         \fp_flag_on:n { invalid_operation }
9974         \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
9975     }
9976 }

```

(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.

```

9977 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_division_by_zero_set_error:
9978 { \__fp_trap_division_by_zero_set:N \prg_do_nothing: }
9979 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_division_by_zero_set_flag:
9980 { \__fp_trap_division_by_zero_set:N \use_none:nnnnn }
9981 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_division_by_zero_set_none:
9982 { \__fp_trap_division_by_zero_set:N \use_none:nnnnnnn }
9983 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_trap_division_by_zero_set:N #1
9984 {
9985     \exp_args:Nno \use:n
9986     { \cs_set:Npn \__fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw ##1##2##3; }
9987     {
9988         #1
9989         \__fp_error:nnfn { zero-div } {##2} { \__fp_to_tl:w ##3; } { }
9990         \fp_flag_on:n { division_by_zero }
9991         \exp_after:wN ##1
9992     }
9993     \exp_args:Nno \use:n
9994     { \cs_set:Npn \__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww ##1##2##3; ##4; }
9995     {
9996         #1
9997         \__fp_error:nffn { zero-div-ii }
9998         { \__fp_to_tl:w ##3; } { \__fp_to_tl:w ##4; } {##2}
9999         \fp_flag_on:n { division_by_zero }
10000         \exp_after:wN ##1
10001     }
10002 }

```

(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:nnnnnnn 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.

```

10003 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_overflow_set_error:
10004 { \__fp_trap_overflow_set:N \prg_do_nothing: }
10005 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_overflow_set_flag:
10006 { \__fp_trap_overflow_set:N \use_none:nnnnn }
10007 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_overflow_set_none:
10008 { \__fp_trap_overflow_set:N \use_none:nnnnnnn }
10009 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_trap_overflow_set:N #1
10010 { \__fp_trap_overflow_set:NnNn #1 { overflow } \__fp_inf_fp:N { inf } }
10011 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_underflow_set_error:
10012 { \__fp_trap_underflow_set:N \prg_do_nothing: }
10013 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_underflow_set_flag:
10014 { \__fp_trap_underflow_set:N \use_none:nnnnn }
10015 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__fp_trap_underflow_set_none:
10016 { \__fp_trap_underflow_set:N \use_none:nnnnnnn }
10017 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_trap_underflow_set:N #1
10018 { \__fp_trap_overflow_set:NnNn #1 { underflow } \__fp_zero_fp:N { 0 } }
10019 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_trap_overflow_set:NnNn #1#2#3#4
10020 {
10021   \exp_args:Nno \use:n
10022   { \cs_set:cpn { __fp_ #2 :w } \s__fp \__fp_chk:w ##1##2##3; }
10023   {
10024     #1
10025     \__fp_error:nffn
10026     { flow \if_meaning:w 1 ##1 -to \fi: }
10027     { \__fp_to_tl:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w ##1##2##3; }
10028     { \token_if_eq_meaning:NNF 0 ##2 { - } #4 }
10029     {#2}
10030     \fp_flag_on:n {#2}
10031     #3 ##2
10032   }
10033 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_trap\_overflow\_set\_error: and others. These functions are documented on page 187.)

\\_\_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_division_by_zero_o:Nnw
\__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww
\__fp_overflow:w
\__fp_underflow:w
10034 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation:nnw #1#2#3; { }
10035 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww #1#2; #3; { }
10036 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_invalid_operation_tl_o:nf #1 #2 { }
10037 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw #1#2#3; { }
10038 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww #1#2#3; #4; { }
10039 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_overflow:w { }
10040 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_underflow:w { }
10041 \fp_trap:nn { invalid_operation } { error }
10042 \fp_trap:nn { division_by_zero } { flag }
10043 \fp_trap:nn { overflow } { flag }
10044 \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 expanding after.

```
10045 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \_fp_invalid_operation_o:nw
10046 { \_fp_invalid_operation:nnw { \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp } }
(End definition for \_fp_invalid_operation_o:nw)
```

### 23.3 Errors

`\_fp_error:nnnn`  
`\_fp_error:nnfn`  
`\_fp_error:nffn`

```
10047 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_error:nnnn #1
10048 { \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnn { kernel } { fp - #1 } }
10049 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \_fp_error:nnnn { nnf, nff }
(End definition for \_fp_error:nnnn, \_fp_error:nnfn, and \_fp_error:nffn)
```

### 23.4 Messages

Some messages.

```
10050 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { unknown-fpu-exception }
10051 { The~FPU~exception~'#1'~is~not~known:~that~trap~will~never~be~triggered. }
10052 {
10053   The~only~exceptions~to~which~traps~can~be~attached~are \\
10054   \iow_indent:n
10055   {
10056     * ~ invalid_operation \\
10057     * ~ division_by_zero \\
10058     * ~ overflow \\
10059     * ~ underflow
10060   }
10061 }
10062 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { unknown-fpu-trap-type }
10063 { The~FPU~trap~type~'#2'~is~not~known. }
10064 {
10065   The~trap~type~must~be~one~of \\
10066   \iow_indent:n
10067   {
10068     * ~ error \\
10069     * ~ flag \\
10070     * ~ none
10071   }
10072 }
10073 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-flow }
10074 { An ~ #3 ~ occurred. }
10075 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-flow-to }
10076 { #1 ~ #3 ed ~ to ~ #2 . }
10077 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-zero-div }
10078 { Division~by~zero~in~ #1 (#2) }
10079 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-zero-div-ii }
10080 { Division~by~zero~in~ (#1) #3 (#2) }
```

```

10081 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-invalid }
10082 { Invalid~operation~ #1 (#2) }
10083 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-invalid-ii }
10084 { Invalid~operation~ (#1) #3 (#2) }
10085 </initex | package>

```

## 24 l3fp-round implementation

```

10086 <*initex | package>
10087 <@@=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_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.

```

10088 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_return_one:
10089 { \exp_after:wN \c_one \tex_romannumeral:D }
10090 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_ninf:NNN #1 #2 #3
10091 {
10092   \if_meaning:w 2 #1
10093     \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_zero
10094       \__fp_round_return_one:
10095     \fi:
10096   \fi:
10097   \c_zero
10098 }
10099 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_zero:NNN #1 #2 #3 { \c_zero }
10100 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_pinf:NNN #1 #2 #3
10101 {
10102   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
10103     \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_zero
10104       \__fp_round_return_one:
10105     \fi:
10106   \fi:
10107   \c_zero
10108 }
10109 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN #1 #2 #3
10110 {
10111   \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_five
10112     \__fp_round_return_one:
10113   \else:
10114     \if_meaning:w 5 #3
10115       \if_int_odd:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
10116       \__fp_round_return_one:
10117     \fi:
10118   \fi:
10119   \fi:
10120   \c_zero
10121 }

```

10122 \cs\_new\_eq:NN \\_\_fp\_round:NNN \\_\_fp\_round\_to\_nearest:NNN  
 (End definition for \\_\_fp\_round:NNN This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_\_fp\_round\_s:NNW 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.

```

10123 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_s:NNW #1 #2 #3 #4;
10124 {
10125   \exp_after:wN \__fp_round:NNN
10126   \exp_after:wN #1
10127   \exp_after:wN #2
10128   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
10129   \if_int_odd:w 0 \if_meaning:w 0 #3 1 \fi:
10130   \if_meaning:w 5 #3 1 \fi:
10131   \exp_stop_f:
10132   \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #4 > \c_zero
10133     1 +
10134   \fi:
10135   \fi:
10136   #3
10137 ;
10138 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_round\_s:NNW)

\\_\_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.

```

10139 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_digit:NW #1 #2;
10140 {
10141   \if_int_odd:w \if_meaning:w 0 #1 \c_one \else:
10142   \if_meaning:w 5 #1 \c_one \else:
10143   \c_zero \fi: \fi:
10144   \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #2 > \c_zero
10145   \__int_eval:w \c_one +
10146   \fi:
10147   \fi:
10148   #1
10149 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_round\_digit:NW)

\\_\_fp\_round\_neg:NNN This expands to \c\_zero or \c\_one. Consider a number of the form  $\langle final\ sign \rangle . X \dots X \langle digit_1 \rangle$   
 \\_\_fp\_round\_to\_nearest\_neg:NNN with exactly 15 (non-all-zero) digits before  $\langle digit_1 \rangle$ , and subtract from it  $\langle final\ sign \rangle . 0 \dots 0 \langle digit_2 \rangle$ ,  
 \\_\_fp\_round\_to\_ninf\_neg:NNN where there are 16 zeros. If in the current rounding mode the result should be rounded  
 \\_\_fp\_round\_to\_zero\_neg:NNN down, then this function returns \c\_one. Otherwise, *i.e.*, if the result is rounded back to  
 \\_\_fp\_round\_to\_pinf\_neg:NNN 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.

```

10150 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_ninf_neg:NNN #1 #2 #3
10151 {
10152   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
10153     \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_zero
10154       \__fp_round_return_one:
10155     \fi:
10156   \fi:
10157   \c_zero
10158 }
10159 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_zero_neg:NNN #1 #2 #3
10160 {
10161   \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_zero
10162     \__fp_round_return_one:
10163   \fi:
10164   \c_zero
10165 }
10166 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_to_pinf_neg:NNN #1 #2 #3
10167 {
10168   \if_meaning:w 2 #1
10169     \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_zero
10170       \__fp_round_return_one:
10171     \fi:
10172   \fi:
10173   \c_zero
10174 }
10175 \cs_new_eq:NN \__fp_round_to_nearest_neg:NNN \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN
10176 \cs_new_eq:NN \__fp_round_neg:NNN \__fp_round_to_nearest_neg:NNN
(End definition for \__fp_round_neg:NNN This function is documented on page ??.)

```

## 24.2 The round function

```

\__fp_round:Nww
\__fp_round:Nwn
\__fp_round_normal:NwNNnw
\__fp_round_normal_ii:NnwNNnn
\__fp_round_pack:Nw
\__fp_round_normal_iii:NNwNnn
\__fp_round_normal_end:wwNnn
\__fp_round_special:NwNnn
\__fp_round_special_aux:Nw
10177 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round:Nww #1#2 ; #3 ;
10178 {
10179   \__fp_small_int:wTF #3; { \__fp_round:Nwn #1#2; }
10180   {
10181     \__fp_invalid_operation_tl_o:nf
10182     { round } { \__fp_array_to_clist:n { #2; #3; } }
10183   }
10184 }
10185 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round:Nwn #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4; #5
10186 {
10187   \if_meaning:w 1 #2
10188     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_normal:NwNNnw
10189     \exp_after:wN #1
10190     \__int_value:w #5
10191   \else:

```

```

10192     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_o:w
10193     \fi:
10194     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3#4;
10195   }
10196   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_normal:NwNNnw #1#2 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#3#4#5;
10197   {
10198     \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn { \c_sixteen - #4 - #2 }
10199     \__fp_round_normal_ii:NnnwNNnn #5 #1 #3 {#4} {#2}
10200   }
10201   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_normal_ii:NnnwNNnn #1#2#3#4; #5#6
10202   {
10203     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_normal_iii:NNwNnn
10204     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
10205     \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_zero
10206       1 \__int_value:w #2
10207       \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_pack:Nw
10208       \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1#3 +
10209     \else:
10210       \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_zero
10211         1 \__int_value:w #3 +
10212       \fi:
10213     \fi:
10214     \exp_after:wN #5
10215     \exp_after:wN #6
10216     \use_none:nnnnnnn #3
10217     #1
10218     \__int_eval_end:
10219     0000 0000 0000 0000 ; #6
10220   }
10221   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_pack:Nw #1
10222   { \if_meaning:w 2 #1 + \c_one \fi: \__int_eval_end: }
10223   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_normal_iii:NNwNnn #1 #2
10224   {
10225     \if_meaning:w 0 #2
10226       \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_special:NwwNnn
10227       \exp_after:wN #1
10228     \fi:
10229     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
10230     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
10231     \__fp_round_normal_end:wwNnn
10232     ; #2
10233   }
10234   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_normal_end:wwNnn #1;#2;#3#4#5
10235   {
10236     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_o:w \tex_romannumeral:D -‘0
10237     \__fp_sanitize:Nw #3 #4 ; #1 ;
10238   }
10239   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_special:NwwNnn #1#2;#3;#4#5#6
10240   {
10241     \if_meaning:w 0 #1

```



```

10242     \__fp_case_return:nw
10243     { \exp_after:wN \__fp_zero_fp:N \exp_after:wN #4 }
10244   \else:
10245     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_special_aux:Nw
10246     \exp_after:wN #4
10247     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_one
10248     \if_meaning:w 1 #1 -#6 \else: +#5 \fi:
10249   \fi:
10250   ;
10251 }
10252 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_round_special_aux:Nw #1#2;
10253 {
10254   \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_o:w \tex_romannumeral:D -‘0
10255   \__fp_sanitize:Nw #1#2; {1000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
10256 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_round:Nww` and `\__fp_round:Nwn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

10257 </initex | package>

```

## 25 l3fp-parse implementation

```

10258 <*initex | package>

```

```

10259 <@@=fp>

```

## 26 Precedences

In order of evaluation (some distinctions are irrelevant for the order of evaluation, but serve as signals).

- 32 Juxtaposition for implicit multiplication.
- 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 `%`.
- 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.

## 27 Evaluating an expression

`\__fp_parse:n` This `f`-expands to the internal floating point number obtained by evaluating the *floating point expression*. During this evaluation, each token is fully `f`-expanded.

**TeXhackers 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 TeX errors.<sup>7</sup>

(End definition for `\__fp_parse:n`)

## 28 Work plan

The task at hand is non-trivial, and some previous failed attempts have shown me that the code ends up giving unreadable logs, so we'd better get it (almost) right the first time. Let us thus first discuss precisely the design before starting to write the code. To simplify matters, we first consider expressions with integers only.

### 28.1 Storing results

The main issue in parsing expressions expandably is: “where in the input stream should the result be put?”

One option is to place the result at the end of the expression, but this has several drawbacks:

- firstly it means that for long expressions we would be reaching all the way to the end of the expression at every step of the calculation, which can be rather expensive;
- secondly, when parsing parenthesized sub-expressions, we would naturally place the result after the corresponding closing parenthesis. But since `\__fp_parse:n` does not assume that its argument is expanded, this closing parenthesis may be hidden in a macro, and not present yet, causing havoc.

The other natural option is to store the result at the start of the expression, and carry it as an argument of each macro. This does not really work either: in order to expand what follows on the input stream, we need to skip at each step over all the tokens in the result using `\exp_after:wN`. But this requires adding many `\exp_after:wN` to the result at each step, also an expensive process.

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<sup>7</sup>Bruno: describe what happens in cases like `2\c_three = 6`.

Hence, we need to go for some fine expansion control: the result is stored *before* the start... A toy model that illustrates this idea is to try and add some positive integers which may be hidden within macros, or registers. Assume that one number 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 ;
\tex_romannumeral:D -'0 \clean:w <stuff>
```

Hitting this construction by one step of expansion expands `\exp_after:wN`, which triggers the primitive `\_int_value:w`, which reads an integer, 12345. This integer is unfinished, causing the second `\exp_after:wN` to expand, and trigger the construction `\tex_romannumeral:D -'0`, which f-expands `\clean:w` (see `l3expan.dtx` for an explanation). Assume then that `\clean:w` is such that it expands `<stuff>` to e.g., 333444;. Once `\clean:w` is done expanding, we will obtain essentially

```
\exp_after:wN \add:ww \_int_value:w 12345 ; 333444 ;
```

where in fact `\exp_after:wN` has already been expanded, and `\_int_value:w` has already seen 12345. Now, `\_int_value:w` sees the `;`, and stops expanding, and we are left with

```
\add:ww 12345 ; 333444 ;
```

which can safely perform the addition by grabbing two arguments delimited by `;`.

On this toy example, we could note that 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 to waste as little as possible of this precious memory.

## 28.2 Precedence

A major point to keep in mind when parsing expressions is that different operators have different precedence. The true analog of our toy `\clean:w` macro must thus take care of that. For definiteness, let us assume that the operation which prompted `\clean:w` was a multiplication. Then `\clean:w` (expand and) read digits until the number is ended by some operation. If this is `+` or `-`, then the multiplication should be calculated next, so `\clean:w` can simply decide that its job is done. However, if the operator we find is `^`, then this operation must be performed before returning control to the multiplication. This means that we need to `\clean:w` the number following `^`, and perform the calculation, then just end our job.

Hence, each time a number is cleaned, the precedence of the following operation must be compared to that of the previous operation. The process of course has to happen recursively. For instance, `1+2^3*4` would involve the following steps.

- 1 is cleaned up.
- 2 is cleaned up.
- The precedences of  $+$  and  $\wedge$  are compared. Since the latter is higher, the second operand of  $\wedge$  should be cleaned.
- 3 is cleaned up.
- The precedences of  $\wedge$  and  $*$  are compared. Since the former is higher, the cleaning step stops.
- Compute  $2^3 = 8$ .
- We now have  $1+8*4$ , and the operation  $+$  is still looking for a second operand. Clean 8.
- The precedences of  $+$  and  $*$  are compared. Since the latter is higher, the second operand of  $*$  should be cleaned.
- 4 is cleaned up, and the end of the expression is reached.
- Compute  $8*4 = 32$ .
- We now have  $1+8*4$ , and the operation  $+$  is still looking for a second operand. Clean 32, and reach the end of the expression.
- Compute  $1+32 = 33$ .

Here, there is some (expensive) redundant work: the results of computations should not need to be cleaned again. Thus the true definition is slightly more elaborate.

The precedence of  $($  and  $)$  are defined to be equal, and smaller than the precedence of  $+$  and  $-$ , itself smaller than  $*$  and  $/$ , smaller, finally, then the power operator  $**$  (or  $\wedge$ ).

### 28.3 Infix operators

The implementation that was chosen is slightly wasteful: it causes more nesting than necessary. However, it is simpler to implement and to explain than a slightly optimized variant.

The cornerstone of that method is a pair of functions, `\until` and `\one`, which both take as their first argument the precedence (an integer) of the last operation. The f-expansion of

`\until  $\langle prec \rangle$  \one  $\langle prec \rangle$   $\langle stuff \rangle$`

is the internal floating point obtained by “cleaning” numbers which follow in the input stream, and performing computations until reaching an operation with a precedence less than or equal to  $\langle prec \rangle$ . This is followed by a control sequence of the form `\infix_?`, namely,

$\langle floating\ point \rangle \backslash infix\_?$

where  $?$  is the operation following that number in the input stream (we thus know that this operation has at most the precedence  $\langle prec \rangle$ , otherwise it would have been performed already).

How is that expansion achieved? First,  $\backslash one \langle prec \rangle$  reads one  $\langle floating\ point \rangle$  number, and converts it to an internal form, then the following operation, say  $*$ , is packed in the form  $\backslash infix\_*$ , which is fed the  $\langle prec \rangle$ . This function (one per infix operator) compares  $\langle prec \rangle$  with the precedence of the operator we just read (here  $*$ ). If  $\langle prec \rangle$  is higher, our job is finished, and  $\backslash one$  leaves  $\backslash\_fp\_parse\_stop\_until:N$  so that  $\backslash until$  knows to stop. Otherwise,  $\backslash infix\_*$  triggers a new pair  $\backslash until \langle prec(*) \rangle \backslash one \langle prec(*) \rangle$ , which produces the second operand  $\langle floating\ point_2 \rangle$  for the multiplication:

$\backslash until \langle prec \rangle \langle floating\ point \rangle$   
 $\dots \langle floating\ point_2 \rangle ; \backslash infix\_?$

The dots are  $\backslash\_fp\_parse\_apply\_binary:NwNwN *$ . The boolean tells  $\backslash until$  that it is not done, and it expands (essentially) to

$\backslash until \langle prec \rangle \backslash\_fp\_*_o:ww \langle floating\ point \rangle \langle floating\ point_2 \rangle \backslash tex\_romannumeral:D$   
 $-‘0 \backslash infix\_? \langle prec \rangle$

making TeX expand  $\backslash\_fp\_*_o:ww$  before  $\backslash until$ . As implemented in `l3fp-basics`, this operation expands what follows its result exactly once. This triggers  $\backslash tex\_romannumeral:D$ , which fully expands  $\backslash infix\_? \langle prec \rangle$ . This compares the precedence of the next operation,  $?$ , and  $\langle prec \rangle$ , and leaves a boolean (and possibly more things), which is then checked by  $\backslash until \langle prec \rangle$  to know if the result of the multiplication is the end of the story, or if  $?$  should be computed as well before  $\backslash until \langle prec \rangle$  ends.

This should be easier to see on an example. To each infix operator, for instance,  $*$ , is associated the following data:

- a test function,  $\backslash infix\_*$ , which conditionally continues the calculation or waits to be hit again by expansion;
- a function  $*$  (notation for  $\backslash\_fp\_*_o:ww$ ) which performs the actual calculation;
- an integer,  $*$ , which encodes the precedence of the operator.

The token that is currently being expanded is underlined, and in red. Tokens that have not yet been read (and could still be hidden in macros) are in gray.

In a first reading, the distinction between the  $\langle precedence \rangle +$ , the operation  $+$ , and the character token  $+$  should not matter. It is only required to accomodate for multi-token infix operators such as  $**$ : indeed, when controlling expansion, we need to skip over those tokens using  $\backslash exp\_after:wN$ , and this only skips one token. Thus  $**$  needs to be replaced by a single token (either its precedence or its calculating function, depending on the place).

To end the computation cleanly, we add a trailing right parenthesis, and give  $($  and  $)$  the lowest precedence, so that  $\backslash until( \backslash one($  reads numbers and performs operations until meeting a right parenthesis. This is discussed more precisely in the next section.

```

\until( \one( 11 + 2**3 * 5 - 9 )
\until( 1 \one( 1 + 2**3 * 5 - 9 )
\until( 11 \one( + 2**3 * 5 - 9 )
\until( 11; \infix_+( 2**3 * 5 - 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ \one+ 2**3 * 5 - 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ 2 \one+ **3 * 5 - 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ 2; \infix_*** 3 * 5 - 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ 2; F ** \until** \one** 3 * 5 - 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ 2; F ** \until** 3 \one** * 5 - 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ 2; F ** \until** 3; \infix_*** 5 - 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ 2; F ** \until** 3; T \infix_* 5 - 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ 2; F ** 3; \infix_* 5 - 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ ** 2; 3; \infix_** 5 - 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ 8; \infix_** 5 - 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ 8; F * \until* \one* 5 - 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ 8; F * \until* 5 \one* - 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ 8; F * \until* 5; \infix_-* 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ 8; F * \until* 5; T \infix_- 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ 8; F * 5; \infix_- 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ * 8; 5; \infix_-+ 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ 40; \infix_-+ 9 )
\until( 11; F + \until+ 40; T \infix_- 9 )
\until( 11; F + 40; \infix_- 9 )
\until( + 11; 40; \infix_-( 9 )
\until( 51; \infix_-( 9 )
\until( 51; F - \until- \one- 9 )
\until( 51; F - \until- 9 \one- )
\until( 51; F - \until- 9; \infix_-)-
\until( 51; F - \until- 9; T \infix_-)
\until( 51; F - 9; \infix_-)
\until( - 51; 9; \infix_-)(
\until( 42; \infix_-)(
\until( 42; T \infix_-)
42; \infix_-)

```

The only missing step is to clean the output by removing `\infix_`), and possibly checking that nothing else remains.

## 28.4 Prefix operators, parentheses, and functions

Prefix operators (typically the 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 small subtlety on precedence explained below. Once that argument is found, its sign can be flipped. A left parenthesis is just a prefix operator which removes the closing parenthesis (with some extra checks).

Detecting prefix operators is done by `\one`. Before looking for a number, it tests the first character. If it is a digit, a dot, or a register, then we have a number. Otherwise, it is put in a function, `\prefix_?` (where `?` is roughly that first character), which is expanded. For instance, with a left parenthesis we would have the following.

```
\one* ( 2 + 3 )
\prefix_(* 2 + 3 )
(* \until( \one( 2 + 3 )
...
(* 5; \infix_)
```

As usual, the `\until`–`\one` pair reads and compute until reaching an operator of precedence at most `(`. Then `(` removes `\infix_`) and looks ahead for the next operation, comparing its precedence with the precedence `*` of the previous operation (in fact, this comparison is done by the relevant `\infix_?` built from the next operation).

To support multi-character function (and constant) names, we may need to put more than one character in the `\prefix_?` construction. See implementation for details.

Note that contrarily to `\infix_?` functions, the `\prefix_?` functions perform no test on their argument (which is once more the previous precedence), since we know that we need a number, and must never stop there.

Functions are implemented as prefix operators with infinitely high precedence, so that their argument is the first number that can possibly be built. For instance, something like the following could happen in a computation

```
\one* sqrt 4 + 3 )
\prefix_sqrt* 4 + 3 )
sqrt* \until∞ \one∞ 4 + 3 )
...
sqrt* 4; \infix_+ 3 )
2; \infix_+* 3 )
```

Lonely example, to be put somewhere: `2+sin 1 * 3` is  $2 + (\sin(1) \times 3)$ .

A further complication arises in the case of the unary `-` sign: `-3**2` should be  $-(3^2) = -9$ , and not  $(-3)^2 = 9$ . Easy, just give `-` a lower precedence, equal to that of the infix `+` and `-`. Unfortunately, this fails in subtle cases such as `3**-2*4`, yielding  $3^{-2 \times 4}$  instead of the correct  $3^{-2} \times 4$ . In fact, a unary `-` should only perform operations whose

precedence is greater than that of the last operation, as well as  $-$ .<sup>8</sup> Thus, `\prefix_`-`<prec>` expands to something like

`- <prec> \until? \one ?`

where `?` is the maximum of `<prec>` and the precedence of  $-$ . Once the argument of  $-$  is found,  $-$  gets its opposite, and leaves it for the previous operation to use.

An example with parentheses.

```
\until( \one( 11 * ( 2 + 3 ) - 9 )
\until( 1 \one( 1 * ( 2 + 3 ) - 9 )
\until( 11 \one( * ( 2 + 3 ) - 9 )
\until( 11; \infix_*( ( 2 + 3 ) - 9 )
\until( 11; F * \until* \one* ( 2 + 3 ) - 9 )
\until( 11; F * \until* \prefix_(* 2 + 3 ) - 9 )
\until( 11; F * \until* (* \until( \one( 2 + 3 ) - 9 )
\until( 11; F * \until* (* \until( 2 \one( + 3 ) - 9 )
\until( 11; F * \until* (* \until( 2; \infix_+( 3 ) - 9 )
\until( 11; F * \until* (* \until( 2; F + \until+ \one+ 3)-9)
\until( 11; F * \until* (* \until( 2; F + \until+ 3 \one+ )-9)
\until( 11; F * \until* (* \until( 2; F + \until+ 3; \infix_)+ -9)
\until( 11; F * \until* (* \until( 2; F + \until+ 3; T \infix_) -9)
\until( 11; F * \until* (* \until( 2; F + 3; \infix_) - 9 )
\until( 11; F * \until* (* \until( + 2; 3; \infix_)( - 9 )
\until( 11; F * \until* (* \until( 5; \infix_)( - 9 )
\until( 11; F * \until* (* \until( 5; T \infix_) - 9 )
\until( 11; F * \until* (* 5; \infix_) - 9 )
\until( 11; F * \until* 5; \infix_-* 9 )
\until( 11; F * \until* 5; T \infix_- 9 )
\until( 11; F * 5; \infix_- 9 )
\until( * 11; 5; \infix_-( 9 )
\until( 55; \infix_-( 9 )
\until( 55; F - \until- \one- 9 )
\until( 55; F - \until- 9 \one- )
\until( 55; F - \until- 9; \infix_-)
\until( 55; F - \until- 9; T \infix_-)
```

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<sup>8</sup>Taking into account the precedence of  $-$  itself only matters when it follows a left parenthesis:  $(-2*4+3)$  should give  $((-8)+3)$ , not  $(-(8+3))$ .



```

\until( 55; F - 9; \infix_)
\until( _ 55; 9; \infix_)(
\until( 47; \infix_)(
\until( 47; T \infix_)
47; \infix_)

```

The end of this (sub)section was not revised yet

- If it is a sign (- or +), then any following sign will be combined with this initial sign, forming `\prefix_+` or `\prefix_-`.
- If it is a letter, then any following letter is grabbed, forming for instance `\prefix_-sin` or `\prefix_sinh`.
- Otherwise, only one token<sup>9</sup> is grabbed, for instance `\prefix_()`.

Functions may take several arguments, possibly an unknown number<sup>10</sup>, for instance `round(1.23456,2)`.

- `round` is made into `\prefix_round`, which tries to grab one number using `\one`.
- This builds `\prefix_()`, which uses `\one` to grab one number, calculating as necessary. The comma is given the same precedence as parentheses, and thus ends the calculation of the argument of `round`.
- `round` now has its first argument. It can check whether the argument was closed by `,` or `)`, and branch accordingly.
- If it was a comma, then the first argument is skipped over, through an expensive set of `\exp_after:wN`, and the second argument can be grabbed. Here it is simply an integer, easier to parse by building upon `\etex_numexpr:D`.
- The closing parenthesis (or another comma) is seen, and the control is given back to `\prefix_round`.

## 28.5 Type detection

The type of data should be detected by reading the first few tokens, before calling a type-specific function to parse it. Or should the type be obtained after the semicolon which indicates the end of the thing? And placed there?

Also to grab exponents correctly, build `\_fp_<abc>:w` when seeing some non-numeric `abc` while still looking to complete a number (or other data). Then, if `\_fp_postfix_<type>_<abc>:w` exists, use it.

The internal representation of floating point numbers is quite untypable, and we provide here the tools to convert from a more user-friendly representation to internal floating point numbers, and for various other conversions. Every floating point operation calls those functions to normalize the input, so they must be optimized.

<sup>9</sup>Some support for multi-character prefix operator may be added in the future, but right now, I don't see a use for it. Perhaps, for including comments inside the computation itself??

<sup>10</sup>Keyword argument support may be added later.

## 29 Internal representation

Internally, a floating point number  $\langle X \rangle$  is a token list containing

```
\s__fp \__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, `\s__fp` is simply another name for `\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. `\s__fp` will do nothing, and `\__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>11</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

```
\s__fp \__fp_chk:w  $\langle case \rangle$   $\langle sign \rangle$  \s__fp... ;
```

where `\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

```
\s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1  $\langle sign \rangle$  { $\langle exponent \rangle$ } { $\langle X_1 \rangle$ } { $\langle X_2 \rangle$ } { $\langle X_3 \rangle$ } { $\langle X_4 \rangle$ } ;
```

Here, the  $\langle exponent \rangle$  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  $\langle exponent \rangle$  is minimal. This implies  $1000 \leq \langle X_1 \rangle \leq 9999$ .

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<sup>11</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 {\langle exponent \rangle} {\langle X_1 \rangle} {\langle X_2 \rangle} {\langle X_3 \rangle} {\langle X_4 \rangle} ;	Positive floating point.
1 2 {\langle exponent \rangle} {\langle X_1 \rangle} {\langle X_2 \rangle} {\langle X_3 \rangle} {\langle X_4 \rangle} ;	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.

## 30 Internal parsing functions

\\_fp\_parse\_until:Nw Reads the  $\langle tokens \rangle$ , performing every computation with a precedence higher than  $\langle precedence \rangle$ , then expands to where the  $\langle op \rangle$  is the first operation with a lower precedence, possibly `end`.  
(End definition for \\_fp\_parse\_until:Nw)

\\_fp\_parse\_operand:Nw 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\_operand:Nw)

\\_fp\_parse\_infix\\_meta{operation}:N If the  $\langle op \rangle$  has a precedence higher than  $\langle precedence \rangle$ , expands to Otherwise expands to  
(End definition for \\_fp\_parse\_infix\\_metaoperation:N)

### 30.1 Expansion control

At each step in reading a floating point expression, we wish to perform `f`-expansion. Normally, spaces stop this `f`-expansion. This can be problematic: for instance, the macro `\X` below will not be expanded if we simply do `f`-expansion.

```
\DeclareDocumentCommand {\test} {m} { \fp_eval:n {#1} }
\ExplSyntaxOff
\test { 1 + \X }
```

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.

Floating point expressions should behave as much as possible like  $\varepsilon$ -TeX-based integer expressions and dimension expressions. In particular, full-expansion should be performed as the expression is read, token by token, forcing the expansion of protected macros, and ignoring spaces.

Full expansion can be done with `\tex_roman numeral:D -‘0`. Unfortunately, this expansion is stopped by spaces. Thus using simply this will fail on `\fp_eval:n { 1 + ~ \l_tmpa_fp }` since the floating point variable will not be expanded. 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. We can avoid being stopped by such explicit space characters (and by some braces) if we add `\use:n` after `-‘0`.

Testing if a character token #1 is a digit can be done using

```
\if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
  true code
\else:
  false code
\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.

`\__fp_parse_expand:w` This function must always come within a `\romannumeral` expansion. The *⟨tokens⟩* should be the part of the expression that we have not yet read. This requires in particular closing all conditionals properly before expanding.

```
10260 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_expand:w #1 { -‘0 #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.

```
10261 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w
10262   #1 \fi: \__fp_parse_expand:w { \fi: ; #1 }
(End definition for \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w)
```

## 30.2 Fp object type

`\__fp_type_from_scan:N` Grabs the pieces of the stringified *⟨token⟩* which lies after the first `s__fp`. If the *⟨token⟩* does not contain that string, the result is `_?`.

`\__fp_type_from_scan:w`

```
10263 \group_begin:
10264 \char_set_catcode_other:N \S
10265 \char_set_catcode_other:N \F
10266 \char_set_catcode_other:N \P
10267 \char_set_lccode:nn { ‘\ - } { ‘\_ }
10268 \tl_to_lowercase:n
10269 {
10270   \group_end:
10271   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_type_from_scan:N #1
10272     {
10273       \exp_after:wN \__fp_type_from_scan:w
10274       \token_to_str:N #1 \q_mark S--FP-? \q_mark \q_stop
10275     }
10276   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_type_from_scan:w #1 S--FP #2 \q_mark #3 \q_stop {#2}
10277 }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_type_from_scan:N` and `\__fp_type_from_scan:w`)

### 30.3 Reading digits

`\__fp_parse_digits_vii:N`  
`\__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`

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

$\langle digits \rangle ; \langle filling\ 0 \rangle ; \langle length \rangle$

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.

```

10278 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1 #2 #3
10279 {
10280   \cs_new:cpn { __fp_parse_digits_ #1 :N } ##1
10281   {
10282     \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N ##1 \exp_stop_f:
10283     \token_to_str:N ##1 \exp_after:wN #2 \tex_romannumeral:D
10284     \else:
10285       \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w #3 ##1
10286       \fi:
10287       \__fp_parse_expand:w
10288   }
10289 }
10290 \__fp_tmp:w {vii} \__fp_parse_digits_vi:N { 0000000 ; 7 }
10291 \__fp_tmp:w {vi} \__fp_parse_digits_v:N { 000000 ; 6 }
10292 \__fp_tmp:w {v} \__fp_parse_digits_iv:N { 00000 ; 5 }
10293 \__fp_tmp:w {iv} \__fp_parse_digits_iii:N { 0000 ; 4 }
10294 \__fp_tmp:w {iii} \__fp_parse_digits_ii:N { 000 ; 3 }
10295 \__fp_tmp:w {ii} \__fp_parse_digits_i:N { 00 ; 2 }
10296 \__fp_tmp:w {i} \__fp_parse_digits_:N { 0 ; 1 }
10297 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_parse_digits_:N { ; ; 0 }
(End definition for \__fp_parse_digits_vii:N and others.)

```

### 30.4 Parsing one operand

At the start of an expression, or just following a binary operation or a function call, we are looking for an operand. This can be an explicit floating point number, a floating point variable, a  $\text{\TeX}$  register, a function call such as `\sin(3)`, a parenthesized expression, *etc.* We distinguish the various cases by their first token after **f**-expansion:

- `\tex_relax:D` in some form. That can be an internal floating point, a premature end, or an uninitialized register.
- A register. We interpret this as the significand of a floating point number. This is subtly different from unpacking it, for instance, `\c_minus_one**2` gives 1, while `-1**2` gives  $-1$ .

- A digit, or a dot. That marks the start of the significand for a floating point number.
- A letter (lower or upper-case), which starts an identifier, either a constant or a function (possibly unknown).
- +, -, or !, unary operators, which resume looking for a floating point number before acting on it.
- (, which makes us parse a subexpression until the matching ).
- Other characters such as ' or " may be given a meaning later. Characters such as \* or / have a meaning as infix operators but are not valid when we are looking for an operand: for instance, 3+\*4 is not valid.

A category code test separates the first two cases from the others, and they are further distinguished with a meaning test. We then single out digits. Letters are detected using their character code. All other characters are taken care of by building a csname from that character and using it to continue parsing. Unknown characters lead to an error.

`\__fp_parse_operand:Nw` Function called `\one` at other places. It grabs one operand, and packs the symbol that follows in an `\infix_ csname`. #1 is the previous *precedence*, and #2 the first character of the operand (already f-expanded).

```

10298 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_operand:Nw #1 #2
10299 {
10300   \if_catcode:w \tex_relax:D #2
10301     \if_meaning:w \tex_relax:D #2
10302       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
10303       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_operand_relax:NN
10304     \else:
10305       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
10306       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_operand_register:NN
10307     \fi:
10308   \else:
10309     \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #2 \exp_stop_f:
10310       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
10311       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_operand_digit:NN
10312     \else:
10313       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
10314       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_operand_other:NN
10315     \fi:
10316   \fi:
10317   #1 #2
10318 }
```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_operand:Nw`)

`\__fp_parse_operand_register:NN` Find the exponent following the register #2, then combine the value of #2 (mapping 1pt to 1) with the exponent to produce a floating point number.

