

The `tabstackengine` Package

Front-end to the `stackengine` package, allowing tabbed stacking

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1 Introduction

The `tabstackengine` package provides a front end to the `stackengine` package that allows for the use of tabbing characters within the stacking arguments. **Familiarity with the syntax of the `stackengine` package is assumed.** When invoked, `tabstackengine` loads the `stackengine` package with the `[usestackEOL]` option set, so that the end-of-line (EOL) character in certain stacking arguments will be taken, by default, as `\\"`, rather than a space (which is the default EOL separator in `stackengine`).

With `tabstackengine`, command variations are introduced to allow several variants of tabbing within the macro arguments. The default tabbing character is

the ampersand (`&`); however, the tabbing character can be reset to other values.

In most cases (where it makes sense), a `stackengine` macro name may be prepended with the word `tabbed`, `align`, or `tabular` to create a new `tabstackengine` macro that allows for tabbed arguments.

2 Tabbing Variations within `tabstackengine`

The `tabstackengine` package syntax allows three types of tabbing variation denoted by the words `tabbed`, `align`, and `tabular` in the macro name itself. In the case of `tabbed` macros, the tabbed columns all share the same alignment, as dictated by the `\stackalignment` setting or perhaps provided as an optional argument in some macro forms.

In the case of `align` macros, the alignment in columns is alternately specified as right, then left, *etc.*, in the manner of the `align` environment of the `amsmath` package.

Finally, in the case of `tabular` macros, an extra argument is passed to the macro that specifies the left-center-right alignment for each individual column, in the manner of `{lccr}`.

3 Column Spacing within `tabstackengine`

Intercolumn space can be introduced to `tabstackengine` output in one of two ways. First, there is a macro setting to force all columns to be the same width (namely, the width of the widest entry in the stack), using the syntax `\fixTABwidth{T or F}`. When set true, column space will be introduced to all but the widest column of a stack, so as to make all columns of a width equal to that of the widest column.

`\fixTABwidth` Secondly, each of the tabbing variations has the means to introduce a fixed amount of space between columns. By default, the `tabbed` stacking macros add no space (`0pt`) between adjacent columns, but this value can be reset with the macro `\setstacktabbedgap{length}`.

`\setstackaligngap` In the case of the `align` stacking macros, there is never any gap introduced after the right-aligned columns. However, the default gap introduced after the left-aligned columns is, by default, `1em` (the same gap as `\quad`). It can be reset with the macro `\setstackaligngap{length}`.

`\setstacktabulargap` For the `tabular` stacks, the default intercolumn gap is the value of `\tabcolsep`.

The default value may be reset with the macro `\setstacktabulargap{length}`.

Note that these `\setstack...gap` macros are for setting horizontal gaps between columns of a stack. They should not be confused with the `\setstackgap` macro of `stackengine` that sets the vertical gap for long and short stacks.

4 Command Summary

Below are the new commands introduced by this package. When there are multiple commands delimited by braces, any one of the commands within the brace may be selected.

```
\tabbed
\align
\tabular

\$ \{ \begin{array}{l} \backslash paren \\ \backslash brace \\ \backslash bracket \\ \backslash vert \end{array} \} Matrixstack[alignment]{tabbed EOL-separated string}$

\tabbed
\align
\tabular

\tabbed
\align
\tabular

\setstack \{ \begin{array}{l} tabbed \\ align \\ tabular \end{array} \} gap{length}      Initial Defaults: \{ \begin{array}{l} Opt \\ 1em \\ \backslash tabcolsep \end{array} \}

\fixTABwidth{T or F}
\setstackTAB{tabbing character}
```

The following macros are macros that can be used for parsing tabbed data outside of a TABstack.

```
\readTABrow{row ID}{tab-separated string}
\tABcell{row ID}{column number}
\tABcells{row ID}
\tABstrut{row ID}
\tABstackMath
\tABstackText
\ensureTABstackMath{}
```

4.1 Command Examples

Below we give examples of the various types of commands made available through the `stackengine` package.