`\__fp_parse_operand_register_aux:www`

```

10319 \group_begin:
```

```

10320 \char_set_catcode_other:N \P
10321 \char_set_catcode_other:N \T
10322 \tl_to_lowercase:n
10323 {
10324   \group_end:
10325   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_operand_register:NN #1#2
10326   {
10327     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN
10328     \exp_after:wN #1
10329     \tex_romannumeral:D -'0
10330     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_operand_register_aux:www
10331     \tex_the:D
10332     \exp_after:wN #2
10333     \exp_after:wN P
10334     \exp_after:wN T
10335     \exp_after:wN \q_stop
10336     \__int_value:w \__fp_parse_exponent:N
10337   }
10338   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_operand_register_aux:www #1 PT #2 \q_stop #3 ;
10339   { \__fp_parse:n { #1 e #3 } }
10340 }
(End definition for \__fp_parse_operand_register:NN and \__fp_parse_operand_register_aux:www)

```

```

\__fp_parse_operand_relax:NN
\__fp_exp_after_mark_f:nw
\__fp_exp_after_?_f:nw

```

The second argument is a control sequence equal to `\tex_relax:D`. 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`.
- `\s__fp_mark` is a premature end, we call `\__fp_exp_after_mark_f:nw`, which triggers the appropriate 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 last argument of `\__fp_parse_infix:NN` is correctly expanded.

```

10341 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_operand_relax:NN #1#2
10342 {
10343   \cs:w \__fp_exp_after \__fp_type_from_scan:N #2 _f:nw \cs_end:
10344   {
10345     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix:NN
10346     \exp_after:wN #1 \tex_romannumeral:D \__fp_parse_expand:w
10347   }
10348   #2
10349 }
10350 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_mark_f:nw #1
10351 {
10352   \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { fp-early-end }

```

```

10353 \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
10354 \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 #1
10355 }
10356 \cs_new:cpn { __fp_exp_after?_f:nw } #1#2
10357 {
10358 \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
10359 { kernel } { bad-variable } {#2}
10360 \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
10361 \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 #1
10362 }
(End definition for \_fp_parse_operand_relax:NN, \_fp_exp_after_mark_f:nw, and \_fp_exp_after?_f:nw)

```

`\_fp_parse_operand_other:NN` The interesting bit is `\_fp_parse_operand_other:NN`. It separates letters from non-letters and builds the appropriate `\prefix` function. If it is not defined (is `\tex_relax:D`), make it a signalling nan. We don't look for an argument, as the unknown "prefix" can also be a (mistyped) constant such as Inf.

```

10363 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_operand_other:NN #1 #2
10364 {
10365 \if_int_compare:w
10366 \_int_eval:w \tex_uccode:D ' #2 / 26 = \c_three
10367 \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_operand_other_word_aux:Nw
10368 \exp_after:wN #1
10369 \tex_romannumeral:D
10370 \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_letters:NN
10371 \exp_after:wN #2
10372 \tex_romannumeral:D
10373 \else:
10374 \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_operand_other_prefix_aux:NNN
10375 \exp_after:wN #1
10376 \exp_after:wN #2
10377 \cs:w \_fp_parse_prefix_#2:Nw \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
10378 \tex_romannumeral:D
10379 \fi:
10380 \_fp_parse_expand:w
10381 }
10382
10383 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_letters:NN #1#2
10384 {
10385 \exp_after:wN \c_zero
10386 \exp_after:wN #1
10387 \tex_romannumeral:D
10388 \if_int_compare:w
10389 \if_catcode:w \tex_relax:D #2
10390 \c_zero
10391 \else:
10392 \_int_eval:w \tex_uccode:D ' #2 / 26
10393 \fi:
10394 = \c_three
10395 \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_letters:NN

```



```

10396         \exp_after:wN #2
10397         \tex_romannumeral:D
10398         \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_expand:w
10399     \else:
10400         \exp_after:wN \c_zero
10401         \exp_after:wN ;
10402         \exp_after:wN #2
10403     \fi:
10404 }
10405 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_operand_other_word_aux:Nw #1 #2;
10406 {
10407     \cs_if_exist_use:cF { \_fp_parse_word_#2:N }
10408     {
10409         \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
10410         { kernel } { unknown-fp-word } {#2}
10411         \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
10412         \tex_romannumeral:D -'0
10413         \_fp_parse_infix:NN
10414     }
10415     #1
10416 }
10417 \cs_new_eq:NN \s_fp_unknown \tex_relax:D
10418 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_operand_other_prefix_aux:NNN #1#2#3
10419 {
10420     \if_meaning:w \tex_relax:D #3
10421     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_operand_other_prefix_unknown:NNN
10422     \exp_after:wN #2
10423     \fi:
10424     #3 #1
10425 }
10426 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_operand_other_prefix_unknown:NNN #1#2#3
10427 {
10428     \cs_if_exist:cTF { \_fp_parse_infix_#1:N }
10429     {
10430         \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
10431         { kernel } { fp-missing-number } {#1}
10432         \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp
10433         \tex_romannumeral:D -'0
10434         \_fp_parse_infix:NN #3 #1
10435     }
10436     {
10437         \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
10438         { kernel } { fp-unknown-symbol } {#1}
10439         \_fp_parse_operand:Nw #3
10440     }
10441 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_parse\_operand\_other:NN)

The following forms are accepted:

-

- $\langle floating\ point \rangle$
- $\langle integer \rangle . \langle decimal \rangle e \langle exponent \rangle$

In both cases,  $\langle signs \rangle$  is a (possibly empty) string of + and - (with any category code<sup>12</sup>).<sup>13</sup>

In the second form, the  $\langle integer \rangle$  is a sequence of digits, whose length is not limited by constraints T<sub>E</sub>X's integer registers. It stops at the first non-digit character. The  $\langle decimal \rangle$  part is formed by all digits from the dot (if it exists) until the first non-digit character. The  $\langle exponent \rangle$  part has the form  $\langle exponent\ sign \rangle \langle exponent\ body \rangle$ , where  $\langle exponent\ sign \rangle$  is any string of + or -, and  $\langle exponent\ body \rangle$  is a string of digits, stopping, as usual, at the first non-digit.

Any missing part will take the appropriate default value.

- A missing  $\langle exponent \rangle$  is considered to be zero.
- A number with no dot has zero decimal part.
- An empty  $\langle integer \rangle$  part or decimal part is zero.

Border cases:

- **e1** is considered as invalid input, and gives **qnan**.<sup>14</sup> This will be important once parsing expressions is implemented, since **e-1** would be ambiguous otherwise.
- **.e3** and **.** are zero.

Bruno: expansion, not yet. Only f-expansion at the start, and unpacking of registers after signs.

Work-plan.

- Remove any leading sign and build the  $\langle sign \rangle$  as we go. If the next character is a letter, go to the “special” branch, discussed later.
- Drop leading zeros.
- If the next character is a dot, drop some more zeros, keeping track of how many were dropped after the dot. Counting those gives  $\langle exp_1 \rangle < 0$ . Then read the decimal part with the `\_fp\_from\_str\_small` functions.
- Otherwise,  $\langle exp_1 \rangle = 0$ , and first read the integer part, then the decimal part. This is implemented through the more elaborate `\_fp\_from\_str\_large` functions.
- Continuing in the same line of expansion, read the exponent  $\langle exp_2 \rangle$ .
- Finally check that nothing is left.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>12</sup>Bruno: except 1, 2, 4, 10, 13, and those which cannot be tokens (0, 5, 9), so really, just 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12.

<sup>13</sup>Bruno: test (and implement) non-other digits.

<sup>14</sup>Bruno: now just gives an error.

<sup>15</sup>Bruno: not done yet.

`\__fp_parse_operand_digit:NN`

```

10442 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_operand_digit:NN #1
10443 {
10444   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN
10445   \exp_after:wN #1
10446   \tex_romannumeral:D -‘0
10447   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:wN
10448   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_zero \__fp_parse_trim_zeros:N
10449 }
(End definition for \__fp_parse_operand_digit:NN)

```

### 30.4.1 Trimming leading zeros

`\__fp_parse_trim_zeros:N`  
`\__fp_parse_trim_end:w`

This function expects an already expanded token. It removes any leading zero, then distinguished 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_strim_zeros:N`; otherwise, our number is exactly zero, and we call `\__fp_parse_zero:` to take care of that case.

```

10450 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_trim_zeros:N #1
10451 {
10452   \if:w 0 #1
10453     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_trim_zeros:N
10454     \tex_romannumeral:D
10455   \else:
10456     \if:w . #1
10457       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N
10458       \tex_romannumeral:D
10459     \else:
10460       \__fp_parse_trim_end:w #1
10461     \fi:
10462   \fi:
10463   \__fp_parse_expand:w
10464 }
10465 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_trim_end:w #1 \fi: \fi: \__fp_parse_expand:w
10466 {
10467   \fi:
10468   \fi:
10469   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
10470     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_large:N
10471   \else:
10472     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_zero:
10473   \fi:
10474   #1
10475 }
(End definition for \__fp_parse_trim_zeros:N and \__fp_parse_trim_end:w)

```

`\__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N`  
`\__fp_parse_strim_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.

```

10476 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N #1
10477 {
10478   \if:w 0 #1
10479     - \c_one
10480     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N
10481     \tex_romannumeral:D
10482   \else:
10483     \__fp_parse_strim_end:w #1
10484   \fi:
10485   \__fp_parse_expand:w
10486 }
10487 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_strim_end:w #1 \fi: \__fp_parse_expand:w
10488 {
10489   \fi:
10490   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
10491     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_small:N
10492   \else:
10493     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_zero:
10494   \fi:
10495   #1
10496 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N` and `\__fp_parse_strim_end:w`)

### 30.4.2 Exact zero

`\__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`, denoting an exact zero.

```

10497 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_zero:
10498 {
10499   \exp_after:wN ; \exp_after:wN 1
10500   \__int_value:w \__fp_parse_exponent:N
10501 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_zero:`)

### 30.4.3 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.

```

10502 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_small:N #1
10503 {
10504   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_pack_leading:NNNNNww
10505   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 \token_to_str:N #1
10506   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_small_leading:wwNN
10507   \__int_value:w 1
10508   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_digits_vii:N
10509   \tex_romannumeral:D \__fp_parse_expand:w
10510 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_small:N)

\\_\_fp\_parse\_small\_leading:wwNN

We leave  $\langle \textit{digits} \rangle$   $\langle \textit{zeros} \rangle$  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  $\backslash\textit{c\_zero}$  (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.

```

10511 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_small_leading:wwNN 1 #1 ; #2; #3 #4
10512 {
10513   #1 #2
10514   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNNww
10515   \exp_after:wN \c_zero
10516   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1
10517   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #4 \exp_stop_f:
10518   \token_to_str:N #4
10519   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_small_trailing:wwNN
10520   \__int_value:w 1
10521   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_digits_vi:N
10522   \tex_romannumeral:D
10523   \else:
10524     0000 0000 \__fp_parse_exponent:Nw #4
10525   \fi:
10526   \__fp_parse_expand:w
10527 }

```

(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  $\langle \textit{next token} \rangle$  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 or to +1. Otherwise, there is no 16-th digit, so we put a 0, and look for an exponent.

```

10528 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_small_trailing:wwNN 1 #1 ; #2; #3 #4
10529 {
10530   #1 #2
10531   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #4 \exp_stop_f:
10532   \token_to_str:N #4
10533   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_small_round:NN
10534   \exp_after:wN #4
10535   \tex_romannumeral:D

```

```

10536     \else:
10537         0 \_fp_parse_exponent:Nw #4
10538     \fi:
10539     \_fp_parse_expand:w
10540 }
(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.

```

10541 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNNww #1 #2 #3#4#5#6 #7; #8 ;
10542 {
10543     \if_meaning:w 2 #2 + \c_one \fi:
10544     ; #8 + #1 ; {#3#4#5#6} {#7};
10545 }
10546 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_pack_leading:NNNNNNww #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; #7;
10547 {
10548     + #7
10549     \if_meaning:w 2 #1 \_fp_parse_pack_carry:w \fi:
10550     ; 0 {#2#3#4#5} {#6}
10551 }
10552 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_pack_carry:w \fi: ; 0 #1
10553 { \fi: + \c_one ; 0 {1000} }
(End definition for \_fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNNww, \_fp_parse_pack_leading:NNNNNNww, and
\_fp_parse_pack_carry:w)

```

### 30.4.4 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.

```

10554 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_large:N #1
10555 {
10556     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_large_leading:wwNN
10557     \_int_value:w 1 \token_to_str:N #1
10558     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_digits_vii:N

```

```

10559 \tex_romannumeral:D \__fp_parse_expand:w
10560 }

```

(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.

```

10561 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large_leading:wwNN 1 #1 ; #2; #3 #4
10562 {
10563   + \c_eight - #3
10564   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_pack_leading:NNNNNww
10565   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #1
10566   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #4 \exp_stop_f:
10567     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_large_trailing:wwNN
10568     \__int_value:w 1 \token_to_str:N #4
10569     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_digits_vi:N
10570     \tex_romannumeral:D
10571   \else:
10572     \if:w . #4
10573       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_small_leading:wwNN
10574       \__int_value:w 1
10575       \cs:w
10576         __fp_parse_digits_
10577         \tex_romannumeral:D #3
10578         :N \exp_after:wN
10579       \cs_end:
10580       \tex_romannumeral:D
10581     \else:
10582       #2
10583       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNNww
10584       \exp_after:wN \c_zero
10585       \__int_value:w 1 0000 0000
10586       \__fp_parse_exponent:Nw #4
10587     \fi:
10588   \fi:
10589   \__fp_parse_expand:w
10590 }

```

(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.

```

10591 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large_trailing:wwNN 1 #1 ; #2; #3 #4
10592 {
10593   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #4 \exp_stop_f:
10594     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNNww
10595     \exp_after:wN \c_eight
10596     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #1 \token_to_str:N #4
10597     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_large_round:NN
10598     \exp_after:wN #4
10599     \tex_romannumeral:D
10600   \else:
10601     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_pack_trailing:NNNNNNww
10602     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_seven - #3 \exp_stop_f:
10603     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #1
10604     \if:w . #4
10605       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_small_trailing:wwNN
10606       \__int_value:w 1
10607       \cs:w
10608         __fp_parse_digits_
10609         \tex_romannumeral:D #3
10610         :N \exp_after:wN
10611         \cs_end:
10612         \tex_romannumeral:D
10613     \else:
10614       #2 0 \__fp_parse_exponent:Nw #4
10615     \fi:
10616   \fi:
10617   \__fp_parse_expand:w
10618 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_large_trailing:wwNN`)

### 30.4.5 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 — and hopefully that is safe.

`\__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.

```

10619 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent:Nw #1 #2 \__fp_parse_expand:w
10620 {
10621   \exp_after:wN ;
10622   \__int_value:w #2 \__fp_parse_exponent:N #1
10623 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_exponent:Nw)*

`\__fp_parse_exponent:N`  
`\__fp_parse_exponent_ii: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. Namely, 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.

```

10624 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent:N #1
10625 {
10626   \if:w e #1
10627     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_ii:N
10628     \tex_romannumeral:D
10629   \else:
10630     0 \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w #1
10631   \fi:
10632   \__fp_parse_expand:w
10633 }
10634 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent_ii:N #1
10635 {
10636   \if_int_compare:w \if_catcode:w \tex_relax:D #1
10637     \c_zero \else: ‘#1 \fi: > ‘9 \exp_stop_f:
10638     0 \exp_after:wN ; \exp_after:wN e
10639   \else:
10640     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_sign:N
10641     \fi:
10642     #1
10643 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_exponent:N and \\_\_fp\_parse\_exponent\_ii:N)*

`\__fp_parse_exponent_sign:N` Read signs one by one (if there is any).

```

10644 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent_sign:N #1
10645 {
10646   \if:w + \if:w - #1 + \fi: \token_to_str:N #1
10647   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_sign:N
10648   \tex_romannumeral:D \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
10649   \else:
10650     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_body:N
10651     \exp_after:wN #1
10652   \fi:
10653 }

```

*(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).

```

10654 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_exponent_body:N #1
10655 {
10656   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
10657   \token_to_str:N #1
10658   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent_digits:N
10659   \tex_romannumeral:D
10660   \else:
10661     \__fp_parse_exponent_keep:NTF #1
10662     { \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w #1 }
10663     {
10664       \exp_after:wN ;
10665       \tex_romannumeral:D
10666     }
10667   \fi:
10668   \__fp_parse_expand:w
10669 }

```

*(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 don't 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.

```

10670 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_exponent_digits:N #1
10671 {
10672   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
10673   \token_to_str:N #1
10674   \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_exponent_digits:N
10675   \tex_romannumeral:D
10676   \else:
10677     \_fp_parse_return_semicolon:w #1
10678   \fi:
10679   \_fp_parse_expand:w
10680 }

```

(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.

```

10681 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \_fp_parse_exponent_keep:N #1 { TF }
10682 {
10683   \if_catcode:w \tex_relax:D #1
10684   \if_meaning:w \tex_relax:D #1
10685     \if_int_compare:w \pdfTeX_strcmp:D { \s\_fp } { #1 } = \c_zero
10686     0
10687     \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
10688     { kernel } { fp-after-e } { floating~point~ }
10689     \prg_return_true:
10690   \else:
10691     0
10692     \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
10693     { kernel } { bad-variable } { #1 }
10694     \prg_return_false:
10695   \fi:
10696 \else:
10697   \if_int_compare:w
10698     \pdfTeX_strcmp:D { \_int_value:w #1 } { \tex_the:D #1 }
10699     = \c_zero
10700     \_int_value:w #1
10701   \else:
10702     0
10703     \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
10704     { kernel } { fp-after-e } { dimension~#1 }
10705   \fi:
10706   \prg_return_false:
10707 \fi:
10708 \else:
10709   0
10710   \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
10711   { kernel } { fp-missing } { exponent }
10712   \prg_return_true:
10713 \fi:
10714 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_parse_exponent_keep:NTF`)

### 30.4.6 Beyond 16 digits: rounding

`\__fp_cfs_round_loop:N` Used both for `\__fp_parse_small_round:NN` and `\__fp_parse_large_round:NN`. Should appear after a `\__int_eval:w 0`. Reads digits one by one, until reaching a non-digit. Adds +1 for each digit. If all digits found are 0, ends the `\__int_eval:w` by `;\c_zero`, otherwise by `;\c_one`. This is done by switching the loop to `round_up` at the first non-zero digit.

```

10715 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_cfs_round_loop:N #1
10716 {
10717   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
10718     + \c_one
10719     \if:w 0 #1
10720       \exp_after:wN \__fp_cfs_round_loop:N
10721       \tex_romannumeral:D
10722     \else:
10723       \exp_after:wN \__fp_cfs_round_up:N
10724       \tex_romannumeral:D
10725     \fi:
10726   \else:
10727     \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w \c_zero #1
10728   \fi:
10729   \__fp_parse_expand:w
10730 }
10731 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_cfs_round_up:N #1
10732 {
10733   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #1 \exp_stop_f:
10734     + 1
10735     \exp_after:wN \__fp_cfs_round_up:N
10736     \tex_romannumeral:D
10737   \else:
10738     \__fp_parse_return_semicolon:w \c_one #1
10739   \fi:
10740   \__fp_parse_expand:w
10741 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_cfs_round_loop:N`)

`\__fp_parse_large_round:NN` *<digit>* is the digit that we are currently rounding (we only care whether it is even or odd).

The goal is to get `\c_zero` or `\c_one`, check for an exponent afterwards, and combine it to the number of digits before the decimal point (which we thus need to keep track of).

```

10742 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large_round:NN #1#2
10743 {
10744   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #2 \exp_stop_f:
10745     +
10746     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_s:NNNw
10747     \exp_after:wN 0
10748     \exp_after:wN #1
10749     \exp_after:wN #2
10750     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w

```

```

10751         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_large_round_after:wNN
10752         \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_one
10753         \exp_after:wN \__fp_cfs_round_loop:N
10754     \else: %^^A could be dot, or e, or other
10755         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_large_round_dot_test:NNw
10756         \exp_after:wN #1
10757         \exp_after:wN #2
10758     \fi:
10759 }
10760 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large_round_dot_test:NNw #1#2
10761 {
10762     \if:w . #2
10763         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_small_round:NN
10764         \exp_after:wN #1
10765         \tex_romannumeral:D
10766     \else:
10767         \__fp_parse_exponent:Nw #2
10768     \fi:
10769     \__fp_parse_expand:w
10770 }
10771 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large_round_after:wNN #1 ; #2 #3
10772 {
10773     \if:w . #3
10774         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_large_round_after_ii:wN
10775         \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 +
10776         \c_zero * \__int_eval:w \c_zero
10777         \exp_after:wN \__fp_cfs_round_loop:N
10778         \tex_romannumeral:D \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
10779     \else:
10780         + #2
10781         \exp_after:wN ;
10782         \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 +
10783         \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_exponent:N
10784         \exp_after:wN #3
10785     \fi:
10786 }
10787 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_large_round_after_ii:wN #1 ; #2
10788 {
10789     + #2
10790     \exp_after:wN ;
10791     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 +
10792     \__fp_parse_exponent:N
10793 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_large\_round:NN)

\\_\_fp\_parse\_small\_round:NN *<digit>* is the digit that we are currently rounding (we only care whether it is even or odd).

The goal is to get \c\_zero or \c\_one

```

10794 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_small_round:NN #1#2

```

```

10795 {
10796   \if_int_compare:w \c_nine < 1 \token_to_str:N #2 \exp_stop_f:
10797   +
10798   \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_s:NNNw
10799   \exp_after:wN 0
10800   \exp_after:wN #1
10801   \exp_after:wN #2
10802   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
10803   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_small_round_after:wN
10804   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_zero
10805   \exp_after:wN \__fp_cfs_round_loop:N
10806   \tex_romannumeral:D
10807   \else:
10808     \__fp_parse_exponent:Nw #2
10809   \fi:
10810   \__fp_parse_expand:w
10811 }
10812 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_small_round_after:wN #1; #2
10813 {
10814   + #2 \exp_after:wN ;
10815   \__int_value:w \__fp_parse_exponent:N
10816 }
(End definition for \__fp_parse_small_round:NN)

```

## 30.5 Main functions

`\__fp_parse:n` Start a `\romannumeral` expansion so that `\__fp_parse:n` expands in two steps. The `\__fp_parse_until:Nw` function will perform computations until reaching an operation with precedence `\c_minus_one` or less. Then check that there was indeed nothing left (this cannot happen), and stop the initial expansion with `\c_zero`.

```

10817 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse:n #1
10818 {
10819   \tex_romannumeral:D
10820   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_after:ww
10821   \tex_romannumeral:D
10822   \__fp_parse_until:Nw \c_minus_one
10823   \__fp_parse_expand:w #1 \s__fp_mark
10824   \s__fp_stop
10825 }
10826 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_after:ww #1@ #2 \s__fp_stop
10827 {
10828   <assert> \assert_str_eq:nn { #2 } { \__fp_parse_infix_end:N \s__fp_mark }
10829   \c_zero #1
10830 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse:n` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\__fp_parse_until:Nw` The `\__fp_parse_until` This is just a shorthand which sets up both `\__fp_parse_until_test` and `\__fp_parse_operand` with the same precedence. Note the trailing `\tex_romannumeral:D`. This function should be used with much care.

```

10831 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_until:Nw #1
10832 {
10833   -'0
10834   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_until_test:NwN
10835   \exp_after:wN #1
10836   \tex_romannumeral:D -'0
10837   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_operand:Nw
10838   \exp_after:wN #1
10839   \tex_romannumeral:D
10840 }
10841 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_until_test:NwN #1 #2 @ #3 { #3 #1 #2 @ }
10842 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_stop_until:N #1 { }
(End definition for \__fp_parse_until:Nw This function is documented on page ??.)

```

`\__fp_parse_until_test:NwN` If  $\langle bool \rangle$  is true, then  $\langle fp \rangle$  is the floating point number that we are looking for (it ends with `;`), and this expands to  $\langle fp \rangle$ . If  $\langle bool \rangle$  is false, then the input stream actually looks like

`\__fp_parse_until_test:NwN  $\langle prec \rangle$   $\langle fp_1 \rangle$   $\langle false \rangle$   $\langle oper \rangle$   $\langle fp_2 \rangle$  \infix_?`

and we must feed  $\langle prec \rangle$  to `\infix_?`, and perform  $\langle oper \rangle$  on  $\langle fp_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle fp_2 \rangle$ : this triggers the expansion of `\infix_?  $\langle prec \rangle$` , continuing the computation (or stopping). In that case, the function `\until` yields

`\__fp_parse_until_test:NwN  $\langle prec \rangle$   $\langle oper \rangle$   $\langle fp_1 \rangle$   $\langle fp_2 \rangle$  \tex_romannumeral:D  
-'0 \infix_?  $\langle prec \rangle$`

expanding  $\langle oper \rangle$  next.

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_until_test:NwN`)

## 30.6 Main functions

`\__fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN`

```

10843 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN #1 #2;
10844 {
10845   \__fp_exp_after_f:nw { \__fp_parse_infix:NN #1 }
10846   #2;
10847 }
10848 \group_begin:
10849   \char_set_catcode_letter:N \*
10850   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix:NN #1 #2
10851   {
10852     \if_catcode:w \tex_relax:D #2
10853     \if_int_compare:w
10854       \pdfstrcmp:D { \s_fp_mark } { #2 }
10855       = \c_zero
10856       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
10857       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_end:N
10858     \else:

```

```

10859         \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
10860         \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_juxtapose:N
10861     \fi:
10862 \else:
10863     \if_int_compare:w
10864         \_int_eval:w \tex_uccode:D '#2 / 26
10865         = \c_three
10866         \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
10867         \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_juxtapose:N
10868     \else:
10869         \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_check:NNN
10870         \cs:w
10871         \_fp_parse_infix_#2:N
10872         \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
10873     \cs_end:
10874 \fi:
10875 \fi:
10876 #1
10877 #2
10878 }
10879 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_infix_check:NNN #1#2#3
10880 {
10881     \if_meaning:w \tex_relax:D #1
10882         \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { fp-missing } { * }
10883         \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_*:N
10884         \exp_after:wN #2
10885         \exp_after:wN #3
10886     \else:
10887         \exp_after:wN #1
10888         \exp_after:wN #2
10889         \tex_romannumeral:D \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_expand:w
10890     \fi:
10891 }
10892 \group_end:
(End definition for \_fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN)

```

\\_fp\_parse\_apply\_binary:NwNwN

```

10893 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN #1 #2#3@ #4 #5#6@ #7
10894 {
10895     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_until_test:NwN
10896     \exp_after:wN #1
10897     \tex_romannumeral:D -'0
10898     \cs:w
10899         \_fp
10900         \_fp_type_from_scan:N #2
10901         _ #4
10902         \_fp_type_from_scan:N #5
10903         _o:ww
10904     \cs_end:
10905     #2#3 #5#6

```



```

10906 \tex_romannumeral:D -‘0 #7 #1
10907 }
(End definition for \_fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN)

```

\\_fp\_parse\_apply\_unary\_array:NNwN Here, #2 is *e.g.*, \\_fp\_neg\_o:w, and expands once after the calculation.<sup>16</sup> The argument  
\\_fp\_parse\_apply\_unary:NNwN #3 may be an array, so either we map through all its items, or we feed all items at once  
to the custom function.

```

10908 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_apply_unary_array:NNwN #1#2#3@#4
10909 {
10910   #2 #3 @
10911   \tex_romannumeral:D -‘0 #4 #1
10912 }
10913 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_apply_unary:NNwN #1#2#3@#4
10914 {
10915   #2 #3
10916   \tex_romannumeral:D -‘0 #4 #1
10917 }
10918 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_unary_type:N #1
10919 { \_fp_type_from_scan:N #1 _o:w \cs_end: #1 }
(End definition for \_fp_parse_apply_unary_array:NNwN and \_fp_parse_apply_unary:NNwN)

```

## 30.7 Prefix operators

### 30.7.1 Identifiers

```

\_fp_parse_word_inf:N A whole bunch of floating point numbers.
\_fp_parse_word_nan:N
\_fp_parse_word_pi:N
\_fp_parse_word_deg:N
\_fp_parse_word_em:N
\_fp_parse_word_ex:N
\_fp_parse_word_in:N
\_fp_parse_word_pt: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
\_fp_parse_word_true:N
\_fp_parse_word_false:N
10920 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_fp_tmp:w #1 #2
10921 {
10922   \cs_new_nopar:cpn { \_fp_parse_word_#1:N }
10923   { \exp_after:wN #2 \tex_romannumeral:D -‘0 \_fp_parse_infix:NN }
10924 }
10925 \_fp_tmp:w { inf } \c_inf_fp
10926 \_fp_tmp:w { nan } \c_nan_fp
10927 \_fp_tmp:w { pi } \c_pi_fp
10928 \_fp_tmp:w { deg } \c_one_degree_fp
10929 \_fp_tmp:w { true } \c_one_fp
10930 \_fp_tmp:w { false } \c_zero_fp
10931 \_fp_tmp:w { pt } \c_one_fp
10932 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_fp_tmp:w #1 #2
10933 {
10934   \cs_new_nopar:cpn { \_fp_parse_word_#1:N }
10935   {
10936     \_fp_exp_after_f:nw { \_fp_parse_infix:NN }
10937     \s_fp \_fp_chk:w 10 #2 ;
10938   }
10939 }
10940 \_fp_tmp:w {in} { {2} {7227} {0000} {0000} {0000} }

```

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<sup>16</sup>Bruno: explain.

```

10941 \__fp_tmp:w {pc} { {2} {1200} {0000} {0000} {0000} }
10942 \__fp_tmp:w {cm} { {2} {2845} {2755} {9055} {1181} }
10943 \__fp_tmp:w {mm} { {1} {2845} {2755} {9055} {1181} }
10944 \__fp_tmp:w {dd} { {1} {1070} {0085} {6496} {0630} }
10945 \__fp_tmp:w {cc} { {2} {1284} {0102} {7795} {2756} }
10946 \__fp_tmp:w {nd} { {1} {1066} {9783} {4645} {6693} }
10947 \__fp_tmp:w {nc} { {2} {1280} {3740} {1574} {8031} }
10948 \__fp_tmp:w {bp} { {1} {1003} {7500} {0000} {0000} }
10949 \__fp_tmp:w {sp} { {-4} {1525} {8789} {0625} {0000} }
10950 \tl_map_inline:nn { {em} {ex} }
10951 {
10952   \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __fp_parse_word_#1:N }
10953   {
10954     \exp_after:wN \dim_to_fp:n \exp_after:wN
10955     { \dim_use:N \_dim_eval:w 1 #1 \exp_after:wN }
10956     \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 \__fp_parse_infix:NN
10957   }
10958 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_word\_inf:N and others.)

\\_\_fp\_parse\_word\_abs:N Unary functions, which are applied to all of their arguments when receiving an array.

```

\__fp_parse_word_cos:N 10959 \tl_map_inline:nn
\__fp_parse_word_cot:N 10960 { {abs} {cos} {cot} {csc} {exp} {ln} {sec} {sin} {tan} }
\__fp_parse_word_csc:N 10961 {
\__fp_parse_word_exp:N 10962   \cs_new:cpn { __fp_parse_word_#1:N } ##1
\__fp_parse_word_ln:N 10963   {
\__fp_parse_word_sec:N 10964     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_unary:NNwN
\__fp_parse_word_sin:N 10965     \exp_after:wN ##1
\__fp_parse_word_tan:N 10966     \cs:w __fp_ #1 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_unary_type:N
10967     \tex_romannumeral:D
10968     \__fp_parse_until:Nw \c_fifteen
10969     \__fp_parse_expand:w
10970   }
10971 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_word\_abs:N and others.)

\\_\_fp\_parse\_word\_max:N Those functions are also unary, but need to mix all of their arguments together.

```

\__fp_parse_word_min:N 10972 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1#2
10973 {
10974   \cs_new:Npn #1 ##1
10975   {
10976     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_unary_array:NNwN
10977     \exp_after:wN ##1
10978     \exp_after:wN #2
10979     \tex_romannumeral:D
10980     \__fp_parse_until:Nw \c_sixteen \__fp_parse_expand:w
10981   }
10982 }
10983 \__fp_tmp:w \__fp_parse_word_max:N \__fp_max_o:w
10984 \__fp_tmp:w \__fp_parse_word_min:N \__fp_min_o:w

```

(End definition for `\_fp_parse_word_max:N` and `\_fp_parse_word_min:N`)

`\_fp_parse_word_round:N` This function expects one or two arguments.

```

10985 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_word_round:N #1#2
10986 {
10987   \if_meaning:w + #2
10988     \_fp_parse_round:Nw \_fp_round_to_pinf:NNN
10989   \else:
10990     \if_meaning:w 0 #2
10991       \_fp_parse_round:Nw \_fp_round_to_zero:NNN
10992     \else:
10993       \if_meaning:w - #2
10994         \_fp_parse_round:Nw \_fp_round_to_ninf:NNN
10995       \fi:
10996     \fi:
10997   \fi:
10998   \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_apply_round:NNwN
10999   \exp_after:wN #1
11000   \exp_after:wN \_fp_round_to_nearest:NNN
11001   \tex_romannumeral:D
11002   \_fp_parse_until:Nw \c_sixteen \_fp_parse_expand:w #2
11003 }
11004 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_round:Nw
11005   #1 #2 \_fp_round_to_nearest:NNN #3 \_fp_parse_expand:w #4
11006   { #2 #1 #3 \_fp_parse_expand:w }
11007 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_apply_round:NNwN #1#2#3#4
11008 {
11009   \if_case:w \_int_eval:w \_fp_array_count:w #3@ - \c_one \_int_eval_end:
11010     \_fp_round:Nwn #2 #3 {0} \tex_romannumeral:D
11011   \or: \_fp_round:Nww #2 #3 \tex_romannumeral:D
11012   \else:
11013     \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnnn
11014     { kernel } { fp-num-args } { round() } { 1 } { 2 }
11015     \exp_after:wN \c_nan_fp \tex_romannumeral:D
11016   \fi:
11017   -'0 #4 #1
11018 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_parse_word_round:N`)

### 30.7.2 Unary minus, plus, not

`\_fp_parse_prefix+:Nw` A unary + does nothing.

```

11019 \cs_new_eq:cN { \_fp_parse_prefix+:Nw } \_fp_parse_operand:Nw

```

(End definition for `\_fp_parse_prefix+:Nw`)

`\_fp_parse_prefix-:Nw` Unary - is harder. Boolean not.

```

\_fp_parse_prefix!:Nw
11020 \cs_set_protected:Npn \_fp_tmp:w #1#2
11021 {
11022   \cs_new:cpn { \_fp_parse_prefix_#1:Nw } ##1

```

```

11023 {
11024   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_unary:NNwN
11025   \exp_after:wN ##1
11026   \cs:w \__fp_ #2 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_unary_type:N
11027   \tex_romannumeral:D
11028   \if_int_compare:w \c_twelve < ##1
11029     \__fp_parse_until:Nw ##1
11030   \else:
11031     \__fp_parse_until:Nw \c_twelve
11032   \fi:
11033   \__fp_parse_expand:w
11034 }
11035 }
11036 \__fp_tmp:w - { neg }
11037 \__fp_tmp:w ! { not }
(End definition for \__fp_parse_prefix -:Nw and \__fp_parse_prefix !:Nw)

```

### 30.7.3 Other prefixes

\\_\_fp\_parse\_prefix(:Nw

```

11038 \group_begin:
11039   \char_set_catcode_letter:N \)
11040   \cs_new:cpn { \__fp_parse_prefix(:Nw } #1
11041   {
11042     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_lparen_after:NwN
11043     \exp_after:wN #1
11044     \tex_romannumeral:D
11045     \if_int_compare:w #1 = \c_sixteen
11046       \__fp_parse_until:Nw \c_one
11047     \else:
11048       \__fp_parse_until:Nw \c_zero
11049     \fi:
11050     \__fp_parse_expand:w
11051   }
11052   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_lparen_after:NwN #1#2@#3
11053   {
11054     \token_if_eq_meaning:NNTF #3 \__fp_parse_infix_):N
11055     {
11056       \__fp_exp_after_array_f:w #2 \s__fp_stop
11057       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix:NN
11058       \exp_after:wN #1
11059       \tex_romannumeral:D \__fp_parse_expand:w
11060     }
11061     {
11062       \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { fp-missing } { ) }
11063       #2 @ \__fp_parse_stop_until:N #3
11064     }
11065   }
11066 \group_end:

```

(End definition for `\__fp_parse_prefix_(:Nw)`)

`\__fp_exp_after_array_f:w`

```

11067 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_array_f:w #1
11068 {
11069   \cs:w \__fp_exp_after \__fp_type_from_scan:N #1 _f:nw \cs_end:
11070   { \__fp_exp_after_array_f:w }
11071   #1
11072 }
11073 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_after_stop_f:nw #1#2 { }
(End definition for \__fp_exp_after_array_f:w)

```

`\__fp_parse_prefix_.:Nw` This function is called when a number starts with a dot.

```

11074 \cs_new:cpn {\__fp_parse_prefix_.:Nw} #1
11075 {
11076   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_after_operand:NwN
11077   \exp_after:wN #1
11078   \tex_romannumeral:D -'0
11079   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:wN
11080   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_zero \__fp_parse_strim_zeros:N
11081 }
(End definition for \__fp_parse_prefix_.:Nw)

```

## 30.8 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`. The latter two are only needed when defining the `\infix` function.

```

11082 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1#2#3#4
11083 {
11084   \cs_new:Npn #1 ##1
11085   {
11086     \if_int_compare:w ##1 < #3
11087       \exp_after:wN @
11088       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_apply_binary:NwNwN
11089       \exp_after:wN #2
11090       \tex_romannumeral:D
11091       \__fp_parse_until:Nw #4
11092       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
11093     \else:
11094       \exp_after:wN @
11095       \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_stop_until:N
11096       \exp_after:wN #1
11097     \fi:
11098   }
11099 }

```

`\__fp_parse_infix_+:N` Using the general mechanism for arithmetic operations.  
`\__fp_parse_infix_-:N`  
`\__fp_parse_infix_/:N`  
`\__fp_parse_infix_mul:N`  
`\__fp_parse_infix_and:N`  
`\__fp_parse_infix_or:N`

```

11100 \group_begin:
11101 \char_set_catcode_other:N \&
11102 \__fp_tmp:w \__fp_parse_infix_juxtapose:N * \c_thirty_two \c_thirty_two
11103 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { \__fp_parse_infix_ / :N } / \c_ten \c_ten
11104 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { \__fp_parse_infix_mul:N } * \c_ten \c_ten
11105 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { \__fp_parse_infix_ - :N } - \c_nine \c_nine
11106 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { \__fp_parse_infix_ + :N } + \c_nine \c_nine
11107 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { \__fp_parse_infix_and:N } & \c_five \c_five
11108 \exp_args:Nc \__fp_tmp:w { \__fp_parse_infix_or:N } | \c_four \c_four
11109 \group_end:

```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_+:N and others.)*

`\__fp_parse_infix_*:N` The power operation must be associative in the opposite order from all others. For  
`\__fp_parse_infix_^:N` this, we reverse the test, hence treating a “previous precedence” of `\c_fourteen` as less  
binding than `^`.

```

11110 \group_begin:
11111 \char_set_catcode_letter:N ^
11112 \__fp_tmp:w \__fp_parse_infix_^:N ^ \c_fifteen \c_fourteen
11113 \cs_new:cpn { \__fp_parse_infix_*:N } #1#2
11114 {
11115   \if:w * #2
11116     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_^:N
11117     \exp_after:wN #1
11118   \else:
11119     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_mul:N
11120     \exp_after:wN #1
11121     \exp_after:wN #2
11122   \fi:
11123 }
11124 \group_end:

```

*(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_\*:N This function is documented on page ??.)*

`\__fp_parse_infix_|:Nw`  
`\__fp_parse_infix_&:Nw`

```

11125 \group_begin:
11126 \char_set_catcode_letter:N \|
11127 \char_set_catcode_letter:N \&
11128 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_|:N #1#2
11129 {
11130   \if:w | #2
11131     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_|:N
11132     \exp_after:wN #1
11133     \tex_romannumeral:D \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
11134   \else:
11135     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_or:N
11136     \exp_after:wN #1
11137     \exp_after:wN #2
11138   \fi:
11139 }

```

```

11140 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_&:N #1#2
11141 {
11142   \if:w & #2
11143     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_&:N
11144     \exp_after:wN #1
11145     \tex_romannumeral:D \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
11146   \else:
11147     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_and:N
11148     \exp_after:wN #1
11149     \exp_after:wN #2
11150   \fi:
11151 }
11152 \group_end:
(End definition for \__fp_parse_infix_/:Nw This function is documented on page ??.)

\__fp_parse_infix_<:N
\__fp_parse_infix_=:N 11153 \cs_new:cpn { \__fp_parse_infix_<:N } #1
\__fp_parse_infix_>:N 11154 {
\__fp_parse_infix_!:N 11155   \__fp_infix_compare:N #1 \c_one_fp
  \__fp_parse_infix_excl_aux:NN 11156   \c_zero_fp \c_zero_fp \c_zero_fp \c_zero_fp <
  \__fp_parse_infix_excl_error: 11157 }
  \__fp_infix_compare:N 11158 \cs_new:cpn { \__fp_parse_infix_=:N } #1
\__fp_parse_compare:NNNNNNw 11159 {
  \__fp_infix_compare:N #1 \c_one_fp
  \__fp_parse_compare_expand:NNNNw 11160   \c_zero_fp \c_zero_fp \c_zero_fp \c_zero_fp =
\__fp_parse_compare_end:NNNN 11161 }
  \__fp_compare:wNNNNw 11162 }
11163 \cs_new:cpn { \__fp_parse_infix_>:N } #1
11164 {
11165   \__fp_infix_compare:N #1 \c_one_fp
11166   \c_zero_fp \c_zero_fp \c_zero_fp \c_zero_fp >
11167 }
11168 \cs_new:cpn { \__fp_parse_infix_!:N } #1
11169 {
11170   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_excl_aux:NN
11171   \exp_after:wN #1 \tex_romannumeral:D \__fp_parse_expand:w
11172 }
11173 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_excl_aux:NN #1#2
11174 {
11175   \__fp_infix_compare:N #1 \c_zero_fp
11176   \c_one_fp \c_one_fp \c_one_fp \c_one_fp #2
11177 }
11178 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_excl_error:
11179 {
11180   \msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnn
11181   { kernel } { fp-missing } { = } { ~after~!. }
11182 }
11183 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_infix_compare:N #1
11184 {
11185   \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c_seven
11186     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_compare:NNNNNNw

```

```

11187     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_infix_excl_error:
11188   \else:
11189     \exp_after:wN @
11190     \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_stop_until:N
11191     \exp_after:wN \_fp_infix_compare:N
11192   \fi:
11193 }
11194 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_compare:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
11195 {
11196   \if_case:w
11197     \if_catcode:w \tex_relax:D #7
11198     \c_minus_one
11199   \else:
11200     \_int_eval:w '#7 - '< \_int_eval_end:
11201   \fi:
11202   \_fp_parse_compare_expand:NNNNNw #2#2#4#5#6
11203   \or: \_fp_parse_compare_expand:NNNNNw #2#3#2#5#6
11204   \or: \_fp_parse_compare_expand:NNNNNw #2#3#4#2#6
11205   \or: \_fp_parse_compare_expand:NNNNNw #2#3#4#5#2
11206   \else: #1 \_fp_parse_compare_end:NNNN #3#4#5#6#7
11207   \fi:
11208 }
11209 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_compare_expand:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5
11210 {
11211   \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_compare:NNNNNw
11212   \exp_after:wN \prg_do_nothing:
11213   \exp_after:wN #1
11214   \exp_after:wN #2
11215   \exp_after:wN #3
11216   \exp_after:wN #4
11217   \exp_after:wN #5
11218   \tex_romannumeral:D \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_expand:w
11219 }
11220 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_compare_end:NNNN #1#2#3#4#5 \fi:
11221 {
11222   \fi:
11223   \exp_after:wN @
11224   \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_apply_compare:NwNNNNwN
11225   \exp_after:wN #1
11226   \exp_after:wN #2
11227   \exp_after:wN #3
11228   \exp_after:wN #4
11229   \tex_romannumeral:D
11230   \_fp_parse_until:Nw \c_seven \_fp_parse_expand:w #5
11231 }
11232 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_parse_apply_compare:NwNNNNwN #1 #2@ #3#4#5#6 #7@ #8
11233 {
11234   \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_until_test:NwN
11235   \exp_after:wN #1
11236   \tex_romannumeral:D -'0

```



```

11237 \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
11238 \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
11239 \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
11240 \if_case:w \__fp_compare_back:ww #7 #2 \exp_stop_f:
11241 #4
11242 \or: #5
11243 \or: #6
11244 \else: #3
11245 \fi:
11246 \tex_romannumeral:D -‘0 #8 #1
11247 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_<:N and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

\\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_?:N  
\\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_::N

```

11248 \group_begin:
11249 \char_set_catcode_letter:N \?
11250 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_?:N #1
11251 {
11252 \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c_three
11253 \exp_after:wN @
11254 \exp_after:wN \__fp_ternary:NwwN
11255 \tex_romannumeral:D
11256 \__fp_parse_until:Nw \c_three
11257 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
11258 \else:
11259 \exp_after:wN @
11260 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_stop_until:N
11261 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_?:N
11262 \fi:
11263 }
11264 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_::N #1
11265 {
11266 \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c_three
11267 \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnn
11268 { kernel } { fp-missing } { ? } { ~for~?: }
11269 \exp_after:wN @
11270 \exp_after:wN \__fp_ternary_ii:NwwN
11271 \tex_romannumeral:D
11272 \__fp_parse_until:Nw \c_two
11273 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
11274 \else:
11275 \exp_after:wN @
11276 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_stop_until:N
11277 \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_::N
11278 \fi:
11279 }
11280 \group_end:

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_?:N and \\_\_fp\_parse\_infix\_::N)

`\__fp_parse_infix_):N` This one is a little bit odd: force every previous operator to end, regardless of the precedence. This is very similar to `\__fp_parse_infix_end:N`.

```

11281 \group_begin:
11282 \char_set_catcode_letter:N \)
11283 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_):N #1
11284 {
11285   \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c_zero
11286     \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { fp-extra } { } }
11287     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix:NN
11288     \exp_after:wN #1
11289     \tex_romannumeral:D \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
11290   \else:
11291     \exp_after:wN @
11292     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_stop_until:N
11293     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_):N
11294   \fi:
11295 }
11296 \group_end:
11297 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_end:N #1
11298 { @ \__fp_parse_stop_until:N \__fp_parse_infix_end:N }
(End definition for \__fp_parse_infix_):N)

```

`\__fp_parse_infix_`

```

:N
11299 \group_begin:
11300 \char_set_catcode_letter:N \,
11301 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_,:N #1
11302 {
11303   \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_one
11304     \exp_after:wN @
11305     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_stop_until:N
11306     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_,:N
11307   \else:
11308     \if_int_compare:w #1 = \c_one
11309     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_comma:w
11310     \tex_romannumeral:D
11311   \else:
11312     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_infix_comma_gobble:w
11313     \tex_romannumeral:D
11314   \fi:
11315   \__fp_parse_until:Nw \c_one
11316   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_expand:w
11317 \fi:
11318 }
11319 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_comma:w #1 @
11320 { #1 @ \__fp_parse_stop_until:N }
11321 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_parse_infix_comma_gobble:w #1 @
11322 {
11323   \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nn { kernel } { fp-extra-comma }
11324   @ \__fp_parse_stop_until:N

```

```

11325     }
11326 \group_end:
(End definition for \_fp_parse_infix_ and :N)

```

## 31 Messages

```

11327 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { unknown-fp-word }
11328 { Unknown~fp~word~#1. }
11329 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-missing }
11330 { Missing~#1~inserted #2. }
11331 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-extra }
11332 { Extra~#1~ignored. }
11333 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-early-end }
11334 { Premature~end~in~fp~expression. }
11335 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-after-e }
11336 { Cannot~use~#1 after~'e'. }
11337 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-missing-number }
11338 { Missing~number~before~'#1'. }
11339 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-unknown-symbol }
11340 { Unknown~symbol~#1~ignored. }
11341 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-extra-comma }
11342 { Unexpected~comma:~extra~arguments~ignored. }
11343 \_msg_kernel_new:nnn { kernel } { fp-num-args }
11344 { #1~expects~between~#2~and~#3~arguments. }
11345 </initex | package>

```

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```

11346 <*initex | package>
11347 <@@=fp>

```

### 32.1 Syntax of internal functions

- `\_fp_compare_npos:nwnw`  $\langle \textit{expo}_1 \rangle \langle \textit{body}_1 \rangle$  ;  $\langle \textit{expo}_2 \rangle \langle \textit{body}_2 \rangle$  ;
- `\_fp_max_o:w`  $\langle \textit{floating point array} \rangle$
- `\_fp_min_o:w`  $\langle \textit{floating point array} \rangle$
- `\_fp_not_o:w`  $\langle \textit{floating point} \rangle$
- `\_fp_&_o:ww`  $\langle \textit{floating point} \rangle \langle \textit{floating point} \rangle$
- `\_fp_|_o:ww`  $\langle \textit{floating point} \rangle \langle \textit{floating point} \rangle$
- `\_fp_ternary:NwwN`, `\_fp_ternary_i:NwwN`, `\_fp_ternary_ii:NwwN` have to be understood.

## 32.2 Existence test

`\fp_if_exist_p:N` Copies of the `cs` functions defined in `l3basics`.

```

\fp_if_exist_p:c 11348 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_if_exist:NTF \cs_if_exist:NTF
\fp_if_exist:NTF 11349 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_if_exist:NT \cs_if_exist:NT
\fp_if_exist:cTF 11350 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_if_exist:NF \cs_if_exist:NF
11351 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_if_exist_p:N \cs_if_exist_p:N
11352 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_if_exist:cTF \cs_if_exist:cTF
11353 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_if_exist:cT \cs_if_exist:cT
11354 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_if_exist:cF \cs_if_exist:cF
11355 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_if_exist_p:c \cs_if_exist_p:c

```

(End definition for `\fp_if_exist:N` and `\fp_if_exist:c` These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 32.3 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 11356 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \fp_compare:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
11357 {
11358   \exp_after:wN \__fp_compare_return:w
11359   \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 \__fp_parse:n {#1}
11360 }
11361 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_compare_return:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2;
11362 {
11363   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
11364     \prg_return_false:
11365   \else:
11366     \prg_return_true:
11367   \fi:
11368 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_compare:n` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\fp_compare_p:nNn`

`\fp_compare:nNnTF`

`\__fp_compare_aux:wn`

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 `'#2-'=`, which is `-1` for `<`, `0` for `=`, `1` for `>` and `2` for `?`.

```

11369 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \fp_compare:nNn #1#2#3 { p , T , F , TF }
11370 {
11371   \if_int_compare:w
11372     \exp_after:wN \__fp_compare_aux:wn
11373     \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 \__fp_parse:n {#1} {#3}
11374     = \__int_eval:w '#2 - '= \__int_eval_end:
11375     \prg_return_true:
11376   \else:
11377     \prg_return_false:
11378   \fi:
11379 }
11380 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_compare_aux:wn #1; #2
11381 {
11382   \exp_after:wN \__fp_compare_back:ww

```

```

11383 \tex_romannumeral:D -‘0 \_fp_parse:n {#2} #1;
11384 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_compare:nNn These functions are documented on page 183.)

```

\_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.

```

11385 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_compare_back:ww
11386   \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #1 #2 #3;
11387   \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #4 #5 #6;
11388   {
11389     \_int_value:w
11390     \if_meaning:w 3 #1 \exp_after:wN \_fp_compare_nan:w \fi:
11391     \if_meaning:w 3 #4 \exp_after:wN \_fp_compare_nan:w \fi:
11392     \if_meaning:w 2 #5 - \fi:
11393     \if_meaning:w #2 #5
11394       \if_meaning:w #1 #4
11395         \if_meaning:w 1 #1
11396           \_fp_compare_npos:nwnw #6; #3;
11397         \else:
11398           0
11399         \fi:
11400       \else:
11401         \if_int_compare:w #4 < #1 - \fi: 1
11402       \fi:
11403     \else:
11404       \if_int_compare:w #1#4 = \c_zero
11405         0
11406       \else:
11407         1
11408       \fi:
11409     \fi:
11410   \exp_stop_f:
11411 }
11412 \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_significand:nnnnnnnn

```

```

\_fp_compare_npos:nwnw {<expo1>} <body1> ; {<expo2>} <body2> ;

```

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.

```

11413 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_compare_npos:nwnw #1#2; #3#4;
11414 {
11415   \if_int_compare:w #1 = #3 \exp_stop_f:
11416     \__fp_compare_significand:nnnnnnnn #2 #4
11417   \else:
11418     \if_int_compare:w #1 < #3 - \fi: 1
11419   \fi:
11420 }
11421 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_compare_significand:nnnnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8
11422 {
11423   \if_int_compare:w #1#2 = #5#6 \exp_stop_f:
11424     \if_int_compare:w #3#4 = #7#8 \exp_stop_f:
11425     0
11426   \else:
11427     \if_int_compare:w #3#4 < #7#8 - \fi: 1
11428   \fi:
11429   \else:
11430     \if_int_compare:w #1#2 < #5#6 - \fi: 1
11431   \fi:
11432 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_compare\_npos:nwnw This function is documented on page ??.)

## 32.4 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
11433 \cs_new:Npn \fp_do_until:nn #1#2
11434 {
11435   #2
11436   \fp_compare:nF {#1}
11437   { \fp_do_until:nn {#1} {#2} }
11438 }
11439 \cs_new:Npn \fp_do_while:nn #1#2
11440 {
11441   #2
11442   \fp_compare:nT {#1}
11443   { \fp_do_while:nn {#1} {#2} }
11444 }
11445 \cs_new:Npn \fp_until_do:nn #1#2
11446 {
11447   \fp_compare:nF {#1}
11448   {
11449     #2
11450     \fp_until_do:nn {#1} {#2}
11451   }
11452 }
11453 \cs_new:Npn \fp_while_do:nn #1#2

```

```

11454 {
11455   \fp_compare:nT {#1}
11456   {
11457     #2
11458     \fp_while_do:nn {#1} {#2}
11459   }
11460 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_do_until:nn` and others. These functions are documented on page 185.)

`\fp_do_until:nNnn` As above but not using the `nNn` syntax.

```

\fp_do_while:nNnn 11461 \cs_new:Npn \fp_do_until:nNnn #1#2#3#4
\fp_until_do:nNnn 11462 {
\fp_while_do:nNnn 11463   #4
11464   \fp_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
11465   { \fp_do_until:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
11466 }
11467 \cs_new:Npn \fp_do_while:nNnn #1#2#3#4
11468 {
11469   #4
11470   \fp_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
11471   { \fp_do_while:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4} }
11472 }
11473 \cs_new:Npn \fp_until_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
11474 {
11475   \fp_compare:nNnF {#1} #2 {#3}
11476   {
11477     #4
11478     \fp_until_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
11479   }
11480 }
11481 \cs_new:Npn \fp_while_do:nNnn #1#2#3#4
11482 {
11483   \fp_compare:nNnT {#1} #2 {#3}
11484   {
11485     #4
11486     \fp_while_do:nNnn {#1} #2 {#3} {#4}
11487   }
11488 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_do_until:nNnn` and others. These functions are documented on page 184.)

## 32.5 Extrema

`\__fp_max_o:w` The maximum (minimum) of an array of floating point numbers is computed by reading them sequentially, keeping track of the largest (smallest) number found so far. We start with  $-\infty$  ( $\infty$ ) since every number is larger (smaller) than that. The weird fp-like trailing marker breaks the loop correctly: see the precise definition of `\__fp_minmax_loop:Nww`.

```

11489 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_max_o:w #1 @
11490 {
11491   \exp_after:wN \__fp_minmax_loop:Nww

```

```

11492     \exp_after:wN \c_minus_one
11493     \c_minus_inf_fp
11494     #1
11495     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w { 3 \__fp_minmax_break_o:w } ;
11496   }
11497   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_min_o:w #1 @
11498   {
11499     \exp_after:wN \__fp_minmax_loop:Nww
11500     \exp_after:wN \c_one
11501     \c_inf_fp
11502     #1
11503     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w { 3 \__fp_minmax_break_o:w } ;
11504   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_max\_o:w and \\_\_fp\_min\_o:w)

\\_\_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.

```

11505   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_minmax_loop:Nww
11506     #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5;
11507   {
11508     \if_meaning:w 3 #4
11509       \if_meaning:w 3 #2
11510         \__fp_minmax_i:ww
11511       \else:
11512         \__fp_minmax_ii:ww
11513       \fi:
11514     \else:
11515       \if_int_compare:w
11516         \__fp_compare_back:ww
11517         \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5;
11518         \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3;
11519         = #1
11520         \__fp_minmax_ii:ww
11521       \else:
11522         \__fp_minmax_i:ww
11523       \fi:
11524     \fi:
11525     \__fp_minmax_loop:Nww #1
11526     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3;
11527     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5;
11528   }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_minmax\_loop:Nww)

\\_\_fp\_minmax\_i:ww  
 \\_\_fp\_minmax\_ii:ww

Keep the first/second number, and remove the other.



```

11529 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_minmax_i:ww #1 \fi: \fi: #2 \s__fp #3 ; \s__fp #4;
11530 { \fi: \fi: #2 \s__fp #3 ; }
11531 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_minmax_ii:ww #1 \fi: \fi: #2 \s__fp #3 ;
11532 { \fi: \fi: #2 }
(End definition for \__fp_minmax_i:ww and \__fp_minmax_ii: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.

```

11533 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_minmax_break_o:w #1 \fi: \fi: #2 \s__fp #3; #4;
11534 { \fi: \__fp_exp_after_o:w \s__fp #3; }
(End definition for \__fp_minmax_break_o:w)

```

## 32.6 Boolean operations

`\__fp_not_o:w` Return true or false, with two expansions, one to exit the conditional, and one to please `l3fp-parse`.

```

11535 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_not_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2;
11536 {
11537   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
11538     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \c_one_fp
11539   \else:
11540     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp
11541   \fi:
11542 }
(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.

```

11543 \group_begin:
11544   \char_set_catcode_letter:N &
11545   \char_set_catcode_letter:N |
11546   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_&_o:ww #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3;
11547   {
11548     \if_meaning:w 0 #2 #1
11549       \__fp_and_return:wNw \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2#3;
11550     \fi:
11551     \__fp_exp_after_o:w
11552   }
11553   \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_|_o:ww { \__fp_&_o:ww \else: }
11554 \group_end:
11555 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_and_return:wNw #1; \fi: #2#3; { \fi: #2 #1; }
(End definition for \__fp_&_o:ww This function is documented on page ??.)

```

## 32.7 Ternary operator

The first function receives the test and the true branch of the `?:` ternary operator. It returns the true branch, unless the test branch is zero. In that case, the function returns a very specific nan. The second function receives the output of the first function, and the false branch. It returns the previous input, unless that is the special `nan`, in which case we return the false branch.

```

\__fp_ternary:NwwN
\__fp_ternary_i:NwwN
\__fp_ternary_ii:NwwN
\__fp_ternary_loop_break:w
\__fp_ternary_loop:Nw
\__fp_ternary_map_break:
\__fp_ternary_break_point:n
11556 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ternary:NwwN #1 #2@ #3@ #4
11557 {
11558   \if_meaning:w \__fp_parse_infix_:N #4
11559     \__fp_ternary_loop:Nw
11560     #2
11561     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w { \__fp_ternary_loop_break:w } ;
11562     \__fp_ternary_break_point:n { \exp_after:wN \__fp_ternary_i:NwwN }
11563     \exp_after:wN #1
11564     \tex_romannumeral:D -‘0
11565     \__fp_exp_after_array_f:w #3 \s__fp_stop
11566     \exp_after:wN @
11567     \tex_romannumeral:D
11568     \__fp_parse_until:Nw \c_two
11569     \__fp_parse_expand:w
11570   \else:
11571     \_msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnnn
11572     { kernel } { fp-missing } { : } { ~for~?: }
11573     \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_until_test:NwN
11574     \exp_after:wN #1
11575     \tex_romannumeral:D -‘0
11576     \__fp_exp_after_array_f:w #3 \s__fp_stop
11577     \exp_after:wN #4
11578     \exp_after:wN #1
11579   \fi:
11580 }
11581 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ternary_loop_break:w #1 \fi: #2 \__fp_ternary_break_point:n #3
11582 {
11583   \c_zero = \c_zero \fi:
11584   \exp_after:wN \__fp_ternary_ii:NwwN
11585 }
11586 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ternary_loop:Nw \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2;
11587 {
11588   \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_zero
11589     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ternary_map_break:
11590   \fi:
11591   \__fp_ternary_loop:Nw
11592 }
11593 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ternary_map_break: #1 \__fp_ternary_break_point:n #2 {#2}
11594 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ternary_i:NwwN #1#2@#3@#4
11595 {
11596   \exp_after:wN \__fp_parse_until_test:NwN
11597   \exp_after:wN #1

```

```

11598 \tex_romannumeral:D -‘0
11599 \_fp_exp_after_array_f:w #2 \s__fp_stop
11600 #4 #1
11601 }
11602 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_ternary_ii:NwwN #1#2@#3@#4
11603 {
11604   \exp_after:wN \_fp_parse_until_test:NwN
11605   \exp_after:wN #1
11606   \tex_romannumeral:D -‘0
11607   \_fp_exp_after_array_f:w #3 \s__fp_stop
11608   #4 #1
11609 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_ternary:NwwN`, `\_fp_ternary_i:NwwN`, and `\_fp_ternary_ii:NwwN` These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

11610 </initex | package>

```

## 33 l3fp-basics Implementation

```

11611 <*initex | package>

```

```

11612 <@@=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>.

### 33.1 Common to several operations

```

\_fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNw
\_fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNw
\_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}`.

```

11613 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6;
11614 {
11615   \if_meaning:w 2 #1
11616     + \c_one
11617   \fi:
11618   ; {#2#3#4#5} {#6} ;
11619 }
11620 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6;
11621 {
11622   \if_meaning:w 2 #1
11623     \_fp_basics_pack_high_carry:w

```

```

11624     \fi:
11625     ; {#2#3#4#5} {#6}
11626   }
11627   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_basics_pack_high_carry:w \fi: ; #1
11628   { \fi: + \c_one ; {1000} }
(End definition for \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNw, \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNw, and \__fp_basics_pack_high_carry:

```

\\_\_fp\_basics\_pack\_weird\_low:NNNNw I don't fully understand those functions, used for additions and divisions. Hence the  
\\_\_fp\_basics\_pack\_weird\_high:NNNNNNNw name.

```

11629   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_basics_pack_weird_low:NNNNw #1 #2#3#4 #5;
11630   {
11631     \if_meaning:w 2 #1
11632       + \c_one
11633     \fi:
11634     \__int_eval_end:
11635     #2#3#4; {#5} ;
11636   }
11637   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_basics_pack_weird_high:NNNNNNNw
11638   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:NNNNNNNw)

```

### 33.2 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.

### 33.2.1 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.

```

11639 \cs_new_nopar:cpx { __fp_-_o:ww } \s__fp
11640 {
11641   \exp_not:c { __fp+_o:ww }
11642   \exp_not:n { \s__fp \__fp_neg_sign:N }
11643 }

```

(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.

```

11644 \cs_new:cpx { __fp+_o:ww }
11645   \s__fp #1 \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4 #5
11646 {
11647   \if_case:w
11648     \if_meaning:w #2 #4
11649       #2 \exp_stop_f:
11650   \else:
11651     \if_int_compare:w #2 > #4 \exp_stop_f:
11652       \c_three
11653     \else:
11654       \c_minus_one
11655     \fi:
11656   \fi:
11657     \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_zeros_o:Nww \__int_value:w
11658   \or:   \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_normal_o:Nww \__int_value:w
11659   \or:   \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_inf_o:Nww \__int_value:w
11660   \or:   \__fp_case_return_i_o:ww
11661   \else: \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_return_ii_o:Nww \__int_value:w
11662   \fi:
11663   #1 #5
11664   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 ;
11665   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4 #5
11666 }

```

(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.

```
11667 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_add\_return\_ii_o:Nww #1 #2 ; \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w #3 #4
11668 { \_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  $-0$ .

```
11669 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_add\_zeros_o:Nww #1 \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w 0 #2
11670 {
11671   \if_int_compare:w #2 #1 = 20 \exp\_stop_f:
11672   \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_add\_return\_ii_o:Nww
11673   \else:
11674     \_fp\_case\_return\_i_o:ww
11675   \fi:
11676   #1
11677   \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w 0 #2
11678 }
```

(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.

```
11679 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_add\_inf_o:Nww
11680   #1 \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w 2 #2 #3; \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w 2 #4
11681 {
11682   \if_meaning:w #1 #2
11683     \_fp\_case\_return\_i_o:ww
11684   \else:
11685     \_fp\_case\_use:nw
11686     {
11687       \if_meaning:w #1 #4
11688         \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_invalid\_operation_o:Nww
11689         \exp\_after:wN +
11690       \else:
11691         \exp\_after:wN \_fp\_invalid\_operation_o:Nww
11692         \exp\_after:wN -
11693       \fi:
11694     }
11695   \fi:
11696   \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w 2 #2 #3;
11697   \s\_fp \_fp\_chk:w 2 #4
11698 }
```

(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.

```

11699 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_normal_o:Nww #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #2
11700 {
11701   \if_meaning:w #1#2
11702     \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_npos_o:NnwNnw
11703   \else:
11704     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_npos_o:NnwNnw
11705   \fi:
11706   #2
11707 }
(End definition for \__fp_add_normal_o:Nww)

```

### 33.2.2 Absolute addition

In this subsection, we perform the addition of two positive normal numbers.

```

\__fp_add_npos_o:NnwNnw \__fp_add_npos_o:NnwNnw <sign1> <exp1> <body1> ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1
<initial sign2> <exp2> <body2> ;

```

Since we are doing an addition, the final sign is  $\langle sign_1 \rangle$ . Start an  $\backslash\_int\_eval:w$ , responsible for computing the exponent: the result, and the  $\langle final\ sign \rangle$  are then given to  $\backslash\_fp\_sanitize:Nw$  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  $\backslash\_fp\_add\_big\_i:wNww$  or  $\backslash\_fp\_add\_big\_ii:wNww$ . We need to bring the final sign with us in the midst of the calculation to round properly at the end.

```

11708 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_npos_o:NnwNnw #1#2#3 ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #4 #5
11709 {
11710   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
11711   \exp_after:wN #1
11712   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
11713   \if_int_compare:w #2 > #5 \exp_stop_f:
11714     #2
11715   \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_big_i_o:wNww \__int_value:w -
11716   \else:
11717     #5
11718   \exp_after:wN \__fp_add_big_ii_o:wNww \__int_value:w
11719   \fi:
11720   \__int_eval:w #5 - #2 ; #1 #3;
11721 }
(End definition for \__fp_add_npos_o:NnwNnw)

```

```

\__fp_add_big_i_o:wNww \__fp_add_big_i_o:wNww <shift> ; <final sign> <body1> ; <body2> ;
\__fp_add_big_ii_o:wNww Shift the significand of the small number, then add with \__fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnnN.

```

```

11722 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_big_i_o:wNww #1; #2 #3; #4;
11723 {
11724   \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn {#1}

```

```

11725     \_fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN
11726     #4
11727     #3
11728     #2
11729   }
11730 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_add_big_ii_o:wNww #1; #2 #3; #4;
11731 {
11732   \_fp_decimate:nNnnnn {#1}
11733   \_fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN
11734   #3
11735   #4
11736   #2
11737 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_add\_big\_i\_o:wNww This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\_fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN    \_fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN <rounding digit> {\langle Y'_1 \rangle} {\langle Y'_2 \rangle} <extra-digits>
\_fp_add_significand_pack:NNNNNNN    ; {\langle X_1 \rangle} {\langle X_2 \rangle} {\langle X_3 \rangle} {\langle X_4 \rangle} <final sign>
\_fp_add_significand_test_o:N

```

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.

```

11738 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_add_significand_o:NnnwnnnnN #1 #2#3 #4; #5#6#7#8
11739 {
11740   \exp_after:wN \_fp_add_significand_test_o:N
11741   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1#5#6 + #2
11742   \exp_after:wN \_fp_add_significand_pack:NNNNNNN
11743   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1#7#8 + #3 ; #1
11744 }
11745 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_add_significand_pack:NNNNNNN #1 #2#3#4#5#6#7
11746 {
11747   \if_meaning:w 2 #1
11748   + \c_one
11749   \fi:
11750   ; #2 #3 #4 #5 #6 #7 ;
11751 }
11752 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_add_significand_test_o:N #1
11753 {
11754   \if_meaning:w 2 #1
11755   \exp_after:wN \_fp_add_significand_carry_o:wwwNN
11756   \else:
11757   \exp_after:wN \_fp_add_significand_no_carry_o:wwwNN
11758   \fi:
11759 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_add\_significand\_o:NnnwnnnnN This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\_fp_add_significand_no_carry_o:wwwNN    \_fp_add_significand_no_carry_o:wwwNN <8d> ; <6d> ; <2d> ; <rounding
digit> <sign>

```



If there's no carry, grab all the digits again and round. The packing function `\__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw` takes care of the case where rounding brings a carry.

```

11760 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_significand_no_carry_o:wwwNN
11761   #1; #2; #3#4 ; #5#6
11762   {
11763     \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw
11764     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #1
11765     \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
11766     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #2 #3#4
11767     + \__fp_round:NNN #6 #4 #5
11768     \exp_after:wN ;
11769   }
(End definition for \__fp_add_significand_no_carry_o:wwwNN)

```

```

\__fp_add_significand_carry_o:wwwNN \__fp_add_significand_carry_o:wwwNN <8d> ; <6d> ; <2d> ; <rounding
digit> <sign>

```

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.

```

11770 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_add_significand_carry_o:wwwNN
11771   #1; #2; #3#4; #5#6
11772   {
11773     + \c_one
11774     \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_weird_high:NNNNNNNNw
11775     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 1 #1
11776     \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_weird_low:NNNNNw
11777     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #2#3 +
11778     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round:NNN
11779     \exp_after:wN #6
11780     \exp_after:wN #3
11781     \__int_value:w \__fp_round_digit:Nw #4 #5 ;
11782     \exp_after:wN ;
11783   }
(End definition for \__fp_add_significand_carry_o:wwwNN)

```

### 33.2.3 Absolute subtraction

```

\__fp_sub_npos_o:NnwNnw \__fp_sub_npos_o:NnwNnw <sign1> <exp1> <body1> ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1
\__fp_sub_eq_o:Nwnnw <initial sign2> <exp2> <body2> ;
\__fp_sub_npos_ii_o:Nwnnw

```

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:Nwnnw` with the opposite of  $\langle sign_1 \rangle$ .

```

11784 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_npos_o:NnwNnw #1#2#3; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #4#5#6;
11785   {
11786     \if_case:w \__fp_compare_npos:nwnw {#2} #3; {#5} #6; \exp_stop_f:
11787     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_eq_o:Nwnnw
11788     \or:
11789     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_npos_i_o:Nwnnw

```

```

11790     \else:
11791         \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_npos_ii_o:Nnwnw
11792         \fi:
11793         #1 {#2} #3; {#5} #6;
11794     }
11795     \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_eq_o:Nnwnw #1#2; #3; { \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp }
11796     \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_npos_ii_o:Nnwnw #1 #2; #3;
11797     {
11798         \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_npos_i_o:Nnwnw
11799         \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_two - #1 \__int_eval_end:
11800         #3; #2;
11801     }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_sub\_npos\_o:Nnwnw This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_\_fp\_sub\_npos\_i\_o:Nnwnw After the computation is done, \\_\_fp\_sanitize: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.

```

11802     \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_npos_i_o:Nnwnw #1 #2#3; #4#5;
11803     {
11804         \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
11805         \exp_after:wN #1
11806         \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
11807         #2
11808         \if_int_compare:w #2 = #4 \exp_stop_f:
11809         \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_near_o:nnnnnnnnN
11810         \else:
11811         \exp_after:wN \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn \exp_after:wN
11812         { \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #2 - #4 - \c_one \exp_after:wN }
11813         \exp_after:wN \__fp_sub_back_far_o:NnnwnnnnnN
11814         \fi:
11815         #5
11816         #3
11817         #1
11818     }

```

(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.

```

11819     \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sub_back_near_o:nnnnnnnnN #1#2#3#4 #5#6#7#8 #9
11820     {

```

```

11821 \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_near_after:wNNNNw
11822 \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 10#5#6 - #1#2 - \c_eleven
11823 \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_near_pack:NNNNNNw
11824 \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 11#7#8 - #3#4 \exp_after:wN ;
11825 }
11826 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_near_pack:NNNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6#7 ;
11827 { + #1#2 ; {#3#4#5#6} {#7} ; }
11828 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_near_after:wNNNNw 10 #1#2#3#4 #5 ;
11829 {
11830 \if_meaning:w 0 #1
11831 \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_shift:wnnnn
11832 \fi:
11833 ; {#1#2#3#4} {#5}
11834 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_sub\_back\_near\_o:nnnnnnnnN This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\_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 ; { $\langle Z_1 \rangle$ } { $\langle Z_2 \rangle$ } { $\langle Z_3 \rangle$ } { $\langle Z_4 \rangle$ } ;  
This function is called with  $\langle Z_1 \rangle \leq 999$ . Act with \number to trim leading zeros from  $\langle Z_1 \rangle$   $\langle Z_2 \rangle$  (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.

```

11835 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_shift:wnnnn ; #1#2
11836 {
11837 \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_shift_ii:ww
11838 \_int_value:w #1 #2 0 ;
11839 }
11840 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_shift_ii:ww #1 0 ; #2#3 ;
11841 {
11842 \if_meaning:w @ #1 @
11843 - \c_seven
11844 - \exp_after:wN \use_i:nnn
11845 \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_shift_iii:NNNNNNNNw
11846 \_int_value:w #2#3 0 ~ 123456789;
11847 \else:
11848 - \_fp_sub_back_shift_iii:NNNNNNNNw #1 123456789;
11849 \fi:
11850 \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
11851 \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
11852 \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_shift_iv:nnnnw
11853 \exp_after:wN ;
11854 \_int_value:w
11855 #1 ~ #2#3 0 ~ 0000 0000 0000 000 ;
11856 }
11857 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_shift_iii:NNNNNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9; {#8}
11858 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_shift_iv:nnnnw #1 ; #2 ; { ; #1 ; }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_sub_back_shift:wnnnn` This function is documented on page ??.)

```
\_fp_sub_back_far_o:NnnwnnnnN \_fp_sub_back_far_o:NnnwnnnnN <rounding> {\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>
```

If the difference is greater than  $10^{\langle expo_x \rangle}$ , call the `very_far` auxiliary. If the result is less than  $10^{\langle expo_x \rangle}$ , call the `not_far` auxiliary. If it is too close a call to know yet, namely if  $1\langle Y'_1 \rangle\langle Y'_2 \rangle = \langle X_1 \rangle\langle X_2 \rangle\langle X_3 \rangle\langle X_4 \rangle 0$ , 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).

```
11859 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_far_o:NnnwnnnnN #1 #2#3 #4; #5#6#7#8
11860 {
11861   \if_case:w
11862     \if_int_compare:w 1 #2 = #5#6 \use_i:nnnn #7 \exp_stop_f:
11863     \if_int_compare:w #3 = \use_none:n #7#8 0 \exp_stop_f:
11864     \c_zero
11865     \else:
11866       \if_int_compare:w #3 > \use_none:n #7#8 0 - \fi: \c_one
11867       \fi:
11868     \else:
11869       \if_int_compare:w 1 #2 > #5#6 \use_i:nnnn #7 - \fi: \c_one
11870       \fi:
11871       \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_quite_far_o:wwNN
11872   \or:   \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_very_far_o:wwwNN
11873   \else: \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_not_far_o:wwwNN
11874   \fi:
11875   #2 ~ #3 ; #5 #6 ~ #7 #8 ; #1
11876 }
```

(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).

```
11877 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_quite_far_o:wwNN #1; #2; #3#4
11878 {
11879   \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_quite_far_ii:NN
11880   \exp_after:wN #3
11881   \exp_after:wN #4
11882 }
11883 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_quite_far_ii:NN #1#2
11884 {
11885   \if_case:w \_fp_round_neg:NNN #2 0 #1
11886     \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
11887   \else:
11888     \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
11889   \fi:
```

```

11890     { ; {1000} {0000} {0000} {0000} ; }
11891     { - \c_one ; {9999} {9999} {9999} {9999} ; }
11892 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_sub_back_quite_far_o:wwwNN` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\_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.