Tabbed End-of-Line (EOL)-delimited Stacks

Here, the optional argument [1] defines the alignment of *all* the columns. The default alignment is [c].

```
\tabbedShortunderstack[1]{A&B&CCC\\aaa&bbb&c\\1111&2&3}
```

A	B	CCC
aaa	bbbc	
11112	3	

Align End-of-Line (EOL)-delimited Stacks

In an align-stack, the column alignments will always be rlrl... The gap following the left-aligned columns is set by \setstackaligngap.

```
\stackMath$Z:\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text{alignCenterstack}\{ \% \\ y\&=mx+b, & 0=Ax+By+C \\ y_1=W_1, & y_2=W_2 \end{array}\right.\right. \$
```

$$Z : \begin{cases} y = mx + b, & 0 = Ax + By + C \\ y_1 = W_1, & y_2 = W_2 \end{cases}$$

Tabular End-of-Line (EOL)-delimited Stacks

In a tabular-stack, the alignment of each column is specified in a separate leading argument.

```
\stackText\tabularLongstack{rllc}\{ \% \\ 9)& $y_1=mx+b\$ \& linear\&*\$\backslash 10)& $y_2=e^x\$ \& exponential\&[23]\} \\ 9) y_1 = mx + b \ linear * \\ 10) y_2 = e^x \ exponential [23]
```

Matrix Stack

The Matrix-stacks are a tabbed variant of stackengine's Vector-stacks.

```
\setstacktabbedgap{1.5ex} \\ $I = \bracketMatrixstack{1&0&0\\0&1&0\\0&0&1}\$
```

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Tabbed Stack

This variant of a tabbed-stack stacks exactly two items. Its arguments don't need to be protected. The optional argument is a stacking gap, as in the syntax of the stackengine package.

```
\setstacktabbedgap{1ex}
\tabbedstackon[4pt]{Jack&drove&the car&home.}{SN&V&DO&IO}

SN   V   DO   IO
Jack drove the car home.
```

Align Stack

This is for stacking two items with rrlr... alignment pattern.

```
\stackMath\setstackaligngap{3em}
\alignstackunder[10pt]{y=&mx+b,&0=&Ax+By+C}{y_1=&W_1,&y_2=&W_2}

y = mx + b,           0 = Ax + By + C
y_1 = W_1,            y_2 = W_2
```

Tabular Stack

This is for stacking two items with specifiable alignment pattern.

```
\stackMath\setstacktabulargap{1ex}\tabularstackanchor[4pt]{rc1}%
{\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\&\belowbaseline[-2pt]{\triangle}}%
&\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\% 
{1 + 3(4-3) & = & 7 - 6/2}

••• △ •••
1 + 2(4 - 3) = 6 - 6/2
```

Fixed Tab Width (equal width columns, based on largest)

With this mode set, the stack will have fixed-width columns, based on the overall widest entry.

```
\fixTABwidth{T}\setstacktabbedgap{1ex}%
$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 34 & 544 \\ 4324329 & 0 & 8 \\ 89 & 123 & 1 \end{array}\right)
```

Setting the Stack Tabbing Character

By default, for the parsing of columns within a row, this package employs the `&` character to delimit the columns. This value can be changed via `\setstackTAB{}`, where the argument is the newly desired tabbing character. It can be any of various characters, including a space token, if one wishes to use a space-separated list to parse the columns. Generally, it may need to be changed if you are building a TABstack inside of an environment that already uses the `&` character as a tab, such as the `tabular` environment for text or the various math environments in the `amsmath` package.

The Macros `\readTABrow`, `\TABcell(s)`, and `\TABstrut`

One of the nice features of `tabstackengine` is that it gives you access to its parser, which can be used for tasks unrelated to building stacks. It provides several macros, including `\readTABrow{ident}{tab-separated-string}` for digesting a list and assigning it a global ID, in this case, “*ident*”. It also provides `\TABcells{ident}` to tell you how many items are in the list named “*ident*”, as well as the macro `\TABcell{ident}{column number}` to provide the value of the specified column from the ID’ed row. For example,

```
\setstackTAB{,}
\tABstackMath
\readTABrow{myident}{1,2, 3x , 4, 5,x^2,,g,\textbf{bold }9}
\tABcells{myident} items in dataset ‘‘myident’’\\
The 6th data item is \TABcell{myident}{6}\\
The 9th data item is \TABcell{myident}{9}
```

will yield the following result:

9 items in dataset “myident”

The 6th data item is x^2

The 9th data item is **bold 9**

The result provided by `\TABcell{ident}{column number}` has been processed in the following way: 1) leading and trailing spaces have been removed from the column’s data, and 2) the column will have been processed in math mode if `\TABstackMath` (see below) had been in force. Thus, placing the cell contents in a box, `\fbox{\TABcell{myident}{3}}` is 3x.

If one, however, wished to access the raw data, with leading/trailing spaces still intact (and ignoring the `\TABstackMath` setting), one can compose the macro, `\csname TABXidentX\romannumeral column number\endcsname`, such that `\fbox{\csname TABXmyidentX\romannumeral 3\endcsname}`, using the above example, would give 3x.

Finally, the macro `\TABstrut{myident}` provides a strut that spans the vertical height of the complete row content. Here is `\TABstrut{myident}` (that has been boxed with `\fboxsep=0pt`) compared to the boxed content of the row itself:

| 123x45x²g**bold 9**. As you can see, the `\TABstrut{myident}` captures the vertical extent of the complete row data, including the descending *g* and the superscript of the x^2 . The `\TABstrut{}`, when paired with the column content, is useful when one wishes to make all column entries of a row display with equal height and depth, even when their native height varies from column to column.

`\TABstackMath`, `\ensureTABstackMath`, and `\TABstackText`

These macros are *not* needed when building stacks in `tabstackengine`. When constructing TABstacks, their presence is superfluous because their companion macros, `\stackMath`, `\ensurestackMath`, and `\stackText`, will carry over from the `stackengine` package.

However, there is one application where their use is required. And that is when you use the facilities of this package *not* to build TABstacks, but *instead* use it to parse data with `\readTABrow{}{}` and present it with `\TABcell{}{}`, respectively. Notably `\TABcell{}{}` does not access the `stackengine` setting for the status of `\stackMath` and therefore pays attention only to the current setting specified by `\TABstackMath`.

One should note, however, that TABstacks pay attention to both settings. Therefore, **if EITHER `\stackMath` or `\TABstackMath` have been invoked, the TABstack argument will be processed by `\TABcell` in math mode.** This is a good reason to avoid the “TAB” versions of these macros, unless employing them to parse data (and then, reset to `\TABstackText` when you are done with parsing).

5 Known Bugs/Missing Features

1. Ending on a \frac

The following code demonstrates a bug when a row ends in `\frac`, when not followed by a space:

```
\documentclass{article}
\usepackage{tabstackengine}
\stackMath
\setstackgap{S}{6pt}
\newcommand\tfrac[2]{\frac{\text{rm}{#1}}{\text{rm}{#2}}}
\scriptsize
\begin{document}
\noindent space after tfrac, all is OK:
\par\medskip\noindent\tabbedShortstack[1]{
\rho &= 2.04 &\tfrac{g}{cm^3} \\
M &= 56.10 &\tfrac{g}{mol} \\
c &= 0.05 &\tfrac{mol}{L} \\
}
\par\noindent no space after tfrac results in tfrac set in displaystyle\\
while the rest of the stack is in textstyle:
\par\medskip\noindent\tabbedShortstack[1]{
\rho &= 2.04 &\tfrac{g}{cm^3} \\
M &= 56.10 &\tfrac{g}{mol} \\
c &= 0.05 &\tfrac{mol}{L} \\
}
\end{document}
```

Here is the result of the above code, showing the difference when a space is included after the `\frac` versus when one is omitted:

space after tfrac, all is OK:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho &= 2.04 \frac{g}{cm^3} \\ M &= 56.10 \frac{g}{mol} \\ c &= 0.05 \frac{mol}{L}\end{aligned}$$

no space after tfrac results in tfrac set in displaystyle
while the rest of the stack is in textstyle:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{g}{cm^3} \\ \rho &= 2.04 \frac{g}{mol} \\ M &= 56.10 \frac{mol}{L} \\ c &= 0.05 \frac{mol}{L}\end{aligned}$$

When the space is omitted, the stack is constructed in `\textstyle`, whereas the closing fractions appear to be constructed in `\displaystyle`. The workaround is to not end the `tabstackengine` field in a `\frac` without an extra space.