```

11893 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_not_far_o:wwwNN #1 ~ #2; #3 ~ #4; #5#6
11894 {
11895   - \c_one
11896   \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_near_after:wNNNNw
11897   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1#30 - #1 - \c_eleven
11898   \exp_after:wN \_fp_sub_back_near_pack:NNNNNNw
11899   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 11 0000 0000 + #40 - #2
11900   - \exp_after:wN \_fp_round_neg:NNN
11901   \exp_after:wN #6
11902   \use_none:n nnnnnnn #2 #5
11903   \exp_after:wN ;
11904 }

```

(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.

```

11905 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_very_far_o:wwwNN #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
11906 {
11907   \_fp_pack_eight:wNNNNNNNN
11908   \_fp_sub_back_very_far_ii_o:nnNwwNN
11909   { 0 #1#2#3 #4#5#6#7 }
11910   ;
11911 }
11912 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_sub_back_very_far_ii_o:nnNwwNN #1#2 ; #3 ; #4 ~ #5; #6#7
11913 {
11914   \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw
11915   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1#4 - #1 - \c_one
11916   \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
11917   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 2#5 - #2

```

```

11918         - \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_neg:NNN
11919         \exp_after:wN #7
11920         \__int_value:w
11921         \if_int_odd:w \__int_eval:w #5 - #2 \__int_eval_end:
11922         1 \else: 2 \fi:
11923         \__int_value:w \__fp_round_digit:Nw #3 #6 ;
11924     \exp_after:wN ;
11925 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_sub\_back\_very\_far\_o:wwwNN This function is documented on page ??.)

### 33.3 Multiplication

#### 33.3.1 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.

```

11926 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __fp*_o:ww }
11927 {
11928     \__fp_mul_cases_o:NnNnw
11929     *
11930     { - \c_two + }
11931     \__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww
11932     { }
11933 }

```

(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.

```

11934 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_cases_o:NnNnw
11935     #1#2#3#4 \s_fp \__fp_chk:w #5#6#7; \s_fp \__fp_chk:w #8#9
11936 {
11937     \if_case:w \__int_eval:w
11938         \if_int_compare:w #5 #8 = \c_eleven
11939         \c_one
11940     \else:
11941         \if_meaning:w 3 #8

```

```

11942         \c_three
11943     \else:
11944         \if_meaning:w 3 #5
11945         \c_two
11946     \else:
11947         \if_int_compare:w #5 #8 = \c_ten
11948         \c_nine #2 - \c_two
11949     \else:
11950         (#5 #2 #8) / \c_two * \c_two + \c_seven
11951     \fi:
11952 \fi:
11953 \fi:
11954 \fi:
11955     \if_meaning:w #6 #9 - \c_one \fi:
11956     \__int_eval_end:
11957     \__fp_case_use:nw { #3 0 }
11958 \or: \__fp_case_use:nw { #3 2 }
11959 \or: \__fp_case_return_i_o:ww
11960 \or: \__fp_case_return_ii_o:ww
11961 \or: \__fp_case_return_o:Nww \c_zero_fp
11962 \or: \__fp_case_return_o:Nww \c_minus_zero_fp
11963 \or: \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww #1 }
11964 \or: \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww #1 }
11965 \or: \__fp_case_return_o:Nww \c_inf_fp
11966 \or: \__fp_case_return_o:Nww \c_minus_inf_fp
11967 #4
11968 \fi:
11969 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #5 #6 #7;
11970 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #8 #9
11971 }
(End definition for \__fp_mul_cases_o:nNnnww)

```

### 33.3.2 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`.

```

11972 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww
11973 #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3 #4 #5 ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #6 #7 #8 #9 ;
11974 {
11975     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
11976     \exp_after:wN #1
11977     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w

```

```

11978      #4 + #8
11979      \_fp_mul_significand_o:nnnnNnnnn #5 #1 #9
11980    }
(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:NNNNWw {<Y1>} {<Y2>} {<Y3>} {<Y4>}
\_fp_mul_significand_keep:NNNNWw

```

Note the three semicolons at the end of the definition. One is for the last `\_fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNWw`; 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:NNNNWw`.

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`.

```

11981 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_mul_significand_o:nnnnNnnnn #1#2#3#4 #5 #6#7#8#9
11982 {
11983   \exp_after:wN \_fp_mul_significand_test_f:NNN
11984   \exp_after:wN #5
11985   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 99990000 + #1*#6 +
11986   \exp_after:wN \_fp_mul_significand_keep:NNNNWw
11987   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 99990000 + #1*#7 + #2*#6 +
11988   \exp_after:wN \_fp_mul_significand_keep:NNNNWw
11989   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 99990000 + #1*#8 + #2*#7 + #3*#6 +
11990   \exp_after:wN \_fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNWw
11991   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 99990000 + #1*#9 + #2*#8 + #3*#7 + #4*#6 +
11992   \exp_after:wN \_fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNWw
11993   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 99990000 + #2*#9 + #3*#8 + #4*#7 +
11994   \exp_after:wN \_fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNWw
11995   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 99990000 + #3*#9 + #4*#8 +
11996   \exp_after:wN \_fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNWw
11997   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 10000000 + #4*#9 ;
11998   ; \exp_after:wN ;
11999 }
12000 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_mul_significand_drop:NNNNWw #1#2#3#4#5 #6;
12001 { #1#2#3#4#5 ; + #6 }
12002 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_mul_significand_keep:NNNNWw #1#2#3#4#5 #6;
12003 { #1#2#3#4#5 ; #6 ; }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_mul_significand_o:nnnnNnnnn` This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\_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.



```

12004 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_significand_test_f:NNN #1 #2 #3
12005 {
12006   \if_meaning:w 0 #3
12007   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_small_f:NNwwwN
12008   \else:
12009   \exp_after:wN \__fp_mul_significand_large_f:NwwNNNN
12010   \fi:
12011   #1 #3
12012 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_mul\_significand\_test\_f:NNN)

\\_fp\_mul\_significand\_large\_f:NwwNNNN

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.

```

12013 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_significand_large_f:NwwNNNN #1 #2; #3; #4#5#6#7; +
12014 {
12015   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw
12016   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1#2
12017   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
12018   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1#3#4#5#6#7
12019   + \exp_after:wN \__fp_round:NNN
12020   \exp_after:wN #1
12021   \exp_after:wN #7
12022   \__int_value:w \__fp_round_digit:Nw
12023 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_mul\_significand\_large\_f:NwwNNNN)

\\_fp\_mul\_significand\_small\_f:NNwwwN

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.

```

12024 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_mul_significand_small_f:NNwwwN #1 #2#3; #4#5; #6; + #7
12025 {
12026   - \c_one
12027   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw
12028   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1#3#4
12029   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
12030   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1#5#6#7
12031   + \exp_after:wN \__fp_round:NNN
12032   \exp_after:wN #1
12033   \exp_after:wN #7
12034   \__int_value:w \__fp_round_digit:Nw
12035 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_mul\_significand\_small\_f:NNwwwN)

## 33.4 Division

### 33.4.1 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 additionnal 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:NnNww` are provided as the fourth argument here.

```

12036 \cs_new_nopar:cpn { __fp/_o:ww }
12037 {
12038   \__fp_mul_cases_o:NnNww
12039   /
12040   { - }
12041   \__fp_div_npos_o:Nww
12042   {
12043     \or:
12044       \__fp_case_use:nw
12045       { \__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww \c_inf_fp / }
12046     \or:
12047       \__fp_case_use:nw
12048       { \__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww \c_minus_inf_fp / }
12049   }
12050 }

```

(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>}
                       {<A1>} {<A2>} {<A3>} {<A4>} ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 <sign_Z> {<exp Z>}
                       {<Z1>} {<Z2>} {<Z3>} {<Z4>} ;

```

We want to compute  $A/Z$ . As for multiplication, `\__fp_sanitizew` checks for overflow or underflow; we provide it with the *<final sign>*, 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 *<y>* obtained by adding 1 to the first 5 digits of  $Z$  (explanation given soon below), then the four  $\{<A_i>\}$ , then the four  $\{<Z_i>\}$ , a semi-colon, and the *<final sign>*, used for rounding at the end.

```

12051 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_npos_o:Nww
12052   #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #2 #3 #4 ; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #5 #6 #7#8#9;
12053 {
12054   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitizew
12055   \exp_after:wN #1
12056   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
12057   #3 - #6
12058   \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_i_o:wnnw
12059   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #7 \use_i:nnnn #8 + \c_one ;
12060   #4

```

```

12061      {\#7}{\#8}\#9 ;
12062      #1
12063    }
(End definition for \_fp_div_npos_o:Nww)

```

### 33.4.2 Work plan

In this subsection, we explain how to avoid overflowing  $\text{\TeX}$ '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

$$\backslash\text{int\_eval:n}\left\{\frac{A_1A_2}{Z_1+1}-1\right\}\leq 10^4\frac{A}{Z}$$

Subtracting 1 at the end takes care of the fact that  $\varepsilon\text{-TeX}$ '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  $\text{\TeX}$  can only handle integers less than roughly  $2 \cdot 10^9$ .

A better formula is to take

$$Q_A = \backslash\text{int\_eval:n}\left\{\frac{10 \cdot A_1A_2}{\lfloor 10^{-3} \cdot Z_1Z_2 \rfloor + 1} - 1\right\}.$$

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  $\varepsilon$ -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.

### 33.4.3 Implementing the significand division

`\_fp_div_significand_i_o:wnnw`      `\_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.

```
12064 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_div_significand_i_o:wnnw #1 ; #2#3 #4 ;
12065 {
12066   \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_test_o:w
12067   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w
12068   \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_calc:wnnnnnnnn
12069   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 999999 + #2 #3 0 / #1 ;
12070   #2 #3 ;
12071   #4
12072   { \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_ii:wnn \_int_value:w #1 }
12073   { \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_ii:wnn \_int_value:w #1 }
12074   { \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_ii:wnn \_int_value:w #1 }
12075   { \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_iii:wnnnnnn \_int_value:w #1 }
12076 }
```

(End definition for `\_fp_div_significand_i_o:wnnw`)

`\_fp_div_significand_calc:wnnnnnnnn`      `\_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):

$$10^{-4}(\#2 - \#1 \cdot \#5 - 10 \cdot \langle i \rangle \cdot \#5\#6) + 10^{-8}(\#3 - \#1 \cdot \#6 - 10 \cdot \langle i \rangle \cdot \#7) \\ + 10^{-12}(\#4 - \#1 \cdot \#7 - 10 \cdot \langle i \rangle \cdot \#8) + 10^{-16}(-\#1 \cdot \#8),$$

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.

```

12077 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_calc:wwnnnnnnn #1
12078 {
12079   \if_meaning:w 1 #1
12080     \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_calc_i:wwnnnnnnn
12081   \else:
12082     \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_calc_ii:wwnnnnnnn
12083   \fi:
12084 }
12085 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_calc_i:wwnnnnnnn #1; #2;#3#4 #5#6#7#8 #9
12086 {
12087   1 1 #1
12088   #9 \exp_after:wN ;
12089   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_leading_shift_int
12090     + #2 - #1 * #5 - #5#60
12091   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
12092   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int
12093     + #3 - #1 * #6 - #70
12094   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
12095   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int
12096     + #4 - #1 * #7 - #80
12097   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
12098   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_trailing_shift_int
12099     - #1 * #8 ;
12100   {#5}{#6}{#7}{#8}
12101 }
12102 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_calc_ii:wwnnnnnnn #1; #2;#3#4 #5#6#7#8 #9
12103 {
12104   1 0 #1
12105   #9 \exp_after:wN ;
12106   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_leading_shift_int
12107     + #2 - #1 * #5
12108   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
12109   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int
12110     + #3 - #1 * #6
12111   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
12112   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_middle_shift_int
12113     + #4 - #1 * #7
12114   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_Bigg:NNNNNNw
12115   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_Bigg_trailing_shift_int
12116     - #1 * #8 ;

```

```

12117     {#5}{#6}{#7}{#8}
12118 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_div_significand_calc:wwnnnnnnn` This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\_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  $B$ .

```

12119 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_div_significand_ii:wwn #1; #2; #3
12120 {
12121   \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_pack:NNN
12122   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w
12123   \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_calc:wwnnnnnnn
12124   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 999999 + #2 #3 0 / #1 ; #2 #3 ;
12125 }

```

(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  $Q_E$ .

```

12126 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_div_significand_iii:wwnnnnn #1; #2; #3; #4; #5 #6; #7
12127 {
12128   0
12129   \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_iv:wwnnnnnnn
12130   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w (\c_two * #2 #3) / #6 #7 ; % <- P
12131   #2 ; {#3} {#4} {#5}
12132   {#6} {#7}
12133 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_div_significand_iii:wwnnnnn`)

```

\_fp_div_significand_iv:wwnnnnnnn  \_fp_div_significand_iv:wwnnnnnnn <P> ; <E1> ; {<E2>} {<E3>} {<E4>}
\_fp_div_significand_v:NNw         {<Z1>} {<Z2>} {<Z3>} {<Z4>} <sign>
\_fp_div_significand_vi:Nw

```

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:  $T = 0$ .

```

12134 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_iv:wnnnnnnnn #1; #2;#3#4#5 #6#7#8#9
12135 {
12136   + \c_five * #1
12137   \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_vi:Nw
12138   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w -20 + 2*#2#3 - #1*#6#7 +
12139   \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_v:NN
12140   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 199980 + 2*#4 - #1*#8 +
12141   \exp_after:wN \__fp_div_significand_v:NN
12142   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 200000 + 2*#5 - #1*#9 ;
12143 }
12144 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_v:NN #1#2 { #1#2 \__int_eval_end: + }
12145 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_div_significand_vi:Nw #1#2;
12146 {
12147   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
12148     \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #2 > \c_zero + \c_one \fi:
12149   \else:
12150     \if_meaning:w - #1 - \else: + \fi: \c_one
12151   \fi:
12152   ;
12153 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_div_significand_iv:wnnnnnnnn`, `\__fp_div_significand_v:NNw`, and `\__fp_div_significand_vi:`

`\__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).

```

12154 \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.

```

12155 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_div_significand_test_o:w 10 #1
12156 {
12157   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
12158     \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_small_o:wwwNNNNwN
12159   \else:
12160     \exp_after:wN \_fp_div_significand_large_o:wwwNNNNwN
12161   \fi:
12162   #1
12163 }

```

(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 `\_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.

```

12164 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_div_significand_small_o:wwwNNNNwN
12165   0 #1; #2; #3; #4#5#6#7#8; #9
12166 {
12167   \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNw
12168   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1 #1#2
12169   \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNw
12170   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1 #3#4#5#6#7
12171   + \_fp_round:NNN #9 #7 #8
12172   \exp_after:wN ;
12173 }

```

(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.

```

12174 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_div_significand_large_o:wwwNNNNwN
12175   #1; #2; #3; #4#5#6#7#8; #9
12176 {
12177   + \c_one
12178   \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_weird_high:NNNNNNNNw
12179   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1 #1 #2
12180   \exp_after:wN \_fp_basics_pack_weird_low:NNNNw
12181   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w 1 #3 #4 #5 #6 +
12182   \exp_after:wN \_fp_round:NNN
12183   \exp_after:wN #9
12184   \exp_after:wN #6

```

```

12185         \__int_value:w \__fp_round_digit:Nw #7 #8 ;
12186         \exp_after:wN ;
12187     }
(End definition for \__fp_div_significand_large_o:wwwNNNNwN)

```

### 33.5 Unary operations

`\__fp_neg_o:w` This function flips the sign of the *floating point* and expands after it in the input stream, just like `\__fp+_o:ww` etc. We add a hook used by `l3fp-expo`: anything before `\s__fp` is ignored.

```

12188 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_neg_o:w #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2 #3
12189 {
12190     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_o:w
12191     \exp_after:wN \s__fp
12192     \exp_after:wN \__fp_chk:w
12193     \exp_after:wN #2
12194     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_two - #3 \__int_eval_end:
12195 }
(End definition for \__fp_neg_o:w)

```

`\__fp_abs_o:w` This function sets the sign of the *floating point* to be positive, and expands after itself in the input stream, just like `\__fp_neg_o:w`. We must leave the sign of `nan` invariant.

```

12196 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_abs_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2
12197 {
12198     \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_after_o:w
12199     \exp_after:wN \s__fp
12200     \exp_after:wN \__fp_chk:w
12201     \exp_after:wN #1
12202     \__int_value:w \if_meaning:w 1 #2 1 \else: 0 \fi: \exp_stop_f:
12203 }
(End definition for \__fp_abs_o:w)
12204 </initex | package>

```

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```

12205 <*initex | package>
12206 <@@=fp>

```

### 34.1 Description of extended fixed points

In this module, we work on (almost) fixed-point numbers with extended (24 digits) precision. This is 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 trailing 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:wnn  $\langle X_1 \rangle$  ;  $\langle X_2 \rangle$  ;
\__fp_fixed_mul:wnn  $\langle X_3 \rangle$  ;
\__fp_fixed_add:wnn  $\langle X_4 \rangle$  ;
```

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:Nw`. 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.

## 34.2 Helpers for extended fixed points

`\c__fp_one_fixed_tl` The extended fixed-point number 1, used in `l3fp-expo`.

```
12207 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_one_fixed_tl
12208 { {10000} {0000} {0000} {0000} {0000} {0000} }
(End definition for \c__fp_one_fixed_tl)
```

`\__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  $2^{31}-1$ ).

```
12209 \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  $\langle continuation \rangle$ . This requires  $a_1 \leq 2^{31} - 10001$ .

```
12210 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_add_one:wN #1#2; #3
12211 {
12212   \exp_after:wN #3 \exp_after:wN
12213   { \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_ten_thousand + #1 } #2 ;
12214 }
(End definition for \__fp_fixed_add_one:wN)
```

`\__fp_fixed_mul_after:wn` The fixed point operations which involve multiplication end by calling this auxiliary. It braces the last block of digits, and places the  $\langle continuation \rangle$  #2 in front. The  $\langle continuation \rangle$  was brought up through the expansions by the packing functions.

```
12215 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_mul_after:wn #1; #2 { #2 {#1} }
(End definition for \__fp_fixed_mul_after:wn)
```

### 34.3 Dividing a fixed point number by a small integer

```

\__fp_fixed_div_int:wnN
\__fp_fixed_div_int_i:wnN
\__fp_fixed_div_int_ii:wnn
\__fp_fixed_div_int_iii:wnn
\__fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw
\__fp_fixed_div_int_after:Nw

```

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  $a_1$ .

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  $a_i/n$ .

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 +  $Q_2$ 
\__fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw 9999 +  $Q_3$ 
\__fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw 9999 +  $Q_4$ 
\__fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw 9999 +  $Q_5$ 
\__fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw 9999
\__fp_fixed_div_int_iii:wnn  $Q_6$  ; { $\langle n \rangle$ } { $\langle a_6 \rangle$ }

```

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  $\langle continuation \rangle$  as appropriate.

```

12216 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_div_int:wnN #1#2#3#4#5#6 ; #7 ; #8
12217 {
12218   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_div_int_after:Nw
12219   \exp_after:wN #8
12220   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_minus_one
12221   \__fp_fixed_div_int_i:wnN
12222   #1; {#7} \__fp_fixed_div_int_ii:wnn
12223   #2; {#7} \__fp_fixed_div_int_ii:wnn
12224   #3; {#7} \__fp_fixed_div_int_ii:wnn
12225   #4; {#7} \__fp_fixed_div_int_ii:wnn
12226   #5; {#7} \__fp_fixed_div_int_ii:wnn
12227   #6; {#7} \__fp_fixed_div_int_iii:wnn ;
12228 }
12229 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_div_int_i:wnN #1; #2 #3
12230 {
12231   \exp_after:wN #3
12232   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 / #2 - \c_one ;
12233   {#2}
12234   {#1}
12235 }

```

```

12236 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_div_int_ii:wnn #1; #2 #3
12237 {
12238   + #1
12239   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw
12240   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999
12241   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_div_int_i:wN
12242   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #3 - #1*#2 \__int_eval_end:
12243 }
12244 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_div_int_iii:wnn #1; #2 #3 { + #1 + \c_two ; }
12245 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_div_int_pack:Nw #1 #2; { + #1; {#2} }
12246 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_div_int_after:Nw #1 #2; { #1 {#2} }
(End definition for \__fp_fixed_div_int:wN This function is documented on page ??.)

```

### 34.4 Adding and subtracting fixed points

`\__fp_fixed_add:wnn` Computes  $a + b$  (resp.  $a - b$ ) and feeds the result to the  $\langle continuation \rangle$ . This function requires  $0 \leq a_1, b_1 < 50000$ , and requires the result to be positive (this happens automatically for addition). The two functions only differ 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 two signs,  $a_1, \dots, a_4$ , 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.

```

12247 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_fixed_add:wnn { \__fp_fixed_add_i:Nnnnnwnn + }
12248 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \__fp_fixed_sub:wnn { \__fp_fixed_add_i:Nnnnnwnn - }
12249 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_add_i:Nnnnnwnn #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; #7#8
12250 {
12251   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_add_after:NNNNNwn
12252   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9 9999 9998 + #2#3 #1 #7#8
12253   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_add_pack:NNNNNwn
12254   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 9999 9998 + #4#5
12255   \__fp_fixed_add_ii:nnNnnwnn #6 #1
12256 }
12257 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_add_ii:nnNnnwnn #1#2 #3 #4#5 #6#7 ; #8
12258 {
12259   #3 #4#5
12260   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_add_pack:NNNNNwn
12261   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 2 0000 0000 #3 #6#7 + #1#2 ; {#8} ;
12262 }
12263 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_add_pack:NNNNNwn #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; #7
12264 { + #1 ; {#7} {#2#3#4#5} {#6} }
12265 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_add_after:NNNNNwn 1 #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; #7
12266 { #7 {#1#2#3#4#5} {#6} }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_fixed_add:wnn` and `\__fp_fixed_sub:wnn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

### 34.5 Multiplying fixed points

`\__fp_fixed_mul:wnn`  
`\__fp_fixed_mul_i:nnnnnnwn`

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

$$\begin{aligned} a \times b = & a_1 \cdot b_1 \cdot 10^{-8} \\ & + (a_1 \cdot b_2 + a_2 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^{-12} \\ & + (a_1 \cdot b_3 + a_2 \cdot b_2 + a_3 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^{-16} \\ & + (a_1 \cdot b_4 + a_2 \cdot b_3 + a_3 \cdot b_2 + a_4 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^{-20} \\ & + \left( a_2 \cdot b_4 + a_3 \cdot b_3 + a_4 \cdot b_2 + \frac{a_3 \cdot b_4 + a_4 \cdot b_3 + a_1 \cdot b_6 + a_2 \cdot b_5 + a_5 \cdot b_2 + a_6 \cdot b_1}{10^4} + a_1 \cdot b_5 + a_5 \cdot b_1 \right) \cdot 10^{-24} \end{aligned}$$

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 packing auxiliaries bring the  $\langle continuation \rangle$  up through the expansion chain, as `#7`, and it is finally placed in front of the 6 brace groups by `\__fp_fixed_mul_after:wn`.

```

12267 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_mul:wnn #1#2#3#4 #5; #6#7#8#9
12268 {
12269   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_mul_after:wn
12270   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_leading_shift_int
12271   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNwn
12272   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
12273   + #1*#6
12274   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNwn
12275   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
12276   + #1*#7 + #2*#6
12277   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNwn
12278   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
12279   + #1*#8 + #2*#7 + #3*#6
12280   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNwn
12281   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
12282   + #1*#9 + #2*#8 + #3*#7 + #4*#6
12283   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNwn
12284   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_trailing_shift_int
12285   + #2*#9 + #3*#8 + #4*#7
12286   + ( #3*#9 + #4*#8
12287     + \__fp_fixed_mul_i:nnnnnnwn #5 {#6}{#7} {#1}{#2}
12288   )
12289 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_mul_i:nnnnnnwn #1#2 #3#4 #5#6 #7#8 ; #9

```

```

12290 {
12291     #1*#4 + #2*#3 + #5*#8 + #6*#7 ) / \c_ten_thousand
12292     + #1*#3 + #5*#7 ;
12293     {#9} ;
12294 }

```

(End definition for \\_fp\_fixed\_mul:wnn This function is documented on page ??.)

### 34.6 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  $\langle continuation \rangle$ .  
\\_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

$$\begin{aligned}
 a \times b + c = & (a_1 \cdot b_1 + c_1 c_2) \cdot 10^{-8} \\
 & + (a_1 \cdot b_2 + a_2 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^{-12} \\
 & + (a_1 \cdot b_3 + a_2 \cdot b_2 + a_3 \cdot b_1 + c_3 c_4) \cdot 10^{-16} \\
 & + (a_1 \cdot b_4 + a_2 \cdot b_3 + a_3 \cdot b_2 + a_4 \cdot b_1) \cdot 10^{-20} \\
 & + \left( a_2 \cdot b_4 + a_3 \cdot b_3 + a_4 \cdot b_2 + \frac{a_3 \cdot b_4 + a_4 \cdot b_3 + a_1 \cdot b_6 + a_2 \cdot b_5 + a_5 \cdot b_2 + a_6 \cdot b_1}{10^4} + a_1 \cdot b_5 + a_5 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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  $+ c_5 c_6$ ;  $\{\langle continuation \rangle\}$ ;  $\cdot$ . 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. The  $\langle continuation \rangle$  is placed correctly to be taken upstream by packing auxiliaries.

```

12295 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_mul_add:wnn #1; #2; #3#4#5#6#7#8; #9
12296 {
12297     \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_mul_after:wn
12298     \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_big_leading_shift_int
12299     \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_big:NNNNNNwn
12300     \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_big_middle_shift_int + #3 #4
12301     \_fp_fixed_mul_add_i:Nwnnnwnnn +
12302     + #5 #6 ; #2 ; #1 ; #2 ; +
12303     + #7 #8 ; {#9} ;
12304 }
12305 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wnn #1; #2; #3#4#5#6#7#8; #9
12306 {
12307     \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_mul_after:wn
12308     \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_big_leading_shift_int
12309     \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_big:NNNNNNwn
12310     \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_big_middle_shift_int + #3 #4
12311     \_fp_fixed_mul_add_i:Nwnnnwnnn -

```



```

12312         + #5 #6 ; #2 ; #1 ; #2 ; -
12313         + #7 #8 ; {#9} ;
12314     }
12315 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_one_minus_mul:wwn #1; #2; #3
12316 {
12317     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_mul_after:wn
12318     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_leading_shift_int
12319     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNwn
12320     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int + 1 0000 0000
12321     \__fp_fixed_mul_add_i:Nwnnnwnnn -
12322     ; #2 ; #1 ; #2 ; -
12323     ; {#3} ;
12324 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_fixed_mul_add:wwn`, `\__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwn`, and `\__fp_fixed_mul_one_minus_mul:wwn`)

`\__fp_fixed_mul_add_i: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 huse the sign #1. Note that #2 is empty for `\__fp_fixed_one_minus_mul:wwn`. 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.

```

12325 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_mul_add_i:Nwnnnwnnn #1 #2; #3#4#5#6; #7#8#9
12326 {
12327     #1 #7*#3
12328     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNwn
12329     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int
12330     #1 #7*#4 #1 #8*#3
12331     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNwn
12332     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int
12333     #1 #7*#5 #1 #8*#4 #1 #9*#3 #2
12334     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_big:NNNNNNwn
12335     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_big_middle_shift_int
12336     #1 \__fp_fixed_mul_add_ii:nnnnwnnnn {#7}{#8}{#9}
12337 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_fixed_mul_add_i:Nwnnnwnnn`)

`\__fp_fixed_mul_add_ii:nnnnwnnnn`

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  $\langle b \rangle$ .

```

12338 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_mul_add_ii:nnnnwnnnn #1#2#3#4#5; #6#7#8#9
12339 {

```

```

12340      ( #1*#9 + #2*#8 + #3*#7 + #4*#6 )
12341      \exp_after:wN \_fp_pack_big:NNNNNNwn
12342      \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c\_fp_big_trailing_shift_int
12343      \_fp_fixed_mul_add_iii:nnnnwnnwN
12344      { #6 + #4*#7 + #3*#8 + #2*#9 + #1 }
12345      { #7 + #4*#8 + #3*#9 + #2 }
12346      {#1} #5;
12347      {#6}
12348  }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_fixed_mul_add_ii:nnnnwnnnn`)

`\_fp_fixed_mul_add_iii:nnnnwnnwN`

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  $+c_5c_6$  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.

```

12349 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_mul_add_iii:nnnnwnnwN #1#2 #3#4#5; #6#7#8; #9
12350 {
12351   #9 (#4* #1 *#7)
12352   #9 (#5*#6+#4* #2 *#7+#3*#8) / \c_ten_thousand
12353 }

```

(End definition for `\_fp_fixed_mul_add_iii:nnnnwnnwN`)

## 34.7 Converting from fixed point to floating point

`\_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>17</sup>

```

12354 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_to_float:Nw #1#2; { \_fp_fixed_to_float:wN #2; #1 }
12355 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_fixed_to_float:wN #1#2#3#4#5#6; #7
12356 {
12357   + \c_four % for the 8-digit-at-the-start thing.
12358   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
12359   \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_to_loop:N
12360   \exp_after:wN \use_none:n
12361   \int_use:N \_int_eval:w
12362   1 0000 0000 + #1 \exp_after:wN \_fp_use_none_stop_f:n
12363   \_int_value:w 1#2 \exp_after:wN \_fp_use_none_stop_f:n
12364   \_int_value:w 1#3#4 \exp_after:wN \_fp_use_none_stop_f:n
12365   \_int_value:w 1#5#6
12366   \exp_after:wN ;
12367   \exp_after:wN ;

```

<sup>17</sup>Bruno: I must double check this assumption.

```

12368 }
12369 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_loop:N #1
12370 {
12371   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
12372     - \c_one
12373     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_loop:N
12374   \else:
12375     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_loop_end:w
12376     \exp_after:wN #1
12377   \fi:
12378 }
12379 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_loop_end:w #1 #2 ;
12380 {
12381   \if_meaning:w ; #1
12382     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_float_zero:w
12383   \else:
12384     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
12385     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
12386     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_float_pack:ww
12387     \exp_after:wN ;
12388   \fi:
12389   #1 #2 0000 0000 0000 0000 ;
12390 }
12391 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_float_zero:w ; 0000 0000 0000 0000 ;
12392 {
12393   - \c_two * \c__fp_max_exponent_int ;
12394   {0000} {0000} {0000} {0000} ;
12395 }
12396 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_float_pack:ww #1 ; #2#3 ; ;
12397 {
12398   \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_four
12399     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_float_round_up:wnnnnw
12400   \fi:
12401   ; #1 ;
12402 }
12403 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_to_float_round_up:wnnnnw ; #1#2#3#4 ;
12404 {
12405   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_high:NNNNNw
12406   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #1#2
12407   \exp_after:wN \__fp_basics_pack_low:NNNNNw
12408   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 #3#4 + \c_one ;
12409 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_fixed\_to\_float:wN and \\_\_fp\_fixed\_to\_float:Nw)

\\_\_fp\_fixed\_inv\_to\_float:wN Starting from fixed\_dtf  $A$  ;  $B$  ; we want to compute  $A/B$ , and express it as a floating point number. Normalize both numbers by removing leading brace groups of zeros and leaving the appropriate exponent shift in the input stream.

```

12410 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_inv_to_float:wN #1#2; #3
12411 {

```

```

12412 + \__int_eval:w % ^^A todo: remove the +?
12413 \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c_one_thousand
12414 \__fp_fixed_dtf_zeros:wNnnnnnn
12415 \fi:
12416 \__fp_fixed_dtf_no_zero:Nwn + {#1} #2 \s__fp
12417 \__fp_fixed_dtf_approx:n
12418 {10000} {0000} {0000} {0000} {0000} {0000} ;
12419 }
12420 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_div_to_float:ww #1#2; #3#4;
12421 {
12422 \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c_one_thousand
12423 \__fp_fixed_dtf_zeros:wNnnnnnn
12424 \fi:
12425 \__fp_fixed_dtf_no_zero:Nwn - {#1} #2 \s__fp
12426 {
12427 \if_int_compare:w #3 < \c_one_thousand
12428 \__fp_fixed_dtf_zeros:wNnnnnnn
12429 \fi:
12430 \__fp_fixed_dtf_no_zero:Nwn + {#3} #4 \s__fp
12431 \__fp_fixed_dtf_approx:n
12432 }
12433 }
12434 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_dtf_no_zero:Nwn #1#2 \s__fp #3 { #3 #2; }
12435 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_dtf_zeros:wNnnnnnn
12436 \fi: \__fp_fixed_dtf_no_zero:Nwn #1#2#3#4#5#6#7
12437 {
12438 \fi:
12439 #1 \c_minus_one
12440 \exp_after:wN \use_i_ii:nnn
12441 \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_dtf_zeros:NN
12442 \exp_after:wN #1
12443 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 10 0000 + #2 \__int_eval_end: #3#4#5#6#7
12444 ; 1 ;
12445 }
12446 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_dtf_zeros:NN #1#2
12447 {
12448 \if_meaning:w 0 #2
12449 #1 \c_one
12450 \else:
12451 \__fp_fixed_dtf_zeros_end:wNww #2
12452 \fi:
12453 \__fp_fixed_dtf_zeros:NN #1
12454 }
12455 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_dtf_zeros_end:wNww
12456 #1 \fi: \__fp_fixed_dtf_zeros:NN #2 #3; #4 \s__fp
12457 {
12458 \fi:
12459 \if_meaning:w ; #1
12460 #2 \c_two * \c__fp_max_exponent_int
12461 \use_i_ii:nnn

```

```

12462     \fi:
12463     \__fp_fixed_dtf_zeros_ii:ww
12464     #1#3 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 ;
12465   }
12466   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_dtf_zeros_ii:ww
12467   {
12468     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
12469     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
12470     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
12471     \__fp_fixed_dtf_zeros_iii:ww
12472   ;
12473   }
12474   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_dtf_zeros_iii:ww #1; #2; #3 { #3 #1; }

```

We get

`\__fp_fixed_dtf_approx:n`  $\langle B' \rangle$  ;  $\langle A' \rangle$  ;

where  $\langle B' \rangle$  and  $\langle A' \rangle$  are each 6 brace groups, representing fixed point numbers in the range  $[0.1, 1)$ . Denote by  $x \in [1000, 9999]$  and  $y \in [0, 9999]$  the first two groups of  $\langle B' \rangle$ . We first find an estimate  $a$  for the inverse of  $B'$  by computing

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha &= \left[ \frac{10^9}{x+1} \right] \\
\beta &= \left[ \frac{10^9}{x} \right] \\
a &= 10^3 \alpha + (\beta - \alpha) \cdot \left( 10^3 - \left[ \frac{y}{10} \right] \right) - 1750,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\left[ \frac{\cdot}{\cdot} \right]$  denotes  $\varepsilon$ -TeX's rounding division. The idea is to interpolate between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  with a parameter  $y/10^4$ . The shift by 1750 helps to ensure that  $a$  is an underestimate of the correct value. We will prove that

$$1 - 2.255 \cdot 10^{-5} < \frac{B'a}{10^8} < 1.$$

We can then compute the inverse  $B'a/10^8$  using  $1/(1 - \epsilon) \simeq (1 + \epsilon)(1 + \epsilon^2)$ , which is correct up to a relative error of  $\epsilon^4 < 2.6 \cdot 10^{-19}$ . Since we target a 16-digit value, this is small enough.

Let us prove the upper bound first.

$$10^7 B'a < \left( 10^3 x + \left[ \frac{y}{10} \right] + \frac{3}{2} \right) \left( \left( 10^3 - \left[ \frac{y}{10} \right] \right) \beta + \left[ \frac{y}{10} \right] \alpha - 1750 \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&< \left( 10^3 x + \left[ \frac{y}{10} \right] + \frac{3}{2} \right) \left( \left( 10^3 - \left[ \frac{y}{10} \right] \right) \left( \frac{10^9}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left[ \frac{y}{10} \right] \left( \frac{10^9}{x+1} + \frac{1}{2} \right) - 1750 \right) \\
&\quad (2)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&< \left( 10^3 x + \left[ \frac{y}{10} \right] + \frac{3}{2} \right) \left( \frac{10^{12}}{x} - \left[ \frac{y}{10} \right] \frac{10^9}{x(x+1)} - 1250 \right) \\
&\quad (3)
\end{aligned}$$

We recognize a quadratic polynomial in  $[y/10]$  with a negative leading coefficient,  $([y/10] + a)(b - c[y/10]) \leq (b + ca)^2/(4c)$ . Hence,

$$10^7 B' a < \frac{10^{15}}{x(x+1)} \left( x + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} 10^{-3} - 6.25 \cdot 10^{-10} x(x+1) \right)^2$$

We want to prove that the squared expression is less than  $x(x+1)$ , which we do by simplifying the difference, and checking its sign,

$$x(x+1) - \left( x + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} 10^{-3} - 6.25 \cdot 10^{-10} x(x+1) \right)^2 > -\frac{1}{4} (1 + 1.5 \cdot 10^{-3})^2 - 10^{-3} x + 1.25 \cdot 10^{-9} x(x+1) (x+0.5)$$

Now, the lower bound. The same computation as (1) imply

$$10^7 B' a > \left( 10^3 x + \left\lfloor \frac{y}{10} \right\rfloor - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{10^{12}}{x} - \left\lfloor \frac{y}{10} \right\rfloor \frac{10^9}{x(x+1)} - 2250 \right)$$

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  $y = 0$  or  $y = 9999$ , 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  $a < 10^8/B \leq 10^9$ , hence we can compute  $a$  safely as a TeX integer, and even add  $10^9$  to it to ease grabbing of all the digits.

```

12475 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_dtf_approx:n #1
12476 {
12477   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_dtf_approx_ii:wnn
12478   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 10 0000 0000 / ( #1 + \c_one ) ;
12479   {#1}
12480 }
12481 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_dtf_approx_ii:wnn #1; #2#3
12482 {
12483   <assert> \assert:n { \tl_count:n {#1} = 6 }
12484   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_dtf_approx_iii:NNNNNw
12485   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 10 0000 0000 - 1750
12486   + #1000 + (10 0000 0000/#2-#1) * (1000-#3/10) ;
12487   {#2}{#3}
12488 }
12489 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_dtf_approx_iii:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6; #7; #8;
12490 {
12491   + \c_four % because of the line below "dtf_epsilon" here.
12492   \__fp_fixed_mul:wN {000#1}{#2#3#4#5}{#6}{0000}{0000}{0000} ; #7;
12493   \__fp_fixed_dtf_epsilon:wN
12494   \__fp_fixed_mul:wN {000#1}{#2#3#4#5}{#6}{0000}{0000}{0000} ;
12495   \__fp_fixed_mul:wN #8;
12496   \__fp_fixed_to_float:wN ?
12497 }
12498 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_dtf_epsilon:wN #1#2#3#4#5#6;
12499 {
12500 <assert> \assert:n { #1 = 0000 }
```

```

12501 \assert) \assert:n { #2 = 9999 }
12502 \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_dtf_epsilon_ii:NNNNNww
12503 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 9999 9998 - #3#4 +
12504 \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_dtf_epsilon_pack:NNNNNw
12505 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 2 0000 0000 - #5#6 ; {0000} ;
12506 }
12507 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_dtf_epsilon_pack:NNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6;
12508 { #1 ; {#2#3#4#5} {#6} }
12509 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_fixed_dtf_epsilon_ii:NNNNNww #1#2#3#4#5#6; #7;
12510 {
12511 \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn %^A todo: optimize to use \__fp_mul_significand.
12512 {0000} {#2#3#4#5} {#6} #7 ;
12513 {0000} {#2#3#4#5} {#6} #7 ;
12514 \__fp_fixed_add_one:wN
12515 \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn {10000} {#2#3#4#5} {#6} #7 ;
12516 }
(End definition for \__fp_fixed_inv_to_float:wN and \__fp_fixed_div_to_float:ww)
12517 \</initex | package)

```

## 35 l3fp-expo implementation

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12518 \*initex | package)
12519 \<@@=fp)

```

### 35.1 Logarithm

#### 35.1.1 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?*

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 Talor 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.

### 35.1.2 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  $\ln(5)$ .