2. Unary versus Binary Minus Sign

The package seems to want to use the minus sign that leads a number in binary mode, that is, as an minus operator rather than as a negative sign.

```
\setstacktabbedgap{1ex}
$\backslash bracketMatrixstack[r]{
-0.84 & 0.21 & -0.11 & 0.110 & 0.13 & 0.34\\
0.21 & -0.43 & 0.14 & 0.06 & 0.30 & -0.22\\
0.27 & 0.13 & -0.54 & 0.25 & -0.27 & 0.16\\
-0.27 & -0.23 & 0.43 & -0.46 & 0.53 & -0.05\\
0.05 & 0.13 & -0.02 & -0.10 & -0.03 & -0.02\\
0.23 & -0.32 & 0.21 & -0.11 & 0.41 & -0.34
}$
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.84 & 0.21 & -0.11 & 0.110 & 0.13 & 0.34 \\ 0.21 & -0.43 & 0.14 & 0.06 & 0.30 & -0.22 \\ 0.27 & 0.13 & -0.54 & 0.25 & -0.27 & 0.16 \\ -0.27 & -0.23 & 0.43 & -0.46 & 0.53 & -0.05 \\ 0.05 & 0.13 & -0.02 & -0.10 & -0.03 & -0.02 \\ 0.23 & -0.32 & 0.21 & -0.11 & 0.41 & -0.34 \end{bmatrix}$$

The workaround is to enclose the minus signs in braces:

```
\setstacktabbedgap{1ex}
$\backslash bracketMatrixstack[r]{
{-}0.84 & 0.21 & {-}0.11 & 0.110 & 0.13 & 0.34\\
0.21 & {-}0.43 & 0.14 & 0.06 & 0.30 & {-}0.22\\
0.27 & 0.13 & {-}0.54 & 0.25 & {-}0.27 & 0.16\\
{-}0.27 & {-}0.23 & 0.43 & {-}0.46 & 0.53 & {-}0.05\\
0.05 & 0.13 & {-}0.02 & {-}0.10 & {-}0.03 & {-}0.02\\
0.23 & {-}0.32 & 0.21 & {-}0.11 & 0.41 & {-}0.34
}$
```

$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.84 & 0.21 & -0.11 & 0.110 & 0.13 & 0.34 \\ 0.21 & -0.43 & 0.14 & 0.06 & 0.30 & -0.22 \\ 0.27 & 0.13 & -0.54 & 0.25 & -0.27 & 0.16 \\ -0.27 & -0.23 & 0.43 & -0.46 & 0.53 & -0.05 \\ 0.05 & 0.13 & -0.02 & -0.10 & -0.03 & -0.02 \\ 0.23 & -0.32 & 0.21 & -0.11 & 0.41 & -0.34 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. No Horizontal Equivalent of \TABstrut

As of the initial package release, there is no macro that provides the width of a column's content. I hope to remedy this deficiency in a future release.

4. Nothing Equivalent to \hline

This is not a bug, so much as a notation of a missing feature. Currently there is nothing equivalent to \hline available for use in tabstackengine arguments.

6 Code Listing

```
\def\tabstackenginversionnumber{V1.00}
%
% tabstackengine initial release
%
% THIS MATERIAL IS SUBJECT TO THE LaTeX Project Public License
%
% V1.00 - Adopted beta version 0.21 as initial release version 1.0
%
\ProvidesPackage{tabstackengine}
[2014/02/11 (\tabstackenginversionnumber) tabbed stacking]
\RequirePackage[usestackEOL]{stackengine}[2013-10-15]
\RequirePackage{calc}

\newtoggle{@doneTABreads}
\newcounter{TAB@stackindex}
\newcounter{TABcellindex@}
\newlength\maxTAB@width

\newcommand\setstackTAB[1]{%
  \ifstrempty{#1}{\def\tAB@char{}{\def\tAB@char{#1}}%
    \expandafter\define@processTABrow\expandafter{\tAB@char}%
  }{%
    \newcommand\define@processTABrow[1]{%
      \def\@processTAB##1##2||{%
        \def\@preTAB{##1}%
        \def\@postTAB{##2}%
      }%
    }%
    \setstackTAB{&}%
  }%
}

\newcommand\define@processTABrow[1]{%
  \def\@processTAB##1##2||{%
    \def\@preTAB{##1}%
    \def\@postTAB{##2}%
  }%
}

\newcommand\readTABrow[2]{%
  \edef\row@ID{#1}%
  \togglefalse{@doneTABreads}%
  \edef\@postTAB{\unexpanded{#2}\expandonce{\tAB@char}}%
  \setcounter{TABcellindex@}{0}%
  \whileboolexpr{ test {\notoggle{@doneTABreads}}}{%
    \stepcounter{TABcellindex@}%
    \expandafter\@processTABrow\@postTAB||%
    \global\csedef{TABX\row@ID X\roman{TABcellindex@}}{\expandonce\@preTAB}%
    \setbox0=\hbox{%
      \stack@delim\tABcell{\row@ID}{\the\tABcellindex@}\stack@delim}%
    \ifdim\wd0>\maxTAB@width\setlength{\maxTAB@width}{\the\wd0}\fi%
    \expandafter\ifstrempty\expandafter{\@postTAB}{%
      \togglettrue{@doneTABreads}%
    }{%
      \expandafter\xdef\csname \row@ID TABcells\endcsname{\arabic{TABcellindex@}}%
      \find@TABstrut{#1}%
    }%
  }%
}

\newcommand\find@TABstrut[1]{%
  \def\@accumulatedTAB{}%
  \setcounter{TABcellindex@}{0}%
}
```

```

\expandafter\protected@edef\csname @#1TABtextblob\endcsname{%%
\whileboolexpr{test {\ifnumless{\theTABcellindex}{\TABcells{#1}}}}{%%
  \stepcounter{TABcellindex}%%
  \protected@edef\@accumulatedTAB{%%
    \@accumulatedTAB\tABcell{#1}{\theTABcellindex}%%
  }%%
  \global\csedef{@#1TABtextblob}{\expandonce\@accumulatedTAB}%%
}

\newcommand\tAB@delim[1]{#1}%%
\newcommand\tABstackMath{%%
  \renewcommand\tAB@delim[1]{\ensuremath{##1}}%%
}
\newcommand\tABstackText{%%
  \renewcommand\tAB@delim[1]{##1}%%
}

\newcommand\tABcell[2]{\tAB@delim{%%
  \ignorespaces\csname TABX#1X\romannumeral#2\endcsname\unskip}%%
\newcommand\tABcells[1]{\csname #1TABcells\endcsname}

% NOTE THAT THE STRUT IS NOT YET TYPESET, SINCE WE DO NOT YET KNOW
% WHETHER \@#1textblob IS TO BE INVOKED IN MATH MODE OR NOT
\newcommand\tABstrut[1]{\vphantom{\csname @#1TABtextblob\endcsname}}

\newcommand\tabbedShortstack[2]{[\stackalignment]{%%
  \@TAB@stack{#1}{#2}{D}{\Shortstack}}}

\newcommand\alignShortstack[1]{%%
  \@TAB@stack{}{#1}{A}{\Shortstack}}

\newcommand\tabularShortstack[2]{%%
  \@TAB@stack{}{#2}{#1}{\Shortstack}}

\newcommand\tabbedShortunderstack[2]{[\stackalignment]{%%
  \@TAB@stack{#1}{#2}{D}{\Shortunderstack}}}

\newcommand\alignShortunderstack[1]{%%
  \@TAB@stack{}{#1}{A}{\Shortunderstack}}

\newcommand\tabularShortunderstack[2]{%%
  \@TAB@stack{}{#2}{#1}{\Shortunderstack}}

\newcommand\tabbedLongstack[2]{[\stackalignment]{%%
  \@TAB@stack{#1}{#2}{D}{\Longstack}}}

\newcommand\alignLongstack[1]{%%
  \@TAB@stack{}{#1}{A}{\Longstack}}

\newcommand\tabularLongstack[2]{%%
  \@TAB@stack{}{#2}{#1}{\Longstack}}

\newcommand\tabbedLongunderstack[2]{[\stackalignment]{%%
  \@TAB@stack{#1}{#2}{D}{\Longunderstack}}}

\newcommand\alignLongunderstack[1]{%%

```

```

\@TAB@stack{}{#1}{A}{\Longunderstack{}}

\newcommand\tabularLongunderstack[2]{%
  \@TAB@stack{}{#2}{#1}{\Longunderstack{}}

\newcommand\tabbedCenterstack[2][\stackalignment]{%
  \@TAB@stack{}{#2}{#1}{\Centerstack{}}

\newcommand\alignCenterstack[1]{%
  \@TAB@stack{}{#1}{A}{\Centerstack{}}

\newcommand\tabularCenterstack[2]{%
  \@TAB@stack{}{#2}{#1}{\Centerstack{}}

\newcommand\tabbedVectorstack[2][\stackalignment]{%
  \ensureTABstackMath{\@TAB@stack{}{#2}{D}{\Vectorstack}}}