```

\c__fp_ln_i_fixed_t1 12520 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_i_fixed_t1 { {0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000} }
\c__fp_ln_ii_fixed_t1 12521 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_ii_fixed_t1 { {6931}{4718}{0559}{9453}{0941}{7232} }
\c__fp_ln_iii_fixed_t1 12522 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_iii_fixed_t1 { {10986}{1228}{8668}{1096}{9139}{5245} }
\c__fp_ln_iv_fixed_t1 12523 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_iv_fixed_t1 { {13862}{9436}{1119}{8906}{1883}{4464} }
\c__fp_ln_vii_fixed_t1 12524 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_vii_fixed_t1 { {17917}{5946}{9228}{0550}{0081}{2477} }
\c__fp_ln_viii_fixed_t1 12525 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_viii_fixed_t1 { {19459}{1014}{9055}{3133}{0510}{5353} }
\c__fp_ln_ix_fixed_t1 12526 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_ix_fixed_t1 { {21972}{2457}{7336}{2193}{8279}{0490} }
\c__fp_ln_x_fixed_t1 12528 \tl_const:Nn \c__fp_ln_x_fixed_t1 { {23025}{8509}{2994}{0456}{8401}{7991} }

```

(End definition for `\c__fp_ln_i_fixed_t1` and others.)

### 35.1.3 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`.

```

12529 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2
12530 {
12531   \if_meaning:w 2 #2
12532     \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:nw { ln } }
12533   \fi:
12534   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
12535     \__fp_case_use:nw
12536     { \__fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw \c_minus_inf_fp { ln } }
12537   \or:
12538   \else:
12539     \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
12540   \fi:
12541   \__fp_ln_npos_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2
12542 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_ln_o:w`)

### 35.1.4 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.

```

12543 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_npos_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 10#1#2#3;
12544 { %^A todo: ln(1) should be "exact zero", not "underflow"
12545   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
12546   \__int_value:w % for the overall sign
12547   \if_int_compare:w #1 < \c_one
12548     2
12549   \else:
12550     0
12551   \fi:

```



```

12552 \exp_after:wN \exp_stop_f:
12553 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w % for the exponent
12554 \__fp_ln_significand:NNNNnnnN #2#3
12555 \__fp_ln_exponent:wn {#1}
12556 }
(End definition for \__fp_ln_npos_o:w)

```

\\_\_fp\_ln\_significand:NNNNnnnN  $\langle X_1 \rangle \{ \langle X_2 \rangle \} \{ \langle X_3 \rangle \} \{ \langle X_4 \rangle \} \langle continuation \rangle$   
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.

```

12557 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_significand:NNNNnnnN #1#2#3#4
12558 {
12559 \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_x_ii:wnnnn
12560 \__int_value:w
12561 \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
12562 \or:
12563 \if_int_compare:w #2 < \c_four
12564 \__int_eval:w \c_ten - #2
12565 \else:
12566 6
12567 \fi:
12568 \or: 4
12569 \or: 3
12570 \or: 2
12571 \or: 2
12572 \or: 2
12573 \else: 1
12574 \fi:
12575 ; { #1 #2 #3 #4 }
12576 }
(End definition for \__fp_ln_significand:NNNNnnnN)

```

\\_\_fp\_ln\_x\_ii:wnnnn We have thus found  $c$ . It is chosen such that  $0.7 \leq ac < 1.4$  in all cases. Compute  $1 + x = 1 + ac \in [1.7, 2.4)$ .

```

12577 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_x_ii:wnnnn #1; #2#3#4#5
12578 {
12579 \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_div_after:Nw
12580 \cs:w c__fp_ln \tex_romannumeral:D #1 _fixed_tl \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
12581 \__int_value:w
12582 \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_x_iv:wnnnnnnnn
12583 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
12584 \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_x_iii_var:NNNNNw
12585 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 9999 + #1*#2#3 +
12586 \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_x_iii:NNNNNw
12587 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 0000 0000 + #1*#4#5 ;
12588 {20000} {0000} {0000} {0000}

```

```

12589 } %^A todo: reoptimize (a generalization attempt failed).
12590 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_x_iii:NNNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6; { #1; {#2#3#4#5} {#6} }
12591 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_x_iii_var:NNNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6;
12592 {
12593   #1#2#3#4#5 + \c_one ;
12594   {#1#2#3#4#5} {#6}
12595 }

```

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

$$10^4 B \leq A_1 A_2 \cdot A_3 A_4 - \left( \frac{A_1 A_2}{y} - \frac{3}{2} \right) 10^4 Z \leq A_1 A_2 \left( 1 - \frac{10^4 Z}{y} \right) + 1 + \frac{3}{2} y \leq 10^8 \frac{A}{y} + 1 + \frac{3}{2} y$$

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>18</sup>

$\backslash\_fp\_ln\_x\_iv:wnnnnnnnn \langle 1 \text{ or } 2 \rangle \langle 8d \rangle ; \{ \langle 4d \rangle \} \{ \langle 4d \rangle \} \langle fixed\_tl \rangle$

The number is  $x$ . Compute  $y$  by adding 1 to the five first digits.

```

12596 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_ln\_x\_iv:wnnnnnnnn #1; #2#3#4#5 #6#7#8#9
12597 {
12598   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_div\_significand\_pack:NNN
12599   \int_use:N \_int\_eval:w
12600   \_fp\_ln\_div\_i:w #1 ;
12601   #6 #7 ; {#8} {#9}
12602   {#2} {#3} {#4} {#5}
12603   { \exp_after:wN \_fp\_ln\_div\_ii:wnn \_int\_value:w #1 }
12604   { \exp_after:wN \_fp\_ln\_div\_ii:wnn \_int\_value:w #1 }
12605   { \exp_after:wN \_fp\_ln\_div\_ii:wnn \_int\_value:w #1 }
12606   { \exp_after:wN \_fp\_ln\_div\_ii:wnn \_int\_value:w #1 }
12607   { \exp_after:wN \_fp\_ln\_div\_vi:wnn \_int\_value:w #1 }
12608 }
12609 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_ln\_div\_i:w #1;
12610 {
12611   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_div\_significand\_calc:wnnnnnnnn
12612   \int_use:N \_int\_eval:w 999999 + 2 0000 0000 / #1 ; % Q1
12613 }
12614 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_ln\_div\_ii:wnn #1; #2;#3 % y; B1;B2 <- for k=1
12615 {
12616   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_div\_significand\_pack:NNN
12617   \int_use:N \_int\_eval:w
12618   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_div\_significand\_calc:wnnnnnnnn
12619   \int_use:N \_int\_eval:w 999999 + #2 #3 / #1 ; % Q2
12620   #2 #3 ;
12621 }
12622 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_ln\_div\_vi:wnn #1; #2;#3#4#5 #6#7#8#9 %y;F1;F2F3F4x1x2x3x4
12623 {
12624   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_div\_significand\_pack:NNN
12625   \int_use:N \_int\_eval:w 1000000 + #2 #3 / #1 ; % Q6
12626 }

```

We now have essentially<sup>19</sup>

$\backslash\_fp\_ln\_div\_after:Nw \langle fixed\ tl \rangle \backslash\_fp\_div\_significand\_pack:NNN 10^6 +$   
 $Q_1 \backslash\_fp\_div\_significand\_pack:NNN 10^6 + Q_2 \backslash\_fp\_div\_significand\_$   
 $pack:NNN 10^6 + Q_3 \backslash\_fp\_div\_significand\_pack:NNN 10^6 + Q_4 \backslash\_fp\_$   
 $div\_significand\_pack:NNN 10^6 + Q_5 \backslash\_fp\_div\_significand\_pack:NNN$   
 $10^6 + Q_6 ; \langle exponent \rangle ; \langle continuation \rangle$

<sup>18</sup>Bruno: to be completed.

<sup>19</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.

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

```
\_fp\_ln\_div\_after:Nw  $\langle fixed\ tl \rangle \langle 1d \rangle ; \langle 4d \rangle ; \langle 4d \rangle ; \langle 4d \rangle ; \langle 4d \rangle ; \langle 4d \rangle ;$ 
 $\langle 4d \rangle ; \langle exponent \rangle ;$ 
```

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.

```
12627 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_ln\_div\_after:Nw #1#2;
12628 {
12629   \if_meaning:w 0 #2
12630     \exp_after:wN \_fp\_ln\_t\_small:Nw
12631   \else:
12632     \exp_after:wN \_fp\_ln\_t\_large:NNw
12633     \exp_after:wN -
12634   \fi:
12635   #1
12636 }
12637 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_ln\_t\_small:Nw #1 #2; #3; #4; #5; #6; #7;
12638 {
12639   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_ln\_t\_large:NNw
12640   \exp_after:wN + % <sign>
12641   \exp_after:wN #1
12642   \int_use:N \_int\_eval:w 9999 - #2 \exp_after:wN ;
12643   \int_use:N \_int\_eval:w 9999 - #3 \exp_after:wN ;
12644   \int_use:N \_int\_eval:w 9999 - #4 \exp_after:wN ;
12645   \int_use:N \_int\_eval:w 9999 - #5 \exp_after:wN ;
12646   \int_use:N \_int\_eval:w 9999 - #6 \exp_after:wN ;
12647   \int_use:N \_int\_eval:w 1 0000 - #7 ;
12648 }
12649 \_fp\_ln\_t\_large:NNw  $\langle sign \rangle \langle fixed\ tl \rangle \langle t_1 \rangle ; \langle t_2 \rangle ; \langle t_3 \rangle ; \langle t_4 \rangle ; \langle t_5 \rangle ; \langle t_6 \rangle ;$ 
 $\langle exponent \rangle ; \langle continuation \rangle$ 
```

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.

```
12649 \cs_new:Npn \_fp\_ln\_t\_large:NNw #1 #2 #3; #4; #5; #6; #7; #8;
12650 {
12651   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_ln\_square\_t\_after:w
12652   \int_use:N \_int\_eval:w 9999 0000 + #3*#3
12653   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_ln\_square\_t\_pack:NNNNw
12654   \int_use:N \_int\_eval:w 9999 0000 + 2*#3*#4
12655   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_ln\_square\_t\_pack:NNNNw
12656   \int_use:N \_int\_eval:w 9999 0000 + 2*#3*#5 + #4*#4
12657   \exp_after:wN \_fp\_ln\_square\_t\_pack:NNNNw
```

```

12658      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 0000 + 2*#3*#6 + 2*#4*#5
12659      \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_square_t_pack:NNNNNw
12660      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 1 0000 0000 + 2*#3*#7 + 2*#4*#6 + #5*#5
12661      + (2*#3*#8 + 2*#4*#7 + 2*#5*#6) / 1 0000
12662      % ; ; ;
12663      \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_after:w
12664      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w -1 + 2*#3
12665      \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw
12666      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 + 2*#4
12667      \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw
12668      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 + 2*#5
12669      \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw
12670      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 + 2*#6
12671      \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw
12672      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 9999 + 2*#7
12673      \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw
12674      \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 10000 + 2*#8 ; ;
12675      { \__fp_ln_c:NwNw #1 }
12676      #2
12677      }
12678      \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_twice_t_pack:Nw #1 #2; { + #1 ; {#2} }
12679      \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_twice_t_after:w #1; { ; ; ; {#1} }
12680      \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_square_t_pack:NNNNNw #1 #2#3#4#5 #6;
12681      { + #1#2#3#4#5 ; {#6} }
12682      \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_square_t_after:w 1 0 #1#2#3 #4;
12683      { \__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 {<T1>} {<T2>} {<T3>} {<T4>} {<T5>} {<T6>} ; ;
{<(2t)1>} {<(2t)2>} {<(2t)3>} {<(2t)4>} {<(2t)5>} {<(2t)6>} ; { \__fp_ln_
c:NwNn <sign> } <fixed tl> <exponent> ; <continuation>

```

And we want to compute

$$\ln\left(\frac{1+t}{1-t}\right) = 2t \left(1 + T \left(\frac{1}{3} + T \left(\frac{1}{5} + T \left(\frac{1}{7} + T \left(\frac{1}{9} + \cdots\right)\right)\right)\right)\right)$$

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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<sup>20</sup>Bruno: add explanations.

This uses the routine for dividing a number by a small integer ( $< 10^4$ ).

```

12684 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_Taylor:wwNw
12685 { \__fp_ln_Taylor_loop:www 21 ; {0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000} ; }
12686 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_Taylor_loop:www #1; #2; #3;
12687 {
12688   \if_int_compare:w #1 = \c_one
12689     \__fp_ln_Taylor_break:w
12690   \fi:
12691   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_div_int:wwN \c__fp_one_fixed_tl ; #1;
12692   \__fp_fixed_add:wwn #2;
12693   \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #3;
12694   {
12695     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_Taylor_loop:www
12696     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 - \c_two ;
12697   }
12698   #3;
12699 }
12700 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_Taylor_break:w \fi: #1 \__fp_fixed_add:wwn #2#3; #4 ;;
12701 {
12702   \fi:
12703   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn
12704   \exp_after:wN { \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 10000 + #2 } #3;
12705 }

```

(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  $\ln(10)$  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>21</sup>

```

12706 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_c:NwNw #1 #2; #3
12707 {
12708   \if_meaning:w + #1
12709     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn
12710   \else:
12711     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_add:wwn
12712   \fi:
12713   #3 ; #2 ;
12714 }

```

<sup>22</sup>

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_ln\_c:NwNw This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_\_fp\_ln\_exponent:wn \\_\_fp\_ln\_exponent:wn  $\{ \langle s_1 \rangle \} \{ \langle s_2 \rangle \} \{ \langle s_3 \rangle \} \{ \langle s_4 \rangle \} \{ \langle s_5 \rangle \} \{ \langle s_6 \rangle \} ; \{ \langle exponent \rangle \}$

<sup>21</sup>Bruno: that was wrong at some point, I must check.

<sup>22</sup>Bruno: this *must* be updated with correct values!

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.

```

12715 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_exponent:wn #1; #2
12716 {
12717   \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
12718     \c_zero \__fp_case_return:nw { \__fp_fixed_to_float:Nw 2 }
12719   \or:
12720     \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_exponent_one:ww \__int_value:w
12721   \else:
12722     \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_zero
12723       \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_exponent_small:NNww
12724       \exp_after:wN 0
12725       \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn \__int_value:w
12726     \else:
12727       \exp_after:wN \__fp_ln_exponent_small:NNww
12728       \exp_after:wN 2
12729       \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_add:wwn \__int_value:w -
12730     \fi:
12731   \fi:
12732   #2; #1;
12733 }

```

Now we painfully write all the cases.<sup>23</sup> No overflow nor underflow can happen, except when computing  $\ln(1)$ .

```

12734 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_exponent_one:ww 1; #1;
12735 {
12736   \c_zero
12737   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn \c__fp_ln_x_fixed_t1 ; #1;
12738   \__fp_fixed_to_float:wN 0
12739 }

```

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.

```

12740 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_ln_exponent_small:NNww #1#2#3; #4#5#6#7#8#9;
12741 {
12742   \c_four
12743   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn
12744     \c__fp_ln_x_fixed_t1 ;
12745     {#3}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000} ;
12746   #2
12747     {0000}{#4}{#5}{#6}{#7}{#8};
12748   \__fp_fixed_to_float:wN #1

```

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<sup>23</sup>Bruno: do rounding.

12749 }

(End definition for \\_fp\_ln\_exponent:wn This function is documented on page ??.)

## 35.2 Exponential

### 35.2.1 Sign, exponent, and special numbers

\\_fp\_exp\_o:w

```
12750 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_o:w \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #1#2
12751 {
12752   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
12753     \_fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_one_fp
12754   \or:
12755     \exp_after:wN \_fp_exp_normal:w
12756   \or:
12757     \if_meaning:w 0 #2
12758       \exp_after:wN \_fp_case_return_o:Nw
12759       \exp_after:wN \c_inf_fp
12760     \else:
12761       \exp_after:wN \_fp_case_return_o:Nw
12762       \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp
12763     \fi:
12764   \or:
12765     \_fp_case_return_same_o:w
12766   \fi:
12767   \s__fp \_fp_chk:w #1#2
12768 }
```

(End definition for \\_fp\_exp\_o:w)

\\_fp\_exp\_normal:w

\\_fp\_exp\_pos:Nnwnw

```
12769 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_normal:w \s__fp \_fp_chk:w 1#1
12770 {
12771   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
12772     \_fp_exp_pos:Nnwnw + \_fp_fixed_to_float:wN
12773   \else:
12774     \_fp_exp_pos:Nnwnw - \_fp_fixed_inv_to_float:wN
12775   \fi:
12776 }
12777 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_pos:Nnwnw #1#2#3 \fi: #4#5;
12778 {
12779   \fi:
12780   \exp_after:wN \_fp_sanitize:Nw
12781   \exp_after:wN 0
12782   \_int_value:w #1 \_int_eval:w
12783   \if_int_compare:w #4 < - \c_eight
12784     \c_one
12785     \exp_after:wN \_fp_add_big_i_o:wNww
12786     \int_use:N \_int_eval:w \c_one - #4 ;
12787     0 {1000}{0000}{0000}{0000} ; #5;
```



```

12788         \tex_romannumeral:D
12789     \else:
12790         \if_int_compare:w #4 > \c_five % cf \c__fp_max_exponent_int
12791         \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_overflow:
12792         \tex_romannumeral:D
12793     \else:
12794         \if_int_compare:w #4 < \c_zero
12795         \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
12796     \else:
12797         \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
12798     \fi:
12799     {
12800         \c_zero
12801         \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn { - #4 }
12802         \__fp_exp_Taylor:Nnnwn
12803     }
12804     {
12805         \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn { \c_sixteen - #4 }
12806         \__fp_exp_pos_large:NnnNwn
12807     }
12808     #5
12809     {#4}
12810     #1 #2 0
12811     \tex_romannumeral:D
12812     \fi:
12813     \fi:
12814     \exp_after:wN \c_zero
12815 }
12816 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_overflow:
12817 { + \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.

```

12818 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_Taylor:Nnnwn #1#2#3 #4; #5 #6
12819 {
12820     #6
12821     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
12822     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
12823     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
12824     \__fp_exp_Taylor_ii:ww
12825     ; #2#3#4 0000 0000 ;
12826 }
12827 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_Taylor_ii:ww #1; #2;
12828 { \__fp_exp_Taylor_loop:www 10 ; #1 ; #1 ; \s_stop }
12829 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_Taylor_loop:www #1; #2; #3;
12830 {

```

```

12831 \if_int_compare:w #1 = \c_one
12832 \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_Taylor_break:Nww
12833 \fi:
12834 \__fp_fixed_div_int:wwN #3 ; #1 ;
12835 \__fp_fixed_add_one:wN
12836 \__fp_fixed_mul:wwN #2 ;
12837 {
12838 \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_Taylor_loop:www
12839 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1 - 1 ;
12840 #2 ;
12841 }
12842 }
12843 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_Taylor_break:Nww #1 #2; #3 \s__stop
12844 { \__fp_fixed_add_one:wN #2 ; }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_exp\_Taylor:Nnnwn This function is documented on page ??.)

```

\__fp_exp_pos_large:NnnNwn
\__fp_exp_large_after:wwN
\__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:  $\TeX$  jumps to the appropriate case, but we then close the `\if_case:w` “by hand”, using `\or:` and `\fi:` as delimiters.

```

12845 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_pos_large:NnnNwn #1#2#3 #4#5; #6
12846 {
12847 \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
12848 \cs:w \__fp_exp_large\tex_romannumeral:D #6:wN \exp_after:wN \cs_end:
12849 \exp_after:wN \c__fp_one_fixed_tl
12850 \exp_after:wN ;
12851 \__int_value:w #3 #4 \exp_stop_f:
12852 #5 00000 ;
12853 }
12854 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large:w #1 \or: #2 \fi:
12855 { \fi: \__fp_fixed_mul:wwN #1; }
12856 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_v:wN #1; #2
12857 {
12858 \if_case:w #2 ~ \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wN \or:
12859 + 4343 \__fp_exp_large:w {8806}{8182}{2566}{2921}{5872}{6150} \or:
12860 + 8686 \__fp_exp_large:w {7756}{0047}{2598}{6861}{0458}{3204} \or:
12861 + 13029 \__fp_exp_large:w {6830}{5723}{7791}{4884}{1932}{7351} \or:
12862 + 17372 \__fp_exp_large:w {6015}{5609}{3095}{3052}{3494}{7574} \or:
12863 + 21715 \__fp_exp_large:w {5297}{7951}{6443}{0315}{3251}{3576} \or:
12864 + 26058 \__fp_exp_large:w {4665}{6719}{0099}{3379}{5527}{2929} \or:
12865 + 30401 \__fp_exp_large:w {4108}{9724}{3326}{3186}{5271}{5665} \or:
12866 + 34744 \__fp_exp_large:w {3618}{6973}{3140}{0875}{3856}{4102} \or:

```

```

12867         + 39087 \_fp_exp_large:w {3186}{9209}{6113}{3900}{6705}{9685} \or:
12868     \fi:
12869     #1;
12870     \_fp_exp_large_iv:wN
12871 }
12872 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_large_iv:wN #1; #2
12873 {
12874     \if_case:w #2 ~          \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_continue:wn \or:
12875     + 435 \_fp_exp_large:w {1970}{0711}{1401}{7046}{9938}{8888} \or:
12876     + 869 \_fp_exp_large:w {3881}{1801}{9428}{4368}{5764}{8232} \or:
12877     + 1303 \_fp_exp_large:w {7646}{2009}{8905}{4704}{8893}{1073} \or:
12878     + 1738 \_fp_exp_large:w {1506}{3559}{7005}{0524}{9009}{7592} \or:
12879     + 2172 \_fp_exp_large:w {2967}{6283}{8402}{3667}{0689}{6630} \or:
12880     + 2606 \_fp_exp_large:w {5846}{4389}{5650}{2114}{7278}{5046} \or:
12881     + 3041 \_fp_exp_large:w {1151}{7900}{5080}{6878}{2914}{4154} \or:
12882     + 3475 \_fp_exp_large:w {2269}{1083}{0850}{6857}{8724}{4002} \or:
12883     + 3909 \_fp_exp_large:w {4470}{3047}{3316}{5442}{6408}{6591} \or:
12884     \fi:
12885     #1;
12886     \_fp_exp_large_iii:wN
12887 }
12888 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_large_iii:wN #1; #2
12889 {
12890     \if_case:w #2 ~          \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_continue:wn \or:
12891     + 44 \_fp_exp_large:w {2688}{1171}{4181}{6135}{4484}{1263} \or:
12892     + 87 \_fp_exp_large:w {7225}{9737}{6812}{5749}{2581}{7748} \or:
12893     + 131 \_fp_exp_large:w {1942}{4263}{9524}{1255}{9365}{8421} \or:
12894     + 174 \_fp_exp_large:w {5221}{4696}{8976}{4143}{9505}{8876} \or:
12895     + 218 \_fp_exp_large:w {1403}{5922}{1785}{2837}{4107}{3977} \or:
12896     + 261 \_fp_exp_large:w {3773}{0203}{0092}{9939}{8234}{0143} \or:
12897     + 305 \_fp_exp_large:w {1014}{2320}{5473}{5004}{5094}{5533} \or:
12898     + 348 \_fp_exp_large:w {2726}{3745}{7211}{2566}{5673}{6478} \or:
12899     + 391 \_fp_exp_large:w {7328}{8142}{2230}{7421}{7051}{8866} \or:
12900     \fi:
12901     #1;
12902     \_fp_exp_large_ii:wN
12903 }
12904 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_exp_large_ii:wN #1; #2
12905 {
12906     \if_case:w #2 ~          \exp_after:wN \_fp_fixed_continue:wn \or:
12907     + 5 \_fp_exp_large:w {2202}{6465}{7948}{0671}{6516}{9579} \or:
12908     + 9 \_fp_exp_large:w {4851}{6519}{5409}{7902}{7796}{9107} \or:
12909     + 14 \_fp_exp_large:w {1068}{6474}{5815}{2446}{2146}{9905} \or:
12910     + 18 \_fp_exp_large:w {2353}{8526}{6837}{0199}{8540}{7900} \or:
12911     + 22 \_fp_exp_large:w {5184}{7055}{2858}{7072}{4640}{8745} \or:
12912     + 27 \_fp_exp_large:w {1142}{0073}{8981}{5684}{2836}{6296} \or:
12913     + 31 \_fp_exp_large:w {2515}{4386}{7091}{9167}{0062}{6578} \or:
12914     + 35 \_fp_exp_large:w {5540}{6223}{8439}{3510}{0525}{7117} \or:
12915     + 40 \_fp_exp_large:w {1220}{4032}{9431}{7840}{8020}{0271} \or:
12916     \fi:

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12917     #1;
12918     \__fp_exp_large_i:wN
12919 }
12920 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_i:wN #1; #2
12921 {
12922     \if_case:w #2 ~          \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wn \or:
12923     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {2718}{2818}{2845}{9045}{2353}{6029} \or:
12924     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {7389}{0560}{9893}{0650}{2272}{3043} \or:
12925     + 2 \__fp_exp_large:w {2008}{5536}{9231}{8766}{7740}{9285} \or:
12926     + 2 \__fp_exp_large:w {5459}{8150}{0331}{4423}{9078}{1103} \or:
12927     + 3 \__fp_exp_large:w {1484}{1315}{9102}{5766}{0342}{1116} \or:
12928     + 3 \__fp_exp_large:w {4034}{2879}{3492}{7351}{2260}{8387} \or:
12929     + 4 \__fp_exp_large:w {1096}{6331}{5842}{8458}{5992}{6372} \or:
12930     + 4 \__fp_exp_large:w {2980}{9579}{8704}{1728}{2747}{4359} \or:
12931     + 4 \__fp_exp_large:w {8103}{0839}{2757}{5384}{0077}{1000} \or:
12932     \fi:
12933     #1;
12934     \__fp_exp_large_:wN
12935 }
12936 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_:wN #1; #2
12937 {
12938     \if_case:w #2 ~          \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wn \or:
12939     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1105}{1709}{1807}{5647}{6248}{1171} \or:
12940     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1221}{4027}{5816}{0169}{8339}{2107} \or:
12941     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1349}{8588}{0757}{6003}{1039}{8374} \or:
12942     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1491}{8246}{9764}{1270}{3178}{2485} \or:
12943     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1648}{7212}{7070}{0128}{1468}{4865} \or:
12944     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {1822}{1188}{0039}{0508}{9748}{7537} \or:
12945     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {2013}{7527}{0747}{0476}{5216}{2455} \or:
12946     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {2225}{5409}{2849}{2467}{6045}{7954} \or:
12947     + 1 \__fp_exp_large:w {2459}{6031}{1115}{6949}{6638}{0013} \or:
12948     \fi:
12949     #1;
12950     \__fp_exp_large_after:wwn
12951 }
12952 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_exp_large_after:wwn #1; #2; #3
12953 {
12954     \__fp_exp_Taylor:Nnnwn ? { } { } 0 #2; {} #3
12955     \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #1;
12956 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_exp\_pos\_large:NnnNwn and others.)

### 35.3 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.

```

12957 \cs_new:cpn { __fp_ \iow_char:N \^_ _o:ww }
12958   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2#3; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5#6;
12959   {
12960     \if_meaning:w 0 #4
12961       \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_one_fp
12962     \fi:
12963     \if_case:w #2 \exp_stop_f:
12964       \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
12965     \or:
12966       \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_nan_fp
12967     \else:
12968       \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_neg:www
12969       \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 \exp_after:wN \use:nn
12970     \fi:
12971     {
12972       \if_meaning:w 1 #1
12973         \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_normal:ww
12974       \else:

```

```

12975         \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_zero_or_inf:ww
12976         \fi:
12977         \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2#3;
12978     }
12979     { \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5#6; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2#3; }
12980     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5#6;
12981 }

```

(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.

```

12982 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_zero_or_inf:ww \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #3#4
12983 {
12984     \if_meaning:w 1 #4
12985         \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
12986     \fi:
12987     \if_meaning:w #1 #4
12988         \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_zero_fp
12989     \fi:
12990     \if_meaning:w 0 #1
12991         \__fp_case_use:nw
12992         {
12993             \__fp_division_by_zero_o:NNww \c_inf_fp ^
12994             \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2 ;
12995         }
12996     \else:
12997         \__fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_inf_fp
12998     \fi:
12999     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #3#4
13000 }

```

(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  $b$ .

```

13001 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_normal:ww \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1#2#3; \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4#5
13002 {
13003   \if_int_compare:w \pdfTeX_strcmp:D { #2 #3 }
13004     { 1 {1000} {0000} {0000} {0000} } = \c_zero
13005     \if_int_compare:w #4 #1 = 32 \exp_stop_f:
13006     \exp_after:wN \__fp_case_return_ii_o:ww
13007   \fi:
13008   \__fp_case_return_o:Nww \c_one_fp
13009 \fi:
13010 \if_case:w #4 \exp_stop_f:
13011 \or:
13012   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_npos:Nww
13013   \exp_after:wN #5
13014 \or:
13015   \if_meaning:w 2 #5 \exp_after:wN \reverse_if:N \fi:
13016   \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_zero
13017     \exp_after:wN \__fp_case_return_o:Nww
13018     \exp_after:wN \c_inf_fp
13019   \else:
13020     \exp_after:wN \__fp_case_return_o:Nww
13021     \exp_after:wN \c_zero_fp
13022   \fi:
13023 \or:
13024   \__fp_case_return_ii_o:ww
13025 \fi:
13026 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1 {#2} #3 ;
13027 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #4 #5
13028 }

```

(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.

```

13029 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_npos:Nww #1 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#2#3
13030 {
13031   \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
13032   \exp_after:wN 0
13033   \__int_value:w
13034   \if:w #1 \if_int_compare:w #3 > \c_zero 0 \else: 2 \fi:
13035     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_npos_aux:NNww
13036     \exp_after:wN +
13037     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_to_float:wN
13038   \else:
13039     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_npos_aux:NNww
13040     \exp_after:wN -

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13041         \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_inv_to_float:wN
13042         \fi:
13043         {#3}
13044     }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_pow\_npos:Nww)

\\_\_fp\_pow\_npos\_aux:NNnw

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  $-\ln(x)$ .

```

13045 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_npos_aux:NNnw #1#2#3#4#5; \s_fp \__fp_chk:w 1#6#7#8;
13046 {
13047     #1
13048     \__int_eval:w
13049     \__fp_ln_significand:NNNNnnnN #4#5
13050     \__fp_pow_exponent:wnN {#3}
13051     \__fp_fixed_mul:wnn #8 {0000}{0000} ;
13052     \__fp_pow_B:wnN #7;
13053     #1 #2 0 % fixed_to_float:wN
13054 }
13055 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_exponent:wnN #1; #2
13056 {
13057     \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_zero
13058     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_exponent:Nwnnnnnwn % n\ln(10) - (-\ln(x))
13059     \exp_after:wN +
13060     \else:
13061     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_exponent:Nwnnnnnwn % -( |n|\ln(10) + (-\ln(x)) )
13062     \exp_after:wN -
13063     \fi:
13064     #2; #1;
13065 }
13066 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_exponent:Nwnnnnnwn #1#2; #3#4#5#6#7#8; #9
13067 { %^A todo: use that in ln.
13068     \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_mul_after:wN
13069     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_leading_shift_int
13070     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNwn
13071     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
13072     #1#2*23025 - #1 #3
13073     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNwn
13074     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
13075     #1 #2*8509 - #1 #4
13076     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNwn
13077     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
13078     #1 #2*2994 - #1 #5
13079     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNwn
13080     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int
13081     #1 #2*0456 - #1 #6
13082     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNwn
13083     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_trailing_shift_int
13084     #1 #2*8401 - #1 #7
13085     #1 ( #2*7991 - #8 ) / 1 0000 ; {#9} ;

```



```

13086 }
13087 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_B:wwN #1#2#3#4#5#6; #7;
13088 {
13089   \if_int_compare:w #7 < \c_zero
13090     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_neg:w \__int_value:w -
13091   \else:
13092     \if_int_compare:w #7 < 22 \exp_stop_f:
13093       \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_pos:w \__int_value:w
13094     \else:
13095       \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_overflow:w \__int_value:w
13096     \fi:
13097   \fi:
13098   #7 \exp_after:wN ;
13099   \int_use:N \__int_eval:w 10 0000 + #1 \__int_eval_end:
13100   #2#3#4#5#6 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 ; %^A todo: how many 0?
13101 }
13102 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_C_overflow:w #1; #2; #3
13103 {
13104   + \c_two * \c__fp_max_exponent_int
13105   \exp_after:wN \__fp_fixed_continue:wn \c__fp_one_fixed_t1 ;
13106 }
13107 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_C_neg:w #1 ; 1
13108 {
13109   \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_pack:w
13110   \prg_replicate:nn {#1} {0}
13111 }
13112 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_C_pos:w #1; 1
13113 { \__fp_pow_C_pos_loop:wN #1; }
13114 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_C_pos_loop:wN #1; #2
13115 {
13116   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
13117     \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_pack:w
13118     \exp_after:wN #2
13119   \else:
13120     \if_meaning:w 0 #2
13121       \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_pos_loop:wN \__int_value:w
13122     \else:
13123       \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_C_overflow:w \__int_value:w
13124     \fi:
13125     \__int_eval:w #1 - \c_one \exp_after:wN ;
13126   \fi:
13127 }
13128 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_C_pack:w
13129 { \exp_after:wN \__fp_exp_large_v:wN \c__fp_one_fixed_t1 ; }
(End definition for \__fp_pow_npos_aux:NNnww)

```

`\__fp_pow_neg:www` 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_neg_o:w`. 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.

```

13130 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_neg:www \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2; #3; #4;
13131 {
13132   \if_case:w \__fp_pow_neg_case:w #4 ;
13133     \exp_after:wN \__fp_neg_o:w
13134   \or:
13135     \if_int_compare:w \__int_eval:w #1 / \c_two = \c_one
13136       \__fp_invalid_operation_o:Nww ^ #3; #4;
13137       \tex_romannumeral:D -'0
13138       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
13139       \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_none_until_s:w
13140     \fi:
13141   \fi:
13142   \__fp_exp_after_o:w
13143   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2;
13144 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_pow_neg:www`)

```

\__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`.

```

13145 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_neg_case:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2#3;
13146 {
13147   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
13148     \c_minus_one
13149   \or: \__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:nnnnn #3
13150   \else: \c_one
13151   \fi:
13152 }
13153 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
13154 {
13155   \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_eight
13156     \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_sixteen
13157       \c_minus_one
13158     \else:
13159       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
13160       \exp_after:wN \__fp_pow_neg_case_aux:NNNNNNNNw
13161       \prg_replicate:nn { \c_sixteen - #1 } { 0 } #4#5 ;
13162     \fi:

```

```

13163 \else:
13164 \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_zero
13165 \if_int_compare:w #4#5 = \c_zero
13166 \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
13167 \exp_after:wN \_fp_pow_neg_case_aux:NNNNNNNNw
13168 \prg_replicate:nn { \c_eight - #1 } { 0 } #2#3 ;
13169 \else:
13170 \c_one
13171 \fi:
13172 \else:
13173 \c_one
13174 \fi:
13175 \fi:
13176 }
13177 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_pow_neg_case_aux:NNNNNNNNw #1#2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9;
13178 {
13179 \if_int_compare:w 0 #9 = \c_zero
13180 \if_int_odd:w #8 \exp_stop_f:
13181 \c_zero
13182 \else:
13183 \c_minus_one
13184 \fi:
13185 \else:
13186 \c_one
13187 \fi:
13188 }
13189 (End definition for \_fp_pow_neg_case:w, \_fp_pow_neg_case_aux:nnnnn, and \_fp_pow_neg_case_aux:NNNNNNNNw)
13189 </initex | package>

```

## 36 Implementation

```

13190 <*initex | package>
13191 <@@=fp>

```

### 36.1 Direct trigonometric functions

The approach for all trigonometric functions (sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent, cosecant, and secant) is the same.

- Filter out special cases ( $\pm 0$ ,  $\pm \inf$  and **nan**).
- Keep the sign for later, and work with the absolute value **x** of the argument.
- For numbers less than 1, shift the significand to convert them to fixed point numbers. Very small numbers take a slightly different route.
- For numbers  $\geq 1$ , subtract a multiple of  $\pi/2$  to bring them to the range to  $[0, \pi/2]$ . (This is called argument reduction.)

- Reduce further to  $[0, \pi/4]$  using  $\sin x = \cos(\pi/2 - x)$ .
- Use the appropriate power series depending on the octant  $\lfloor \frac{x}{\pi/4} \rfloor \bmod 8$ , the sign, and the function to compute.

### 36.1.1 Sign and special numbers

`__fp_sin_o:w` The sine of  $\pm 0$  or `nan` is the same floating point number. The sine of  $\pm\infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. Otherwise, `__fp_trig_exponent:NNNNNwn` checks the exponent: if the number is tiny, use `__fp_trig_epsilon_o:w` which returns  $\sin \epsilon = \epsilon$ . For larger inputs, use the series `__fp_sin_series:NNwww` after argument reduction. In this second case, we will use a sign #2, an initial octant of 0, and convert the result of the series to a floating point directly, since  $\sin(x) = \#2 \sin|x|$ .

```

13192 \cs_new:Npn __fp_sin_o:w \s_fp __fp_chk:w #1#2
13193 {
13194   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
13195     __fp_case_return_same_o:w
13196   \or:
13197     __fp_case_use:nw
13198     {
13199       __fp_trig_exponent:NNNNNwn __fp_trig_epsilon_o:w
13200       __fp_sin_series:NNwww __fp_fixed_to_float:wN #2 \c_zero
13201     }
13202   \or: __fp_case_use:nw { __fp_invalid_operation_o:nw { sin } }
13203   \else: __fp_case_return_same_o:w
13204   \fi:
13205   \s_fp __fp_chk:w #1#2
13206 }

```

*(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, `__fp_trig_exponent:NNNNNwn` checks the exponent: if the number is tiny, use `__fp_trig_epsilon_one_o:w` which returns  $\cos \epsilon = 1$ . For larger inputs, use the same series as for sine, but using a positive sign 0 and with an initial octant of 2, because  $\cos(x) = +\sin(\pi/2 + |x|)$ .

```

13207 \cs_new:Npn __fp_cos_o:w \s_fp __fp_chk:w #1#2
13208 {
13209   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
13210     __fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_one_fp
13211   \or:
13212     __fp_case_use:nw
13213     {
13214       __fp_trig_exponent:NNNNNwn __fp_trig_epsilon_one_o:w
13215       __fp_sin_series:NNwww __fp_fixed_to_float:wN 0 \c_two
13216     }
13217   \or: __fp_case_use:nw { __fp_invalid_operation_o:nw { cos } }
13218   \else: __fp_case_return_same_o:w
13219   \fi:

```

```

13220     \s__fp __fp_chk:w #1#2
13221 }

```

(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:Nnw` defined below). The cosecant of  $\pm\infty$  raises an invalid operation exception. The cosecant of `nan` is itself. Otherwise, `__fp_trig_exponent:NNNNNwn` checks the exponent: if the number is tiny, use `__fp_trig_epsilon_inv_o:w` which returns  $\csc \epsilon = 1/\epsilon$ . For larger inputs, use the same series as for sine, using the sign #2, a starting octant of 0, and inverting during the conversion from the fixed point sine to the floating point result, because  $\csc(x) = \#2(\sin|x|)^{-1}$ .

```

13222 \cs_new:Npn __fp_csc_o:w \s__fp __fp_chk:w #1#2
13223 {
13224     \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
13225         __fp_cot_zero_o:Nnw #2 { csc }
13226     \or:
13227         __fp_case_use:nw
13228         {
13229             __fp_trig_exponent:NNNNNwn __fp_trig_epsilon_inv_o:w
13230             __fp_sin_series:NNwww __fp_fixed_inv_to_float:wN #2 \c_zero
13231         }
13232     \or: __fp_case_use:nw { __fp_invalid_operation_o:nw { csc } }
13233     \else: __fp_case_return_same_o:w
13234     \fi:
13235     \s__fp __fp_chk:w #1#2
13236 }

```

(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, `__fp_trig_exponent:NNNNNwn` checks the exponent: if the number is tiny, use `__fp_trig_epsilon_one_o:w` which returns  $\sec \epsilon = 1$ . For larger inputs, use the same series as for sine, using a positive sign 0, a starting octant of 2, and inverting upon conversion, because  $\sec(x) = +1/\sin(\pi/2 + |x|)$ .

```

13237 \cs_new:Npn __fp_sec_o:w \s__fp __fp_chk:w #1#2
13238 {
13239     \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
13240         __fp_case_return_o:Nw \c_one_fp
13241     \or:
13242         __fp_case_use:nw
13243         {
13244             __fp_trig_exponent:NNNNNwn __fp_trig_epsilon_one_o:w
13245             __fp_sin_series:NNwww __fp_fixed_inv_to_float:wN 0 \c_two
13246         }
13247     \or: __fp_case_use:nw { __fp_invalid_operation_o:nw { sec } }
13248     \else: __fp_case_return_same_o:w
13249     \fi:
13250     \s__fp __fp_chk:w #1#2
13251 }

```

(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. Otherwise, `\__fp_trig_exponent:NNNNNwn` checks the exponent: if the number is tiny, use `\__fp_trig_epsilon_o:w` which returns  $\tan \epsilon = \epsilon$ . For larger inputs, use `\__fp_tan_series_o:NNwww` for the calculation after argument reduction, with a sign `#2` and an initial octant of 1 (this shift is somewhat arbitrary). See `\__fp_cot_o:w` for an explanation of the 0 argument.

```

13252 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tan_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2
13253 {
13254   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
13255     \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
13256   \or:
13257     \__fp_case_use:nw
13258     {
13259       \__fp_trig_exponent:NNNNNwn \__fp_trig_epsilon_o:w
13260       \__fp_tan_series_o:NNwww 0 #2 \c_one
13261     }
13262   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:nw { tan } }
13263   \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
13264   \fi:
13265   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2
13266 }

```

(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:Nnw`). 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.

```

13267 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_cot_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2
13268 {
13269   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
13270     \__fp_cot_zero_o:Nnw #2 { cot }
13271   \or:
13272     \__fp_case_use:nw
13273     {
13274       \__fp_trig_exponent:NNNNNwn \__fp_trig_epsilon_inv_o:w
13275       \__fp_tan_series_o:NNwww 2 #2 \c_three
13276     }
13277   \or: \__fp_case_use:nw { \__fp_invalid_operation_o:nw { cot } }
13278   \else: \__fp_case_return_same_o:w
13279   \fi:
13280   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2
13281 }
13282 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_cot_zero_o:Nnw #1 #2 #3 \fi:

```

```

13283 {
13284   \fi:
13285   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
13286     \exp_after:wN \__fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw \exp_after:wN \c_inf_fp
13287   \else:
13288     \exp_after:wN \__fp_division_by_zero_o:Nnw \exp_after:wN \c_minus_inf_fp
13289   \fi:
13290   {#2}
13291 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_cot\_o:w This function is documented on page ??.)

### 36.1.2 Small and tiny arguments

\\_\_fp\_trig\_exponent:NNNNNwn The first five arguments control what trigonometric function we compute, then follows a normal floating point number. If the floating point is smaller than  $10^{-8}$ , then call the `\_epsilon` auxiliary #1. Otherwise, call the function #2, with arguments #3; #4; 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. Argument reduction leaves a shift into the integer expression for the octant. Numbers less than 1 are converted using `\__fp_trig_small:w` which simply shifts the significand, while large numbers need argument reduction.

```

13292 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_exponent:NNNNNwn #1#2#3#4#5 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1#6#7
13293 {
13294   \if_int_compare:w #7 > - \c_eight
13295     \exp_after:wN #2
13296     \exp_after:wN #3
13297     \exp_after:wN #4
13298     \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #5
13299     \if_int_compare:w #7 > \c_zero
13300       \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large:ww \__int_value:w
13301     \else:
13302       \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_small:ww \__int_value:w
13303     \fi:
13304   \else:
13305     \exp_after:wN #1
13306     \exp_after:wN #6
13307   \fi:
13308   #7 ;
13309 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_trig\_exponent:NNNNNwn)

\\_\_fp\_trig\_epsilon\_o:w Sine and tangent of tiny numbers give the number itself: the relative error is less than  $5 \cdot 10^{-17}$ , which is appropriate. Cosine and secant simply give 1. Cotangent and cosecant compute  $1/\epsilon$ . This is actually slightly wrong because further terms in the power series could affect the rounding for cotangent.

```

13310 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_epsilon_o:w #1 #2 ;
13311 { \__fp_exp_after_o:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1 {#2} }
13312 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_epsilon_one_o:w #1 ; #2 ;

```

```

13313 { \exp_after:wN \c_one_fp }
13314 \group_begin:
13315 \char_set_catcode_letter:N /
13316 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_epsilon_inv_o:w #1 #2 ;
13317 {
13318   \exp_after:wN \__fp/_o:ww
13319   \c_one_fp
13320   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1 {#2}
13321 }
13322 \group_end:
(End definition for \__fp_trig_epsilon_o:w, \__fp_trig_epsilon_one_o:w, and \__fp_trig_epsilon_inv_o:w)

```

`\__fp_trig_small:ww` Floating point numbers less than 1 are converted to fixed point numbers by prepending a number of zeroes to the significand. Since we have already filtered out numbers less than  $10^{-8}$ , we add at most 7 zeroes, hence no digit is lost in converting to a fixed point number.

```

13323 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_small:ww #1; #2#3#4#5;
13324 {
13325   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
13326   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
13327   \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN
13328   \exp_after:wN .
13329   \exp_after:wN ;
13330   \tex_romannumeral:D -'0
13331   \prg_replicate:nn { - #1 } { 0 } #2#3#4#5 0000 0000 ;
13332 }
(End definition for \__fp_trig_small:ww)

```

### 36.1.3 Reduction of large arguments

In the case of a floating point argument greater or equal to 1, we need to perform argument reduction.

`\__fp_trig_large:ww` We shift the significand by one digit at a time, subtracting a multiple of  $2\pi$  at each step.  
`\__fp_trig_large_i:www` We use a value of  $2\pi$  rounded up, consistent with the choice of `\c_pi_fp`. This is not quite correct from an accuracy perspective, but has the nice property that  $\sin(180\deg) = 0$  exactly. The arguments of `\__fp_trig_large_i:www` are a leading block of up to 5 digits, three brace groups of 4 digits each, and the exponent, decremented at each step. The multiple of  $2\pi$  to subtract is estimated as  $\lceil \#1/6283 \rceil$  (the formula chosen always gives a non-negative integer). The subtraction has a form similar to our usual multiplications (see `l3fp-basics` or `l3fp-extended`). Once the exponent reaches 0, we are done subtracting  $2\pi$ , and we call `\__fp_trig_octant_loop:nnnnnw` to do the reduction by  $\pi/2$ .  
`\__fp_trig_large_ii_o:wnnnn`  
`\__fp_trig_large_break:w`

```

13333 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large:ww #1; #2#3;
13334 { \__fp_trig_large_i:www #2; #3 ; #1; }
13335 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_i:www #1; #2; #3;
13336 {
13337   \if_meaning:w 0 #3 \__fp_trig_large_break:w \fi:
13338   \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_ii_o:wnnnn

```



```

13339 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w ( #1 - 3141 ) / 6283 ;
13340 {#1} #2
13341 \exp_after:wN ;
13342 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c_minus_one + #3;
13343 }
13344 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_ii_o:wnnnn #1; #2#3#4#5
13345 {
13346 \exp_after:wN \__fp_trig_large_i:www
13347 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_leading_shift_int + #20 - #1*62831
13348 \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNw
13349 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int + #30 - #1*8530
13350 \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNw
13351 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_middle_shift_int + #40 - #1*7179
13352 \exp_after:wN \__fp_pack:NNNNNw
13353 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w \c__fp_trailing_shift_int + #50 - #1*5880
13354 \exp_after:wN ;
13355 }
13356 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_large_break:w \fi: #1; #2;
13357 { \fi: \__fp_trig_octant_loop:nnnnnw #2 {0000} {0000} ; }
(End definition for \__fp_trig_large:ww and others.)

```

$\backslash\_fp\_trig\_octant\_loop:nnnnnw$   
 $\backslash\_fp\_trig\_octant\_break:w$

We receive a fixed point number as argument. As long as it is greater than half of  $\backslash c\_pi\_fp$ , namely 1.5707963267948970, subtract that fixed-point approximation of  $\pi/2$ , and leave  $+ \backslash c\_two$  in the integer expression for the octant. Once the argument becomes smaller, break the initial loop. If the number is greater than 0.7854 (overestimate of  $\pi/4$ ), then compute  $\pi/2 - x$  and increment the octant. The result is in all cases in the range  $[0, 0.7854]$ , appropriate for the series expansions.

```

13358 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_octant_loop:nnnnnw #1#2#3#4#5#6;
13359 {
13360 \if_int_compare:w #1#2 < 157079633 \exp_stop_f:
13361 \if_int_compare:w #1#2 = 157079632 \exp_stop_f:
13362 \if_int_compare:w #3#4 > 67948969 \exp_stop_f:
13363 \use_i_ii:nnn
13364 \fi:
13365 \fi:
13366 \__fp_trig_octant_break:w
13367 \fi:
13368 + \c_two
13369 \__fp_fixed_sub:wwn
13370 {#1} {#2} {#3} {#4} {0000} {0000} ;
13371 {15707} {9632} {6794} {8970} {0000} {0000} ;
13372 \__fp_trig_octant_loop:nnnnnw
13373 }
13374 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trig_octant_break:w #1 \fi: + #2#3 #4#5; #6; #7;
13375 {
13376 \fi:
13377 \if_int_compare:w #4 < 7854 \exp_stop_f:
13378 \exp_after:wN \__fp_use_i_until_s:nw
13379 \exp_after:wN .

```

```

13380 \fi:
13381 + \c_one
13382 \__fp_fixed_sub:wn #6 ; {#4} #5 ; . ;
13383 }
(End definition for \__fp_trig_octant_loop:nnnnw and \__fp_trig_octant_break:w)

```

## 36.2 Computing the power series

Here we receive a conversion function `\__fp_fixed_to_float:wN` or `\__fp_fixed_inv_to_float:wN`, a  $\langle sign \rangle$  (0 or 2), a (non-negative)  $\langle octant \rangle$  delimited by a dot, a  $\langle fixed\ point \rangle$  number, and junk delimited by a semicolon. The auxiliary receives:

- The final sign, which depends on the octant #3 and the original sign #2,
- The octant #3, which will control the series we use.
- The square #4 \* #4 of the argument, computed with `\__fp_fixed_mul:wn`.
- The number itself.

If the octant is in  $\{1, 2, 5, 6, \dots\}$ , 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 fixed point number is converted to a floating point number with the given sign, and `\__fp_sanitize:Nw` checks for overflow and underflow.

```

13384 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sin_series:NNwww #1#2#3 . #4; #5;
13385 {
13386   \__fp_fixed_mul:wn #4; #4;
13387   {
13388     \exp_after:wN \__fp_sin_series_aux:NNnw
13389     \exp_after:wN #1
13390     \__int_value:w
13391     \if_int_odd:w \__int_eval:w ( #3 + \c_two ) / \c_four \__int_eval_end:
13392       #2
13393     \else:
13394       \if_meaning:w #2 0 2 \else: 0 \fi:
13395       \fi:
13396     {#3}
13397   }
13398   #4 ;
13399 }
13400 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_sin_series_aux:NNnw #1#2#3 #4; #5;
13401 {

```

```

13402 \if_int_odd:w \__int_eval:w #3 / \c_two \__int_eval_end:
13403 \exp_after:wN \use_i:nn
13404 \else:
13405 \exp_after:wN \use_ii:nn
13406 \fi:
13407 { % 1/18!
13408 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn {0000}{0000}{0000}{0001}{5619}{2070};
13409 #4; {0000}{0000}{0000}{0477}{9477}{3324};
13410 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4; {0000}{0000}{0011}{4707}{4559}{7730};
13411 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4; {0000}{0000}{2087}{6756}{9878}{6810};
13412 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4; {0000}{0027}{5573}{1922}{3985}{8907};
13413 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4; {0000}{2480}{1587}{3015}{8730}{1587};
13414 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4; {0013}{8888}{8888}{8888}{8888}{8889};
13415 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4; {0416}{6666}{6666}{6666}{6666}{6667};
13416 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4; {5000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
13417 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4; {10000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
13418 }
13419 { % 1/17!
13420 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn {0000}{0000}{0000}{0028}{1145}{7254};
13421 #4; {0000}{0000}{0000}{7647}{1637}{3182};
13422 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4; {0000}{0000}{0160}{5904}{3836}{8216};
13423 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4; {0000}{0002}{5052}{1083}{8544}{1719};
13424 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4; {0000}{0275}{5731}{9223}{9858}{9065};
13425 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4; {0001}{9841}{2698}{4126}{9841}{2698};
13426 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4; {0083}{3333}{3333}{3333}{3333}{3333};
13427 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4; {1666}{6666}{6666}{6666}{6666}{6667};
13428 \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #4; {10000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
13429 \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #5;
13430 }
13431 {
13432 \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitize:Nw
13433 \exp_after:wN #2
13434 \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #1
13435 }
13436 #2
13437 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_sin\_series:NNwww and \\_\_fp\_sin\_series\_aux:NNnw)

\\_\_fp\_tan\_series\_o:NNwww  
\\_\_fp\_tan\_series\_aux\_o:Nnw

Contrarily to \\_\_fp\_sin\_series:NNwww which received the 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 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 itself is computed by `\__fp_fixed_div_to_float:ww`, which converts it directly to a floating point number to avoid rounding issues. For octants #2 (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.

```

13438 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tan_series_o:NNwww #1#2#3. #4; #5;
13439 {
13440   \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #4; #4;
13441   {
13442     \exp_after:wN \__fp_tan_series_aux_o:Nnww
13443     \__int_value:w
13444     \if_int_odd:w \__int_eval:w #3 / \c_two \__int_eval_end:
13445     \exp_after:wN \reverse_if:N
13446     \fi:
13447     \if_meaning:w #1#2 2 \else: 0 \fi:
13448     {#3}
13449   }
13450   #4 ;
13451 }
13452 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_tan_series_aux_o:Nnww #1 #2 #3; #4;
13453 {
13454   \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn {0000}{0000}{1527}{3493}{0856}{7059};
13455   #3; {0000}{0159}{6080}{0274}{5257}{6472};
13456   \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {0002}{4571}{2320}{0157}{2558}{8481};
13457   \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {0115}{5830}{7533}{5397}{3168}{2147};
13458   \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {1929}{8245}{6140}{3508}{7719}{2982};
13459   \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {10000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
13460   \__fp_fixed_mul:wwn #4;
13461   {
13462     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn {0000}{0007}{0258}{0681}{9408}{4706};
13463     #3; {0000}{2343}{7175}{1399}{6151}{7670};
13464     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {0019}{2638}{4588}{9232}{8861}{3691};
13465     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {0536}{6357}{0691}{4344}{6852}{4252};
13466     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {5263}{1578}{9473}{6842}{1052}{6315};
13467     \__fp_fixed_mul_sub_back:wwwn #3; {10000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000}{0000};
13468     {
13469       \exp_after:wN \__fp_sanitizew
13470       \exp_after:wN #1
13471       \int_use:N \__int_eval:w
13472       \reverse_if:N \if_int_odd:w
13473       \__int_eval:w (#2 - \c_one) / \c_two \__int_eval_end:
13474       \exp_after:wN \__fp_reverse_args:Nww
13475       \fi:
13476       \__fp_fixed_div_to_float:ww

```

```

13477         }
13478     }
13479 }
(End definition for \__fp_tan_series_o:NNwww and \__fp_tan_series_aux_o:Nnww)
13480 </initex | package>

```

## 37 13fp-convert implementation

```

13481 <*initex | package>
13482 <@@=fp>

```

### 37.1 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
\__fp_trim_zeros_loop:w argument, and the second argument is the same loop auxiliary. Once the last trailing
\__fp_trim_zeros_dot:w zero is reached, the second argument will be the dot auxiliary, which removes a trailing
\__fp_trim_zeros_end:w dot if any. We then clean-up with the end auxiliary, keeping only the number.
13483 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trim_zeros:w #1 ;
13484 {
13485     \__fp_trim_zeros_loop:w #1
13486     ; \__fp_trim_zeros_loop:w 0; \__fp_trim_zeros_dot:w .; \s__stop
13487 }
13488 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trim_zeros_loop:w #1 0; #2 { #2 #1 ; #2 }
13489 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trim_zeros_dot:w #1 .; { \__fp_trim_zeros_end:w #1 ; }
13490 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_trim_zeros_end:w #1 ; #2 \s__stop { #1 }
(End definition for \__fp_trim_zeros:w This function is documented on page ??.)

```

### 37.2 Scientific notation

```

\fp_to_scientific:N The three public functions evaluate their argument, then pass it to \__fp_to_-
\fp_to_scientific:c scientific:w.
\fp_to_scientific:n
13491 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_scientific:N #1 { \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_scientific:w #1 }
13492 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_to_scientific:N { c }
13493 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \fp_to_scientific:n
13494 {
13495     \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_scientific:w
13496     \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 \__fp_parse:n
13497 }
(End definition for \fp_to_scientific:N, \fp_to_scientific:c, and \fp_to_scientific:n These func-
tions are documented on page ??.)

```

```

\__fp_to_scientific:w Expressing an internal floating point number in scientific notation is quite easy: no
\__fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn rounding, and the format is very well defined. First cater for the sign: negative numbers
\__fp_to_scientific_normal:wNw (#2 = 2) start with -; we then only need to care about positive numbers and nan. Then
filter the special cases: ±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”.

```

13498 \group_begin:
13499 \char_set_catcode_other:N E
13500 \tl_to_lowercase:n
13501 {
13502   \group_end:
13503   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_scientific:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2
13504   {
13505     \if_meaning:w 2 #2 \exp_after:wN - \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 \fi:
13506     \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
13507       \__fp_case_return:nw { 0 }
13508     \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn
13509     \or:
13510       \__fp_case_use:nw
13511       {
13512         \__fp_invalid_operation:nnw
13513         {
13514           \exp_after:wN 1
13515           \exp_after:wN E
13516           \int_use:N \c__fp_max_exponent_int
13517         }
13518         { fp_to_scientific }
13519       }
13520     \or:
13521       \__fp_case_use:nw
13522       {
13523         \__fp_invalid_operation:nnw
13524         { 0 }
13525         { fp_to_scientific }
13526       }
13527     \fi:
13528     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2
13529   }
13530   \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn
13531   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1 #2 #3#4#5#6 ;
13532   {
13533     \if_int_compare:w #2 = \c_one
13534       \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_scientific_normal:wNw
13535     \else:
13536       \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_scientific_normal:wNw
13537       \exp_after:wN E
13538       \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #2 - \c_one
13539     \fi:
13540     ; #3 #4 #5 #6 ;
13541   }
13542 }

```

```

13543 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_scientific_normal:wNw #1 ; #2#3;
13544 { \__fp_trim_zeros:w #2.#3 ; #1 }
(End definition for \__fp_to_scientific:w, \__fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn, and \__fp_to_scientific_normal:wNw)

```

### 37.3 Decimal representation

`\fp_to_decimal:N` All three public variants are based on the same `\__fp_to_decimal:w` after evaluating their argument to an internal floating point.

```

\fp_to_decimal:c
\fp_to_decimal:n
13545 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_decimal:N #1 { \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal:w #1 }
13546 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_to_decimal:N { c }
13547 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \fp_to_decimal:n
13548 {
13549   \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal:w
13550   \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 \__fp_parse:n
13551 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_to_decimal:N`, `\fp_to_decimal:c`, and `\fp_to_decimal:n` These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\__fp_to_decimal:w
\__fp_to_decimal_normal:wnnnnn
\__fp_to_decimal_large:Nnnw
\__fp_to_decimal_huge:wnnnnn

```

The structure is similar to `\__fp_to_scientific: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.

```

13552 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_decimal:w \s_fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2
13553 {
13554   \if_meaning:w 2 #2 \exp_after:wN - \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 \fi:
13555   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
13556     \__fp_case_return:nw { 0 }
13557   \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal_normal:wnnnnn
13558   \or:
13559     \__fp_case_use:nw
13560     {
13561       \__fp_invalid_operation:nnw
13562       {
13563         \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN 1
13564         \prg_replicate:nn \c__fp_max_exponent_int 0
13565       }
13566       { fp_to_decimal }
13567     }
13568   \or:
13569     \__fp_case_use:nw
13570     {
13571       \__fp_invalid_operation:nnw
13572       { 0 }
13573       { fp_to_decimal }

```

```

13574     }
13575     \fi:
13576     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1 #2
13577 }
13578 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_decimal_normal:wnnnnn
13579 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #1 #2 #3#4#5#6 ;
13580 {
13581   \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} > \c_zero
13582   {
13583     \int_compare:nNnTF {#2} < \c_sixteen
13584     {
13585       \__fp_decimate:nNnnnn { \c_sixteen - #2 }
13586       \__fp_to_decimal_large:Nnnw
13587     }
13588     {
13589       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
13590       \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal_huge:wnnnn
13591       \prg_replicate:nn { #2 - \c_sixteen } { 0 } ;
13592     }
13593     {#3} {#4} {#5} {#6}
13594   }
13595   {
13596     \exp_after:wN \__fp_trim_zeros:w
13597     \exp_after:wN 0
13598     \exp_after:wN .
13599     \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 \prg_replicate:nn { - #2 } { 0 }
13600     #3#4#5#6 ;
13601   }
13602 }
13603 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_decimal_large:Nnnw #1#2#3#4;
13604 {
13605   \exp_after:wN \__fp_trim_zeros:w \__int_value:w
13606   \if_int_compare:w #2 > \c_zero
13607   #2
13608   \fi:
13609   \exp_stop_f:
13610   #3.#4 ;
13611 }
13612 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_decimal_huge:wnnnn #1; #2#3#4#5 { #2#3#4#5 #1 }
(End definition for \__fp_to_decimal:w and others.)

```

## 37.4 Token list representation

**\fp\_to\_tl:N** These three public functions evaluate their argument, then pass it to `\__fp_to_tl:w`.

```

\fp_to_tl:c 13613 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_tl:N #1 { \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_tl:w #1 }
\fp_to_tl:n 13614 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_to_tl:N { c }
13615 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \fp_to_tl:n
13616 {
13617   \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_tl:w

```



```

13618 \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 \__fp_parse:n
13619 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_to_tl:N`, `\fp_to_tl:c`, and `\fp_to_tl:n` These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\__fp_to_tl:w
\__fp_to_tl_normal:nnnnn

```

A structure similar to `\__fp_to_scientific:w` and `\__fp_to_decimal: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.

```

13620 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_tl:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2
13621 {
13622   \if_meaning:w 2 #2 \exp_after:wN - \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 \fi:
13623   \if_case:w #1 \exp_stop_f:
13624     \__fp_case_return:nw { 0 }
13625   \or: \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_tl_normal:nnnnn
13626   \or: \__fp_case_return:nw { \tl_to_str:n {inf} }
13627   \else: \__fp_case_return:nw { \tl_to_str:n {nan} }
13628   \fi:
13629 }
13630 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_tl_normal:nnnnn #1
13631 {
13632   \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_sixteen
13633     \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn
13634   \else:
13635     \if_int_compare:w #1 < - \c_two
13636       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
13637       \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_scientific_normal:wnnnnn
13638     \else:
13639       \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
13640       \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal_normal:wnnnnn
13641     \fi:
13642   \fi:
13643   \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 0 {#1}
13644 }

```

(End definition for `\__fp_to_tl:w` and `\__fp_to_tl_normal:nnnnn`)

## 37.5 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.

## 37.6 Convert to dimension or integer

```

\fp_to_dim:N
\fp_to_dim:c
\fp_to_dim:n

```

These three public functions rely on `\fp_to_decimal:n` internally. We make sure to produce pt with category other.

```

13645 \cs_new:Npx \fp_to_dim:N #1
13646 { \exp_not:N \fp_to_decimal:N #1 \tl_to_str:n {pt} }

```

```

13647 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_to_dim:N { c }
13648 \cs_new:Npx \fp_to_dim:n #1
13649 { \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 ??.)

```

**\fp\_to\_int:N** These three public functions evaluate their argument, then pass it to \fp\_to\_int:w.

```

\fp_to_int:c 13650 \cs_new:Npn \fp_to_int:N #1 { \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_int:w #1 }
\fp_to_int:n 13651 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_to_int:N { c }
13652 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \fp_to_int:n
13653 {
13654   \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_int:w
13655   \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 \__fp_parse:n
13656 }

```

(End definition for \fp\_to\_int:N, \fp\_to\_int:c, and \fp\_to\_int:n These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\\_\_fp\_to\_int: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:w is such that there will be no trailing dot nor zero.

```

13657 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_to_int:w #1;
13658 {
13659   \exp_after:wN \__fp_to_decimal:w \tex_romannumeral:D -'0
13660   \__fp_round:Nwn \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN #1; { 0 }
13661 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_fp\_to\_int:w)

### 37.7 Convert from a dimension

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.

```

\dim_to_fp:n 13662 \cs_new:Npn \dim_to_fp:n #1
\__fp_from_dim_test:N 13663 {
\__fp_from_dim:Nw 13664   \exp_after:wN \__fp_from_dim_test:N
\__fp_from_dim_ii:wNNnnnnnn 13665   \__int_value:w \etex_glueexpr:D #1 ;
\__fp_from_dim_iii:wnnnnwN 13666 }
13667 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_from_dim_test:N #1
13668 {
13669   \if_meaning:w 0 #1
13670   \__fp_case_return:nw \c_zero_fp
13671   \else:
13672     \if_meaning:w - #1
13673     \exp_after:wN \__fp_from_dim:Nw
13674     \exp_after:wN 2
13675     \__int_value:w

```

```

13676         \else:
13677             \exp_after:wN \__fp_from_dim:Nw
13678             \exp_after:wN 0
13679             \__int_value:w #1
13680         \fi:
13681     \fi:
13682 }
13683 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_from_dim:Nw #1 #2;
13684 {
13685     \__fp_pack_twice_four:wNNNNNNNN \__fp_from_dim_ii:wNNnnnnnn ;
13686     #2 000 0000 00 {10}987654321; #1
13687 }
13688 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_from_dim_ii:wNNnnnnnn #1; #2#3#4#5#6#7#8#9
13689 { \__fp_from_dim_iii:wnnnnwN #1 {#2#300} {0000} ; }
13690 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_from_dim_iii:wnnnnwN #1; #2#3#4#5#6; #7
13691 {
13692     \__fp_mul_npos_o:Nww #7
13693     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 #7 {#5} #1 ;
13694     \s__fp \__fp_chk:w 1 0 {-4} {1525} {8789} {0625} {0000} ;
13695 }

```

(End definition for \dim\_to\_fp:n This function is documented on page 193.)

## 37.8 Use and eval

**\fp\_use:N** Those public functions are simple copies of the decimal conversions.

```

\fp_use:c 13696 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_use:N \fp_to_decimal:N
\fp_eval:n 13697 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_use:N { c }
13698 \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 181.)

**\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.

```

13699 \cs_new:Npn \fp_abs:n #1
13700 { \fp_to_decimal:n { abs \__fp_parse:n {#1} } }

```

(End definition for \fp\_abs:n This function is documented on page 193.)

## 37.9 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.

```

\__fp_array_to_clist_i:www 13701 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_array_to_clist:n #1
\__fp_array_to_clist_ii:ww 13702 {

```

```

13703     \__fp_array_to_clist_i:www ;
13704     #1
13705     \__fp_array_to_clist_ii:ww \s__fp ; @
13706     ; , ~ , ~ @ \s_stop
13707 }
13708 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_array_to_clist_i:www #1; #2 \s__fp #3; #4 @

```

```

13709 {
13710   #2
13711   \exp_after:wN \__fp_array_to_clist_i:www
13712   \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 \__fp_to_tl:w \s_fp #3 ; ;
13713   #4 , ~ #1 @
13714 }
13715 \cs_new:Npn \__fp_array_to_clist_ii:ww #1 ; , ~ , ~ #2 @ #3 \s_stop {#2}
(End definition for \__fp_array_to_clist:n This function is documented on page ??.)
13716 </initex | package>

```

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```

13717 <*initex | package>
13718 <@@=fp>

```

### 38.1 Assigning values

**\fp\_new:N** Floating point variables are initialized to be +0.

```

13719 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_new:N #1
13720 { \cs_new_eq:NN #1 \c_zero_fp }
13721 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_new:N {c}
(End definition for \fp_new:N This function is documented on page 180.)

```

**\fp\_set:Nn** Simply use \\_\_fp\_parse:n within various x-expanding assignments.

```

\fp_set:cn 13722 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_set:Nn #1#2
\fp_gset:Nn 13723 { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \__fp_parse:n {#2} } }
\fp_gset:cn 13724 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_gset:Nn #1#2
\fp_const:Nn 13725 { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \__fp_parse:n {#2} } }
\fp_const:cn 13726 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_const:Nn #1#2
13727 { \tl_const:Nx #1 { \__fp_parse:n {#2} } }
13728 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_set:Nn {c}
13729 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gset:Nn {c}
13730 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_const:Nn {c}
(End definition for \fp_set:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

**\fp\_set\_eq:NN** Copying a floating point is the same as copying the underlying token list.

```

\fp_set_eq:cN 13731 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_set_eq:NN \tl_set_eq:NN
\fp_set_eq:Nc 13732 \cs_new_eq:NN \fp_gset_eq:NN \tl_gset_eq:NN
\fp_set_eq:cc 13733 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_set_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }
\fp_gset_eq:NN 13734 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gset_eq:NN { c , Nc , cc }
\fp_gset_eq:cN (End definition for \fp_set_eq:NN and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)
\fp_gset_eq:Nc
\fp_gset_eq:cc

```

**\fp\_zero:N** Setting a floating point to zero: copy \c\_zero\_fp.

```

\fp_zero:c 13735 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_zero:N #1 { \fp_set_eq:NN #1 \c_zero_fp }
\fp_gzero:N 13736 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_gzero:N #1 { \fp_gset_eq:NN #1 \c_zero_fp }
\fp_gzero:c 13737 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_zero:N { c }
13738 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gzero:N { c }

```

(End definition for \fp\_zero:N and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\fp_zero_new:N Set the floating point to zero, or define it if needed.
\fp_zero_new:c 13739 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_zero_new:N #1
\fp_gzero_new:N 13740 { \fp_if_exist:NTF #1 { \fp_zero:N #1 } { \fp_new:N #1 } }
\fp_gzero_new:c 13741 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_gzero_new:N #1
13742 { \fp_if_exist:NTF #1 { \fp_gzero:N #1 } { \fp_new:N #1 } }
13743 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_zero_new:N { c }
13744 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gzero_new:N { c }

```

(End definition for \fp\_zero\_new:N and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 38.2 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 13745 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_add:Nn { \__fp_add:NNNn \fp_set:Nn + }
\fp_gsub:Nn 13746 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_gadd:Nn { \__fp_add:NNNn \fp_gset:Nn + }
\fp_gsub:cn 13747 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_sub:Nn { \__fp_add:NNNn \fp_set:Nn - }
\__fp_add:NNNn 13748 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_gsub:Nn { \__fp_add:NNNn \fp_gset:Nn - }
13749 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_add:NNNn #1#2#3#4
13750 { #1 #3 { #3 #2 \__fp_parse:n {#4} } }
13751 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_add:Nn { c }
13752 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gadd:Nn { c }
13753 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_sub:Nn { c }
13754 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gsub:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for \fp\_add:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 38.3 Showing values

\fp\_show:N This shows the result of computing its argument. The \\_\_msg\_show\_variable:x auxiliary expects its input in a slightly odd form, starting with >, and displays the rest.

```

\fp_show:c 13755 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_show:N #1
\fp_show:n 13756 {
13757   \fp_if_exist:NTF #1
13758   { \__msg_show_variable:x { > \fp_to_tl:N #1 } }
13759   {
13760     \__msg_kernel_error:nx { kernel } { variable-not-defined }
13761     { \token_to_str:N #1 }
13762   }
13763 }
13764 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_show:n #1
13765 { \__msg_show_variable:x { > \fp_to_tl:n {#1} } }
13766 \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 ??.)

## 38.4 Some useful constants and scratch variables

`\c_one_fp` Some constants.

```
\c_e_fp 13767 \fp_const:Nn \c_e_fp { 2.718 2818 2845 9045 }
13768 \fp_const:Nn \c_one_fp { 1 }
```

(End definition for `\c_one_fp` and `\c_e_fp` These variables are documented on page 185.)

`\c_pi_fp` We do not round  $\pi$  to the closest multiple of  $10^{-15}$ , which would underestimate it by  
`\c_one_degree_fp` roughly  $2.4 \cdot 10^{-16}$ , but instead round it up to the next nearest multiple, which is an  
overestimate by roughly  $7.7 \cdot 10^{-16}$ . This particular choice of rounding has very nice  
properties: it is exactly divisible by 4 and by 180 as a 16-digit precision floating point  
number, hence ensuring that  $\sin(180\text{deg}) = \sin(\pi) = 0$  exactly, with no rounding artifact.

```
13769 \fp_const:Nn \c_pi_fp { 3.141 5926 5358 9794 }
13770 \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 185.)

`\l_tmpa_fp` Scratch variables are simply initialized there.

```
\l_tmpb_fp 13771 \fp_new:N \l_tmpa_fp
\g_tmpa_fp 13772 \fp_new:N \l_tmpb_fp
\g_tmpb_fp 13773 \fp_new:N \g_tmpa_fp
13774 \fp_new:N \g_tmpb_fp
```

(End definition for `\l_tmpa_fp` and others. These variables are documented on page 186.)

```
13775 </initex | package>
```

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```
13776 <*initex | package>
```

```
13777 <@@=fp>
```

### 39.1 Compatibility

`\c_undefined_fp` The old floating point number `\c_undefined_fp` is now implemented as a `nan`.

```
13778 \fp_const:Nn \c_undefined_fp { nan }
```

(End definition for `\c_undefined_fp` This variable is documented on page ??.)

`\fp_if_undefined_p:N` An old floating point is undefined if it is `inf` or `nan`, *i.e.*, if its type is 2 or 3.