\newcommand\alignVectorstack[1]{%
  \ensureTABstackMath{\@TAB@stack{}{#1}{A}{\Vectorstack}}}

\newcommand\tabularVectorstack[2]{%
  \ensureTABstackMath{\@TAB@stack{}{#2}{#1}{\Vectorstack}}}

\newcommand\parenMatrixstack[2][\stackalignment]{%
  \ensureTABstackMath{\left(\@TAB@stack{}{#2}{D}{\Vectorstack}\right)}}

\newcommand\braceMatrixstack[2][\stackalignment]{%
  \ensureTABstackMath{\left\{\@TAB@stack{}{#2}{D}{\Vectorstack}\right\}}}

\newcommand\bracketMatrixstack[2][\stackalignment]{%
  \ensureTABstackMath{\left[\@TAB@stack{}{#2}{D}{\Vectorstack}\right]}}

\newcommand\vertMatrixstack[2][\stackalignment]{%
  \ensureTABstackMath{\left|\@TAB@stack{}{#2}{D}{\Vectorstack}\right|}>

\newcommand\@TAB@stack[4]{%
  \setlength{\maxTAB@width}{0pt}%
  \let\sv@stackalignment\stackalignment%
  \edef\stackalignment{\sv@stackalignment}%
  \readMANYrows{#2}%
  \edef\tAB@narg{\narg}%
  \setcounter{TAB@stackindex}{0}%
  \whileboolexpr{test {\ifnumless{\theTAB@stackindex}{\tAB@narg}}} {%
    \stepcounter{TAB@stackindex}%
    \edef\tAB@prefix{\romannumeral\tAB@stackindex}%
    \protected@edef\tABrow@data{\csname arg\tAB@prefix\endcsname}%
    \def\tmp{\read\tABrow{\tAB@prefix}}%
    \expandafter\tmp\expandafter{\tABrow@data}%
  }%
  %
  \setcounter{TABcellindex@}{0}%
  \whileboolexpr{test {\ifnumless{\theTABcellindex@}{\TABCells{i}}}} {%
    \def\col@stack{%
      \protect\tABstrut{i}%
      \TABCell{i}{\theTABcellindex@}%
      \protect\tABstrut{i}%
    }%
  }%
}

```

```

\stepcounter{TABcellindex}%
\@getTABalignment{#3}{\theTABcellindex}%
\ifboolexpr{%
    test {\ifnumgreater{\theTABcellindex}{1}}%
}{\add@TAB@gap{#3}{\theTABcellindex}{}}
\setcounter{TAB@stackindex}{1}%
\whileboolexpr{test {\ifnumless{\theTAB@stackindex}{\TAB@narg}}}{{%
    \stepcounter{TAB@stackindex}%
    \edef\tab@prefix{\romannumeral\theTAB@stackindex}%
    \protected@edef\col@stack{\col@stack\SEP@char}%
    \protect\tabstrut{\tab@prefix}%
    \TABcell{\tab@prefix}{\theTABcellindex}%
    \protect\tabstrut{\tab@prefix}%
}%
}%
\iftoggle{fixed@TABwidth}{%
    {\makebox[\maxTAB@width][\stackalignment]{%
        \expandafter\#4\expandafter{\col@stack}}}}%
    {\expandafter\#4\expandafter{\col@stack}}%
}%
\let\stackalignment\sv@stackalignment%
}

\newcommand\tabbedstackon[3][\stackgap]{%
    \TABstackunder{#1}{#2}{#3}{D}{\stackon}%
}

\newcommand\alignstackon[3][\stackgap]{%
    \TABstackunder{#1}{#2}{#3}{A}{\stackon}%
}

\newcommand\tabularstackon[4][\stackgap]{%
    \TABstackunder{#1}{#3}{#4}{#2}{\stackon}%
}

\newcommand\tabbedstackunder[3][\stackgap]{%
    \TABstackunder{#1}{#2}{#3}{D}{\stackunder}%
}

\newcommand\alignstackunder[3][\stackgap]{%
    \TABstackunder{#1}{#2}{#3}{A}{\stackunder}%
}

\newcommand\tabularstackunder[4][\stackgap]{%
    \TABstackunder{#1}{#3}{#4}{#2}{\stackunder}%
}