`\fp_if_undefined:NTF`

```
13779 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \fp_if_undefined:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
13780 { \exp_after:wN \_fp_if_undefined:w #1 }
13781 \cs_new:Npn \_fp_if_undefined:w \s_fp \_fp_chk:w #1#2;
13782 {
13783   \if_int_compare:w #1 > \c_one
13784     \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi:
13785 }
```

(End definition for `\fp_if_undefined:N` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\fp_if_zero_p:N` An old floating point is zero if it is  $\pm 0$ , *i.e.*, its type is 0.

```
\fp_if_zero:N $\textcolor{red}{TF}$ 
13786 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \fp_if_zero:N #1 { p , T , F , TF }
13787 { \exp_after:wN \__fp_if_zero:w #1 }
13788 \cs_new:Npnn \__fp_if_zero:w \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2;
13789 { \if_meaning:w #1 0 \prg_return_true: \else: \prg_return_false: \fi: }
(End definition for \fp_if_zero:N These functions are documented on page ??.)
```

`\fp_abs:N` Simply expand the floating point variable to feed it to `\__fp_abs_o:w` or `\__fp_neg_o:w`, expanded within an expanding token list assignment. The `\prg_do_nothing:` is not necessary, but it reminds us more clearly that `\__fp_abs_o:w` and `\__fp_neg_o:w` expand after their result.

```
\fp_abs:c
\fp_gabs:N
\fp_gabs:c
\fp_neg:N
\fp_neg:c
\fp_gneg:N
\fp_gneg:c
\__fp_abs:NNN
13790 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_abs:N { \__fp_abs:NNN \tl_set:Nx \__fp_abs_o:w }
13791 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_gabs:N { \__fp_abs:NNN \tl_gset:Nx \__fp_abs_o:w }
13792 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_neg:N { \__fp_abs:NNN \tl_set:Nx \__fp_neg_o:w }
13793 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_gneg:N { \__fp_abs:NNN \tl_gset:Nx \__fp_neg_o:w }
13794 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_abs:NNN #1#2#3
13795 { #1 #3 { \exp_after:wN #2 #3 \prg_do_nothing: } }
13796 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_abs:N { c }
13797 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gabs:N { c }
13798 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_neg:N { c }
13799 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gneg:N { c }
(End definition for \fp_abs:N and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)
```

`\fp_mul:Nn` See `\fp_add:Nn` for details.

```
\fp_mul:cn
13800 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_mul:Nn { \__fp_mul:NNNn \fp_set:Nn * }
\fp_gmul:Nn
13801 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_gmul:Nn { \__fp_mul:NNNn \fp_gset:Nn * }
\fp_gmul:cn
13802 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_div:Nn { \__fp_mul:NNNn \fp_set:Nn / }
\fp_div:Nn
13803 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_gdiv:Nn { \__fp_mul:NNNn \fp_gset:Nn / }
\fp_div:cn
13804 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_pow:Nn { \__fp_mul:NNNn \fp_set:Nn ^ }
\fp_gdiv:Nn
13805 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_gpow:Nn { \__fp_mul:NNNn \fp_gset:Nn ^ }
\fp_gdiv:cn
13806 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_mul:NNNn #1#2#3#4
13807 { #1 #3 { #3 #2 \__fp_parse:n {#4} } }
\fp_pow:Nn
13808 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_mul:Nn { c }
\fp_pow:cn
13809 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gmul:Nn { c }
\fp_gpow:Nn
13810 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_div:Nn { c }
\fp_gpow:cn
13811 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gdiv:Nn { c }
\__fp_mul:NNNn
13812 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_pow:Nn { c }
13813 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gpow:Nn { c }
(End definition for \fp_mul:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)
```

`\fp_exp:Nn` Here, an added twist is that each value computed by these expensive unary operations is stored as a constant floating point number.

```
\fp_exp:cn
\fp_gexp:Nn
13814 \cs_set_protected:Npn \__fp_tmp:w #1#2#3#4#5
\fp_gexp:cn
13815 {
\fp_ln:Nn
13816 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn #1 { #5 {#4} \tl_set_eq:NN #3 }
\fp_ln:cn
13817 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn #2 { #5 {#4} \tl_gset_eq:NN #3 }
\fp_gln:Nn
13818 \cs_generate_variant:Nn #1 { c }
\fp_gln:cn
13819 \cs_generate_variant:Nn #2 { c }
\fp_sin:Nn
\fp_sin:cn
\fp_gsin:Nn
\fp_gsin:cn
\fp_cos:Nn
\fp_cos:cn
\fp_gcos:Nn
\fp_gcos:cn
\fp_tan:Nn
\fp_tan:cn
```

```

13820 }
13821 \__fp_tmp:w \fp_exp:Nn \fp_gexp:Nn \__fp_exp_o:w {exp} \__fp_assign_to:nNNNn
13822 \__fp_tmp:w \fp_ln:Nn \fp_gln:Nn \__fp_ln_o:w {ln} \__fp_assign_to:nNNNn
13823 \__fp_tmp:w \fp_sin:Nn \fp_gsin:Nn \__fp_sin_o:w {sin} \__fp_assign_to:nNNNn
13824 \__fp_tmp:w \fp_cos:Nn \fp_gcos:Nn \__fp_cos_o:w {cos} \__fp_assign_to:nNNNn
13825 \__fp_tmp:w \fp_tan:Nn \fp_gtan:Nn \__fp_tan_o:w {tan} \__fp_assign_to:nNNNn
13826 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_assign_to:nNNNn #1#2#3#4#5
13827 {
13828   \exp_after:wN \__fp_assign_to_i:wNNNn
13829   \tex_romannumeral:D -'0 \__fp_parse:n {#5} {#1} #2#3#4
13830 }
13831 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_assign_to_i:wNNNn \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #1#2#3; #4
13832 {
13833   \exp_args:Nc \__fp_assign_to_ii:NnNNN
13834   { c__fp_ #4 [ #1 # 2 \if_meaning:w 1 #1 #3 \fi: ] _fp }
13835   { #1#2#3 }
13836 }
13837 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_assign_to_ii:NnNNN #1#2#3#4#5
13838 {
13839   \cs_if_exist:NF #1
13840   { \tl_const:Nx #1 { #4 \s__fp \__fp_chk:w #2; } }
13841   #3 #5 #1
13842 }

```

(End definition for `\fp_exp:Nn` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\fp_compare:NNNTF` Comparisons used to be easier between floating points stored in variables. No more.

```

13843 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_compare:NNNTF { \fp_compare:nNnTF }
13844 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_compare:NNNT { \fp_compare:nNnT }
13845 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_compare:NNNF { \fp_compare:nNnF }

```

(End definition for `\fp_compare:NNNTF` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\fp_round_places:Nn` Rounding to a given number of places is easy, since it is provided by the `l3fp-round`  
`\fp_ground_places:Nn` module.  
`\__fp_round_places:NNn`

```

13846 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_round_places:Nn
13847 { \__fp_round_places:NNn \tl_set:Nx }
13848 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \fp_ground_places:Nn
13849 { \__fp_round_places:NNn \tl_gset:Nx }
13850 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__fp_round_places:NNn #1#2#3
13851 {
13852   #1 #2
13853   {
13854     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
13855     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round:Nwn
13856     \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN
13857     \exp_after:wN \__fp_round_to_nearest:NNN
13858     \exp_after:wN #2
13859     \exp_after:wN { \int_use:N \__int_eval:w #3 }
13860   }
13861 }

```



```

13862 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_round_places:Nn { c }
13863 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_ground_places:Nn { c }
(End definition for \fp_round_places:Nn and \fp_ground_places:Nn These functions are documented
on page ??.)

```

`\fp_round_figures:Nn` Rounding to a given number of figures is the same as rounding to a number of places, after shifting by the exponent of the argument.

`\fp_ground_figures:Nn`

```

13864 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_round_figures:Nn #1#2
13865 {
13866   \__fp_round_places:NNn \tl_set:Nx #1
13867   { #2 - \exp_after:wN \__fp_exponent:w #1 }
13868 }
13869 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_ground_figures:Nn #1#2
13870 {
13871   \__fp_round_places:NNn \tl_gset:Nx #1
13872   { #2 - \exp_after:wN \__fp_exponent:w #1 }
13873 }
13874 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_round_figures:Nn { c }
13875 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_ground_figures:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for `\fp_round_figures:Nn` and `\fp_ground_figures:Nn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

13876 </initex | package>

```

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```

13877 <*initex | package>

```

Announce and ensure that the required packages are loaded.

```

13878 <*package>
13879 \ProvidesExplPackage
13880 { \ExplFileName } { \ExplFileDate } { \ExplFileVersion } { \ExplFileDescription }
13881 \__expl_package_check:
13882 </package>

```

`\lua_now_x:n` When LuaTeX is in use, this is all a question of primitives with new names. On the other hand, for pdfTeX and XeTeX the argument should be removed from the input stream before issuing an error. This is expandable, using `\__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn` as done for V-type expansion in l3expan.

`\lua_now_x:x`

`\lua_now:n`

`\lua_now:x`

`\lua_shipout_x:n`

`\lua_shipout_x:x`

`\lua_shipout:n`

`\lua_shipout:x`

```

13883 \luatex_if_engine:TF
13884 {
13885   \cs_new_eq:NN \lua_now_x:n \luatex_directlua:D
13886   \cs_new_eq:NN \lua_shipout_x:n \luatex_latelua:D
13887 }
13888 {
13889   \cs_new:Npn \lua_now_x:n #1
13890   {
13891     \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
13892     { kernel } { bad-engine } { \lua_now_x:n }
13893   }

```

```

13894 \cs_new_protected:Npn \lua_shipout_x:n #1
13895 {
13896   \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn
13897   { kernel } { bad-engine } { \lua_shipout_x:n }
13898 }
13899 }
13900 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \lua_now_x:n { x }
13901 \cs_new:Npn \lua_now:n #1
13902 { \lua_now_x:n { \exp_not:n {#1} } }
13903 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \lua_now:n { x }
13904 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \lua_shipout_x:n { x }
13905 \cs_new_protected:Npn \lua_shipout:n #1
13906 { \lua_shipout_x:n { \exp_not:n {#1} } }
13907 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \lua_shipout:n { x }

```

(End definition for \lua\_now\_x:n and \lua\_now\_x:x These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 40.1 Category code tables

```

13908 <@@=cctab>

```

\g\_\_cctab\_allocate\_int To allocate category code tables, both the read-only and stack tables need to be followed.  
 \g\_\_cctab\_stack\_int There is also a sequence stack for the dynamic tables themselves.  
 \g\_\_cctab\_stack\_seq

```

13909 \int_new:N \g__cctab_allocate_int
13910 \int_set:Nn \g__cctab_allocate_int { \c_minus_one }
13911 \int_new:N \g__cctab_stack_int
13912 \seq_new:N \g__cctab_stack_seq

```

(End definition for \g\_\_cctab\_allocate\_int This function is documented on page ??.)

**\cctab\_new:N** Creating a new category code table is done slightly differently from other registers. Low-numbered tables are more efficiently-stored than high-numbered ones. There is also a need to have a stack of flexible tables as well as the set of read-only ones. To satisfy both of these requirements, odd numbered tables are used for read-only tables, and even ones for the stack. Here, therefore, the odd numbers are allocated.

```

13913 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cctab_new:N #1
13914 {
13915   \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
13916   \int_gadd:Nn \g__cctab_allocate_int { \c_two }
13917   \int_compare:nNnTF
13918     \g__cctab_allocate_int < { \c_max_register_int + \c_one }
13919   {
13920     \tex_global:D \tex_chardef:D #1 \g__cctab_allocate_int
13921     \luatex_initcatcodetable:D #1
13922   }
13923   { \__msg_kernel_fatal:nnx { kernel } { out-of-registers } { cctab } }
13924 }
13925 \luatex_if_engine:F
13926 {
13927   \cs_set_protected:Npn \cctab_new:N #1
13928   {

```

```

13929         \_msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { bad-engine }
13930         { \exp_not:N \cctab_new:N }
13931     }
13932 }
13933 <*package>
13934 \luatex_if_engine:T
13935 {
13936     \cs_set_protected:Npn \cctab_new:N #1
13937     {
13938         \__chk_if_free_cs:N #1
13939         \newcatcodetable #1
13940         \luatex_initcatcodetable:D #1
13941     }
13942 }
13943 </package>

```

(End definition for \cctab\_new:N This function is documented on page 198.)

**\cctab\_begin:N** The aim here is to ensure that the saved tables are read-only. This is done by using a  
**\cctab\_end:** stack of tables which are not read only, and actually having them as “in use” copies.

**\l\_\_cctab\_internal\_tl**

```

13944 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cctab_begin:N #1
13945 {
13946     \seq_gpush:Nx \g__cctab_stack_seq { \tex_the:D \luatex_catcodetable:D }
13947     \luatex_catcodetable:D #1
13948     \int_gadd:Nn \g__cctab_stack_int { \c_two }
13949     \int_compare:nNnT \g__cctab_stack_int > \c_max_register_int
13950     { \_msg_kernel_fatal:nx { kernel } { cctab-stack-full } }
13951     \luatex_savecatcodetable:D \g__cctab_stack_int
13952     \luatex_catcodetable:D \g__cctab_stack_int
13953 }
13954 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \cctab_end:
13955 {
13956     \int_gsub:Nn \g__cctab_stack_int { \c_two }
13957     \seq_if_empty:NTF \g__cctab_stack_seq
13958     { \tl_set:Nn \l__cctab_internal_tl { 0 } }
13959     { \seq_gpop:NN \g__cctab_stack_seq \l__cctab_internal_tl }
13960     \luatex_catcodetable:D \l__cctab_internal_tl \scan_stop:
13961 }
13962 \luatex_if_engine:F
13963 {
13964     \cs_set_protected:Npn \cctab_begin:N #1
13965     {
13966         \_msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { bad-engine }
13967         { \exp_not:N \cctab_begin:N } {#1}
13968     }
13969     \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cctab_end:
13970     {
13971         \_msg_kernel_error:nxx { kernel } { bad-engine }
13972         { \exp_not:N \cctab_end: }
13973     }

```

```

13974 }
13975 \<package>
13976 \luatex_if_engine:T
13977 {
13978   \cs_set_protected:Npn \cctab_begin:N #1 { \BeginCatcodeRegime #1 }
13979   \cs_set_protected_nopar:Npn \cctab_end: { \EndCatcodeRegime }
13980 }
13981 \</package>
13982 \tl_new:N \l__cctab_internal_tl

```

(End definition for \cctab\_begin:N This function is documented on page ??.)

**\cctab\_gset:Nn** Category code tables are always global, so only one version is needed. The set up here is simple, and means that at the point of use there is no need to worry about escaping category codes.

```

13983 \cs_new_protected:Npn \cctab_gset:Nn #1#2
13984 {
13985   \group_begin:
13986     #2
13987     \luatex_savecatcodetable:D #1
13988   \group_end:
13989 }
13990 \luatex_if_engine:F
13991 {
13992   \cs_set_protected:Npn \cctab_gset:Nn #1#2
13993   {
13994     \__msg_kernel_error:nxxx { kernel } { bad-engine }
13995     { \exp_not:N \cctab_gset:Nn } { #1 {#2} }
13996   }
13997 }

```

(End definition for \cctab\_gset:Nn This function is documented on page 198.)

**\c\_code\_cctab** Creating category code tables is easy using the function above. The **other** and **string**  
**\c\_document\_cctab** ones are done by completely ignoring the existing codes as this makes life a lot less  
**\c\_initex\_cctab** complex. The table for expl3 category codes is always needed, whereas when in package  
**\c\_other\_cctab** mode the rest can be copied from the existing L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X 2<sub>ε</sub> package luatex.  
**\c\_str\_cctab**

```

13998 \luatex_if_engine:T
13999 {
14000   \cctab_new:N \c_code_cctab
14001   \cctab_gset:Nn \c_code_cctab { }
14002 }
14003 \<package>
14004 \luatex_if_engine:T
14005 {
14006   \cs_new_eq:NN \c_document_cctab \CatcodeTableLaTeX
14007   \cs_new_eq:NN \c_initex_cctab \CatcodeTableIniTeX
14008   \cs_new_eq:NN \c_other_cctab \CatcodeTableOther
14009   \cs_new_eq:NN \c_str_cctab \CatcodeTableString
14010 }
14011 \</package>

```

```

14012 <*initex>
14013 \luatex_if_engine:T
14014 {
14015   \cctab_new:N \c_document_cctab
14016   \cctab_new:N \c_other_cctab
14017   \cctab_new:N \c_str_cctab
14018   \cctab_gset:Nn \c_document_cctab
14019   {
14020     \char_set_catcode_space:n { 9 }
14021     \char_set_catcode_space:n { 32 }
14022     \char_set_catcode_other:n { 58 }
14023     \char_set_catcode_math_subscript:n { 95 }
14024     \char_set_catcode_active:n { 126 }
14025   }
14026   \cctab_gset:Nn \c_other_cctab
14027   {
14028     \int_step_inline:nnnn { 0 } { 1 } { 127 }
14029     { \char_set_catcode_other:n {#1} }
14030   }
14031   \cctab_gset:Nn \c_str_cctab
14032   {
14033     \int_step_inline:nnnn { 0 } { 1 } { 127 }
14034     { \char_set_catcode_other:n {#1} }
14035     \char_set_catcode_space:n { 32 }
14036   }
14037 }
14038 </initex>

```

(End definition for `\c_code_cctab` This function is documented on page 199.)

## 40.2 Messages

```

14039 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { bad-engine }
14040 { LuaTeX-engine-not-in-use!~Ignoring~#1. }
14041 {
14042   The~feature~you~are~using~is~only~available~
14043   with~the~LuaTeX~engine.~LaTeX3~ignored~‘#1#2’.
14044 }
14045 \_msg_kernel_new:nnnn { kernel } { cctab-stack-full }
14046 { The~category~code~table~stack~is~exhausted. }
14047 {
14048   LaTeX~has~been~asked~to~switch~to~a~new~category~code~table,~
14049   but~there~is~no~more~space~to~do~this!
14050 }

```

## 40.3 Deprecated functions

Deprecated 2011-12-21, for removal by 2012-03-31.

`\c_string_cctab`

```

14051 <*deprecated>

```

```

14052 \cs_new_eq:NN \c_string_cctab \c_str_cctab
14053 \</deprecated>
(End definition for \c_string_cctab This variable is documented on page ??.)
14054 \</initex | package>

```

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```

14055 \<*initex | package>
14056 \<*package>
14057 \ProvidesExplPackage
14058 { \ExplFileName } { \ExplFileDate } { \ExplFileVersion } { \ExplFileDescription }
14059 \__expl_package_check:
14060 \</package>

```

### 41.1 Additions to l3box

```

14061 \<@@=box>

```

### 41.2 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.

```

14062 \fp_new:N \l__box_angle_fp
(End definition for \l__box_angle_fp This variable is documented on page 202.)

```

**\l\_\_box\_cos\_fp** These are used to hold the calculated sine and cosine values while carrying out a rotation.

```

14063 \fp_new:N \l__box_cos_fp
14064 \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 202.)

```

**\l\_\_box\_top\_dim** These are the positions of the four edges of a box before manipulation.

```

\l__box_bottom_dim 14065 \dim_new:N \l__box_top_dim
\l__box_left_dim    14066 \dim_new:N \l__box_bottom_dim
\l__box_right_dim   14067 \dim_new:N \l__box_left_dim
14068 \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 14069 \dim_new:N \l__box_top_new_dim
\l__box_left_new_dim   14070 \dim_new:N \l__box_bottom_new_dim
\l__box_right_new_dim  14071 \dim_new:N \l__box_left_new_dim
14072 \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.

```

14073 \box_new:N \l__box_internal_box
(End definition for \l__box_internal_box This variable is documented on page 203.)

```

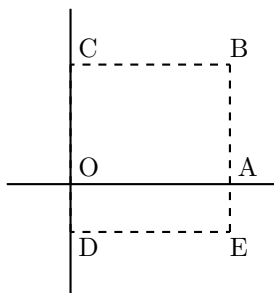


Figure 1: Co-ordinates of a box prior to rotation.

**\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:

```

14074 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_rotate:Nn #1#2
14075 {
14076   \hbox_set:Nn #1
14077   {
14078     \group_begin:
14079     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_angle_fp {#2}
14080     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_sin_fp { sin ( \l__box_angle_fp * deg ) }
14081     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_cos_fp { cos ( \l__box_angle_fp * deg ) }
14082     \__box_rotate:N #1
14083     \group_end:
14084   }
14085 }
```

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.

```

14086 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate:N #1
14087 {
14088   \dim_set:Nn \l__box_top_dim { \box_ht:N #1 }
14089   \dim_set:Nn \l__box_bottom_dim { -\box_dp:N #1 }
14090   \dim_set:Nn \l__box_right_dim { \box_wd:N #1 }
14091   \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.)

```

14092     \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_sin_fp > \c_zero_fp
14093     {
14094         \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_cos_fp > \c_zero_fp
14095         { \__box_rotate_quadrant_one: }
14096         { \__box_rotate_quadrant_two: }
14097     }
14098     {
14099         \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_cos_fp < \c_zero_fp
14100         { \__box_rotate_quadrant_three: }
14101         { \__box_rotate_quadrant_four: }
14102     }

```

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.

```

14103     \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \box_use:N #1 }
14104     \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
14105     {
14106         \tex_kern:D -\l__box_left_new_dim
14107         \hbox:n
14108         {
14109             \__driver_box_rotate_begin:
14110             \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box
14111             \__driver_box_rotate_end:
14112         }
14113     }

```

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.

```

14114     \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \l__box_top_new_dim }
14115     \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box { -\l__box_bottom_new_dim }
14116     \box_set_wd:Nn \l__box_internal_box
14117     { \l__box_right_new_dim - \l__box_left_new_dim }
14118     \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box
14119 }

```

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.

```

14120 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_x:nnN #1#2#3
14121 {
14122     \dim_set:Nn #3
14123     {

```



```

14124         \fp_to_dim:n
14125         {
14126             \l__box_cos_fp * \dim_to_fp:n {#1}
14127             - ( \l__box_sin_fp * \dim_to_fp:n {#2} )
14128         }
14129     }
14130 }
14131 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_y:nnN #1#2#3
14132 {
14133     \dim_set:Nn #3
14134     {
14135         \fp_to_dim:n
14136         {
14137             \l__box_sin_fp * \dim_to_fp:n {#1}
14138             + \l__box_cos_fp * \dim_to_fp:n {#2}
14139         }
14140     }
14141 }

```

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.

```

14142 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_quadrant_one:
14143 {
14144     \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_top_dim
14145     \l__box_top_new_dim
14146     \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
14147     \l__box_bottom_new_dim
14148     \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_top_dim
14149     \l__box_left_new_dim
14150     \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
14151     \l__box_right_new_dim
14152 }
14153 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_quadrant_two:
14154 {
14155     \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
14156     \l__box_top_new_dim
14157     \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_top_dim
14158     \l__box_bottom_new_dim
14159     \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_top_dim
14160     \l__box_left_new_dim
14161     \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
14162     \l__box_right_new_dim
14163 }
14164 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_quadrant_three:
14165 {
14166     \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
14167     \l__box_top_new_dim

```

```

14168 \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_top_dim
14169 \l__box_bottom_new_dim
14170 \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
14171 \l__box_left_new_dim
14172 \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_top_dim
14173 \l__box_right_new_dim
14174 }
14175 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_rotate_quadrant_four:
14176 {
14177 \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_top_dim
14178 \l__box_top_new_dim
14179 \__box_rotate_y:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
14180 \l__box_bottom_new_dim
14181 \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_left_dim \l__box_bottom_dim
14182 \l__box_left_new_dim
14183 \__box_rotate_x:nnN \l__box_right_dim \l__box_top_dim
14184 \l__box_right_new_dim
14185 }

```

(End definition for \box\_rotate:Nn This function is documented on page 201.)

**\l\_\_box\_scale\_x\_fp**  
**\l\_\_box\_scale\_y\_fp**

Scaling is potentially-different in the two axes.

```

14186 \fp_new:N \l__box_scale_x_fp
14187 \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 203.)

**\box\_resize:Nnn**  
**\box\_resize:cnn**  
**\\_\_box\_resize:Nnn**

Resizing a box starts by working out the various dimensions of the existing box.

```

14188 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_resize:Nnn #1#2#3
14189 {
14190 \hbox_set:Nn #1
14191 {
14192 \group_begin:
14193 \dim_set:Nn \l__box_top_dim { \box_ht:N #1 }
14194 \dim_set:Nn \l__box_bottom_dim { -\box_dp:N #1 }
14195 \dim_set:Nn \l__box_right_dim { \box_wd:N #1 }
14196 \dim_zero:N \l__box_left_dim

```

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.

```

14197 \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_x_fp
14198 { \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.

```

14199 \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_y_fp
14200 {
14201 \dim_to_fp:n {#3} /
14202 ( \dim_to_fp:n { \l__box_top_dim - \l__box_bottom_dim } )
14203 }

```

Hand off to the auxiliary which does the work.

```

14204         \__box_resize:Nnn #1 {#2} {#3}
14205     \group_end:
14206 }
14207 }
14208 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_resize:Nnn { c }

```

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. This is done using the absolute value of the scale so that the new edge is in the correct place. 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.

```

14209 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_resize:Nnn #1#2#3
14210 {
14211     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_right_new_dim { \dim_abs:n {#2} }
14212     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_bottom_new_dim
14213     { \fp_abs:n { \l__box_scale_y_fp } \l__box_bottom_dim }
14214     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_top_new_dim
14215     { \fp_abs:n { \l__box_scale_y_fp } \l__box_top_dim }
14216     \__box_resize_common:N #1
14217 }

```

(End definition for `\box_resize:Nnn` and `\box_resize:cnn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

\box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:Nn
\box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:cn
\box_resize_to_wd:Nn
\box_resize_to_wd:cn

```

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).

```

14218 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:Nn #1#2
14219 {
14220     \hbox_set:Nn #1
14221     {
14222         \group_begin:
14223         \dim_set:Nn \l__box_top_dim { \box_ht:N #1 }
14224         \dim_set:Nn \l__box_bottom_dim { -\box_dp:N #1 }
14225         \dim_set:Nn \l__box_right_dim { \box_wd:N #1 }
14226         \dim_zero:N \l__box_left_dim
14227         \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_y_fp
14228         {
14229             \dim_to_fp:n {#2} /
14230             ( \dim_to_fp:n { \l__box_top_dim - \l__box_bottom_dim } )
14231         }
14232         \fp_set_eq:NN \l__box_scale_x_fp \l__box_scale_y_fp
14233         \__box_resize:Nnn #1 {#2} {#2}
14234     \group_end:
14235 }
14236 }
14237 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_resize_to_ht_plus_dp:Nn { c }
14238 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_resize_to_wd:Nn #1#2

```

```

14239 {
14240   \hbox_set:Nn #1
14241   {
14242     \group_begin:
14243     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_top_dim { \box_ht:N #1 }
14244     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_bottom_dim { -\box_dp:N #1 }
14245     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_right_dim { \box_wd:N #1 }
14246     \dim_zero:N \l__box_left_dim
14247     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_x_fp
14248       { \dim_to_fp:n {#2} / ( \dim_to_fp:n \l__box_right_dim ) }
14249     \fp_set_eq:NN \l__box_scale_y_fp \l__box_scale_x_fp
14250     \__box_resize:Nnn #1 {#2} {#2}
14251   \group_end:
14252   }
14253 }
14254 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_resize_to_wd:Nn { c }

```

(End definition for \box\_resize\_to\_ht\_plus\_dp:Nn and \box\_resize\_to\_ht\_plus\_dp:cn These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\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  $\TeX$  mechanism as it avoids needing to use too many fp operations.

**\box\_scale:cnn**

```

14255 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_scale:Nnn #1#2#3
14256 {
14257   \hbox_set:Nn #1
14258   {
14259     \group_begin:
14260     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_x_fp {#2}
14261     \fp_set:Nn \l__box_scale_y_fp {#3}
14262     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_top_dim { \box_ht:N #1 }
14263     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_bottom_dim { -\box_dp:N #1 }
14264     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_right_dim { \box_wd:N #1 }
14265     \dim_zero:N \l__box_left_dim
14266     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_top_new_dim
14267       { \fp_abs:n { \l__box_scale_y_fp } \l__box_top_dim }
14268     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_bottom_new_dim
14269       { \fp_abs:n { \l__box_scale_y_fp } \l__box_bottom_dim }
14270     \dim_set:Nn \l__box_right_new_dim
14271       { \fp_abs:n { \l__box_scale_x_fp } \l__box_right_dim }
14272     \__box_resize_common:N #1
14273   \group_end:
14274   }
14275 }
14276 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_scale:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for \box\_scale:Nnn and \box\_scale:cnn These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\__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.

```

14277 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__box_resize_common:N #1
14278 {
14279   \hbox_set:Nn \l__box_internal_box
14280   {
14281     \__driver_box_scale_begin:
14282     \hbox_overlap_right:n { \box_use:N #1 }
14283     \__driver_box_scale_end:
14284   }

```

The new height and depth can be applied directly.

```

14285   \box_set_ht:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \l__box_top_new_dim }
14286   \box_set_dp:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \l__box_bottom_new_dim }

```

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.

```

14287   \fp_compare:nNnTF \l__box_scale_x_fp < \c_zero_fp
14288   {
14289     \hbox_to_wd:nn { \l__box_right_new_dim }
14290     {
14291       \tex_kern:D \l__box_right_new_dim
14292       \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box
14293       \tex_hss:D
14294     }
14295   }
14296   {
14297     \box_set_wd:Nn \l__box_internal_box { \l__box_right_new_dim }
14298     \box_use:N \l__box_internal_box
14299   }
14300 }

```

*(End definition for \\_\_box\_resize\_common:N)*

### 41.3 Viewing part of a box

`\box_clip:N` A wrapper around the driver-dependent code.

```

\box_clip:c
14301 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_clip:N #1
14302 { \hbox_set:Nn #1 { \__driver_box_use_clip:N #1 } }
14303 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_clip:N { c }

```

*(End definition for \box\_clip:N and \box\_clip:c These functions are documented on page ??.)*

`\box_trim:Nnnnn` Trimming from the left- and right-hand edges of the box is easy. The total width is set  
`\box_trim:cnnnn` to remove from the right, and a skip will shift the material to remove from the left.

```

14304 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_trim:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
14305 {
14306   \box_set_wd:Nn #1 { \box_wd:N #1 - (#4) - (#2) }
14307   \hbox_set:Nn #1

```

```

14308 {
14309   \skip_horizontal:n { - \dim_eval:n {#2} }
14310   \box_use:N #1
14311 }

```

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.

```

14312 \dim_compare:nNnTF { \box_dp:N #1 } > {#3}
14313 { \box_set_dp:Nn #1 { \box_dp:N #1 - (#3) } }
14314 {
14315   \hbox_set:Nn #1
14316   { \box_move_down:nn { #3 - \box_dp:N #1 } { \box_use:N #1 } }
14317   \box_set_dp:Nn #1 \c_zero_dim
14318 }
14319 \dim_compare:nNnTF { \box_ht:N #1 } > {#5}
14320 { \box_set_ht:Nn #1 { \box_ht:N #1 - (#5) } }
14321 {
14322   \hbox_set:Nn #1
14323   { \box_move_up:nn { #5 - \box_ht:N #1 } { \box_use:N #1 } }
14324   \box_set_ht:Nn #1 \c_zero_dim
14325 }
14326 }
14327 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_trim:Nnnnn { c }

```

(End definition for `\box_trim:Nnnnn` and `\box_trim:cnnnn` These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\box_viewport:Nnnnn`  
`\box_viewport:cnnnn`

The same general logic as for clipping, but with absolute dimensions. Thus again width is easy and height is harder.

```

14328 \cs_new_protected:Npn \box_viewport:Nnnnn #1#2#3#4#5
14329 {
14330   \box_set_wd:Nn #1 { (#4) - (#2) }
14331   \hbox_set:Nn #1
14332   {
14333     \skip_horizontal:n { - \dim_eval:n {#2} }
14334     \box_use:N #1
14335   }
14336   \dim_compare:nNnTF {#3} > \c_zero_dim
14337   {
14338     \hbox_set:Nn #1 { \box_move_down:nn {#3} { \box_use:N #1 } }
14339     \box_set_dp:Nn #1 \c_zero_dim
14340   }
14341   { \box_set_dp:Nn #1 { - \dim_eval:n {#3} } }
14342   \dim_compare:nNnTF {#5} > \c_zero_dim
14343   { \box_set_ht:Nn #1 {#5} }
14344   {
14345     \hbox_set:Nn #1
14346     { \box_move_up:nn { -\dim_eval:n {#5} } { \box_use:N #1 } }
14347     \box_set_ht:Nn #1 \c_zero_dim
14348   }

```

```

14349 }
14350 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \box_viewport:Nnnnn { c }
(End definition for \box_viewport:Nnnnn and \box_viewport:cnnnn These functions are documented on
page ??.)

```

## 41.4 Additions to l3clist

```

14351 <@@=clist>

\clist_item:Nn To avoid needing to test the end of the list at each step, we first compute the  $\langle length \rangle$  of
\clist_item:cn the list. If the item number is 0, less than  $-\langle length \rangle$ , or more than  $\langle length \rangle$ , the result is
\__clist_item:nnNn empty. If it is negative, but not less than  $-\langle length \rangle$ , add  $\langle length \rangle + 1$  to the item number
\__clist_item_N_loop:nw before performing the loop. The loop itself is very simple, return the item if the counter
reached 1, otherwise, decrease the counter and repeat.

14352 \cs_new:Npn \clist_item:Nn #1#2
14353 {
14354   \exp_args:Nfo \__clist_item:nnNn
14355   { \clist_count:N #1 }
14356   #1
14357   \__clist_item_N_loop:nw
14358   {#2}
14359 }
14360 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item:nnNn #1#2#3#4
14361 {
14362   \int_compare:nNnTF {#4} < \c_zero
14363   {
14364     \int_compare:nNnTF {#4} < { - #1 }
14365     { \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w }
14366     { \exp_args:Nf #3 { \int_eval:n { #4 + \c_one + #1 } } }
14367   }
14368   {
14369     \int_compare:nNnTF {#4} > {#1}
14370     { \use_none_delimit_by_q_stop:w }
14371     { #3 {#4} }
14372   }
14373   { } , #2 , \q_stop
14374 }
14375 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item_N_loop:nw #1 #2,
14376 {
14377   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = \c_zero
14378   { \use_i_delimit_by_q_stop:nw { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
14379   { \exp_args:Nf \__clist_item_N_loop:nw { \int_eval:n { #1 - 1 } } }
14380 }
14381 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_item:Nn { c }
(End definition for \clist_item:Nn and \clist_item:cn These functions are documented on page ??.)

\clist_item:nn This starts in the same way as \clist_item:Nn by counting the items of the comma list.
\__clist_item_n:nw The final item should be space-trimmed before being brace-stripped, hence we insert a
\__clist_item_n_loop:nw couple of odd-looking \prg_do_nothing: to avoid losing braces. Blank items are ignored.
\__clist_item_n_end:n
\__clist_item_n_strip:w

```

```

14382 \cs_new:Npn \clist_item:nn #1#2
14383 {
14384   \exp_args:Nf \__clist_item:nnNn
14385   { \clist_count:n {#1} }
14386   {#1}
14387   \__clist_item_n:nw
14388   {#2}
14389 }
14390 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item_n:nw #1
14391 { \__clist_item_n_loop:nw {#1} \prg_do_nothing: }
14392 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item_n_loop:nw #1 #2,
14393 {
14394   \exp_args:No \tl_if_blank:nTF {#2}
14395   { \__clist_item_n_loop:nw {#1} \prg_do_nothing: }
14396   {
14397     \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = \c_zero
14398     { \exp_args:No \__clist_item_n_end:n {#2} }
14399     {
14400       \exp_args:Nf \__clist_item_n_loop:nw
14401       { \int_eval:n { #1 - 1 } }
14402       \prg_do_nothing:
14403     }
14404   }
14405 }
14406 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_item_n_end:n #1 #2 \q_stop
14407 {
14408   \__tl_trim_spaces:nn { \q_mark #1 }
14409   { \exp_last_unbraced:No \__clist_item_n_strip:w } ,
14410 }
14411 \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 ??.)

**\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**

**\clist\_set\_from\_seq:Nc**

**\clist\_set\_from\_seq:cc**

**\clist\_gset\_from\_seq:NN**

**\clist\_gset\_from\_seq:cN**

**\clist\_gset\_from\_seq:Nc**

**\clist\_gset\_from\_seq:cc**

```

14412 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_set_from_seq:NN
14413 { \__clist_set_from_seq:NNNN \clist_clear:N \tl_set:Nx }
14414 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_gset_from_seq:NN
14415 { \__clist_set_from_seq:NNNN \clist_gclear:N \tl_gset:Nx }
14416 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__clist_set_from_seq:NNNN #1#2#3#4
14417 {
14418   \seq_if_empty:NTF #4
14419   { #1 #3 }
14420   {
14421     #2 #3
14422     {
14423       \exp_last_unbraced:Nf \use_none:n
14424       { \seq_map_function:NN #4 \__clist_wrap_item:n }

```



```

14425         }
14426     }
14427 }
14428 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_wrap_item:n #1
14429 {
14430     ,
14431     \tl_if_empty:oTF { \__clist_set_from_seq:w #1 ~ , #1 ~ }
14432     { \exp_not:n {#1} }
14433     { \exp_not:n { {#1} } }
14434 }
14435 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_set_from_seq:w #1 , #2 ~ { }
14436 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_set_from_seq:NN { Nc }
14437 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_set_from_seq:NN { c , cc }
14438 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_gset_from_seq:NN { Nc }
14439 \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 ??.)

**\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**  
**\clist\_const:cx**

```

14440 \cs_new_protected:Npn \clist_const:Nn #1#2
14441 { \tl_const:Nx #1 { \__clist_trim_spaces:n {#2} } }
14442 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \clist_const:Nn { c , Nx , cx }

```

(End definition for \clist\_const:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\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:nTF**  
**\\_\_clist\_if\_empty\_n:w**  
**\\_\_clist\_if\_empty\_n:wNw**

```

14443 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \clist_if_empty:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
14444 {
14445     \__clist_if_empty_n:w ? #1
14446     , \q_mark \prg_return_false:
14447     , \q_mark \prg_return_true:
14448     \q_stop
14449 }
14450 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_if_empty_n:w #1 ,
14451 {
14452     \tl_if_empty:oTF { \use_none:nn #1 ? }
14453     { \__clist_if_empty_n:w ? }
14454     { \__clist_if_empty_n:wNw }
14455 }
14456 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_if_empty_n:wNw #1 \q_mark #2#3 \q_stop {#2}

```

(End definition for \clist\_if\_empty:n These functions are documented on page 204.)

```

\clist_use:Nnnn
  \__clist_use:wwn
\__clist_use_ii:nwwwwnwn
  \__clist_use_iii:nwn

```

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.

Otherwise, `\__clist_use_ii:nwwwwnwn` 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_iii`, switching to the other *continuation*, `use_iii`, which uses the *separator between final two*.

```

14457 \cs_new:Npn \clist_use:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
14458 {
14459   \clist_if_exist:NTF #1
14460   {
14461     \int_case:nnn { \clist_count:N #1 }
14462     {
14463       { 0 } { }
14464       { 1 } { \exp_after:wN \__clist_use:wwn #1 , , { } }
14465       { 2 } { \exp_after:wN \__clist_use:wwn #1 , {#2} }
14466     }
14467     {
14468       \exp_after:wN \__clist_use_ii:nwwwwnwn
14469       \exp_after:wN { \exp_after:wN } #1 ,
14470       \q_mark , { \__clist_use_ii:nwwwwnwn {#3} }
14471       \q_mark , { \__clist_use_iii:nwn {#4} }
14472       \q_stop { }
14473     }
14474   }
14475   { \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { bad-variable } {#1} }
14476 }
14477 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_use:wwn #1 , #2 , #3 { \exp_not:n { #1 #3 #2 } }
14478 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_use_ii:nwwwwnwn
14479   #1#2 , #3 , #4 , #5 \q_mark , #6#7 \q_stop #8
14480   { #6 {#3} , {#4} , #5 \q_mark , {#6} #7 \q_stop { #8 #1 #2 } }
14481 \cs_new:Npn \__clist_use_iii:nwn #1#2 , #3 \q_stop #4
14482   { \exp_not:n { #4 #1 #2 } }

```

(End definition for `\clist_use:Nnnn` This function is documented on page 204.)

## 41.5 Additions to l3coffins

```

14483 <@@=coffin>

```

## 41.6 Rotating coffins

`\l__coffin_sin_fp` Used for rotations to get the sine and cosine values.

`\l__coffin_cos_fp` 14484 \fp\_new:N \l\_\_coffin\_sin\_fp

14485 \fp\_new:N \l\_\_coffin\_cos\_fp

*(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_sin\_fp This function 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.

14486 \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.

14487 \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` These are used to hold maxima for the various corner values: these thus define the  
`\l__coffin_right_corner_dim` minimum size of the bounding box after rotation.

`\l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim` 14488 \dim\_new:N \l\_\_coffin\_left\_corner\_dim

`\l__coffin_top_corner_dim` 14489 \dim\_new:N \l\_\_coffin\_right\_corner\_dim

14490 \dim\_new:N \l\_\_coffin\_bottom\_corner\_dim

14491 \dim\_new:N \l\_\_coffin\_top\_corner\_dim

*(End definition for \l\_\_coffin\_left\_corner\_dim This function is documented on page ??.)*

`\coffin_rotate:Nn` Rotating a coffin requires several steps which can be conveniently run together. The first  
`\coffin_rotate:cn` step is to convert the angle given in degrees to one in radians. 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.

14492 \cs\_new\_protected:Npn \coffin\_rotate:Nn #1#2

14493 {

14494 \fp\_set:Nn \l\_\_coffin\_sin\_fp { sin ( ( #2 ) \* deg ) }

14495 \fp\_set:Nn \l\_\_coffin\_cos\_fp { cos ( ( #2 ) \* deg ) }

The corners and poles of the coffin can now be rotated around the origin. This is best achieved using mapping functions.

14496 \prop\_map\_inline:cn { l\_\_coffin\_corners\_ \\_\_int\_value:w #1 \_prop }

14497 { \\_\_coffin\_rotate\_corner:Nnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }

14498 \prop\_map\_inline:cn { l\_\_coffin\_poles\_ \\_\_int\_value:w #1 \_prop }

14499 { \\_\_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.

14500 \\_\_coffin\_set\_bounding:N #1

14501 \prop\_map\_inline:Nn \l\_\_coffin\_bounding\_prop

14502 { \\_\_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.

```

14503     \__coffin_find_corner_maxima:N #1
14504     \__coffin_find_bounding_shift:
14505     \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.

```

14506     \hbox_set:Nn #1
14507     {
14508         \tex_kern:D \l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim
14509         \tex_kern:D -\l__coffin_left_corner_dim
14510         \box_move_down:n { \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim }
14511         { \box_use:N #1 }
14512     }

```

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.

```

14513     \box_set_ht:Nn #1
14514     { \l__coffin_top_corner_dim - \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim }
14515     \box_set_dp:Nn #1 { 0 pt }
14516     \box_set_wd:Nn #1
14517     { \l__coffin_right_corner_dim - \l__coffin_left_corner_dim }

```

The final task is to move the poles and corners such that they are back in alignment with the box reference point.

```

14518     \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
14519     { \__coffin_shift_corner:Nnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
14520     \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
14521     { \__coffin_shift_pole:Nnnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
14522 }
14523 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_rotate:Nn { c }

```

*(End definition for \coffin\_rotate:Nn and \coffin\_rotate:cn These functions are documented on page ??.)*

**\\_\_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.

```

14524 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_set_bounding:N #1
14525 {
14526     \prop_put:Nnx \l__coffin_bounding_prop { tl }
14527     { { 0 pt } { \dim_use:N \box_ht:N #1 } }
14528     \prop_put:Nnx \l__coffin_bounding_prop { tr }
14529     { { \dim_use:N \box_wd:N #1 } { \dim_use:N \box_ht:N #1 } }
14530     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_dim { - \box_dp:N #1 }
14531     \prop_put:Nnx \l__coffin_bounding_prop { bl }
14532     { { 0 pt } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_internal_dim } }

```

```

14533     \prop_put:Nnx \l__coffin_bounding_prop { br }
14534     { { \dim_use:N \box_wd:N #1 } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_internal_dim } }
14535 }

```

(End definition for \\_\_coffin\_set\_bounding:N This function is documented on page ??.)

\\_\_coffin\_rotate\_bounding:nnn  
\\_\_coffin\_rotate\_corner:Nnnn

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.

```

14536 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_rotate_bounding:nnn #1#2#3
14537 {
14538     \__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN {#2} {#3} \l__coffin_x_dim \l__coffin_y_dim
14539     \prop_put:Nnx \l__coffin_bounding_prop {#1}
14540     { { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim } }
14541 }
14542 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_rotate_corner:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
14543 {
14544     \__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN {#3} {#4} \l__coffin_x_dim \l__coffin_y_dim
14545     \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2}
14546     { { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim } }
14547 }

```

(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.

```

14548 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_rotate_pole:Nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
14549 {
14550     \__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN {#3} {#4} \l__coffin_x_dim \l__coffin_y_dim
14551     \__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN {#5} {#6}
14552     \l__coffin_x_prime_dim \l__coffin_y_prime_dim
14553     \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 {#2}
14554     {
14555         { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim }
14556         { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_prime_dim }
14557         { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_prime_dim }
14558     }
14559 }

```

(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.

```

14560 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_rotate_vector:nnNN #1#2#3#4
14561 {
14562     \dim_set:Nn #3
14563     {
14564         \fp_to_dim:n
14565         {

```

```

14566         \dim_to_fp:n {#1} * \l__coffin_cos_fp
14567         - ( \dim_to_fp:n {#2} * \l__coffin_sin_fp )
14568     }
14569 }
14570 \dim_set:Nn #4
14571 {
14572     \fp_to_dim:n
14573     {
14574         \dim_to_fp:n {#1} * \l__coffin_sin_fp
14575         + ( \dim_to_fp:n {#2} * \l__coffin_cos_fp )
14576     }
14577 }
14578 }

```

(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.

```

14579 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_find_corner_maxima:N #1
14580 {
14581     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_top_corner_dim { -\c_max_dim }
14582     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_right_corner_dim { -\c_max_dim }
14583     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim { \c_max_dim }
14584     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_left_corner_dim { \c_max_dim }
14585     \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop }
14586     { \__coffin_find_corner_maxima_aux:nn ##2 }
14587 }
14588 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_find_corner_maxima_aux:nn #1#2
14589 {
14590     \dim_set_min:Nn \l__coffin_left_corner_dim {#1}
14591     \dim_set_max:Nn \l__coffin_right_corner_dim {#1}
14592     \dim_set_min:Nn \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim {#2}
14593     \dim_set_max:Nn \l__coffin_top_corner_dim {#2}
14594 }

```

(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.

```

14595 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__coffin_find_bounding_shift:
14596 {
14597     \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim { \c_max_dim }
14598     \prop_map_inline:Nn \l__coffin_bounding_prop
14599     { \__coffin_find_bounding_shift_aux:nn ##2 }
14600 }
14601 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_find_bounding_shift_aux:nn #1#2
14602 { \dim_set_min:Nn \l__coffin_bounding_shift_dim {#1} }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_find_bounding_shift:` This function is documented on page ??.)

`\__coffin_shift_corner:Nnnn` 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.

```

14603 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_shift_corner:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
14604 {
14605   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _ prop } {#2}
14606   {
14607     { \dim_eval:n { #3 - \l__coffin_left_corner_dim } }
14608     { \dim_eval:n { #4 - \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim } }
14609   }
14610 }
14611 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_shift_pole:Nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
14612 {
14613   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _ prop } {#2}
14614   {
14615     { \dim_eval:n { #3 - \l__coffin_left_corner_dim } }
14616     { \dim_eval:n { #4 - \l__coffin_bottom_corner_dim } }
14617     {#5} {#6}
14618   }
14619 }

```

(End definition for `\__coffin_shift_corner:Nnnn` This function is documented on page ??.)

## 41.7 Resizing coffins

`\l__coffin_scale_x_fp` Storage for the scaling factors in  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively.  
`\l__coffin_scale_y_fp`

```

14620 \fp_new:N \l__coffin_scale_x_fp
14621 \fp_new:N \l__coffin_scale_y_fp

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_scale_x_fp` This function 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`

```

14622 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_scaled_total_height_dim
14623 \dim_new:N \l__coffin_scaled_width_dim

```

(End definition for `\l__coffin_scaled_total_height_dim` This function 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`

```

14624 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_resize:Nnn #1#2#3
14625 {
14626   \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_scale_x_fp
14627   { \dim_to_fp:n {#2} / \dim_to_fp:n { \coffin_wd:N #1 } }
14628   \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_scale_y_fp
14629   {
14630     \dim_to_fp:n {#3} / \dim_to_fp:n { \coffin_ht:N #1 + \coffin_dp:N #1 }
14631   }
14632   \box_resize:Nnn #1 {#2} {#3}
14633   \__coffin_resize_common:Nnn #1 {#2} {#3}

```

```

14634 }
14635 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_resize:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for \coffin\_resize:Nnn and \coffin\_resize:cnn These functions are documented on page ??.)

**\\_coffin\_resize\_common:Nnn** The poles and corners of the coffin are scaled to the appropriate places before actually resizing the underlying box.

```

14636 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_resize_common:Nnn #1#2#3
14637 {
14638   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop }
14639   { \_coffin_scale_corner:Nnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
14640   \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_poles_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop }
14641   { \_coffin_scale_pole:Nnnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }

```

Negative  $x$ -scaling values will place the poles in the wrong location: this is corrected here.

```

14642   \fp_compare:nNnT \l__coffin_scale_x_fp < \c_zero_fp
14643   {
14644     \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_corners_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop }
14645     { \_coffin_x_shift_corner:Nnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
14646     \prop_map_inline:cn { l__coffin_poles_ \_int_value:w #1 _prop }
14647     { \_coffin_x_shift_pole:Nnnnnn #1 {##1} ##2 }
14648   }
14649 }

```

(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  $\TeX$  way as this works properly with floating point values without needing to use the fp module.

```

14650 \cs_new_protected:Npn \coffin_scale:Nnn #1#2#3
14651 {
14652   \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_scale_x_fp {#2}
14653   \fp_set:Nn \l__coffin_scale_y_fp {#3}
14654   \box_scale:Nnn #1 { \l__coffin_scale_x_fp } { \l__coffin_scale_y_fp }
14655   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_internal_dim
14656   { \coffin_ht:N #1 + \coffin_dp:N #1 }
14657   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_scaled_total_height_dim
14658   { \fp_abs:n { \l__coffin_scale_y_fp } \l__coffin_internal_dim }
14659   \dim_set:Nn \l__coffin_scaled_width_dim
14660   { -\fp_abs:n { \l__coffin_scale_x_fp } \coffin_wd:N #1 }
14661   \_coffin_resize_common:Nnn #1
14662   { \l__coffin_scaled_width_dim } { \l__coffin_scaled_total_height_dim }
14663 }
14664 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \coffin_scale:Nnn { c }

```

(End definition for \coffin\_scale:Nnn and \coffin\_scale:cnn These functions are documented on page ??.)



`\__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.

```

14665 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_scale_vector:nnNN #1#2#3#4
14666 {
14667   \dim_set:Nn #3
14668     { \fp_to_dim:n { \dim_to_fp:n {#1} * \l__coffin_scale_x_fp } }
14669   \dim_set:Nn #4
14670     { \fp_to_dim:n { \dim_to_fp:n {#2} * \l__coffin_scale_y_fp } }
14671 }

```

(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.

```

14672 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_scale_corner:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
14673 {
14674   \__coffin_scale_vector:nnNN {#3} {#4} \l__coffin_x_dim \l__coffin_y_dim
14675   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2}
14676     { { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim } }
14677 }
14678 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__coffin_scale_pole:Nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
14679 {
14680   \__coffin_scale_vector:nnNN {#3} {#4} \l__coffin_x_dim \l__coffin_y_dim
14681   \__coffin_set_pole:Nnx #1 {#2}
14682   {
14683     { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_x_dim } { \dim_use:N \l__coffin_y_dim }
14684     {#5} {#6}
14685   }
14686 }

```

(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.

```

14687 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_x_shift_corner:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
14688 {
14689   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_corners_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2}
14690     {
14691       { \dim_eval:n { #3 + \box_wd:N #1 } } {#4}
14692     }
14693 }
14694 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_coffin_x_shift_pole:Nnnnnn #1#2#3#4#5#6
14695 {
14696   \prop_put:cnx { l__coffin_poles_ \__int_value:w #1 _prop } {#2}
14697     {
14698       { \dim_eval:n { #3 + \box_wd:N #1 } } {#4}
14699       {#5} {#6}
14700     }
14701 }

```

(End definition for `\_coffin_x_shift_corner:Nnnn` This function is documented on page ??.)

## 41.8 Additions to l3file

14702 <@@=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**

```
14703 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \ior_map_break:
14704 { \_prg_map_break:Nn \ior_map_break: { } }
14705 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \ior_map_break:n
14706 { \_prg_map_break:Nn \ior_map_break: }
```

(End definition for \ior\_map\_break: and \ior\_map\_break:n These functions are documented on page 206.)

**\ior\_map\_inline:Nn**

**\ior\_str\_map\_inline:Nn**

**\\_ior\_map\_inline:NNn**

**\\_ior\_map\_inline:NNNn**

**\\_ior\_map\_inline\_loop:NNN**

**\l\_ior\_internal\_tl**

Mapping to an input stream can be done on either a token or a string basis, hence the set up. Within that, there is a check to avoid reading past the end of a file, hence the two applications of \ior\_if\_eof:N. This mapping cannot be nested as the stream has only one “current line”.

```
14707 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \ior_map_inline:Nn
14708 { \_ior_map_inline:NNn \ior_get:NN }
14709 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \ior_str_map_inline:Nn
14710 { \_ior_map_inline:NNn \ior_get_str:NN }
14711 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \_ior_map_inline:NNn
14712 {
14713   \int_gincr:N \g__prg_map_int
14714   \exp_args:Nc \_ior_map_inline:NNNn
14715   { __prg_map_ \int_use:N \g__prg_map_int :n }
14716 }
14717 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_ior_map_inline:NNNn #1#2#3#4
14718 {
14719   \cs_set:Npn #1 ##1 {#4}
14720   \ior_if_eof:NF #3 { \_ior_map_inline_loop:NNN #1#2#3 }
14721   \_prg_break_point:Nn \ior_map_break:
14722   { \int_gdecr:N \g__prg_map_int }
14723 }
14724 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_ior_map_inline_loop:NNN #1#2#3
14725 {
14726   #2 #3 \l_ior_internal_tl
14727   \ior_if_eof:NF #3
14728   {
14729     \exp_args:No #1 \l_ior_internal_tl
14730     \_ior_map_inline_loop:NNN #1#2#3
14731   }
14732 }
14733 \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 ??.)

## 41.9 Additions to l3fp

14734 <@@=fp>

**\fp\_set\_from\_dim:Nn**  
**\fp\_set\_from\_dim:cn**  
**\fp\_gset\_from\_dim:Nn**  
**\fp\_gset\_from\_dim:cn**

Use the appropriate function from l3fp-convert.

```
14735 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_set_from_dim:Nn #1#2
14736 { \tl_set:Nx #1 { \dim_to_fp:n {#2} } }
14737 \cs_new_protected:Npn \fp_gset_from_dim:Nn #1#2
14738 { \tl_gset:Nx #1 { \dim_to_fp:n {#2} } }
14739 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_set_from_dim:Nn { c }
14740 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \fp_gset_from_dim:Nn { c }
```

(End definition for \fp\_set\_from\_dim:Nn and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

## 41.10 Additions to l3prop

14741 <@@=prop>

**\prop\_map\_tokens:Nn**  
**\prop\_map\_tokens:cn**  
**\\_\_prop\_map\_tokens:nwn**

The mapping 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.

```
14742 \cs_new:Npn \prop_map_tokens:Nn #1#2
14743 {
14744   \exp_last_unbraced:Nno \__prop_map_tokens:nwn {#2} #1
14745   \q_recursion_tail \q__prop { }
14746   \__prg_break_point:Nn \prop_map_break: { }
14747 }
14748 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_map_tokens:nwn #1 \q__prop #2 \q__prop #3
14749 {
14750   \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:NN #2 \prop_map_break:
14751   \use:n {#1} {#2} {#3}
14752   \__prop_map_tokens:nwn {#1}
14753 }
14754 \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 ??.)

**\prop\_get:Nn**  
**\prop\_get:cn**  
**\\_\_prop\_get\_Nn:nwn**

Getting the value corresponding to a key in a property list in an expandable fashion is a simple instance of mapping some tokens. Map the function \prop\_get:nnn which takes as its three arguments the <key> that we are looking for, the current <key> and the current <value>. If the <keys> match, the <value> is returned. If none of the keys match, this expands to nothing.

```
14755 \cs_new:Npn \prop_get:Nn #1#2
14756 {
14757   \exp_last_unbraced:Noo \__prop_get_Nn:nwn
14758   { \tl_to_str:n {#2} } #1
14759   \tl_to_str:n {#2} \q__prop { }
14760   \__prg_break_point:
14761 }
14762 \cs_new:Npn \__prop_get_Nn:nwn #1 \q__prop #2 \q__prop #3
14763 {
```

```

14764 \str_if_eq_x:nnTF {#1} {#2}
14765 { \__prg_break:n { \exp_not:n {#3} } }
14766 { \__prop_get_Nn:nwn {#1} }
14767 }
14768 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \prop_get:Nn { c }
(End definition for \prop_get:Nn and \prop_get:cn These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

## 41.11 Additions to l3seq

```

14769 <@@=seq>
\seq_item:Nn The idea here is to find the offset of the item from the left, then use a loop
\seq_item:cn to grab the correct item. If the resulting offset is too large, then the stop code
\__seq_item:nnn { ? \__prg_break: } { } will be used by the auxiliary, terminating the loop and re-
turning nothing at all.
14770 \cs_new:Npn \seq_item:Nn #1#2
14771 {
14772 \exp_last_unbraced:Nfo \__seq_item:nnn
14773 {
14774 \int_eval:n
14775 {
14776 \int_compare:nNnT {#2} < \c_zero
14777 { \seq_count:N #1 + \c_one + }
14778 #2
14779 }
14780 }
14781 #1
14782 { ? \__prg_break: }
14783 { }
14784 \__prg_break_point:
14785 }
14786 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_item:nnn #1#2#3
14787 {
14788 \use_none:n #2
14789 \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = \c_one
14790 { \__prg_break:n { \exp_not:n {#3} } }
14791 { \exp_args:Nf \__seq_item:nnn { \int_eval:n { #1 - 1 } } }
14792 }
14793 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_item:Nn { c }
(End definition for \seq_item:Nn and \seq_item:cn These functions are documented on page ??.)

```

```

\seq_mapthread_function:NNN The idea here is to first expand both of the sequences, adding the usual { ? \__prg_break: } { }
\seq_mapthread_function:NcN to the end of each one. This is most conveniently done in two steps using an auxiliary
\seq_mapthread_function:cNN function. The mapping then throws away the first token of #2 and #5, which for items
\seq_mapthread_function:ccN in the sequences will both be \__seq_item:n. The function to be mapped will then be
\__seq_mapthread_function:NN 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.
14794 \cs_new:Npn \seq_mapthread_function:NNN #1#2#3

```

```

14795 {
14796   \exp_after:wN \__seq_mapthread_function:NN
14797   \exp_after:wN #3
14798   \exp_after:wN #1
14799   #2
14800   { ? \__prg_break: } { }
14801   \__prg_break_point:
14802 }
14803 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_mapthread_function:NN #1#2
14804 {
14805   \exp_after:wN \__seq_mapthread_function:Nnnwnn
14806   \exp_after:wN #1
14807   #2
14808   { ? \__prg_break: } { }
14809   \q_stop
14810 }
14811 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_mapthread_function:Nnnwnn #1#2#3#4 \q_stop #5#6
14812 {
14813   \use_none:n #2
14814   \use_none:n #5
14815   #1 {#3} {#6}
14816   \__seq_mapthread_function:Nnnwnn #1 #4 \q_stop
14817 }
14818 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_mapthread_function:NNN { Nc }
14819 \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 ??.)

**\seq\_set\_from\_clist:NN** Setting a sequence from a comma-separated list is done using a simple mapping.

```

\seq_set_from_clist:cN 14820 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_set_from_clist:NN #1#2
\seq_set_from_clist:Nc 14821 {
\seq_set_from_clist:cc 14822   \tl_set:Nx #1
\seq_set_from_clist:Nn 14823   { \clist_map_function:NN #2 \__seq_wrap_item:n }
\seq_set_from_clist:cn 14824 }
\seq_gset_from_clist:NN 14825 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gset_from_clist:Nn #1#2
\seq_gset_from_clist:cN 14826 {
\seq_gset_from_clist:Nc 14827   \tl_set:Nx #1
\seq_gset_from_clist:cc 14828   { \clist_map_function:nN {#2} \__seq_wrap_item:n }
\seq_gset_from_clist:Nn 14829 }
\seq_gset_from_clist:cn 14830 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gset_from_clist:NN #1#2
14831 {
14832   \tl_gset:Nx #1
14833   { \clist_map_function:NN #2 \__seq_wrap_item:n }
14834 }
14835 \cs_new_protected:Npn \seq_gset_from_clist:Nn #1#2
14836 {
14837   \tl_gset:Nx #1
14838   { \clist_map_function:nN {#2} \__seq_wrap_item:n }
14839 }
14840 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_set_from_clist:NN { Nc }

```

```

14841 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_set_from_clist:NN { c , cc }
14842 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_set_from_clist:Nn { c      }
14843 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gset_from_clist:NN {      Nc }
14844 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_gset_from_clist:NN { c , cc }
14845 \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 ??.)

```

\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 \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.

```

14846 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \_seq_tmp:w { }
14847 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_reverse:N
14848 { \_seq_reverse:NN \tl_set:Nx }
14849 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_greverse:N
14850 { \_seq_reverse:NN \tl_gset:Nx }
14851 \cs_new_protected:Npn \_seq_reverse:NN #1 #2
14852 {
14853 \cs_set_eq:NN \_seq_tmp:w \_seq_item:n
14854 \cs_set_eq:NN \_seq_item:n \_seq_reverse_item:nwn
14855 #1 #2 { #2 \exp_not:n { } }
14856 \cs_set_eq:NN \_seq_item:n \_seq_tmp:w
14857 }
14858 \cs_new:Npn \_seq_reverse_item:nwn #1 #2 \exp_not:n #3
14859 {
14860 #2
14861 \exp_not:n { \_seq_item:n {#1} #3 }

```

```

14862 }
14863 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_reverse:N { c }
14864 \cs_generate_variant:Nn \seq_greverse:N { c }

```

(End definition for `\seq_reverse:N` and others. These functions are documented on page ??.)

`\seq_set_filter:NNn`  
`\seq_gset_filter:NNn`  
`\__seq_set_filter:NNNn`

Similar to `\seq_map_inline:Nn`, without a `\__prg_break_point:` because the user's code is performed within the evaluation of a boolean expression, and skipping out of that 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.

```

14865 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_set_filter:NNn
14866 { \__seq_set_filter:NNNn \tl_set:Nx }
14867 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_gset_filter:NNn
14868 { \__seq_set_filter:NNNn \tl_gset:Nx }
14869 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_set_filter:NNNn #1#2#3#4
14870 {
14871   \__seq_push_item_def:n { \bool_if:nT {#4} { \__seq_wrap_item:n {##1} } }
14872   #1 #2 { #3 }
14873   \__seq_pop_item_def:
14874 }

```

(End definition for `\seq_set_filter:NNn` and `\seq_gset_filter:NNn` These functions are documented on page 208.)

`\seq_set_map:NNn`  
`\seq_gset_map:NNn`  
`\__seq_set_map:NNNn`

Very similar to `\seq_set_filter:NNn`. We could actually merge the two within a single function, but it would have weird semantics.

```

14875 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_set_map:NNn
14876 { \__seq_set_map:NNNn \tl_set:Nx }
14877 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \seq_gset_map:NNn
14878 { \__seq_set_map:NNNn \tl_gset:Nx }
14879 \cs_new_protected:Npn \__seq_set_map:NNNn #1#2#3#4
14880 {
14881   \__seq_push_item_def:n { \exp_not:N \__seq_item:n {#4} }
14882   #1 #2 { #3 }
14883   \__seq_pop_item_def:
14884 }

```

(End definition for `\seq_set_map:NNn` and `\seq_gset_map:NNn` These functions are documented on page 208.)

`\seq_use:Nnnn`  
`\__seq_use:NnNnn`  
`\__seq_use_ii:nwwwnwn`  
`\__seq_use_iii:nwwn`

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.

```

14885 \cs_new:Npn \seq_use:Nnnn #1#2#3#4
14886 {
14887   \seq_if_exist:NTF #1
14888   {
14889     \int_case:nnn { \seq_count:N #1 }
14890     {
14891       { 0 } { }
14892       { 1 } { \exp_after:wN \__seq_use:NnNnn #1 \__seq_item:n { } { } }
14893       { 2 } { \exp_after:wN \__seq_use:NnNnn #1 {#2} }

```

```

14894     }
14895     {
14896         \exp_after:wN \__seq_use_ii:nwwwwnwn
14897         \exp_after:wN { \exp_after:wN } #1 \__seq_item:n
14898         \q_mark { \__seq_use_ii:nwwwwnwn {#3} }
14899         \q_mark { \__seq_use_iii:nwnn {#4} }
14900         \q_stop { }
14901     }
14902 }
14903 { \__msg_kernel_expandable_error:nnn { kernel } { bad-variable } {#1} }
14904 }
14905 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_use:NnNnn \__seq_item:n #1 \__seq_item:n #2#3
14906 { \exp_not:n { #1 #3 #2 } }
14907 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_use_ii:nwwwwnwn
14908 #1 \__seq_item:n #2 \__seq_item:n #3 \__seq_item:n #4#5
14909 \q_mark #6#7 \q_stop #8
14910 {
14911     #6 \__seq_item:n {#3} \__seq_item:n {#4} #5
14912     \q_mark {#6} #7 \q_stop { #8 #1 #2 }
14913 }
14914 \cs_new:Npn \__seq_use_iii:nwnn #1 \__seq_item:n #2 #3 \q_stop #4
14915 { \exp_not:n { #4 #1 #2 } }

```

(End definition for \seq\_use:Nnnn This function is documented on page 208.)

## 41.12 Additions to l3skip

14916 <@@=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.

```

14917 \cs_new:Npn \skip_split_finite_else_action:nnNN #1#2#3#4
14918 {
14919     \skip_if_finite:nTF {#1}
14920     {
14921         #3 = \etex_gluestretch:D #1 \scan_stop:
14922         #4 = \etex_glueshrink:D #1 \scan_stop:
14923     }
14924     {
14925         #3 = \c_zero_skip
14926         #4 = \c_zero_skip
14927         #2
14928     }
14929 }

```

(End definition for \skip\_split\_finite\_else\_action:nnNN This function is documented on page 209.)

## 41.13 Additions to l3tl



14930 <@@=tl>

`\tl_if_single_token_p:n` There are four cases: empty token list, token list starting with a normal token, with a brace group, or with a space token. If the token list starts with a normal token, remove it and check for emptiness. Otherwise, compare with a single space, only case where we have a single token.

`\tl_if_single_token:nTF`

```
14931 \prg_new_conditional:Npnn \tl_if_single_token:n #1 { p , T , F , TF }
14932 {
14933   \tl_if_head_is_N_type:nTF {#1}
14934     { \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn { \exp_not:o { \use_none:n #1 } } { } }
14935     { \__str_if_eq_x_return:nn { \exp_not:n {#1} } { ~ } }
14936 }
```

(End definition for `\tl_if_single_token:n` These functions are documented on page 209.)

`\tl_reverse_tokens:n`

The same as `\tl_reverse:n` but with recursion within brace groups.

`\__tl_reverse_group:nn`

```
14937 \cs_new:Npn \tl_reverse_tokens:n #1
14938 {
14939   \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
14940   {
14941     \tex_romannumeral:D
14942     \__tl_act:NNNnn
14943     \__tl_reverse_normal:nN
14944     \__tl_reverse_group:nn
14945     \__tl_reverse_space:n
14946     { }
14947     {#1}
14948   }
14949 }
14950 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_reverse_group:nn #1
14951 {
14952   \__tl_act_group_recurse:Nnn
14953   \__tl_act_reverse_output:n
14954   { \tl_reverse_tokens:n }
14955 }
```

`\__tl_act_group_recurse:Nnn`

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.

```
14956 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_group_recurse:Nnn #1#2#3
14957 {
14958   \exp_args:Nf #1
14959   { \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN \exp_after:wN { #2 {#3} } }
14960 }
```

(End definition for `\tl_reverse_tokens:n` This function is documented on page 209.)

`\tl_count_tokens:n`

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 `\c_zero` inserted by `\__tl_act_end:wn`. Somewhat a hack.

`\__tl_act_count_normal:nN`

`\__tl_act_count_group:nn`

`\__tl_act_count_space:n`

```
14961 \cs_new:Npn \tl_count_tokens:n #1
```

```

14962 {
14963   \int_eval:n
14964   {
14965     \__tl_act:NNNnn
14966     \__tl_act_count_normal:nN
14967     \__tl_act_count_group:nn
14968     \__tl_act_count_space:n
14969     { }
14970     {#1}
14971   }
14972 }
14973 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_count_normal:nN #1 #2 { 1 + }
14974 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_count_space:n #1 { 1 + }
14975 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_count_group:nn #1 #2
14976   { 2 + \tl_count_tokens:n {#2} + }

```

(End definition for `\tl_count_tokens:n` This function is documented on page 209.)

`\c__tl_act_uppercase_tl` These constants contain the correspondance between lowercase and uppercase letters, in the form `aAbBcC...` and `AaBbCc...` respectively.

```

\c__tl_act_lowercase_tl
14977 \tl_const:Nn \c__tl_act_uppercase_tl
14978 {
14979   aA bB cC dD eE fF gG hH iI jJ kK lL mM
14980   nN oO pP qQ rR sS tT uU vV wW xX yY zZ
14981 }
14982 \tl_const:Nn \c__tl_act_lowercase_tl
14983 {
14984   Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm
14985   Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz
14986 }

```

(End definition for `\c__tl_act_uppercase_tl` and `\c__tl_act_lowercase_tl` These variables are documented on page ??.)

`\tl_expandable_uppercase:n` The only difference between uppercasing and lowercasing is the table of correspondance that is used. As for other token list actions, we feed `\__tl_act:NNNnn` three functions, and this time, we use the `\parameters` argument to carry which case-changing we are applying. A space is simply output. A normal token is compared to each letter in the alphabet using `\str_if_eq:nn` tests, and converted if necessary to upper/lowercase, before being output. For a group, we must perform the conversion within the group (the `\exp_after:wN` trigger `\romannumeral`, which expands fully to give the converted group), then output.

```

14987 \cs_new:Npn \tl_expandable_uppercase:n #1
14988 {
14989   \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
14990   {
14991     \tex_romannumeral:D
14992     \__tl_act_case_aux:nn { \c__tl_act_uppercase_tl } {#1}
14993   }
14994 }
14995 \cs_new:Npn \tl_expandable_lowercase:n #1

```

```

14996 {
14997   \etex_unexpanded:D \exp_after:wN
14998   {
14999     \tex_romannumeral:D
15000     \__tl_act_case_aux:nn { \c__tl_act_lowercase_tl } {#1}
15001   }
15002 }
15003 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_case_aux:nn
15004 {
15005   \__tl_act:NNNnn
15006   \__tl_act_case_normal:nN
15007   \__tl_act_case_group:nn
15008   \__tl_act_case_space:n
15009 }
15010 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_case_space:n #1 { \__tl_act_output:n {~} }
15011 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_case_normal:nN #1 #2
15012 {
15013   \exp_args:Nf \__tl_act_output:n
15014   {
15015     \exp_args:NNo \str_case:nnn #2 {#1}
15016     { \exp_stop_f: #2 }
15017   }
15018 }
15019 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_act_case_group:nn #1 #2
15020 {
15021   \exp_after:wN \__tl_act_output:n \exp_after:wN
15022   { \exp_after:wN { \tex_romannumeral:D \__tl_act_case_aux:nn {#1} {#2} } }
15023 }

```

(End definition for `\tl_expandable_uppercase:n` and `\tl_expandable_lowercase:n` These functions are documented on page 210.)

`\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 15024 \cs_new:Npn \tl_item:nn #1#2
15025 {
15026   \exp_args:Nf \__tl_item:nn
15027   {
15028     \int_eval:n
15029     {
15030       \int_compare:nNnT {#2} < \c_zero
15031       { \tl_count:n {#1} + \c_one + }
15032       #2
15033     }
15034   }
15035   #1
15036   \q_recursion_tail
15037   \__prg_break_point:
15038 }

```

```

15039 \cs_new:Npn \__tl_item:nn #1#2
15040 {
15041   \__quark_if_recursion_tail_break:nN {#2} \__prg_break:
15042   \int_compare:nNnTF {#1} = \c_one
15043     { \__prg_break:n { \exp_not:n {#2} } }
15044     { \exp_args:Nf \__tl_item:nn { \int_eval:n { #1 - 1 } } }
15045 }
15046 \cs_new_nopar:Npn \tl_item:Nn { \exp_args:No \tl_item:nn }
15047 \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 ??.)

## 41.14 Additions to l3tokens

```

15048 <@@=char>

\char_set_active:Npn
\char_set_active:Npx
\char_gset_active:Npn
\char_gset_active:Npx
\char_set_active_eq:NN
\char_gset_active_eq:NN

```

```

15049 \group_begin:
15050 \char_set_catcode_active:N ^^@
15051 \cs_set:Npn \char_tmp:NN #1#2
15052 {
15053   \cs_new:Npn #1 ##1
15054   {
15055     \char_set_catcode_active:n { '##1 }
15056     \group_begin:
15057     \char_set_lccode:nn { '^@ } { '##1 }
15058     \tl_to_lowercase:n { \group_end: #2 ^^@ }
15059   }
15060 }
15061 \char_tmp:NN \char_set_active:Npn \cs_set:Npn
15062 \char_tmp:NN \char_set_active:Npx \cs_set:Npx
15063 \char_tmp:NN \char_gset_active:Npn \cs_gset:Npn
15064 \char_tmp:NN \char_gset_active:Npx \cs_gset:Npx
15065 \char_tmp:NN \char_set_active_eq:NN \cs_set_eq:NN
15066 \char_tmp:NN \char_gset_active_eq:NN \cs_gset_eq:NN
15067 \group_end:

```

(End definition for \char\_set\_active:Npn and \char\_set\_active:Npx These functions are documented on page 211.)

```

15068 <@@=peek>

```

**\peek\_N\_type:TF** The next token is normal if it is neither a begin-group token, nor an end-group token, nor a charcode-32 space token. Note that implicit begin-group tokens, end-group tokens, and spaces are also recognized as non-N-type. Here, there is no *<search token>*, so we feed a dummy \scan\_stop: to the \peek\_token\_generic::NN functions.

```

15069 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \__peek_execute_branches_N_type:
15070 {
15071   \bool_if:nTF
15072   {
15073     \token_if_eq_catcode_p:NN \l_peek_token \c_group_begin_token ||

```

```

15074         \token_if_eq_catcode_p:NN \l_peek_token \c_group_end_token    ||
15075         \token_if_eq_meaning_p:NN \l_peek_token \c_space_token
15076     }
15077     { \__peek_false:w }
15078     { \__peek_true:w }
15079 }
15080 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \peek_N_type:TF
15081 { \__peek_token_generic:NNTF \__peek_execute_branches_N_type: \scan_stop: }
15082 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \peek_N_type:T
15083 { \__peek_token_generic:NNT \__peek_execute_branches_N_type: \scan_stop: }
15084 \cs_new_protected_nopar:Npn \peek_N_type:F
15085 { \__peek_token_generic:NNTF \__peek_execute_branches_N_type: \scan_stop: }
(End definition for \peek_N_type: This function is documented on page ??.)
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```

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