\newcommand\tabbedstackanchor[3][\stackgap]{%
    \TABstackunder{#1}{#2}{#3}{D}{\stackanchor}%
}

\newcommand\alignstackanchor[3][\stackgap]{%
    \TABstackunder{#1}{#2}{#3}{A}{\stackanchor}%
}

\newcommand\tabularstackanchor[4][\stackgap]{%
    \TABstackunder{#1}{#3}{#4}{#2}{\stackanchor}%
}

\newcommand\tABstackunder[5]{%
    \setlength{\maxTAB@width}{0pt}%
    \let\sv@stackalignment\stackalignment%
    \readTABrow{i}{#2}%
    \readTABrow{ii}{#3}%
    \setcounter{TABcellindex}{0}%
    \whileboolexpr{test {\ifnumless{\theTABcellindex}{\TABcells{i}}}}{%

```

```

\stepcounter{TABcellindex@}%
\@getTABalignment{#4}{\theTABcellindex@}%
\ifboolexpr{%
    test {\ifnumgreater{\theTABcellindex@}{1}}%
}{\add@TAB@gap{#4}{\theTABcellindex@}}{}%
\iftoggle{fixed@TABwidth}{%
    {\makebox[\the\maxTAB@width][\stackalignment]{%
        \TABstrut[i]\TABcell{i}\theTABcellindex@\TABstrut{i}}%
    \TABstrut[ii]\TABcell{ii}\theTABcellindex@\TABstrut{ii}}}}{%
    {\TABstrut[i]\TABcell{i}\theTABcellindex@\TABstrut{i}}%
    {\TABstrut[ii]\TABcell{ii}\theTABcellindex@\TABstrut{ii}}}}%
}%
\let\stackalignment\sv@stackalignment%
}

\newcommand{\@getTABalignment}[2]{%
\ifstreq{\#1}{D}{}{%
    \ifstreq{\#1}{A}{}{%
        \ifnumequal{1}{#2}{%
            \def\stackalignment{r}{}% T, DO NOTHING (USE \stackalignment)
            \if 1\stackalignment%
                \def\stackalignment{r}\else% A, 1st ELEMENT, SET TO r
                \def\stackalignment{l}\fi% A, SWITCH 1 TO r
                \def\stackalignment{l}\fi% A, SWITCH r TO l
                \set@tabularcellalignment{#1}{#2}% tabular, READ #2 location
            }%
        }%
    }%
}
\def\tabbed@gap{0pt}
\def\align@gap{1em}
\def\tabular@gap{\tabcolsep}

\newcommand{\setstacktabbedgap}[1]{\def\tabbed@gap{#1}}
\newcommand{\setstackaligngap}[1]{\def\align@gap{#1}}
\newcommand{\setstacktablargap}[1]{\def\tabular@gap{#1}}

\newcommand{\add@TAB@gap}[2]{%
\ifstreq{\#1}{D}{\hspace{\tabbed@gap}}{%
\ifstreq{\#1}{A}{%
    \if r\stackalignment\hspace{\align@gap}\fi%
}{%
    \hspace{\tabular@gap}%
}}%
}%
}

\newcounter{TABalignmentindex@}

\newcommand{\set@tabularcellalignment}[2]{%
\setcounter{TABalignmentindex@}{1}%
\edef\tabular@settings{#1}%
\whileboolexpr{test {\ifnumless{\theTABalignmentindex@}{#2}}}{%
    \stepcounter{TABalignmentindex@}%
    \edef\tabular@settings{\expandafter\@gobble\tabular@settings.}%
}%
\expandafter\@getnextTABchar\tabular@settings\\% GET NEXT TAB ALIGNMENT
\if 1\@nextTABchar\edef\stackalignment{1}\else%

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\if r@nextTABchar\edef\stackalignment{r}\else%
  \if c@nextTABchar\edef\stackalignment{c}\fi%
  \fi%                                         IGNORE IF NOT l, c, OR r
\fi%
}

\def\@getnextTABchar#1#2\\{\gdef\@nextTABchar{#1}#2}

\newtoggle{fixed@TABwidth}
\newcommand\fixTABwidth[1]{%
  \if T#1\toggletrue{fixed@TABwidth}\else\togglefalse{fixed@TABwidth}\fi%
}
\fixTABwidth{F}

\newcommand\ensureTABstackMath[1]{\TABstackMath#1\tABstackText}

\endinput

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